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SUBJECT: KUWAITI VIEWS ON MIDEAST AND PENINSULA/GULF REGION

SUMMARY: KUWAITI FOREIGN MINISTER EXPRESSED WORRY OVER SOVIET AND CHINESE ENCROACHMENT IN AREA WHICH HE BELIEVES ABETTED BY US MIDEAST POLICY. KUWAIT ALSO FEELING SQUEEZED BETWEEN CONFLICTING INTERESTS OF THREE BIGGER NEIGHBORS, IRAQ, SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN. USG SHOULD NOT BE BUILDING UP IRANIAN AND SAUDI MILITARY MACHINES WHOSE PRESENCE (A) MIGHT RESULT IN ESTABLISHMENT OF MILITARY REGIMES IN BOTH COUNTRIES AND (B) ENCOURAGE THEIR AGGRESSIVE TENDENCIES IN GULF. KUWAIT WANTS BETTER RELATIONS WITH IRANIANS WHO MUST STOP THEIR PUBLIC BLASTS AGAINST KUWAIT. SAUDI TOUGH POLICY TOWARD ABU DHABI AND SOUTH YEMEN COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. FOREIGN MINISTER WAS TOLD US HAD NO CHOSEN INSTRUMENTS TO CARRY OUT POLICY OF POLARIZATION OR CARVE OUT EXCLUSIVE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE IN MIDEAST, INCLUDING ISRAEL. US WANTED JUST SETTLEMENT OF ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE AND BELIEVED GULF SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY OF LOCAL STATES THEMSELVES. US DID NOT EXPECT KUWAIT TO WALK AROUND HAND IN HAND WITH IT IN

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