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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, ENRG, SA

SUBJECT: SAUDI KING DECIDES TO LIFT OIL BOYCOTT

REF JIDDA 5603

1. ONAR SAQQAF TOLD ME TODAY THAT KING FAISAL HAD DECIDED THE ARABS HAVE MADE THEIR POINT; THE WORLD UNDERSTANDS THE ABILITY OF THE ARABS TO USE THEIR OIL WEAPON EFFECTIVELY AND MANY OF THE ARABS' FRIENDS AND OTHER INNOCENT, UNINVOLVED COUNTRIES ARE NOW BEING HURT.

2. THE KING HAS THEREFORE DECIDED THAT THE OIL BOYCOTT MUST BE LIFTED AND THE LIMITATIONS ON PRODUCTION REMOVED. THIS WILL BE CONVEYED TO THE ARAB OIL CONFERENCE ON DECEMBER 25.

3. THE SAUDIS ARE TRYING TO MOVE THE MEETING FROM TRIPOLI TO KUWAIT AND ARE SUGGESTING THAT ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS AS WELL AS OIL MINISTERS ATTEND. THEY WILL NOT INSIST ON EITHER POINT HOWEVER.

4. THE SAUDI DELEGATE WILL TAKE THE POSITION THAT YOU HAVE MADE SOLEMN COMMITMENTS TO WORK FOR PEACE; THAT THE KING BELIEVES YOU AND HOPES YOU WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. IF YOU ARE NOT, THE EMBARGO COULD ALWAYS BE REIMPOSED AND IT WOULD BE ISRAELI NOT ARAB INTRANSIGENCE WHICH WOULD THEN BE BLAMED BY THE WORLD.

5. THE SAUDIS HOPE TO CONVINCe THE OTHER DELEGATES

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