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SUBJECT: YEMEN

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1. DURING MY FAREWELL AUDIENCE JULY 18, I ASKED KING FAISAL HOW HE SAW YEMENI SITUATION EVOLVING. FAISAL CONFIRMED THAT HIGH LEVEL YARI DELEGATION IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN JIDDA TUESDAY, JULY 21. HEADED BY AL-AINI, IT WILL INCLUDE AMRI, IBN AL-AHMAR AND ABOUT 20 YEMENI TRIBAL AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS. PURPOSE OF TALKS WILL BE TO REGULARIZE SAUDI-YEMENI RELATIONS. IF THEY SUCCEED, HE HOPED SAUDI RECOGNITION OF YARI MIGHT TAKE PLACE LATER THIS COMING WEEK.

2. I CONGRATULATED FAISAL ON THIS DEVELOPMENT AND SUGGESTED SAUDI HELP NOW NECESSARY TO ASSIST IN REBUILDING SHATTERED YEMENI ECONOMY. WHILE APPRECIATING SAG'S CURRENT FINANCIAL PROBLEMS, I HOPED HE WOULD ASSIST YARI TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE. FAISAL SIMPLY RESPONDED "WE WILL DO WHAT WE CAN." HE HOPED USG ALSO READY PROVIDE HELP. I TOLD HIM ABOUT FAMINE RELIEF GRAINS WHICH WE ARE CURRENTLY SENDING TO YEMEN. I NOTED THAT USG ENJOINED FROM VARIOUS OTHER TYPES OF ASSISTANCE BY ABSENCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH YEMEN AND EVEN MORE SO BY DWINDLING CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FOREIGN AID. I WAS SURE,

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HOWEVER, USG WOULD IN DUE COURSE WISH EXPLORE OTHER
POSSIBILITIES, BUT CAUTIONED HIM ANY USG ASSISTANCE TO
YEMEN LIKELY REMAIN MODEST.

3. EARLIER IN THE DAY RASHAD PHARAON HAD ALSO APPROACHED
ME ON USG ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN. HE MENTIONED EXPECTED YAR
DELEGATION AND HIS BELIEF SAUDI RECOGNITION MIGHT SOON TAKE
PLACE. NOW IS THE TIME, HE ARGUED, FOR USG AND OTHER
FRIENDS TO WORK TOGETHER TO STRENGTHEN ALPAINI GOVT. I
ASSURED HIM WE READY DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH SAUDIS AT ANY
TIME, BUT CAUTIONED PROSPECTS OF APPRECIABLE US AID ARE
NOT BRIGHT. WITH ITS DIRECT SECURITY INTEREST IN YEMEN,
I THOUGHT SAG SHOULD RECKON WITH BEING ONE OF PRINCIPAL
DONOR COUNTRIES IN ASSISTING YAR TO MAKE INTEGRATION WORK
AND TO STRENGTHEN YEMENI MODERATE ELEMENTS. GP-3.
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