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BEIRUT FOR TOM MILLER IN RUMSFELD PARTY

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SUBJECT: DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

1. (S - ENTIRE TEXT).
2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE WHICH AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD WOULD DELIVER TO SADDAM HUSSEIN IF HE RECEIVES AN APPOINTMENT. AMBSSADOR RUMSFELD HAS CLEARED THIS TEXT, WHICH HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOR APPROVAL. YOU SHOULD DO NOTHING WITH THE FOLLOWING TEXT UNTIL YOU HEAR FROM US.
3. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

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I HAVE ASKED AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD TO DELIVER THIS MESSAGE TO YOU BECAUSE I HAVE BECOME CONVINCED OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE IRAQ CAN PLAY IN HELPING BRING GREATER PEACE TO THE MIDDLE EAST. I HAVE ASKED AMBASSDOR RUMSFELD TO BRIEF YOU ON OUR DEALINGS WITH THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT IN LEBANON. I ASSURE YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL LOOK TO EVERY MEANS AVAILABLE TO RESTORE LEBANON TO HEALTH.

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I HAVE BEEN CONCERNED THAT FAILURE TO FIND AN EARLY RESOLUTION TO THE IRAN-IRAQ WAR COULD POSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR THE ECONOMIC AND SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES, ITS FRIENDS IN THE REGION, AND THE FREE WORLD. THE CONTINUATION OF THIS WAR ALSO IMPEDES THE QUEST FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT. FOR THESE REASONS, AS WELL AS OUR SINCERE REGRET FOR THE CONTINUING TRAGIC WASTE OF IRAQI AND IRANIAN LIVES AND RESOURCES, THE UNITED STATES STRONGLY DESIRES AN END TO THE IRAN-IRAQ WAR.

I HAVE NO ILLUSIONS THAT THE MANY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN IRAQ AND THE UNITED STATES CAN BE EASILY OR QUICKLY RESOLVED. HOWEVER, I AM GRATIFIED THAT THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN US, LABORIOUSLY AND PATIENTLY NURTURED, HAS IMPROVED OUR UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER. THE UNITED STATES STANDS READY TO EXCHANGE AMBASSADORS TO MAKE FORMAL RECOGNITION OF THIS FACT WHENEVER YOU DECIDE THAT SUCH A STEP WILL SUPPORT THE INTERESTS OF YOUR COUNTRY. UNTIL THEN, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO CONTINUING AND IMPROVING OUR DIALOGUE.

SINCERELY,  
RONALD REAGAN. END TEXT

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4. BEIRUT MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

5. YOU MAY WISH TO USE THE LEAD TIME THIS ADVANCE COPY PROVIDES YOU TO BEGIN IN-HOUSE TRANSLATION, BUT DO NOT REPEAT NOT DISCUSS LETTER OUTSIDE EMBASSY OR WITH NON-AMERICAN PERSONNEL.

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