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TO IMMEDIATE BAGHDAD
TELEGRAM NUMBER 487 OF 10 NOV 80
REPEATED TO (FOR INFO) IMMEDIATE BAHRAIN, AMMAN
SPARKES

for Hurd

1. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS AGREED TO SEND A MESSAGE OF THANKS TO PRESIDENT SADDAM HUSSEIN. YOU SHOULD ARRANGE FOR THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO BE DELIVERED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE :

QUOTE I AM DELIGHTED THAT MR SPARKES HAS BEEN RELEASED. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR MAKING THIS GESTURE OF CLEMENCY WHICH WE SEE AS A FURTHER POSITIVE STEP TOWARDS IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I HAVE ALSO BEEN ENCOURAGED BY THE WARM PERSONAL REMARKS WHICH YOU MADE TO MR EGERTON WHEN HE PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS ON 29 OCTOBER. I WANT, AS I KNOW YOU DO, TO SEE OUR RELATIONS EXPAND AND PROSPER. WE HAVE MANY COMMON INTERESTS AND MUCH TO GAIN FROM CLOSER LINKS. WE MUST BOTH WORK TO THIS END. UNQUOTE.

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