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SUBJ: SAUDI-YEMENI RELATIONS

REF: JIDDA 2866 AND PREVIOUS

1. EVENING JULY 25 I ATTENDED HASTILY ARRANGED RECEPTION HOSTED BY YEMENI GENERAL AL-AMRI IN HONOR OF SECOND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND IMININT PRINCE FAHD. IN ADDITION TO FAHD, RECEPTION ATTENDED BY DEPUTY GOV OF WESTERN PROVINCE PRINCE FAWWAZ, OMAR SAQQAF, KAMEL ADHAM, RASHAD PHARAON AND OTHER DIGNITARIES OF ROYAL COURT, AND MOST OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

2. AFFAIR CLEARLY DESIGNED AS CELEBRATION FOR SUCCESSFUL YAR DELEGATION VISIT TO JIDDA WHICH HAS RESULTED IN SAG RECOGNITION OF YARG. IN CONTRAST TO MECHANICAL QUALITY OF MANY SAG FORMAL FUNCTIONS, ATMOSPHERE ON THIS OCCASION WAS PLEASANTLY ANIMATED AND EVEN LIGHTHEARTED. ONLY GUESTS SEEMINGLY NOT CAUGHT UP IN ATMOSPHERE WERE SYRIAN, IRAQI AND SUDANESE AMBASSADORS. ONE HAD IMPRESSION SAUDIS AND YEMENIS ALIKE WERE EXPERIENCING A CERTAIN PRIDE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT IN BRINGING THEIR

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COUNTRIES TOGETHER, MIXED WITH LINGERING SURPRISE THAT THEY HAD ACTUALLY PULLED IT OFF.

3. ONE OF MAIN ARCHITECTS OF NEW RELATIONSHIP, KAMEL ADHAM, WAS GRINNING LIKE CHESHIRE CAT. HE SAID COMMUNIST STATES HAD ABANDONED YEMEN WHICH WAS FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT, SINCE IT LEFT FIELD OPEN FOR MIDDLE EAST AND WESTERN MODERATES. HOWEVER, RADICAL ARAB AND BLOC AID WOULD NOW BE CONCENTRATED IN ADEN, AND IT LIKELY PRSY WOULD USE IT TO LAUNCH OVERT OR SUBVERSIVE ATTACKS ON YEMEN. NOW WAS THE TIME THEREFORE TO GIVE EVERY POSSIBLE SUPPORT TO STRUGGLING YARG. I SAID I HOPED SAG WOULD BE GENEROUS IN MEETING YARG REQUEST FOR AID. ADHAM CONCURRED BUT SAID IT WAS ALSO DIRECTLY IN USG INTEREST TO HELP AS WELL. I OPINED IT WAS LOGICAL AND PROPER THAT SAG, AS BIG, IMPORTANT NEIGHBOR OF YEMEN SHOULD BE IN FOREFRONT OF THOSE SUPPORTING PRESENT YARG.

4. IN CONVERSATION WITH SAQQAF AND MUHSIN AL-AINI, LATTER RECALLED CONVERSATION HE AND I HAD HAD ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO WHEN AL-AINI WAS AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, I HAD REMARKED THEN THAT IF IT REALLY WANTED END OF CIVIL WAR AND ACCOMMODATION WITH SAUDI ARABIA, YARG SHOULD SEND TRUSTED HIGH OFFICIAL (E.G. AL-AINI) TO SEE KING FAISAL WHO, I WAS SURE, WOULD TAKE FAIR VIEW OF YEMEN'S SITUATION IF APPROACHED IN FRANK AND UNDERSTANDING MANNER. SAQQAF NODDED POLITELY BUT ADDED OF COURSE SAUDI-YEMENI RECONCILIATION CAME MOST DIRECTLY OUT OF ISLAMIC CONFERENCES. IT WAS OUR TURN TO NOD.

5. ACCORDING LOCAL PRESS FURTHER YAR-SAG TALKS TOOK PLACE JULY 25 WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE, PRINCE MUSA'AD, ATTENDING FOR FIRST TIME. MORE TALKS ARE DUE JULY 26 AND YEMENI DELEGATION SCHEDULED DEPART FOLLOWING DAY. THERE HAS STILL BEEN NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT SAUDI ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN.

6. NONE OF YEMENI DELEGATION RAISED WITH ME SUBJECT OF US RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS WITH YARG.
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