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SUBJ: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT IRYANI

REF: STATE 201311 **NR**

1. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT IRYANI IS CONFIDENT NORTH WILL SWALLOW SOUTH IN YAR-PDRY UNITY.

2. IN TAIZ ON NOV 7 CHARGE MADE COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT IRYANI TO PRESENT PRESIDENT NIXON'S GREETINGS FOR 'ID AL-FITR. IRYANI WAS PLEASED AND SAID HE WOULD SEND REPLY THROUGH EMBASSY.

3. DURING BRIEF MEETING CHARGE RECALLED PRESIDENT HAD TOLD THE SECRETARY PDRY WAS YARG'S BIGGEST PROBLEM AND ASKED IF SOLUTION WAS ANY NEARER IN VIEW OF UNITY AGREEMENT. IRYANI SAID SIMPLY WE IN NORTH ARE 5 1/2 MILLION, AND THEY ARE 800,000 WITH ABOUT 400,000 MORE IN EXILE. FURTHER, PDRY LEADERSHIP IS ONLY 2,000. WE WILL SWALLOW THEM. HE DOWNPLAYED IMPORTANCE OF HIS MEETING WITH PDRY PRESIDENT IN LIBYA IN TWO WEEKS, SAYING AGREEMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN SIGNED AND INDICATING THERE WOULD BE NOTHING SPECIAL FOR HIM TO DO.

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4. PRESIDENT APPEARED RESTED AND WAS IN GOOD SPIRITS. WE INQUIRED CONCERNING ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD. CHARGE TOLD HIM ABOUT FORTHCOMING VISIT OF PL-480 EXPERT, BUT OTHERWISE SUBJECT OF US ASSISTANCE TO YARG WAS NOT RAISED.

5. THERE WERE ALMOST NO SIGNS OF MILITARY OR TRIBAL PRESENCE IN VAIZ. HOWEVER, SHAIKH ABDULLAH AL-AHMAR OF WASHID TRIBES HAD TO CANCEL APPOINTMENT WITH CHARGE ON SHORT NOTICE TO DISTRIBUTE MONEY TO HIS MEN IN RAHIDAH. IN MOCHA ARMY RECENTLY MOVED IN TANKS TO GUARD FUEL STORAGE TANKS.

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