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 S E C R E T STATE 195319 TOSEC 090032
 NODIS
 KFOL AMMAN 5551 SENT ACTION SECSTATE AUG 18; REPEATED TO YOU
 QUOTE
 S E C R E T AMMAN 5551
 NODIS
 FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR
 E.O. 11652: GDS
 TAGS: QVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)
 SUBJECT: SECVISIT: MESSAGE FOR KING
 REF: STATE 195286
 1. WAS ABLE TO CONTACT RIFAI SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL
 REFTEL LATE EVENING. KING TIED UP BUT WILL BE
 IN TOUCH WITH HIM TODAY.
 2. RIFAI SAID THAT YOU ARE MOST WELCOME ANY TIME
 AND THAT HE IS VERY PLEASED WITH THE NEWS.
 3. WENT OVER PENDING TRAVEL COMMITMENTS AND OTHER
 VISITOR SCHEDULES WITH RIFAI FOR PERIOD AUGUST 23
 THROUGH 31. BEST TIME PERIOD IS AUGUST 25-27
 FOR GOJ WITH POSSIBILITY OF AUGUST 29-30 ALSO.
 FOLLOWING ARE PRESENT PLANS: KING RETURNS FROM
 OFFICIAL VISIT TO SYRIA AUGUST 22, DEPARTURE MOVED
 UP TO TODAY AUGUST 18 FROM YESTERDAY. MORNING
 AUGUST 23, LT. COL. HAMDI, PRESIDENT NORTH YEMEN,
 ARRIVES AND REMAINS UNTIL AFTERNOON 24TH. ONLY OTHER
 VISITOR IS TURKISH-CYPRIOI LEADER DENKTASH WHO WILL
 BE HERE ON 28 AUGUST AND RIFAI SAID IF YOUR SCHEDULE
 MADE VISIT ON THAT DATE NECESSARY, IT COULD BE
 WORKED OUT.
 4. RIFAI ASKED IF MRS. KISSINGER IS COMING. ALSO,
 EARLIER WHEN NEWS FIRST BECAME INCREASINGLY CURRENT
 IN PRESS, HE SAID YOU WOULD BE WELCOME IN EITHER AMMAN OR
 AQABA. I HAVE NOT RAISED QUESTION WITH HIM IN
 CONNECTION WITH REFTEL ALTHOUGH WILL BE SEEING HIM
 AT 10:00 AM LOCAL AUGUST 18 ON ANOTHER SUBJECT AND
 IT MAY COME UP THEN. AQABA HAS ADVANTAGES IN TERMS OF
 INFORMALITY AND GENERAL TRANQUILITY. ALSO CROWN
 PRINCE'S GUEST HOUSE IN AMMAN MAY WELL BE USED BY
 CROWN PRINCE HASSAN BECAUSE HIS OWN RESIDENCE WILL
 BE UNDERGOING REPAIRS. CONVENIENT ALTERNATIVES
 HOWEVER ARE AVAILABLE IN AMMAN. AS FOR AQABA,
 IT CAN BE WARM IN AUGUST WITH DAYTIME (IN THE SHADE)
 TEMPERATURES IN UPPER 30'S LOW 40'S CENTIGRADE--
 OVER 100 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT. REMOTENESS MAKES
 COMMUNICATIONS SOMEWHAT UNRELIABLE UNLESS NEW
 MICROWAVE LINK BEING CONSTRUCTED WILL BE READY
 IN TIME FOR VISIT. PRESS ACCOMMODATIONS SHORT AND FILING DIFFICULT.
 GRATEFUL FOR ANY THOUGHTS OR REACTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ON THIS QUESTION
 FOR MY GUIDANCE. PICKERING UNQUOTE SISCO
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