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SUBJ: DECLINATION OF ENTRY INTO US OF HONORARY CONSUL OF KUWAIT AT THE HAGUE

1. AMB ABDULLA BISHARA (KUWAIT) HAS FILED COMPLAINT WITH AMB BUSH CONCERNING DECISION BY INS TO DECLINE ENTRY TO MAHMOUD RABBANI, HONORARY CONSUL OF KUWAIT AT THE HAGUE WHO ARRIVED AT JFK AIRPORT ON MARCH 8, 1972.

2. ACCORDING AMB BISHARA, RABBANI WAS CONFINED TO ROOM AT INS OFFICE AT JFK AIRPORT FOR ONE DAY ON GROUNDS THAT HIS ADMISSION TO US ENTAILED SECURITY RISK. AFTER DAY OF INTERROGATION HE WAS PERMITTED RETURN TO EUROPE. BISHARA STATES KUWAITI CONSUL IN NY WAS INFORMED BY SOL MARKS INS DISTRICT DIRECTOR THAT RABBANI HAD BEEN CONDUCTING POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IN EUROPE WHICH RENDERED HIM PNG IN US.

3. AMB BISHARA EXPRESSES VIEW THIS EPISODE IS CONTRARY TO AMERICAN TRADITION OF OPEN FRONTIERS AND BOUNDARIES AND REQUESTS INFORMATION ABOUT NATURE OF RABBANI ACTIVITIES.

4. USUN HAS REQUESTED REPORTED FROM SOL MARKS, INS DISTRICT

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