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FROM RIYADH
TO FLASH FCO
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The Kuwaiti request. We have announced that we now have the legal basis to justify interdiction of shipping.

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MIPT: YOUR TELNO 415 AND WASHINGTON TELNO 1908:

KUWAITI REQUEST FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

TEXT AS FOLLOWS:

FROM: STATE OF KUWAIT
— AMIRI DIWAN

TO: THE RIGHT HONOURABLE MRS MARGARET THATCHER
— PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
LONDON

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS THE GRATIFICATION OF MY GOVERNMENT WITH THE DETERMINED ACTIONS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OTHER NATIONS HAVE TAKEN AND ARE UNDERTAKING AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT TO DEAL WITH IRAQI AGGRESSION AGAINST KUWAIT. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THESE EFFORTS BE CARRIED FORWARD AND THAT THE DECISION OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL BE FULLY AND PROMPTLY ENFORCED. I THEREFORE REQUEST ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT AND IN THE EXERCISE OF THE INHERENT RIGHT OF INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE SELF DEFENCE AS RECOGNISED IN ARTICLE 51 OF THE UN CHARTER THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM TAKE SUCH MILITARY OR OTHER STEPS AS ARE NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT ECONOMIC MEASURES DESIGNED TO FULLY RESTORE OUR RIGHTS ARE EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENTED.

AMIR OF THE STATE OF KUWAIT

JABEL AL AHMAD AL SABAH

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