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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH IRAQINT CHIEF AL-OMAR

REF: BAGHDAD 972

1. (S - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. ON APRIL 17, MY FIRST DAY BACK IN THE OFFICE, I INVITED ZUHAIR AL-OMAR, CHIEF OF IRAQINT, TO COME BY FOR A BRIEFING ON MY VISIT TO BAGHDAD. NAT HOWELL AND MARK WIZNITZER SAT IN ON THE MEETING. I REVIEWED FOR AL-OMAR THE CONTENTS OF THE SECRETARY'S LETTER TO FM HAMMADI AND THE LATTER'S INITIAL REACTION TO IT. IN REVIEWING WITH AL-OMAR THE TOPICS WHICH I DISCUSSED WITH AL-SAHAF AND HAMMADI, I FOLLOWED, GENERALLY, THE LINES OF REFTEL, STRESSING THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

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-- HAMMADI'S AGREEMENT TO KEEP AN OPEN MIND TOWARD U.S.

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EFFORTS TO CHANGE POSITIVELY THE STATUS QUO IN THE MIDDLE EAST:

-- IRAQI INTEREST IN SUPPORT FOR INCREASED TRADE WITH THE U.S.:

-- THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S DESIRE FOR IMPROVED TIES, INCLUDING VISITS, REGULAR MEETINGS AND CONCOMITANT EXPANSION, AS NECESSARY, OF INTERESTS SECTIONS IN WASHINGTON AND BAGHDAD.

3. I ASSURED AL-OMAR THAT I WAS EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH MY VISIT, FRIENDLY RECEPTION AND CANDID EXCHANGES. I LET AL-OMAR KNOW THAT I INFORMED HAMMADI WE WERE PLEASED WITH HIS APPOINTMENT TO WASHINGTON. AL-OMAR ASKED IF YOU WERE PLEASED WITH YOUR SITUATION IN BAGHDAD AND I RESPONDED POSITIVELY, MENTIONING HAMMADI'S WARM COMMENTS, AND YOUR INCREASED IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL AND RECENT VISIT TO MOSUL, ON THE OCCASION OF THE SPRING FAIR, WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY.

4. I THINK THAT AL-OMAR GREATLY APPRECIATED THIS MEETING AND MY EFFORT TO PERSONALLY INFORM HIM OF DEVELOPMENTS SURROUNDING MY VISIT, WHICH WAS PROMINENTLY PUBLICIZED HERE BY THE MEDIA. IT ALSO PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO MAKE A STRONG PITCH FOR THE U.S. COMPANY BIDDING ON THE METRO PROJECT (SEPTEL REPORTS EARLIER MEETING WITH COMPANY OFFICIALS). HAIG

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