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FOR: Ambassador Aiken

From: Sisco **Revised, Amb., Instructions**

In view concerns expressed by Saqqaf you should refrain from undertaking any discussions with respect to U.S. - Saudi cooperative efforts until further instructed by the Department.

We believe substantive point which Saqqaf has made that our ideas should not be taken as an inducement to lift the embargo has merit.

As you know we have previously indicated to you we do not want to appear anxious on this matter and we do want our ideas on economic cooperation to be taken as being responsive to Saudi desires

FYI: We realize of course that Saqqaf's views may also be motivated by competition between various Saudi ministers.

Nevertheless substantive point he made is one we should not disregard at this time.

*If you have any contrary views, please let us know.*

End. FYI.

