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EXDIS CAPTION REMOVED BY S/S (EK) ON 11/29/93  
FOR AMB RUMSFELD FROM EAGLETON

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TAGS: OVIP (RUMSFELD, DON) PREL, US, IZ  
SUBJ: RUMSFELD VISIT TO IRAQ

REF BAGHDAD 3074 (NOTAL)

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT

2. DURING MEETING TODAY, DEC 10, WITH UNDERSEC SAHHAF AT THE FORMINISTRY, I GAVE HIM A LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE RUMSFELD PARTY AND PRELIMINARY INFORMATION ON THE AIRCRAFT AND CREW. SAHHAF AND FORMIN TARIQ AZIZ WILL BE LEAVING FOR CHINA DEC 11 OR 12, BUT HE SAID EVERYTHING WILL BE READY FOR A VISIT AS EARLY AS DEC 17 ARRIVAL WITH SUBSTANTIVE HEETINGS DEC 18.

3. I TOLD SAHHAF THAT PERHAPS THE GREATEST BENEFIT OF THE VISIT WILL BE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN AN ENVOY OF PRESIDENT REAGAN AND PRESIDENT SADDAM HUSSEIN. SAHHAF REPLIED THAT THE VISIT WOULD PROBABLY BEGIN WITH A  
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MEETING AT THE FORMINISTRY WITH DEP PR AND FORMIN TARIQ

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AZIZ, WHO WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY SAHHAF AND POSSIBLY KITTANI. THIS WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY A MORE RESTRICTED MEETING WITH SADDAM HUSSEIN.

4. AT SAHHAF'S REQUEST I LISTED TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AS: THE GULF WAR, MIDDLE EAST PEACE, LEBANON, SYRIA, AND ANY OTHER QUESTION THAT THE IRAQIS WISH TO RAISE.

5. SAHHAF SAID THE IRAQIS WILL ARRANGE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE ENTIRE PARTY AND NECESSARY TRANSPORTATION. IF IT FITS IN WITH YOUR SCHEDULE, I BELIEVE AN OVERNIGHT STOP WOULD BE APPRECIATED BY THE HOSTS THOUGH I WARNED THEM THAT YOUR STOP IN BAGHDAD WOULD BE SHORT AND YOUR PROGRAM CONFINED TO OFFICIAL CONTACTS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH US REPS (IF YOU WISH ANYTHING ELSE, PLEASE LETS US KNOW). AS SOON AS WE HAVE YOUR BAGHDAD ETA AND ETO WE WILL PIN DOWN THE IRAQIS ON THE PROGRAM AND OBTAIN NECESSARY OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING CLEARANCES.

6. BEIRUT MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. EAGLETON

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