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NLS FRG-122/1 #330
By [Signature], NARA, Date 2/8/85

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F.O. 12065: RDS -1,3 6/8/01 (EAGLETON, WILLIAM L.) DR-M

TAGS: MOPS, MILI, IS, IZ

SUBJ: ISRAELI ATTACK ON IRAQI NUCLEAR FACILITY (SECOND MESSAGE THIS CHANNEL)

A) STATE 148548, B) BAGHDAD 1551

1. (~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. AS REPORTED SEPTEL, AS OF 1400 JUNE 8, THERE HAS BEEN NO VISIBLE IRAQI REACTION TO YESTERDAY'S ISRAELI ATTACK ON TUWAITHA. WHEN I SAW [REDACTED] AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THIS MORNING ON OTHER MATTERS, HE SEEMED GENUINELY PUZZLED ABOUT "WHAT ALL THE FIREWORKS WERE LAST NIGHT" AND OTHERWISE SEEMED IN FINE SPIRITS EXHIBITING HIS USUAL PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP AND WARM FEELINGS TOWARDS THE U.S. A PHONE CALL FROM [REDACTED]

FOUO (1)

[REDACTED] AT 9 A.M. LIKEWISE WAS ROUTINE AS HE ACCEPTED MY INVITATION TO LUNCH ON THURSDAY, WE CAN ASSUME, HOWEVER, THAT THE TOP LEVEL OF THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT IS NOW AWARE OF THE ISRAELI ORIGIN OF THE ATTACK, IS EXTREMELY ANGRY AND FRUSTRATED BY IT AND IS CONSIDERING WHAT THE IRAQI REACTION SHOULD BE.

FOUO (1)

3. AT USINT WE HAVE TAKEN SECURITY PRECAUTIONS THOUGH WE THINK IT UNLIKELY THAT WE WOULD BE AN IMMEDIATE TARGET IN ANY IRAQI REACTION. NEVERTHELESS, THE IRAQI LEADERSHIP WILL PLACE A GOOD PART OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE RAID ON THE U.S. WHATEVER WE SAY AND BASE THIS ON ISRAELI USE OF ADVANCED U.S. AIR TO GROUND WEAPONS, CONSISTENT U.S. SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL, AND A DEEP SUSPICION THAT THE U.S. EITHER STIMULATED THE ATTACK OR ACQUIESED IN IT.

4. ALTHOUGH NOTHING WE CAN SAY WILL COMPLETELY DISSIPATE IRAQI SUSPICIONS AND RESENTMENT, IT IS IMPORTANT FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF OUR SECURITY HERE AS WELL AS FOR AMERICANS ELSEWHERE IN THE AREA THAT AS SOON AS ISRAELI RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE RAID BECOMES KNOWN, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DO EVERYTHING

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POSSIBLE TO DISASSOCIATE OURSELVES FROM THE ISRAELI ACTION.
AS [REDACTED] SAID THIS MORNING, "YOU HAD
BETTER MAKE AN EARLY AND STRONG DENUNCIATION OF THE RAID
IF YOU WANT TO PROTECT U.S. INTERESTS HERE."
5. DEPARTMENT REPEAT AS APPROPRIATE. EAGLETON
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