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SUBJ: EVANS & NOVAK ARTICLE, FEB 11, "INTERNATIONAL
HERALD TRIBUNE"

REF: JIDDA 0674; STATE 27100

SUMMARY: LEAK IN EVANS AND NOVAK ARTICLE OF NODIS/
CHEROKEE DIUSSIONS WITH FAISAL ON OIL BOYCOTT MAY
CAUSE SAUDIS TO BE WARY ABOUT DISCUSSING SENSITIVE
MATTERS WITH US IN FUTURE. THEY WILL PROBABLY SEE
ARTICLE AS ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT ADMINISTRATION'S
TACTICS AND POLICY IN MIDDLE EAST. EVIDENCE OF DISCIPLIN-
ARY ACTION WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO A FULL RESTROATION OF
CONFIDENCE IN OUR DIPLOMACY. END SUMMARY.

1. I HAVE JUST READ WITH AN UNWILLING SUSPENSION OF
DISBELIEF THE EVANS AND NOVAK ARTICLE (PARIS "HERALD
TRIBUNE" OF FEB 11) WHICH GIVES A FULL ACCOUNT OF MY
SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH KING FAISAL.

2. THE WRITERS HAD ACCESS TO INFORMATION WHICH, AS
FAR AS I CAN DETERMINE, WAS HANDLED EXCLUSIVELY IN
THE "NODIS/CHEROKEE" CHANNEL. THEIR ACCOUNT WAS
VERY ACCURATE - WITH A FEW CRUCIAL EXCEPTIONS -
EXCEPTIONS WHICH REVEAL BRILLIANTLY THE INTENTIONS
OF THE WRITERS AND THEIR SOURCES.

3. THE KING WAS NOT RPT NOT ANGERED AT THE "PRESSURE"
PUT ON HIM WITH REGARD TO STATEMENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN
THE STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE. IN FACT THE SAUDIS WERE
PLEASED WITH THE INCLUSION, AT THEIR REQUEST, OF THE
REFERENCE TO "FIRST STEPS" TOWARD PEACE IN THE AREA; AND TO
ASSURANCES FROM "ARAB LEADERS" (PLURAL). MORE IMPORTANTLY,

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