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DESCRIPTION OF MSG. Telegram to Damascus re Congratulations on Syrian April 17 Independence Day

FROM: Officer S/S Office Symbol Extension Room Number

LDX TO:	DELIVER TO:	EXTENSION:	ROOM NUMBER:
	NSC - Mrs. Jeanne Davis		

FOR: CLEARANCE INFORMATION PER REQUEST COMMENT

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WHITE HOUSE

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PDEV, SY, US
SUBJECT: CONGRATULATIONS ON SYRIAN APRIL 17 INDEPENDENCE DAY
1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT ASAD: "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: ON THE OCCASION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR INDEPENDENCE, I WISH TO EXTEND TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF SYRIA, CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES FROM ALL AMERICANS. ~~AMERICANS FROM HOW IMPORTANT THE CELEBRATION OF INDEPENDENCE IS. AS SYRIA MOVES INTO THE 30TH YEAR OF ITS INDEPENDENCE, THE UNITED STATES WISHES CONTINUED PROSPERITY AND SUCCESS FOR YOU AND YOUR COUNTRYMEN AND PEACE AND JUSTICE FOR ALL IN THE MIDDLE EAST. SINCERELY, RICHARD NIXON.~~"

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN RELEASE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GOS. 44

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SUBJECT: SYRIAN NATIONAL HOLIDAY

APRIL 17 MARKS THE 29TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TERMINATION OF THE FRENCH MANDATE. UNDER THE TITLE OF "EVACUATION DAY" IT IS IN EFFECT SYRIA'S OFFICIAL INDEPENDENCE DAY. AS I MENTIONED IN MY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH DEFORD ON (#) IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAMS TO BE SENT FROM BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT ASAD AND FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM RESPECTIVELY.
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