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MY TEL 4154: IRAQ/IRAN/SAUDI ARABIA - AWACS

1. STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE TOLD US THAT THE KUWAITIS HAVE ALREADY PUT OUT A FEELER ABOUT ACCESS TO INTELLIGENCE FROM THE AWACS. OTHER GULF STATES ARE THOUGHT LIKELY TO FOLLOW SUIT SOON. PROVIDED THE SAUDIS AGREE (THEIR VIEWS ARE BEING SOUGHT TODAY), STATE DEPARTMENT AT WORKING LEVEL ARE INCLINED TO ACCEDE TO SUCH REQUESTS, DESPITE THE POTENTIAL RISK OF COMPROMISING DECLARED US NEUTRALITY BETWEEN IRAQ AND IRAN IF ANY AWACS INTELLIGENCE FINDS ITS WAY TO BAGHDAD.
2. OTHER US GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL BE INVOLVED BEFORE A FINAL DECISION IS TAKEN.

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