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E.O. 12065: RDS 4/20/01 (EAGLETON, WILLIAM L.) OR-H
TAGS: PEPR
SUBJ: LETTER TO THE SECRETARY FROM IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTER HAMHADI

1. (SECRET.- ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. ON APRIL 19 I WAS CALLED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY BY HEAD OF THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT, MUHAMMAD SA'ID AL SAHF, AT WHICH TIME HE HANDED ME A SIGNED LETTER FROM IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTER HAMHADI TO SECRETARY HAIG (ORIGINAL BY POUCH). THIS FRIENDLY AND NON-CONTENTIOUS LETTER (FULL TEXT BELOW) REPLIES TO THE SECRETARY'S LETTER TO HAMHADI DELIVERED BY DAS DRAPER ON APRIL 12.

3. AFTER READING COPY OF HAMHADI'S LETTER TO THE SECRETARY I OBSERVED THAT WE HAD NOW ESTABLISHED A TWO-WAY CORRESPONDENCE WHICH COULD BE USEFUL IN THE FUTURE. SAHF AGREED THAT THIS CHANNEL SHOULD BE KEPT OPEN. I TOLD HIM DAS DRAPER HAD BEEN VERY SATISFIED WITH HIS RECEPTION IN BAGHDAD AND HIS MEETINGS AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. SAHF REPLIED THAT IRAQ WAS ALSO VERY HAPPY WITH THE VISIT.

4. NOW THAT A CHANNEL TO HAMHADI HAS BEEN OPENED,
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I SUGGEST AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY BE FOUND FOR ME TO

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DELIVER ANOTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY, PERHAPS OF THE TYPE THAT WOULD BEGIN "I HAVE ASKED MR. EAGLETON TO BRIEF YOU ON".

5. TEXT OF HAMHADI'S LETTER FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT

"DEAR MR. SECRETARY, I WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS THE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER DATED 13 APRIL 1981, DELIVERED BY MR. MORRIS DRAPER. I APPRECIATE YOUR KIND REFERENCE TO IRAQ AND ITS CAPACITY TO INFLUENCE MAJOR TRENDS IN THE REGION. AT OUR MEETING ON THE 12TH OF APRIL, MR. DRAPER GAVE ME AN ACCOUNT OF YOUR RECENT VISITS TO OUR REGION AND THE MAIN FEATURES OF UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARDS THE AREA AS PERCEIVED BY THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN TO YOUR ENVOY IRAQ'S FRANK VIEWS ON THE MAJOR ISSUES IN THE REGION AND WHAT WE CONSIDER PRACTICAL AND REASONABLE WITH REGARD TO THE THREATS CONFRONTING IT AND HOW BEST TO COUNTER THEM. WE ALSO HAD A USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE POSSIBILITIES FOR DEVELOPING AND STRENGTHENING OUR ECONOMIC AND TRADE RELATIONS. I WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO RECEIVE YOUR ASSURANCES THAT THERE WILL BE NO AMERICAN ARMS SALES TO THE IRANIAN REGIME." END TEXT. EAGLETON

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