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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM MIN STATE SAQQAF TO SECRETARY

REF: (A) STATE 4344; (B) JIDDA 101

1. AMBASSADOR AKINS RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER DATED JANUARY 6 TO SECRETARY FROM MIN STATE SAQQAF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9. EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS; ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED TO MR. DICKMAN, NEA/ARP:

MY DEAR HENRY:

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER DATED JANUARY 1, AND FOR THE CLARIFICATIONS IT CONTAINED. I SINCERELY HOPE THAT YOUR MOST RECENT EFFORTS MAY PROMOTE THE SUCCESS OF THE GENEVA TALKS, ACHIEVE DISENGAGEMENT OF THE ARAB AND ISRAELI FORCES, AND BEGIN THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL FROM THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES.

WE STILL MAINTAIN OUR POSITION WHICH I PUT FORWARD IN MY LETTER TO YOU DATED 1/1/74 WHICH IS THAT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL TO THE MILTA PASSES IN SINAI AS THE BEGINNING OF COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL FROM THE OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS AND GRANTING THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE THEIR RIGHT TO SELF DETERMINATION IS NECESSARY SO THAT WE COULD LIFT THE BOYCOTT AFTER PREPARING THE ATMOSPHERE IN THE REGION.

I AM INDEED MINDFUL OF THE PRESSURES TO WHICH HE THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN EXPOSED BY HIS ANTAGONISTS IN CONGRESS AND OUTSIDE OF IT, AND I CONSIDER THAT THE SPEED WITH WHICH HIS EXCELLENCY MAY FIND THE JUST SOLUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM, WILL HAVE THE GREATEST EFFECT IN STAMPING OUT THESE HOSTILE VOICES.

IN CONCLUSION, I THANK YOUR EXCELLENCY FOR YOUR GOOD WISHES, AND HOPE TO HEAR GOOD AUGURIES FROM YOU ON THE ATTAINMENT OF THE DESIRED JUST STEELEMENT WHICH WE ALL WISH TO SEE COME ABOUT.

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