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SUBJ: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT NIXON TO KING FAISAL

REF: JIDDA 379 AND 380

1. YOU SHOULD TRANSMIT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO KING FAISAL:

2. BEGIN TEXT:

YOUR MAJESTY:

I WAS GRATIFIED TO HEAR FROM AMBASSADOR AKINS OF HIS LONG AND FRUITFUL AUDIENCE WITH YOU ON JANUARY 23. IT IS HEARTENING TO ME, AND A MEASURE OF THE STRENGTH AND DEPTH OF THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, THAT WE CAN EXCHANGE VIEWS IN A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT WHEN DIFFERENCES ARISE BETWEEN US, AND TOGETHER OVERCOME THOSE DIFFERENCES.

IN EARLIER MESSAGES TO YOUR MAJESTY I HAVE SAID THAT EVENTS HAVE PROVEN THE WISDOM OF YOUR COUNSEL OVER THE YEARS. MY GOVERNMENT IS NOW EMBARKED UPON AND COMMITTED TO A COURSE OF ACTION THAT CAN, I AM CONVINCED, BRING A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE TO THE MIDDLE EAST. THE FIRST FRUITS OF THAT COMMITMENT ARE REFLECTED IN THE AGREEMENT ON THE DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES SIGNED LAST FRIDAY, UNDER WHICH ISRAELI FORCES WILL WITHDRAW INTO SINAI AS A FIRST STEP TOWARD A FINAL PEACE SETTLEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 338 AND 242.

THE DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES PROVIDED FOR IN THE AGREEMENT WILL BEGIN THIS FRIDAY AND WILL, I AM CONFIDENT, BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE PERIOD PRESCRIBED IN THE AGREEMENT. IN ADDITION, DURING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S LAST VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST WE HAVE INITIATED EFFORTS LOOKING TOWARD PARALLEL PROGRESS WITH RESPECT TO THE

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