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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO SAQQAF ON OIL EMBARGO

REF: JIDDA 5770

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

1. YOU SHOULD DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO SAQQAF AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.
2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR OMAR: I HAVE RECEIVED FROM AMBASSADOR AKINS A DETAILED REPORT OF YOUR COMMENTS TO HIM ON DECEMBER 29 WITH RESPECT TO PRESIDENT NIXON'S LETTER TO HIS MAJESTY KING FAISAL AND MY LETTER TO YOU. I AM REPLYING IMMEDIATELY FROM SAN CLEMENTE BECAUSE I SENSE FROM YOUR REACTION THAT THERE MAY BE SOME MISUNDERSTANDING OF WHAT I INTENDED TO CONVEY IN MY LETTER.
3. MY LETTER TO YOU WAS WRITTEN AT THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL INSTRUCTIONS, PROMPTED BY AMBASSADOR AKINS. REPORT TO ME THAT YOU BELIEVED I HAD GIVEN PRESIDENT SADAT TO UNDERSTAND THAT A DELAY IN LIFTING THE EMBARGO WAS ACCEPTABLE TO THE UNITED STATES. I HAD PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO PRESIDENT NIXON YOUR PROMISE TO WORK FOR A LIFTING OF THE OIL EMBARGO AND YOUR CONFIDENCE THAT SOMETHING WOULD BE DONE. THE KUWAIT DECISION SEEMED TO THE PRESIDENT TO BE EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT HE HAD EXPECTED FROM MY REPORT TO HIM.

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