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UKMIS NEW YORK, AMMAN, DAMASCUS, KUWAIT, ABU DHABI, DUBAI,

BAHRAIN AND DOHA

IRAN/IRAQ: US POSITION

1. WARREN CHRISTOPHER (DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE), YESTERDAY SET OUT CURRENT US THINKING IN A SPEECH IN BOSTON. SUMMARY IN M I F T, TEXT BY BAG (NOT TO ALL).

2. THE PRESS HAS PICKED OUT THE REFERENCES TO THE US BEING WILLING TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM NON-BELLIGERENTS IN THE AREA WHO FEEL THREATENED BY THE CONFLICT. THE NEW YORK TIMES ALSO REPORTS THAT US AMBASSADORS IN SUCH COUNTRIES AS OMAN, KUWAIT AND THE UAE HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONVEY TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS US READINESS TO SUPPLY THEM WITH INFORMATION FROM THE AWACS OPERATING FROM SAUDI ARABIA, MORE AWACS FOR THEMSELVES, GROUND RADAR AND OTHER DEFENSIVE EQUIPMENT TO HELP PROTECT THEM AGAINST IRANIAN AIR ATTACK, PROVIDED THAT RECIPIENTS AVOIDED DIRECT OR INDIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN THE CONFLICT.

3. THE PRESS ALSO REPORTS THAT, AS PART OF THE POLICY OF DISCOURAGING THIRD COUNTRY INVOLVEMENT IN THE WAR, THE US HAD COMMUNICATED CLEARLY AND EMPHATICALLY TO JORDAN THEIR UNHAPPINESS WITH THE CURRENT ATTITUDE IN AMMAN, BUT THAT THIS HAD HAD LITTLE EFFECT.

4. IT WAS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY BY THE PENTAGON THAT GENERAL PIOTROWSKI, THE US COMMANDER OF ALL AIR DEFENCE SQUADRONS, HAD ARRIVED IN SAUDI ARABIA WITH A 20-MAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM. HE WOULD BE MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT AND TO WASHINGTON ON

- (I) INTEGRATING THE US AIR-DEFENCE SYSTEMS INTO THE SAUDI NETWORK;  
AND
- (II) IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE REST OF THE SAUDI AIR-DEFENCE NETWORK.

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AND DOHA (REPEATED AS REQUESTED)

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IRAQ/IRAN STANDARD

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