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SUBJ: LETTER FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER TO MINISTER SAQQAF

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

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**1973-12-28, Faisal, Kissinger,  
Saqaf**

1. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE  
FROM ME TO MINISTER SAQQAF.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR OMAR: I HAVE HAD FULL REPORTS  
FROM AMBASSADOR AKINS OF HIS TALKS WITH YOU AND  
OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT  
REGARDING THE OAPEC DECISIONS WHICH WERE ANNOUNCED  
ON DECEMBER 25.

3. I CANNOT EXPRESS TOO STRONGLY MY DISAPPOINTMENT  
AND DISMAY. YOU MUST KNOW THAT THE DISCRIMINATORY  
NATURE OF THOSE DECISIONS, WHICH SINGLE OUT THE  
UNITED STATES FOR A CONTINUING TO ERING ABOUT THE  
ONLY COUNTRY SERIOUSLY TRYING TO BRING ABOUT THE  
JUST SETTLEMENT DESIRED BY THE ARAB WORLD, WHILE  
INCREASING OIL PRODUCTION FOR OTHER COUNTRIES WHO  
ARE UNABLE TO MAKE ANY SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO  
THAT EFFORT, PUTS PRESIDENT NIXON IN AN IMPOSSIBLE  
POSITION. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES OF UNDISGUISED  
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE UNITED STATES, I WILL  
BE TOTALLY UNABLE TO CONTINUE ON THE COURSE I HAVE  
SET FOR MYSELF AND HAVE DESCRIBED TO YOU IN DETAIL  
OVER THE RECENT WEEKS.

4. WHATEVER IMPRESSIONS PRESIDENT SADAT MAY HAVE  
CONVEYED TO YOU ABOUT OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE TIMING  
OF LIFTING THE EMBARGO, MY DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM  
WERE IN AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT CONTEXT FROM THE  
PRESENT ONE. THEY WERE CERTAINLY NOT IN THE CONTEXT  
OF A DISCRIMINATORY EASING OF RESTRICTIONS SUCH AS OAPEC  
DECIDED UPON AT ITS RECENT MEETING.

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