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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: Harold H. Saunders

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with Mr. Shakespeare--February 2

I understand you will be seeing Frank Shakespeare to hear about his trip to Greece, Saudi Arabia, Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, the UAR and Tunisia.

I have not had a full debriefing on his reactions but have heard the following:

--In Saudi Arabia he was exposed to the Intelligence Chief who has recently been putting forward such ideas as Saudi backing for a guerrilla movement to upset the government in South Yemen and a Saudi effort to take over the Persian Gulf sheikdoms when the British pull out.

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-- Abu Dhabi is not a viable state.

-- Bahrain seems to be the only viable state in the Persian Gulf.

--In Cairo he saw only Heikal and has thrown out the question back here in Washington whether he should be invited by private publishers to visit the U.S.

Of the two operational suggestions that Shakespeare has made since coming back, the following is the status of each:

1. State and CIA were already discussing the possibility that the Saudis would take some action in South Yemen. I have been following this and will send you the main considerations involved as thinking becomes clearer. Shakespeare does not seem to be advocating one course or another. The issue is, in the first instance, whether the Saudis could successfully mount such an operation since failure could set off a train of events that would undermine the Saudi regime. You can tell Shakespeare that we are actively following the in-house deliberations on this.

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2. On the question of whether Heikal should be invited here for a visit, the main question is what kind of image he would project. If he came here and created the impression that the Egyptians are not prepared to make peace with the Israelis, that would make our job more difficult. Given the uncertainty, now is probably not the right time.

I assume that, since this meeting is mainly for you to hear Shakespeare's report, you do not have to do more than lend a sympathetic ear to his views.

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