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BEIRUT PASS DAMASCUS

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. YOU SHOULD SEE SAQRAF AND ASK HIM TO CONVEY TO KING FAISAL THAT I HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED BY PRESIDENT ASSAD OF HIS ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROCEDURAL PROPOSAL ON DISENGAGEMENT WHICH I PUT TO HIM LAST WEEK AND WHICH YOU DESCRIBED TO HIS MAJESTY IN YOUR RECENT AUDIENCE IN RIYADH. YOU SHOULD SAY THAT I AM NOW CONFIDENT THAT I WILL BE ABLE TO GET NEGOTIATIONS STARTED LOOKING TOWARD DISENGAGEMENT ON THE SYRIAN FRONT, AND THAT AS SOON AS THE OIL EMBARGO IS LIFTED I WILL INITIATE WITH ISRAEL THE STEPS OUTLINED IN OUR PROPOSAL. I AM CONFIDENT THAT I CAN THEN ELICIT A CONCRETE PROPOSAL FROM THE ISRAELIS AND AS SOON AS ISRAEL TO SEND A HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIAL TO WASHINGTON FOR INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH ME. I HAVE SENT A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT ASSAD TELLING HIM THIS AND THANKING HIM FOR HIS POSITIVE RESPONSE. I AM ALSO INFORMING PRESIDENT SADAT AND PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE OF THIS DEVELOPMENT AND OF OUR INTENTIONS TO PROCEED EXPEDITIOUSLY AS SOON AS THE EMBARGO IS LIFTED, IN KEEPING WITH THE PRESIDENT'S AND MY COMMITMENT TO MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT TO ACHIEVE ISRAELI-SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT AS A FURTHER INITIAL STEP TOWARD AN OVERALL JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

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2. YOU SHOULD ALSO TELL SAQQAF THAT I APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS THAT HIS MAJESTY KING FAISAL AND HE ARE MAKING WITH RESPECT TO GETTING THE OIL EMBARGO LIFTED. I KNOW OF SAQQAF'S RECENT TRIP TO DAMASCUS AND RECOGNIZE HOW STRENUOUSLY HE IS WORKING ON THIS MATTER. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING AT AN EARLY DATE OF THE RESULTS OF THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH ARE NOW GOING ON WITH RESPECT TO THE EMBARGO AMONG KEY ARAB LEADERS. I MUST REITERATE THAT FURTHER STEPS ON OUR PART WILL HAVE TO AWAIT A SOLUTION TO THE EMBARGO QUESTION.

KISSINGER

DRAFTED BY: WIA:ALATHERTON, JR.

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