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FOR AMBASSADOR BROWN

SUBJECT: YOUR TRAVEL PLANS

REF: AMMAN 0913

1. FONMINISTRY UNDERSEC RASHID TELLS ME SYRPRES ASSAD SCHEDULED BE IN KUWAIT IN PERIOD MAR 14-16 AND THAT JORDANIAN PM EXPECTED AFTER THAN. THIS PROBABLY MEANS MAR 18 (SAT) ALTHOUGH JORDANIAN AMB HERE SAYS HE STILL AWAITING OFFICIAL WORD FROM FONMIN.
2. IN VIEW PARTICULAR SENSITIVITY OF KUWAITIS OVER THEIR CURRENT RELATIONS WITH JORDAN (AND THEIR APPREHENSION THAT JORDANIAN PM WILL ASK FOR HELP WHICH THEY WILL HAVE TO TURN DOWN), BELIEVE IT BEST YOU NOT RPT NOT BE IN KUWAIT DURING PERIOD OF HIS VISIT. ALSO, PRESS COULD HAVE FIELD DDAY WITH SUCH QTE EVIDENCE UNQTE US PRESSURE TACTICS. INCIDENTALLY, IT LOOKS AS THOUGH I SHALL BE ABSENT IN LOWER GULF FOR PERHAPS UP TO TEN DAYS FROM MAR 13.
3. I WISH I COULD SUGGEST YOU REVERSE ORDER AND COME HERE FIRST. UNFORTUNATELY WE HAVE CONGEN DINSMORE MAR 9-10 AND FULL DRESS VISIT OF COMIDEASTFOR MAR 11-13.
4. COULD WE TRY FOR END OF MONTH? GP-3 STOLTZFUS

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