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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SOUTH YEMENI INTEREST IN IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH U.S.

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1. IN GENERAL DISCUSSION JULY 15 WITH ACTING UNDERSEC AL-HAMAD ON GULF AFFAIRS AND KUWAIT'S ROLE IN GULF, AL-HAMAD LAMENTED WHAT HE TERMED KING FAISAL'S INTRANSIGENCE TOWARD UAE AND OPEN HOSTILITY TOWARD SOUTH YEMEN. LATTER PUNITIVE ATTITUDE, HE ASSERTED, WAS IN TOTAL CONTRAST TO THAT OF KUWAITIS WHICH BELIEVED SOUTH YEMENIS NOT IDEOLOGICALLY COMMITTED TO INTERNATIONAL REVOLUTION AND COMMUNISM BUT FORCED TO SING FOR THEIR SUPPERS PROVIDED BY COMMUNIST STATES. AL-HAMAD SAID SOUTH YEMENIS HAVE TOLD KUWAITIS THEY WANT TO OPEN WINDOW TO WEST INCLUDING US AND HAVE EVEN OFFERED TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE DEPENDENCE ON COMMUNIST STATES IF ADEQUATE ASSISTANCE "IN ORDER TO LIVE" AVAILABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES. AL-HAMAD SAID IN FACT SOUTH YEMENIS TALK VERY CONVINCING LINE. FONMIN SABAH AL-AHMAD HAD RECENTLY THOUGHT OF VISITING SOUTH YEMEN BUT, KNOWING HOW NEGATIVE SAUDI REACTION WOULD BE, HAD DECIDED "POSTPONE" TRIP.

2. I REPLIED PERSONALLY BELIEVED USG WOULD NOT REJECT OUT OF HAND OVERTURE FROM ANY ARAB COUNTRY SINCERELY WISHING IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH US. IN CASE OF ANY SUCH MOVE BY PDROY, HOWEVER,

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