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SUBJECT: OIL DELIVERIES TO U.S. FLEETS

REF: A) JIDDA 328; B) JIDDA 333; C) JIDDA 683

1. AT MY REQUEST CG BAHTI FEBRUARY 12 DISCUSSED WITH ARAMCO BOARD CHAIRMAN JUNGERS INTERRUPTION AND SUBSEQUENT RESUMPTION OF FUEL SHIPMENT TO U.S. FLEETS.

2. JUNGERS SAID HE HAD INITIALLY ADVISED DOD OF "BUREAUCRATIC TANGLES" WHEN DELIVERIES WERE SUSPENDED. AS HE RECONSTRUCTED HISTORY FROM HIS DATEBOOK, HE SAID YAMANI TOLD HIM JAN 8 OR 9 ARRANGEMENT WAS OFF. ON JAN 23 OR 24, WHEN JUNGERS SPOKE BY PHONE FROM U.S. TO YAMANI IN GENEVA, HE WAS TOLD ARRANGEMENT WAS BACK ON. AT THIS TIME JUNGERS TOLD DEPUTY SECRETARY DOD CLEMENTIS THAT THINGS WERE GOING SMOOTHLY. JUNGERS TOLD BAHTI HE HAD REPORTED TO NO ONE ELSE BECAUSE A) HE HAD EXPECTED A QUICK RESTORATION; AND B) THE MATTER INVOLVED HIGHLY SENSITIVE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN YAMANI AND KING.

3. COMMENT: WE NOTED THAT JUNGERS REFRAINED FROM INFORMING EMBASSY OR DOD WHEN, THROUGH HIS INEPTNESS, HE CAUSED SAUDIS TO REIMPOSE FUEL CUTOFF TO FLEETS SOMETIME IN EARLY OR MID-JANUARY. WORD THAT SAUDIS HAD DECIDED TO RESUME SHIPMENTS OF FUEL TO FLEETS (REF C) MUST HAVE COME AS RELIEF TO HIM ALTHOUGH HE GRAVELY SAYS "HE HAD EXPECTED IT."

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