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SUBJECT: ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT ENABLE SAUDIA ARABIA UNILATERALLY
LIFT OIL BOYCOTT

REF: JIDDA'S 0769

1. FOLLOWING COMPROMISE HAS PROBABLY BEEN CONSIDERED AND DISCARD
BUT SUGGEST IT IN CASE IT MIGHT BE FEASIBLE. COULD NOT SAUDI
ARABIA AND OTHER OIL PRODUCING STATES LIFT THE EMBARGO ON OIL
SALES TO THE U.S. BUT LIMIT SUCH SALES TO HALF WHICH THE U.S.
WOULD BE ENTITLED PENDING THE CONCLUSION OF THE ISREAL-SYRIAN
DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT.

2. SUCH MIGHT SOLVE OUR PROBLEM BY LIFTING THE OIL EMBARGO -
EVEN IF ONLY PARTIALLY - AND MIGHT SOLVE SYRIA'S POLITICAL PROBLEM
BY RETAINING SOME LEVERAGE AGAINST THE U.S. UNTIL DISENGAGEMENT
CONCLUDED. WOULD ALSO SEEM BE EASIER FOR SAUDI ARABIA SHOULD
IT DECIDE LIFT EMBARGO UNILATERALLY.

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