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SUBJ: ROYAL ADVISOR PHARAON COMMENTS ON PENINSULA AFFAIRS

1. DURING CALL BY AMBASSADOR FEB 29 ON ROYAL ADVISOR PHARAON, LATTER REMARKED THAT SAG HOPED SOON TO CHOOSE AMBASSADOR TO YEMEN TO RE RESIDENT IN SANAA. PHARAON FELT IT WOULD NOT BE EASY TO FIND RIGHT MAN TO RUN SAG'S PROGRAMS IN YEMEN; PERSONNEL PROBLEMS, MOREOVER, COMPLICATED BY NEED BEGIN LOOKING FOR AMBASSADORS TO OMAN AND QATAR AS WELL.
2. PHARAON FEARED THAT MURDER OF KHAWLAANI SHAIKHS (AL-DHADIR, HANTASH, AND YAYAALI) BY SOUTH YEMEN ARMY WOULD PROVOKE FURTHER TROUBLE IN SOUTH ARABIA. AS RESULT OF MURDERS, NORTH YEMEN'S TWO MAJOR TRIBAL GROUPINGS (HASHAD AND BAKIL) UNITED IN COMMON GRIEVANCE AGAINST SOUTH. ON FEB 28 BROTHERS OF AL-DHADIR AND HANTAL HAD CALLED ON KING AND -- WHILE PROSTRATING SELVES BEFORE HM -- HAD IMploRED SAUDI HELP IN OBTAINING REVENGE.
3. PHARAON REGRETTED RECENT COUP IN QATAR. EVEN THOUGH CHANGE TOOK PLACE WITHIN RULING FAMILY, AND REPRESENTED NO REAL SHIFT IN EXECUTIVE POWER, ANY PRECEDENTS FOR UNREST IN REGION WERE POTENTIALLY TROUBLESOME. GP-3.  
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