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SUBJ: MESSAGE TO MINISTER SAQQAF

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO SAQQAF.
2. BEGIN TEXT: QUOTE: DEAR OMAR, I WANT TO LOSE NO TIME IN EXPRESSING TO YOU, AND IN ASKING THAT YOU CONVEY TO HIS MAJESTY, PRESIDENT NIXON'S AND MY DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION YOUR GOVERNMENT MADE TO THE DECISION TAKEN IN VIENNA TO LIFT THE OIL EMBARGO AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.
3. WE CAN ALL, I BELIEVE, TAKE SATISFACTION IN THIS CONSTRUCTIVE OUTCOME. THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO WITHOUT CONDITIONS, AND THE RESUMPTION OF NORMAL PRODUCTION WHICH I UNDERSTAND WILL NOW PROCEED, ARE FULLY CONSONANT WITH THE NEW AND IMPROVING ATMOSPHERE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND IN AMERICAN RELATIONS WITH THE ARAB WORLD. THE DECISION AT VIENNA MEANS THAT WE CAN ALL LOOK FORWARD TO A NEW AND BETTER ERA UNENCUMBERED BY THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE PAST.

4. I WANT TO REAFFIRM TO YOU, AND THROUGH YOU TO HIS MAJESTY, THE PRESIDENT'S AND MY FIRM COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE THE PURSUIT OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. AS YOU WILL HAVE HEARD, ISRAEL HAS NOW AGREED TO SEND GENERAL DAYAN TO WASHINGTON ON MARCH 29 -- THE DAY AFTER I RETURN FROM MOSCOW -- FOR CONCRETE DISCUSSIONS ON THE QUESTION OF A DISENGAGEMENT AND SEPARATION OF FORCES ON THE SYRIAN FRONT. I HAVE WRITTEN PRESIDENT ASAD TO INDICATE THAT I WILL THEN BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE A SENIOR SYRIAN REPRESENTATIVE IN WASHINGTON, PROBABLY ABOUT APRIL 10, AFTER GENERAL DAYAN HAS REPORTED TO HIS GOVERNMENT ON HIS TALKS WITH

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