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1. Yemen Ambassador Ahmed Abdulrahman Al-Moallemi called this morning at his request. He said the purpose of his visit was a personal introduction, plus an official request that the United States restore its representation in Sana to a full Embassy. I explained the background of the decision on the level of United States representation as I understood it, but said I would query Washington.

2. The Ambassador responded that events surrounding the break in relations were regrettable but were not the fault of the present regime but, rather, had been dictated by the Egyptian military. He knew the Yemeni Government had apologized and made partial restitution. He noted the financial and economic situation of Yemen was such as to make it difficult to fully compensate the United States. He expressed appreciation for the United States famine relief through the World Food Program, but said his Government hoped bilateral assistance could be resumed. I replied that this was unlikely even if full relations were restored. I outlined the President's message on aid, including reliance on multilateral assistance. In response to my suggestion that Yemen look to international agencies for assistance, he replied these approaches had been made, but the Yemen Government and people had found United States bilateral assistance more efficient and effective than that of other nations and international bodies. Thus there was a great interest in having U.S. bilateral assistance. The Ambassador said the United States AID program had been very popular with the people of Yemen and the new Government hoped it could be renewed. I said this was unlikely due to

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Congressional reductions and the new direction proposed for the program, but that I would report his comments and request to Washington.

3. We discussed Yemen's relations with other countries. He said the Saudis have restored relations and agreements on Ambassadors have been exchanged. He also said the Saudis have promised economic assistance. He said Yemen wished to be truly non-aligned politically but was handicapped by the reluctance of Western countries to reestablish relations. He expected French and British Ambassadors to arrive soon, however. He spoke warmly of the Chief of the U.S. Interests Section McClintock, but reiterated the Y.A.R.G. wanted to exchange Ambassadors with the United States.

4. I would appreciate a brief on the state of play on our relations with the Yemen prior to my return of Ambassador Al-Moallemi's courtesy call.

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