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FROM RIYADH 171948Z OCT 84  
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INFO PRIORITY JEDDA

BNOC PRICES : YOUR TELNO 416 TO JEDDA  
FROM AMBASSADOR IN RIYADH

1. I SPOKE THIS EVENING TO SHEIKH YAMANI AND CONVEYED TO HIM THE TEXT IN YOUR TELNO 417.
2. YAMANI THANKED ME FOR MR WALKER'S MESSAGE BUT SAID IT CAME AS A SUPRISE TO HIM AND THAT HE COULD FRANKLY SEE NO JUSTIFICATION FOR BNOC'S MOVE AT A TIME WHEN THE OIL MARKET COULD BE EXPECTED TO STRENGTHEN. HE SAID THAT HE HAD ALREADY TRIED TO CONTACT MR WALKER BY TELEPHONE TODAY AND HOPED TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK TO HIM SOON IN ORDER TO DISCUSS HIS MESSAGE WITH HIM. I TOLD HIM THAT I WAS OF COURSE AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS THE MESSAGE FURTHER WITH HIM MYSELF , BUT HE WAS IN SOMETHING OF A HURRY AND HAS NOT TAKEN UP THE OFFER.
3. I AM ARRANGING FOR TEXT OF MESSAGE TO BE DELIVERED IN WRITING TO SHEIKH YAMANI .

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