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173-3-16, *Awad, Syrian, Missing* *W*

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SUBJECT: Telcon with Nabil T. Awad

Awad understood perfectly the substance of the talking points. He said the Syrian Mission to the UN had sent a formal note to the Pakistan Embassy here requesting information on Kahale's whereabouts. Kahale, who has not been heard from in Syria for five years, is the son of the former Vice President of Syria (when it was part of the UAR), Noureddin Kahale. The elder Kahale, according to Awad, was a Phd engineer from Duke University, who spent most of his youth in the U.S.

Awad said he will send the information I gave him to the Syrian UN mission, but will also write his government to note that the Department had provided some information and would provide more, if and when INS locates Kahale.

COMMENT

Awad is a sophisticated permanent resident of the U.S. He was appreciative and asked a number of questions about Tom Scotese' departure and Ed Djerejian's assumption of the job. He said he and the Pakistan Embassy prefer diplomatic notes because he is not "authorized" to speak for his government. Nevertheless, he agreed to telephone in the future when he has a request and warn that a note is one the way.

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