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SUBJECT: PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN

1. DURING CALL ON MINDEF AND INTERIOR SHAIKH SAAD ON ANOTHER MATTER JUNE 17, HE RAISED SUBJECT OF PDRY. TAKING SAME LINE AS FOREIGN MINISTER (PARA 5 KUWAIT 1085 NOTAL), HE SAID RADICALISM OF SOUTH YEMENIS FORCED ON THEM BY POVERTY AND FACT NO ONE HELPING THEM EXCEPT RUSSIANS, CHINESE, AND EAST EUROPEANS. GOK OFFERING SOME HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE NOW IN BELIEF KEY TO PDRY PROBLEM LAY IN AID TO PEOPLE, NOT ATTACKS BY MILITARY AND TRIBAL FORCES OF NEIGHBORS. SAAD ASKED WHY USG DID NOT LOOK AT SOUTH YEMEN SITUATION IN THIS LIGHT.

2. I SAID PDRY HAD BROUGHT MANY IF NOT ALL ITS PROBLEMS DOWN ON ITS OWN HEAD. PDRY HAD EXPELLED US MISSION SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND HAD BEEN SHRILLY HOSTILE TO US EVER SINCE. I ADDED PERSONAL OPINION USG WOULD WELCOME INDICATION FROM PDRY OF SINCERE DESIRE IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH US.

3. SAAD SAID PDRY DELEGATION COMING TO KUWAIT SOON ON VISIT WHICH WOULD BE GOOD OPPORTUNITY URGE SOUTH YEMENIS OPEN DOOR TO US AND WEST. BEFORE DOING SO, HOWEVER, THEY WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO KNOW THAT RESPONSE WOULD BE POSITIVE. I SAID DID NOT SEEM TO ME PDRY IN ANY POSITION BARGAIN WITH USG. BELIEVED PDRY WOULD HAVE TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE AS WELL AS ITS CHANCES ON ANY RESPONSE.

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