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FROM: AMEMBASSY JIDDA Despatch No. 122 October 2, 1951

TO: DEPARTMENT AIR POUCH

REF: Airgram Sept. 8, 1951, 10:45 A.M., Control 815

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SUBJ: Background and Action Kits

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ATTENTION INP

As reported to the Department, anti-communist propaganda is not welcomed in Saudi Arabia by the Government nor are Saudis in general interested in such material. Poster campaigns and distribution of anti-communist pamphlets would almost certainly draw official protest from the Saudi Government and would probably strengthen Saudi suspicions thus hazarding the balance of the USIE program. The following answers are supplied to the specific questions propounded by the reference circular airgram:

1) General reaction is unfavorable;

2) Such material is not helpful in the USIE Program and might in fact risk official Government censure;

3) This material is not being disseminated by the Embassy in view of the foregoing;

4) The Embassy will not make recommendations for the improvement of these kits inasmuch as they are not being used in this country and the Embassy is not competent to comment on their use elsewhere.

5)

	Quality		Quantity		
	Useful	Not Useful	Sufficient	Insufficient	Too Much
Suggestions, Timetable, Etc.		X			X
Pamphlets, Etc.		X			X
Articles, Speech and Publicity Material		X			X
Pictures, Cartoons, Maps, Etc.		X			X

Action Assigned INP

Action Taken Noted

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Date of Action

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