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SUBJECT: THREAT FROM SOUTH YEMEN AND IRAQ

REF: JIDDA 940 (NOTAL) 952 (NOTAL) 1223 (NOTAL)

1. IN RESPONSE TO MINSTATE FORNAFF SAQQAF'S REQUEST, DEPARTMENT HAS PREPARED BRIEF ASSESSMENT OF SITUATIONS IN IRAQ AND SOUTH YEMEN AND POSSIBILITY OF ANY LINKAGE BETWEEN CONTENTIOUS ACTIVITIES ALONG IRAQ'S BORDERS WITH SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT AND ALONG SOUTH YEMEN BORDERS WITH SAUDI ARABIA. ASSESSMENT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING IRAQI ATTACK AND SEIZURE OF KUWAITI BORDER POST OF AL-SAMITAH AND MARCH 22 SOUTH YEMEN AIR ATTACK ON SAUDI FRONTIER FORCE POST AT WUDAYAH. ASSESSMENT MAY BE PASSED TO SAQQAF AND TO PRINCE TURKI, IF AMBASSADOR DEEMS THIS ADVISABLE, WITH REQUEST THAT IT BE HELD CLOSELY WITHIN SAG. TEXT OF OUR ASSESSMENT FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT: ASSESSMENT OF THREAT FROM SOUTH YEMEN AND IRAQ.

A. SOUTH YEMEN'S INTERNAL SITUATION AND INTENTIONS. SOUTH YEMEN'S NATIONAL FRONT GOVERNMENT, SUPPORTED BY THE SOVIET UNION, CHINA, EAST GERMANY, NORTH KOREA, CUBA, AND SOME OTHER COMMUNIST STATES, IS CONTINUING TO IMPLEMENT A POLICY OF "SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM" DESIGNED TO TRANSFORM THAT

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