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SPACE CAPSULE

JIDDA 4429 AND 4181

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DOES NOT APPLY

1. WHEN MEETING WITH SAQQAF TODAY I BRIEFED HIM ON MY TALK WITH PRINCE SULTAN RE SPACE CAPSULE (JIDDA 4429). SAQQAF SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH KING FAISAL WHO HAD TAKEN AN UNEXPECTEDLY ADAMANT STAND. KING HAD INFORMED HIM THAT CAPSULE IS NO LONGER IN BIN JILUVI'S OFFICE IN DAMMAM, BUT HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO HIS OFFICE IN RIYADH. KING HAD CONTENDED THERE NO RPT NO EVIDENCE CAPSULE BELONGS TO US AND HAD EXPRESSED ANNOYANCE THAT ARAMCO SHOULD HAVE TOLD US ABOUT IT. AS OF THIS TIME KING INTENDS TO KEEP CAPSULE.

2. DRAWING ON SECSTATE 176782, I EXPLAINED OUR BELIEF THAT OBJECT IS PRESSURE BOTTLE FROM AMERICAN-LAUNCHED SATELLITE. WHILE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION POSSIBLE ONLY ON EXAMINATION BY EXPERT, I SAID NUMBERING ON OBJECT LEADS US TO BELIEVE THIS IS THE CASE. I STRESSED VALUE OF EXAMINATION OF SUCH OBJECT FOR EXPERIMENTAL PURPOSES. I ALSO NOTED SAG AMONG THOSE WHO HAD VOTED FOR "DECLARATION OF LEGAL PRINCIPLES GOVERNING ACTIVITIES OF STATES IN EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE", WHICH UNGA ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY IN 1963. SAQQAF INITIALLY HAD THIS CONFUSED WITH OUTER SPACE TREATY AND ASSISTANCE AND RETURN AGREEMENT, WHICH HE SAID SAG HAS NOT SIGNED AND DOES NOT PLAN TO SIGN. I WAS ABLE STRAIGHTEN HIM OUT THAT 1963 DECLARATION DIFFERENT, BUT ALSO URGED

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THAT SAG NOT REJECT OUT OF HAND ADHERENCE TO OUTER SPACE TREATY AND ASSISTANCE AND RETURN AGREEMENT. HE TOOK NOTES AND AGREED AGAIN RAISE MATTER OF SPACE CAPSULE WITH KING FAISAL AT SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY.

3. FAISAL IS VERY INTERESTED IN OUTER SPACE DEVELOPMENTS AND SPACE CAPSULE SEEMS TO HAVE CAPTIVATED HIM. HE IS ALSO IN BAD MOOD AT THE MOMENT BECAUSE OF ARAB-ISRAELI DEVELOPMENTS, WHICH MAKES IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR HIS ADVISORS TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF THIS SORT WITH HIM. SINCE HE NOW REPORTEDLY HAS CAPSULE, I SHALL LOOK FOR SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY RAISE MATTER. WITH KING'S POSSESSIVE INSTINCTS APPARENTLY AROUSED, HE IS LIKELY TO BE STUBBORN. WOULD OUR PURPOSE BE SERVED BY ASKING KING'S APPROVAL TO ALLOW QUALIFIED USAF EXPERT EXAMINE IT AND UNDERTAKE NECESSARY TESTING HERE?
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