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ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

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WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

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TO THE WHITE HOUSE

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FM AMBASSADOR AKINS JIDDA 389
TO THE WHITE HOUSE, FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT
S E C R E T JIDDA 5929
EYES ONLY FOR SCOWCROFT, NSC, FROM THE AMBASSADOR
REF: JIDDA 5928

1. PRINCE SULTAN, SAUDI MINISTER OF DEFENSE, WHO IS HANDLING THE SAUDI SIDE OF THE U.S.-SAUDI JOINT EFFORT AGAINST SOUTH YEMEN TOLD ME TODAY (24 NOV) THAT HE WAS NOT RPT NOT PLEASED WITH PROGRESS THAT IS BEING MADE. IN FACT, HE SAID, THERE "WAS TOTAL ABSENCE OF MOVEMENT."

2. SULTAN SAID THAT THE PROPOSED EGYPTIAN-KUWAITI MEDIATION EFFORT HAS NOT GOTTEN OFF THE GROUND AND DOES NOT SEEM TO BE PROGRESSING AS FAST AS IT SHOULD; INDEED, "IT IS NOT PROGRESSING AT ALL".

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3. SULTAN SAID THAT ONCE THE SUEZ CANAL IS OPEN (AND PRINCE FAHD SAID THE SAME THING A DAY EARLIER) THE SOUTH YEMEN GOVERNMENT WILL BE GIVEN A STRONG ECONOMIC BOOST; THAT IT WILL TAKE CREDIT FOR THIS ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT AND THEREBY WILL BE STRENGTHENED. IT WILL VERY LIKELY THEN TRY TO ELIMINATE THOSE MODERATE ELEMENTS IN THE COUNTRY WHO FAVOR A MORE COOPERATIVE APPROACH TOWARD SAUDI ARABIA AND THE WEST.

4. SULTAN URGED MORE RAPID ACTION. SULTAN SAID IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT THE GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH YEMEN BE CHANGED EITHER THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS OR BY A COUP WITHIN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS.

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5. COMMENT: IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT THE SAUDIS ARE FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DELAYS IN MOVEMENT BUT THERE IS NO DOUBT THE SAUDIS ARE ANXIOUS TO DO SOMETHING AND THAT THEY WILL FOLLOWOUR LEAD IN JUST ABOUT ANYTHING WE SUGGEST.

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