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1. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBOFF OCT 16, DEP CHIEF OF ROYAL DIWAN MANSOUR KHURAJI INDICATED THAT THERE MIGHT BE FURTHER COMMUNICATION FOR USG FROM SAG THOUGH NO INDICATION OF WHAT OR WHEN.

2. EMBOFF REPORTS ALSO, THAT ON BASIS DISCUSSIONS WITH KHURAJI AND OTHER SAG OFFICIALS, SAUDS EMPHASIS NOT SO MUCH THAT US AT FAULT BUT MERELY THAT DIRECTION THINGS NOW HEADING PROMISE LITTLE BENEFIT EITHER FOR US, OR FOR ANY-ONE ELSE IN ME. HE TOLD BY GOOD SOURCE THAT AT RAMADAN PARTY NIGHT OF OCT 15 (WHICH INCLUDED VARIOUS PRINCES AND DIWAN FIGURES), THERE WAS NO VISIBLE ANGER AT US ANNOUNCEMENTS, BUT RATHER GENUINE EXPRESSION OF SORROW THAT USG MOVE HAD SET COURSE FOR INEVITABLE DIVERGENCE OF INTERESTS OF US AND SAG.

3. "MORE IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER" ATTITUDE EVIDENT ALSO IN MANNER OF PRINCE NAWWAF AND ROYAL COUNSELOR PHARAON WHEN KING'S LETTER (REFTEL) PRESENTED. DURING READING OF LETTER, PHARAON REMOVED HIS GLASSES AND COVERED HIS FACE WITH HANDS IN GESTURE OF ANGUISH. WOULD GUESS FROM ABOVE THIS REPRESENTS OFFICIAL ATTITUDE: DIE HAS BEEN CAST; IT OBVIOUS SAG DOES NOT EXPECT POSITIVE REPLY TO FAISAL'S LETTER, WHICH WOULD BE ONLY WAY, FROM SAG POINT OF VIEW, FOR US/SAG TO GET BACK ON SAME TRACK. AKINS

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