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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 12801 R05 3 (NEUMANN, ROBERT G.) ORAM

TAGS: HOPF, WILY, MNUC, IS, IZ, SA

SUBJECT: ISRAELI RAYD INTO IRAQ

REF: STATE 148347

1. (SENTINEL TEXT.)

2. GIVEN HIGHLY EMOTIONAL CHARACTER OF ANY EVENT INVOLVING NUCLEAR MATERIALS--LET ALONE A HOSTILE ONE-- MY INSTRUCTIONS REPTL ARE INSUFFICIENTLY STRONG TO PROTECT U.S. NATIONAL INTEREST.

3. FROM STANDPOINT OF SAUDIS, ISRAELI ATTACK CAN ONLY BE REGARDED AS ACT OF WAR ALSO INVOLVING VIOLATIONS OF THEIR SOVEREIGNTY. IN OUR COURSE, SAUDIS ARE LIKELY TO RELATE THIS ATTACK TO REPEATED VIOLATIONS OF THEIR NORTHERN AIRSPACE, SUCH AS OCCURRED APRIL 18 (JIODA 3000), AND CONCLUDE THAT THEIR AIRSPACE, LIKE THAT OF LEBANON, WILL BE USED FREELY BY ISRAELIS TO PURSUE THEIR OBJECTIVES IN RELATION TO IRAQ. IN ADDITION, TIMING, AND ROUTING OF ATTACK OVER SAUDI ARABIA, WILL BE SEEN BY SAUDIS AS ISRAELI UNDERMINING OF THEIR MEDIATION EFFORTS IN LEBANON. PRIME MINISTER BEGIN HAS, WITHIN PAST WEEK, SAID THAT ISRAEL IS IN VIRTUAL ALLIANCE WITH U.S. THEREFORE, MERE DENIAL THAT WE HAD ADVANCE WARNING, COUPLED WITH YET ANOTHER APPEAL FOR CALM AND CONTINUED COOPERATION, WILL AROUSE SAUDI SUSPICION THAT, IN SITUATION INVOLVING SAUDI SECURITY, U.S. WILL NOT REACT IN TIMELY AND DECISIVE FASHION. WE MUST, THEREFORE, PRESENT STRONGER POSITION TO SAUDIS AND OTHER FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS--AS WELL AS PUBLICALLY--FROM OUTSET OR WE WILL LOSE OUR CREDITIBILITY AND WILL BE IRRETRIEVABLY IDENTIFIED IN POPULAR ARAB MIND

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SITE RA/NAN, COL, VP, JP
EOPS: KEMP, TANTER, SCHWEITZER,
WHOR COMMENTS:

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BY dlb, NARA, DATE 6/7/00

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WITH THIS DESO.

4. MESSAGE TO FAHO GIVEN REPTIL CANNOT BE DELIVERED TO
HIM FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER HOUR, I.E., UNTIL ABOUT 0800 GMT,
THEREFORE, I REQUEST REACTION AND FURTHER GUIDANCE SOONEST,
NEUMANN
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