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TAGS OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A)
SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAQOAF
SECTO 146
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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO SAQOAF.

2. BEGIN TEXT:
DEAR OMAR:

I AM WRITING FROM THE AIRCRAFT ON MY RETURN FLIGHT TO WASHINGTON TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY TO ME AND MEMBERS OF MY STAFF DURING MY ALL TOG BRIEF STOP IN RIYADH.

AS I TOLD YOU IN OUR TALK, I BELIEVE THE TIME IS RIPE TO GIVE CONCRETE EFFECT TO THE IDENTITY OF INTERESTS BETWEEN SAUDI ARABIA AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE FORM OF LONG-TERM PROGRAMS. I TOOK THE OCCASION TO SAY TO PRINCE FAHD THAT YOUR ENEMIES ARE OUR ENEMIES AND IT IS DESIRABLE TO BEGIN LONG-TERM COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN THE ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC AND MILITARY FIELDS. ALONG THE LINES DISCUSSED DURING MY VISIT TO RIYADH, I WILL SHORTLY BE SENDING INSTRUCTIONS TO AMBASSADOR AKINS TO BEGIN TALKS WITH YOU AND OTHER SAUDI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO THIS END. IN ORDER TO GET THE PROCESS STARTED, WE ARE PREPARED TO RECEIVE A HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY MISSION OR SEND ONE TO SAUDI ARABIA PROMPTLY. IN ADDITION OR ALTERNATIVELY, WE ARE PREPARED TO RECEIVE OR SEND A COMPREHENSIVE MISSION WHOSE PURPOSE WOULD BE TO REVIEW AND HELP STRENGTHEN OUR OVERALL RELATIONS IN ALL THE ABOVE FIELDS - ECONOMIC, MILITARY, AND TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC. IN ADDITION, AS I HAVE ALREADY INDICATED, WE WANT TO COORDINATE EVEN MORE CLOSELY WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT IN THE FUTURE WITH RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE, SECURITY AND OVERALL POLICY MATTERS AFFECTING THE ARABIAN PENINSULA GENERALLY.

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