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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN-SAUDI CONSULTATIONS ON MIDDLE EAST MATTERS:
OIL BOYCOTT AND SYRIAN BELLIGERENCE

REF: A) JIDDA 5770; B) JIDDA 5769; C) JIDDA 5792

1. OMAR SAQQAF, MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ON ORDERS FROM KING FAISAL, WENT TO ASWAN YESTERDAY (DEC 30) TO MEET WITH EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT AND FOREIGN MINISTER ISMAIL FAHMY. SAQQAF RETURNED TO JIDDA LATE THE SAME DAY AND BRIEFED ME THIS EVENING (DEC 31) ON THE TALKS.
2. SAQQAF SAID SADAT AND FAHMY HAD RECEIVED LETTERS FROM THE PRESIDENT AND YOU VERY SIMILAR TO THE ONES RECEIVED BY KING FAISAL AND HIMSELF, WITH THE DIFFERENCE THAT NO MENTION WAS MADE IN YOUR LETTER TO EGYPTIANS OF THE RECENT OPEC PRICE INCREASES.
3. SAQQAF SAID THE EGYPTIAN REACTION WAS THE SAME AS HIS AND KING FAISAL'S (REF A). HE SAID HE TOLD SADAT (AND HE WISHED ME TO EMPHASIZE THIS TO YOU), AS HE FEARED HIS FIRST REACTION TO THE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER MAY HAVE GIVEN A WRONG IMPRESSION) THAT HE DID NOT MEAN TO IMPLY THAT HIS CONFIDENCE IN YOU HAD BEEN WEAKENED. HE SAID HE HAD ALSO REPEATED FOR SADAT MY LENGTHY EXPLANATION OF WHY THE BOYCOTT SHOULD BE LIFTED NOW, HOW THIS WOULD HELP PRESIDENT NIXON AND WHY IT WAS NECESSARY TO DO SO.

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