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SUBJECT: REPLY TO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM KING FAISAL
TO PRESIDENT FORD ON HIS ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE
REF: JIDDA 4650

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
TO HIS MAJESTY KING FAISAL.

2. BEGIN TEXT: YOUR MAJESTY: YOUR GRACIOUS MESSAGE ON
MY ASSUMPT ON OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
IS VERY DEEPLY APPRECIATED. YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT ALL
THE RESOURCES OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO
BE DIRECTED TOWARD OUR COMMON GOAL OF A TRUE AND LASTING
PEACE FOR ALL HANKIND, INCLUDING A JUST AND DURABLE
SETTLEMENT OF THOSE ISSUES WHICH CONFRONT THE PEOPLES OF
THE MIDDLE EAST. AS WE WORK TOWARDS THESE OBJECTIVES, WE
LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN SAUDI
ARABIA AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LONG-
STANDING FRIENDLY RELATIONS WHICH HAVE PREVAILED UNDER
YOUR MAJESTY'S WISE LEADERSHIP.

WITH MY BEST WISHES, SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD, END TEXT.

3. NEITHER THE DEPT NOR THE WHITE HOUSE PLAN TO RELEASE



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THE TEXT OF THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY BUT THEY HAVE NO OB-
JECTION TO ITS RELEASE BY THE RECIPIENT. KISSINGER