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FOR AMB RUMSFELD'S PARTY: FOR TOM MILLER

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SUBJ: TALKING POINTS FOR AMB RUMSFELD'S MEETING WITH
TARIQ AZIZ AND SADDAM HUSSEIN

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2. WE ANTICIPATE TWO MEETINGS IN BAGHDAD, THE FIRST WITH DEPUTY
PM AND FORMINISTER AZIZ AND THE SECOND WITH PRESIDENT SADDAM
HUSSEIN. I DO NOT BELIEVE THERE ARE LIMITS ON NUMBERS OF US
PARTICIPANTS IN THE TARIQ AZIZ MEETING SO AMB RUMSFELD SHOULD
INDICATE HIS PREFERENCE RE THE AMERICAN SIDE. HOWEVER, UNDERSEC
SAHHAF TOLD US THE IRAQI PRACTICE IS THAT ONLY THE VISITOR
AND THE LOCAL CHIEF OF MISSION WOULD ATTEND A MEETING WITH SADDAM
HUSSEIN. WHEN I SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY OF PELLETREAU
ALSO ATTENDING, HE SAID THIS COULD BE CONSIDERED. IF AMB RUMSFELD
WANTS PELLETREAU OR SOMEONE ELSE TO ATTEND, WE CAN RENEW THE
REQUEST.

3. THE SECRETARY AND A NUMBER OF AMERICAN VISITORS HAVE MET
WITH TARIQ AZIZ DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS, AND I HAVE RELATIVELY
EASY ACCESS TO HIM. HENCE, HE IS ACCUSTOMED TO A RELAXED GIVE-
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AND-TAKE WITH AMERICANS. WITH SADDAM HUSSEIN, HOWEVER, THIS WILL
BE A FIRST. HE HAS PREVIOUSLY MET PRESS REPS AND AT LEAST ONE
CONGRESSMAN (SOLARZ IN AUG 82) BUT HE HAS NOT RECEIVED A REP OF
THE EXECUTIVE SIDE OF THE USG. HENCE, A MAJOR OBJECTIVE IN

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THE MEETING WITH SADDAM IS TO INITIATE A DIALOGUE AND ESTABLISH PERSONAL RAPPOR. IN THAT MEETING AMB RUMSFELD WILL WANT TO EMPHASIZE HIS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN AND THE PRESIDENT'S INTEREST IN REGIONAL ISSUES. IN BOTH MEETINGS QUESTIONS ARE ALMOST AS IMPORTANT AS ANSWERS, SO SEVERAL HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING POINTS (REQUESTED BY AMB RUMSFELD) WHICH ARE FOR BOTH MEETINGS:

I. THE GULF WAR

A. RUMSFELD

-- PRESIDENT REAGAN AND THE USG ARE COMMITTED TO A SUSTAINED EFFORT TO HELP END THE WAR WHICH WE SEE AS A TRAGEDY FOR THE COMBATANTS AND DETRIMENTAL TO OUR INTERESTS AND THOSE OF OUR FRIENDS IN THE AREA.

-- THE USG RECOGNIZES IRAQ'S CURRENT DISADVANTAGE IN A WAR OF ATTRITION SINCE IRAN HAS ACCESS TO THE GULF WHILE IRAQ DOES NOT AND WOULD REGARD ANY MAJOR REVERSAL OF IRAQ'S FORTUNES AS A STRATEGIC DEFEAT FOR THE WEST.

-- THE USG STRONGLY SUPPORTS UNSC 540 AND WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO BRING IRAN TO ACCEPT OR ACQUIESCE IN ITS TERMS.

-- THIS REQUIRES DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC PRESSURES AS WELL AS A MILITARY POTENTIAL. ALTHOUGH OUR ABILITY TO INFLUENCE IRAN IS ADMITTEDLY LIMITED, PREMATURE USE OF MILITARY FORCE IN THE GULF WILL IMPEDE EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE IRAN AND WILL NOT GUARANTEE
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THE ACHIEVEMENT OF IRAQ'S OBJECTIVES.

-- BEFORE CONSIDERING EXTENDING MILITARY OPERATIONS IN THE GULF, WE BELIEVE IRAQ SHOULD MAINTIN THE MORAL HIGH GROUND BY FIRST EXHAUSTING ALL POSSIBILITIES UNDER UNSC 540 TO OPEN THE GULF TO IRAQI SHIPPING.

-- THE US LOOKS WITH FAVOR ON OTHER MEANS, SUCH AS THE EXPANSION OF IRAQI PIPELINE CAPABILITIES THROUGH SAUDI ARABIA AND POSSIBLY ELSEWHERE TO REDRESS THE IRAN-IRAQ OIL EXPORT IMBALANCE.

B. IRAQI SIDE

-- IRAQ IS SEEKING A DIPLOMATIC SETTLEMENT BUT MUST BACK THIS

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WITH MILITARY PRESSURE.

--. IRAQ WANTS ALL COUNTRIES TO CEASE SUPPLYING IRAN WITH ARMS.

-- ARMS PROVIDED BY ISRAEL MAY NOT BE LARGE IN NUMBERS
BUT THEY ARE VITAL ITEMS SUCH AS SPARE PARTS FOR ADVANCED
WEAPONRY.

-- TRADE WITH IRAN WHICH STRENGTHENS IRAN MILITARILY, PARTIC-
ULARLY PETROLEUM PURCHASES, SHOULD BE CURTAILED, OR USED
TO PUT PRESSURE ON TEHRAN TO END THE WAR.

-- THE US COULD DO MORE TO INFLUENCE ITS ALLIES TO DEPRIVE
IRAN OF THE MEANS TO CONTINUE THE WAR.

-- (POSSIBLE) THE US COULD LIFT RESTRICTIONS ON SOME MILITARY
ITEMS IRAQ WISHES TO PURCHASE FROM THIRD PARTIES.

-- IRAQ DOES NOT WISH TO ESCALATE IN THE GULF BUT WILL CONTINUE
TO INTERDICT IRANIAN SHIPPING AND TAKE OTHER APPROPRIATE MEASURES
SO LONG AS IRAN REFUSES TO ACCEPT UNSC 540 AND IRAQ'S RIGHT TO
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USE THE GULF.

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II. MIDDLE EAST PEACE

A. RUMSFELD

-- RUMSFELD WOULD PROBABLY OPEN WITH A DESCRIPTION OF HIS
MISSION, FOLLOWED BY QUESTIONS RE THE IRAQI ATTITUDE TOWARD
A) THE REAGAN INITIATIVE AND (B) VARIOUS SECNARIOS INVOLVING
KING HUSSEIN AND THE PALESTINIANS.

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B. IRAQI SIDE

-- IRAQ WILL SUPPORT PEACE INITIATIVES THAT ARE SUPPORTED BY THE PALESTINIANS.

-- IRAQ CONSIDERS YASIR ARAFAT THE LEGITIMATE LEADER OF THE PLO AND SPOKESMAN FOR THE PALESTINIANS.

-- IRAQ WOULD SUPPORT AN ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN KING HUSSEIN AND THE PALESTINIANS TO ENTER THE PACE PROCESS.

-- IRAQ FINDS SOME POSITIVE ELEMENTS IN PRESIDENT REAGAN'S PEACE INITIATIVE BUT DOES NOT UNDERSTAND US REFUSAL TO RECOGNIZE SECRET

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THE PLO AND THE PLAN'S RESTRICTIONS ON THE CREATION OF A PALESTINIAN STATE.

III. LEBANON

A. RUMSFELD

-- STANDARD STATEMENT OF US POSITION.

-- WHAT IS THE IRAQI ATTITUDE TOWARD THE GEMAYEL GOVT? WALID JUMBLATT AND THE DRUZE? THE SHIA (MAJORITY AND FACTIONS)? A SYRIAN PRESENCE?

B. IRAQI SUDE

-- IRAQ SUPPORTS THE LEBANESE GOVT AND THE EVACUATION OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES.

-- BOTH SYRIA AND ISRAEL SHOULD WITHDRAW FROM LEBANON WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS. (POSSIBLE) THE MAY 17 AGREEMENT HAS HURT THE LEBANESE GOVT'S ATTEMPTS TO RECONCILE THE OPPOSITION AND REWARDS ISRAEL'S AGGRESSION.

IV. SYRIA

A. RUMSFELD

-- IRAQ KNOWS THE SYRIANS WELL. WHAT IS YOUR ADVICE?

-- WHAT LEVERAGE CAN WE APPLY TO OBTAIN SYRIAN WITHDRAWAL

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FROM LEBANON?

-- WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF ASSAD'S ILLHCSS AND WHAT ARE THE
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FUTURE PROSPECTS FOR THE SYRIAN REGIME?

B. IRAQ SIDE

-- IRAQ WANTS AN UNCONDITIONAL SYRIAN PULLOUT FROM LEBANON.

-- WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE AMERICAN INSISTENCE THAT SYRIA
HAS LEGITIMATE INTERESTS IN LEBANON SINCE THIS SEEMS TO CONDONE
SYRIAN OCCUPATION AND UNDUE INFLUENCE ON INTERNAL LEBANESE
FORCES.

-- US RETALIATION AGAINST SYRIA WINS ASSAD SYMPATHY IN ARAB
EYES.

V. EGYPT

A. RUMSFELD

-- THE US SUPPORTS THE STRENGTHENING OF TIES BETWEEN EGYPT
AND IRAQ.

B. IRAQI SIDE

-- IRAQ SUPPORTS EGYPT REINTERGRATION INTO THE ARAB WORLD.

VI. TERRORISM

A. RUMSFELD

-- WE NOTE WITH SATISFACTION IRAQ'S EXPULSION OF THE ABU NIDAL
TERRORIST GROUP.

-- WE BELIEVE WE HAVE A COMMON INTEREST IN COMBATting TERRORISM
PARTICULARLY SINCE WE ARE IN MANY CASES TARGETED BY THE SAME
GROUPS. THE CONTINUING THREAT TO OUR INTERESTS SECTION IS A
CASE IN POINT.

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B. IRAQI SIDE

-- IRAQ HAS TAKEN STEPS TO PROTECT ITS INTERESTS AND WILL CONTINUE TO OPPOSE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

VII. US-ISRAELI STRATEGIC COOPERATION

A. RUMSFELD

-- OUR COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL'S WELL-BEING AND SECURITY IS WELL-KNOWN. RECENT TALKS WITH PM SHAMIR WERE ESSENTIALLY AN ATTEMPT TO RESTORE THE RELATIONSHIP AFTER A PERIOD OF SOME STRAIN AND MISUNDERSTANDING. WE ALSO HIGHLY VALUE OUR RELATIONS WITH OUR ARAB FRIENDS AND NOTHING IN OUR UNDERSTANDINGS WITH ISRAEL IS DIRECTED AGAINST THE ARAB WORLD.

(IRAQIS MAY NOT RAISE THIS AT ALL)

4. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED STATE 353821 WITH DETAILED TALKING POINTS ON THE GULF WAR WHICH OF COURSE SUPERCEDES SOME OF THE ABOVE AND WILL BE EXTREMELY USEFUL. EAGLETON

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