SUBJ: SECVISIT ME: SECRETARY’S DISCUSSIONS IN RIYADH

FOLLOWING THOUGHTS SUPPLIED AS PERHAPS USEFUL FOR SECRETARY’S FORTHCOMING TALKS WITH KING FAISAL AND SAQQAF:

1. ZIONIST-COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY: SECRETARY WILL INEVITABLY BE EXPOSED TO FAISAL’S IDEA THAT THERE IS UNSEEN CONSPIRACY SPRINGING FROM FACT MOST EARLY MARXISTS WERE JEWISH AND THAT ZIONISM-COMMUNISM DEDICATED TO DESTRUCTION US INSTITUTIONS. POINTS IN RESPONSE CAN, OF COURSE, INCLUDE REFERENCES TO IMMENSE US SACRIFICES TO PREVENT SPREAD OF COMMUNISM THROUGHOUT GLOBE AND OUR CONTINUED DETERMINATION TO OPPOSE IT AS EVIDENCED BY US SUPPORT FOR Nato, MAINTENANCE OF SIXTH FLEET IN MEDITERRANEAN, ETC. BUT FAISAL TENDS BE TENACIOUS IN CITING BIBLIOGRAPHY AND OTHER TYPES OF REBUTTAL, AND DIALOGUE THIS TOPIC NOT VERY FRUITFUL. FAISAL AS DETERMINED ANTI-COMMUNIST, MAY EXPRESS CONCERN CHANGING US ATTITUDES TOWARD CHICOMS.

2. MORAL: DECADENCE IN US AND WEST: WITH QUITE CONVINCING
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ASSERTIONS OF DEEP INTEREST IN US WELFARE, FAISAL DECLARES HIS ACUTE CONCERN WITH MORAL DECADENCE (HIPPIES, TOO MUCH EXPLICIT SEX, ETC.) IN US AND FREE WORLD GENERALLY, WHICH HE SEES AS SAPPING OUR WILL AND CAPACITY RESIST COMMUNISM, SECRETARY COULD APPROPRIATELY WONDER IF FAISAL IS GETTING COMPLETE PICTURE OF MODERN AMERICAN LIFE AND REMIND KING SUCH THINGS AS VIGOROUS POSITIVE IMPULSES AMONG AMERICAN YOUTH (RECENT WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON YOUTH) WHICH WE SEE COMING ON STRONGLY, FLAMBOYANCE, SMALL PUBLICITY AND SENSATION-SEEKG GROUPS NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF FUNDAMENTALS OF AMERICAN LIFE AGAIN, FAISAL'S DEFINITION OF "MORALITY" (STRICT ADHERENCE TO ISLAMIC ASCETICISM AND PRACTICE) IS SO DIFFERENT FROM OURS THAT DIALOGUE ON SUBJECT IS DIFFICULT. YET HE SUPPORTS MANY TYPES OF REFORM, I.E., EDUCATION FOR WOMEN, IMPROVED SAUDI JUSTICE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GENERALLY SAQOAF HAS GREAT PRIDE IN TRADITIONS OF ISLAM AND SAUDI SOCIETY BUT IS MUCH MORE IMPATIENT THAN HIS BOSS WITH SUCH OUTWORN SAUDI INSTITUTIONS AS EXISTENCE OF RELIGIOUS POLICE, ETC.

3. ARAB-ISRAEL TOPIC WILL, NO DOUBT, TAKE UP MUCH OF AVAILABLE TIME AND WILL BE LAUNCHED AS SOON AS SECRETARY EXPLAINS MAIN PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP. BOTH FAISAL AND SAQOAF HAVE DEEPLY EMOTIONAL, SOMEWHAT SIMPLISTIC VIEWS AS ARABS WHO RESENT THE HUMILIATION THAT ISRAEL'S VERY EXISTENCE REPRESENTS, AS GOOD FRIENDS OF US WHO SUFFER EMBARRASSMENT IN RELATIONS WITH FELLOW ARABS BECAUSE OF USA'S CLOSE TIES WITH ENEMY ISRAEL, AND FROM CONVICTIO THAT ISRAEL'S POLICIES CONSTITUTE MAIN ROUTE BY WHICH RUSSIANS AND COMMUNIST HAVE BEEN ABLE PENETRATE ME. FAISAL'S REFUSAL ENDORSE UN RESOLUTIONS OR PARTICIPATE PUBLICLY IN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS IS EMOTIONALLY SATISFYING AS WELL AS IN HIS ESTIMATION POLITICALLY SHREWD SINE HE SEES RISKS OF A MORE ACTIVE ROLE FOR SAUDI ARABIA ON THIS ISSUE FAR OUTWEIGH WHETHER EVER GAINS. HIS RATHER LIMITED INFLUENCE MIGHT ACHIEVE, SAUDIS WILL BE LOOKING, OF COURSE, FOR ASSURANCE AS TO STRENGTH OUR PERSUASIVE EFFORTS WITH ISRAEL, AFTER HE HEARS YOUR EXPLANATION OF OUR APPROACH TO NEGOTIATIONS HE MAY SIMPLY REITERATE WARNINGS OR, ON OTHER HAND, DO AS HE HAS ON ONE OR TWO OTHER OCCASIONS, INDICATE HE WILL NOT OBJECT.

NOT TO BE REPRODUCED WITHOUT THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
TO WHATEVER SOLUTION ARAB STATES' BORDERING ON ISRAEL MAY AGREE TO EXCEPT ON SUBJECT OF JERUSALEM WHERE HE INSISTS EMPHATICALLY ARAB TERRITORIES MUST BE RETURNED* BOTH HE AND SAQQAF CAN BE EXPECTED UTTER DIRE WARNINGS AS TO INEVITABLE SAUDI INVOLVEMENT AND COMMITMENT TO ARAB SIDE SHOULD WAR BREAK OUT AGAIN* SAQQAF IN PARTICULAR WILL WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT SAUDI ARABIA SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS SLIGHTEST BIT "SOFT" ON SUBJECT OF ISRAEL OR ANY LESS CRITICAL OF US ON THIS TOPIC THAN OTHER ARABS* YET SAQQAF HAS FREQUENTLY VOICED HIS WARM PERSONAL RESPECT FOR SECRETARY AND MR. SISCO AND ASSERTS HE UNDERSTANDS IMMENSITY OF EFFORT THEY MAKING* OTHER PRINCES, IN THESE DAYS LESSENED TENSION, NOT SO EAGER RAISE SUBJECT OF ISRAEL THOUGH THEY WILL ALWAYS RESPOND EMPHATICALLY IF SUBJECT BROACHED TO THEM* SAUDIS ACCORDINGLY DO NOT APPRECIATE EXPLICIT Expressions OF GRATITUDE FOR THEIR "RESTRAINT" ON SUBJECT THOUGH IN FACT THEIR MANAGEMENT OF THEIR OWN PRESS HAS SHOWN RESTRAINT AND THEY HAVE DONE NOTHING OBSTRUCT NEGOTIATIONS* WE HAVE REPEATEDLY TOLD FAISAL WE RESPECT HIS "WISE COUNSEL" BUT WHEN I TOLD HIM THIS ONCE HE REPLIED* "YES, BUT YOU DON'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO MY ADVICE*"