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SUBJECT: YAR: CONVERSATION WITH DEP MERIMIN/FONMIN
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1. SUMMARY: FONMIN NUMAN APPROVES PEACE CORPS
STANDARD AGREEMENT. DESCRIBES RECENT AND PROSPECTIVZI
VISITS ABROAD.

2. DEP PRIMIN/FONMIN, MUHAMMAD NUMAN AND I MANAGED
TO GET TOGETHER BRIEFLY JANUARY 23 FOLLOWING HIS JUST-
CONCLUDED TRIP TO EUROPE AND PRECEDING HIS JANUARY 24
DEPARTURE FOR JAN 28 CAIRO CONFERENCE OF ARAB LEAGUE.

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DEFENSE AND FORMINS AND SUBSEQUENT FULL DRESS BILATERALS WITH SAG. MEETING PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY INTRODUCE REGIONAL PEACE CORPS REPRESENTATIVE BITAR.

FOLLOWING WERE NU'MAN'S PRINCIPLE COMMENTS OF INTEREST:

3. NO PRESSURE HAD BEEN BROUGHT ON HIM TO LEAVE YEMEN. DECISION HAD BEEN HIS TO GET A BREATHER FROM SOME OF SANAA'S BACKBITING. PRESIDENT HAD APPROVED AND GIVEN HIM SOME COMMISSIONS.
4. HIGHLIGHT OF LONDON STOP WAS VERY SATISFACTORY MEETING WITH JULIAN AMORY. THIS HAD PRODUCED BRITISH AGREEMENT BRING 8-10 YEMENI ARMY OFFICERS TO UK FOR TRAINING IN ARMY ADMINISTRATION. ALSO, AMORY INFORMED NU'MAN UK WOULD BE SENDING SENIOR OFFICER TO YEMEN LAST WEEK JANUARY TO EXAMINE CURRENT MIDDLEST UK TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN INTERNAL SECURITY AND CONSULT ON POSSIBILITY OF ADDING TO THIS.
5. IN PARIS, FAREWELL CONVERSATIONS WITH GOF AS DEPARTING YAR AMBASSADOR HAD RESULTED IN GOF AGREEMENT FINANCE \$2.5 MILLION MINERAL SURVEY OF YAR, AND OPEN A FRENCH LANGUAGE CENTER. (NU'MAN NOTED SMILINGLY THAT GOF HAD NOT SHOWN MUCH INTEREST IN LATER UNTIL HE MENTIONED DISCUSSIONS WITH AMERICANS ON ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROJECT.)
6. SHORT TRANSITS IN JIDDA PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH KAMAL ADHAM, KING FAISAL'S ADVISOR ON INTELLIGENCE, WHO SAID MORE SAG OFFICIALS SWINGING AROUND TO BELIEF SAG SHOULD BE CARRYING OUT YEMEN POLICY DIFFERENTLY (I.E. DIRECTLY WITH YARG), AND IRANIAN AMBASSADOR, WITH WHOM NU'MAN AGREED ON MARCH VISIT TO SHAH - DATES TO BE FIXED BY GOF.
7. AFTER REPORTING TO PRESIDENT AL-IRYANI IN TA'IZ JAN 22, AND JAN 23 STOPOVER SANAA, NU'MAN, ACCOMPANIED BY ARMY COMMANDER MUHAMMAD AL-IRYANI, AND CHIEF OF STAFF AL-MASWARI LEAVING JAN 24 FOR JIDDA AND DAMASCUS, THENCE TO CAIRO IN TIME FOR JAN 28 OPENING OF ARAB LEAGUE DEFENSE AND FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE. FOLLOWING

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CAIRO CONFERENCE, GROUP PROCEEDING JIDDA FOR FEBRUARY 3 OPENING OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SAG TO EXAMINE ALL ASPECTS SAG-YARG RELATIONS. NU'MAN, IRYANI AND MASWARI TO BE JOINED IN JIDDA AT LEAST BY MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEVELOPMENT, 'AHMAD 'ABU SA'ID; TREASURY MINISTER JUNAID; CENTRAL PLANNING OFFICE DIRECTOR, DR. 'ABD-AL-KARIM AL-IRYANI; PERHAPS ECONOMY MINISTER AL'ASNAG AND OTHERS. COMMENT: I DID NOT ASK, BUT ASSUME INCLUSION OF ARMY COMMANDER MUHAMMAD AL-IRYANI IN CAIRO GROUP MEANS THAT HE WILL HEAD DELEGATION FOR THAT PORTION OF TRIP, WITH NU'MAN TAKING OVER IN SUBSEQUENT CONSULTATIONS WITH SAUDIS. THIS SEEMS TO BE THE KIND OF SOLOMON-LIKE SOLUTION WHICH PRESIDENT AL-IRYANI WOULD HAVE URGED TO GET HIS PRINCIPAL SUPERORDINATES PULLING IN SAME DIRECTION. EMBASSY JIDDA WILL NOTE THAT NOW APPARENTLY FIXED FEB 3 DATE FOR INITIATION SAG-YARG BILATERALS IS SOMEWHAT EARLIER THAN WE HAD RECENTLY BEEN LED TO BELIEVE.

8. AFTER MARCH VISIT TO TEHRAN, NU'MAN (HAVING RECEIVED NO REPLY TO HIS SUGGESTION THAT HE VISIT MOSCOW) INTENDS PRESERVE NON-ALIGNED POSTURE BY A VISIT TO RUMANIA.

9. NU'MAN WARMLY WELCOMED PEACE CORPS REPRESENTATIVE BITAR. SAID FOND OFF WOULD BE SENDING US A NOTE ACCEPTING STANDARD BILATERAL. SUGGESTED BITAR AND EMBASSY OFFICIALS PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO WORK OUT WITH MINISTRIES CONCERNED DETAILED UNDERSTANDINGS ON SPECIFIC PROJECTS TO INVOLVE PEACE CORPS. ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING IN CONJUNCTION WITH MINED IS A PRIMARY INTEREST. HE HOPED MEET WITH BITAR AGAIN UPON RETURN FROM CURRENT TRIP.

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