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SUBJ: SISCO-KUWAITI AMBASSADOR DISCUSSION OF MIDDLE EAST

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SUMMARY: SEPTEMBER 18, ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO AND KUWAIT AMBASSADOR SHAYKH SALIM DISCUSSED MIDDLE EAST WITH FORMER OUTLINING CURRENT USG ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION GIVING PARTICULAR EMPHASIS TO PROBLEM OF TERRORISM. SISCO STRESSED OUR CONVICTION CRIMINAL ACTS BY INDIVIDUAL GROUPS PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS SERVE ONLY TO PERPETUATE DISMAL CYCLE OF ACTION-RETTALIATION AND ARE NOT RPT NOT SUPPORTED BY MAJORITY OF PALESTINIANS OR ARABS IN GENERAL. AMBASADOR EXPLAINED THAT KUWAITIS FULLY BELIEVE IN AND SUPPORT PALESTINIAN NATIONAL MOVEMENT, THAT THIS SUPPORT NOT RPT NOT PREDICATED UPON ANY NEED TO STAY IN FAVOR WITH OTHER ARABS, AND THAT THESE TRUE FEELINGS PRECLUDE KUWAIT'S DISASSOCIATING ITSELF FROM ACTIONS OF PALESTINIANS. SISCO ANSWERED US DID NOT WISH KUWAIT TO STOP SUPPORTING PALESTINIANS. RATHER WE WISH IT TO EMPHASIZE ITS SUPPORT OF MAJORITY OF THEM WHO PREFER PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF VERY JUST GRIEVANCES TO ENDLESS CHAIN OF BLOODY TERRORIST ACTIONS AND REPRISALS VICTIMIZING INNOCENT PEOPLE. END SUMMARY.

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO AND KUWAIT AMBASSADOR SHAYKH SALIM AL SABAH HELD VIGOROUS FORTY-FIVE MINUTE DIALOGUE AFTERNOON SEPT 18, JUST PRIOR AMBASSADOR'S DEPARTURE NEW YORK TO MEET HIS FOREIGN MINISTER WHO ARRIVING FOR UNGA FOLLOWING DAY.

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