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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, SA
SUBJ: KING'S REPLY TO SECRETARY'S LETTER OF DECEMBER 18

REF: LISBON 4622

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ALSO GIVEN ME KING'S REPLY TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S LETTER OF DECEMBER 18. KING'S LATEST LETTER DATED DECEMBER 23. ORIGINAL OF LETTER BEING POUCHED TO NEA/ARP, ATTENTION MR. DICKMAN; EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

EXCELLENCY:

WE HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER DATED DECEMBER 18 BY MEANS OF HIS EXCELLENCY AMBASSADOR AKINS, IN WHICH YOU EXPRESSED YOUR FRINEDLY FEELINGS TOWARDS US.

IN THANKING YOUR EXCELLENCY FOR THESE FELLINGS WE WISH TO MAKE CLEAR THAT SUCH MEETINGS AS THESE ARE A DESIRABLE MATTER IN ADDITION TO THEIR BEING USEFUL AND VITAL PARTICULARLY WHEN OUR ARAB NATION IS GOING THROUGH VEXED CIRCUMSTANCES SUCH AS THESE.

THE LAST MEETING WITH YOUR EXCELLENCY WAS A GOOD OCCASION WHICH MADE POSSIBLE A RESUMPTION OF EXCHANGE OF VIEWPOINTS AND THE CLARIFICATION OF MANY POSITIONS.

WE WERE PLEASSED BY WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT THE ATMOSPHERE OF UNDERSTANDING WHICH PERVADED THE TALKS BETWEEN YOU AND OUR SYRIAN BROTHERS AND WE HOPE THAT THIS MEETING WILL BE A STEP TOWARD ACHIEVING MORE COOPERATION BETWEEN AMERICA AND SYRIA.

PLEASE BELIEVE THAT WE DEEPLY DESIRE THAT THE EFFORTS THAT YOU HAVE MADE TO ATTAIN POSITIVE RESULTS BE CROWNED WITH SUCCESS SO THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO ELIMINATE ALL OF THE OBSTACLES WHICH WOULD HUR OUR RELATIONS AS TWO FRIENDLY STATES.

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(THIS CAN BE DONE BY) REALIZING THE HOPED FOR GOAL WHICH THE ARABS DEMAND AND WHICH INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY AFFIRMS AND SUPPORTS. -- THAT IS THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL TO BORDERS THAT PRECEDED ITS AGGRESSION AGAINST THE ARABS OF JUNE 5, 1967, AND GRANTING THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE THE RIGHT OF SELF DETERMINATION.

WE HOPE THAT THE PEACE CONFERENCE WHICH IS NOW BEING CONVENED SHALL BE A GOOD OMEN FOR ACHIEVING A PERMANENT PEACE BUILT UPON RIGHT AND JUSTICE. PLEASE ACCEPT OUR BEST WISHES.

/S/ FAISAL 'AL SA'UD
HIS EXCELLENCY DR. HENRY KISSINGER
SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
JIDDA, 29 DHU AL-QI'DAH 1593 (AH) CORRESPONDING TO
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