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SUBJECT: ARAB DUMMI CONFERENCE SHIFTED TO
 ALGERIA; SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER ASKS
 FOR PERMISSION TO QUOTE PART OF PRESIDENT'S
 LETTER TO HIM

REF: A) SECRETARY MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR
 060350Z FEB 74
 B) STATE 236510
 C) JIDDA 602

SUMMARY: ARAB SUMMIT WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE IN
 ALGIERS FEB 13 AND 14. SAUDIS CONFIDENT THAT
 AS A RESULT BOYCOTT WILL BE LIFTED. TO STRENGTHEN
 THEIR POSITION IN ALGIERS THEY ASK IF PRESIDENT
 WOULD AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF ASSURANCES THAT HE
 COMMITTED TO WORK FOR A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN
 MIDDLE EAST. END SUMMARY.

1. D SAYYID OMAR SAQQAF, SAUDI MINISTER OF STATE FOR
 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ASKED ME TO COME TO RIYADH THIS
 AFTERNOON (FEB 12). I MET HIM AT 6:30 (1530 GMT),
 JUST AFTER HE HAD LEFT KING FAISAL.

2. I WILL SEND DETAILS IN FOLLOWING MESSAGES BUT
 THE REASON FOR HIS URGENT CALL WAS FIRST TO INFORM ME THAT
 THE SUMMIT MEETING HAD BEEN SWITCHED TO ALGERIA.
 THE SAUDI TEAM WILL LEAVE TOMORROW MORNING, ARRIVING
 EARLY AFTERNOON IN ALGIERS (CIRCA 1600 GMT, FEB 13),
 DISCUSSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE THAT AFTERNOON AND THE
 MORNING OF FEB 14TH.

3. SAQQAF SAID THAT DOWMEIENE IS NOW FIRMLY IN FAVOR
 OF LIFTING THE BOYCOTT AND HE THINKS FAISAL, BOUMEDIENE, AND
 SADAT WILL BE ABLE TO BRING ASAD AROUND.

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