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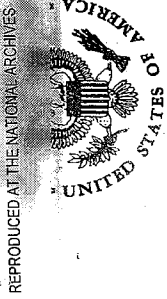
HAVE BEEN WATCHING LOCAL SECURITY SITUATION CLOSELY, ESPECIALLY AS RELATED TO SAFETY USINT PERSONNEL. ON BASIS CUMULATIVE INFORMATION, APPEARS THAT YARG BEGINNING TO FACE CONCENTRED TERRORIST CAMPAIGN, PROBABLY DIRECTED BY ADEN REGIME. PARA 1 SUMMARIZES LATEST EVENTS NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. END SUMMARY

1. A) ON SEPT 27, NUF-PLACED LAND MINE BLEW UP VEHICLE IN PDRY 3RD GOVERNORATE, KILLING 4 NURSES AND INJURING 8 OTHERS. PDRY MEDIA SUBSEQUENTLY ACCUSED "SAUDI AND AMERICAN IMPERIALIST AGENTS." B) ON SEPT 27 OR 28, LARGE BOMB DETONATED IN TAIZ DURING IRYANI VISIT. C) INDICATIVE OF WORSENING PDRY-YAR RELATIONS, PDRYG PLACED 15 YEMENIS ON TRIAL FOR SMUGGLING ARMS; ACCUSED APPREHENDED FIVE MONTHS EARLIER, SO TIMING OF ACTION APPARENTLY POLITICAL. ADEN COURT HAS CITED YAR MINISTER AL ASNAG AS "ENGINEER" OF OPERATION. D) IN RECENT PROTOCOLAIRE MEETING WITH ITALIAN CHARGE, PENNACCHIO, PRIMIN AL AYNI OPINED THAT PDRY AGENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR FULLER AND OTHER SANAA BOMBINGS. (FYI, CHARGE, SAYS PRIMIN EVIDENCED

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CONCERN AS WELL AS SINCERE REGRET OVER FULLER INCIDENT. I DID ON OCTOBER 6, TWO LARGE BOMBS EXPLODED IN SANAA. FIRST NEAR MOCHA HOTEL WHICH HOUSES SAUDI CONSULATE, SECOND NEAR SANAA RADIO.

2. COMMENTS: WHILE SOME LOCAL SOURCES ATTRIBUTE BOMBINGS TO DISAFFECTED SUPPORTERS OF OUSTED PRIN AL AMRI, BELIEVE AVAILABLE EVIDENCE CLEARLY POINTS TO PDRYG. IN EITHER EVENT, YARG ITSELF IS PRINCIPAL TARGET OF HARASSMENT. ON OTHER HAND, SHOULD BE NOTED

THAT PDRYG ROUTINELY BLAMES ITS TROUBLES ON SAUDIS, AND SOME TIMES BY EXTENSION, ON US AS WELL. WHILE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT FULLER EPISODE DID NOT REPRESENT STRICTLY ANTI-US ACTION, CUMULATIVE INFO INDICATES INCREASING LIKLIHOOD THAT SAUDIS AND AMERICANS COULD BECOME SECONDARY TARGETS IN ANTI-YARG CAMPAIGN. ACCORDINGLY, AM CONTINUING TO TAKE EVERY REASONABLE PRECAUTION TO PROTECT US PERSONNEL, DEPENDENTS, AND PROPERTY. FYI, YAR SECURITY HAS INCREASED USINT GUARD FORCE FROM 3 TO 5. ALL USINT VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH HOOD LOCKS AS ANTI-BOMB MEASURE. ALL AMERICANS AND FSL'S BRIEFED ON NEW STRINGENT SECURITY PROCEDURES. MY RESIDENCE LINKED TO FULLER'S BY PORTA-MOBILE RADIO TELEPHONE. PROTECTIVE MEASURES BEING IMPLEMENTED FOR FULLER RESIDENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS SUGGESTIONS AND DESIRES. WHILE DO NOT WISH TO SUGGEST EXCESSIVE DETERIORATION IN LOCAL SECURITY SITUATION, BELIEVE INCREASED USINT PRECAUTIONS JUSTIFIED BY CURRENT DOWNWARD TREND IN PDRYG-YAR RELATIONS AND LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED FOR INDEFINITE FUTURE. GP-4

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