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SUBJECT: SAUDI ARABIA MEDIA REACTION, MARCH 20-23, 1992

1. SUMMARY: MONDAY PAPERS HIGHLIGHT THE LATEST ON THE DESTRUCTION OF IRAQI WEAPONRY, THE ARAB LEAGUE MEETING IN CAIRO OVER LIBYAN NON-COMPLIANCE WITH U.N. DEMANDS AND REVERBERATIONS FROM THE BOMBING OF THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES.

-- WEEKEND EDITORIALS COMMENT ON THE SHORTSIGHTEDNESS OF TERRORIST ACTIONS AND SPECULATE THAT ISRAEL MAY ITSELF BE BEHIND THE BOMBING OF ITS EMBASSY. SEVERAL EDITORIALISTS PRAISE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF PRESIDENT BUSH AND ONE TONGUE-IN-CHEEK PIECE ASSERTS THE RIGHT OF WORLD CITIZENRY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTION OF THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT. END SUMMARY.

2. HEADLINES 3/23.

-- "CONFLICTING REPORTS DELAY ISRAEL'S RESPONSE RE THE EXPLOSION AT THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES"

-- "WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW TO TAKE PART IN AN ARAB-ISRAELI MEETING"

-- "TIGHT SECURITY MEASURES IN ALGERIA FOLLOWING FIS THREAT OF HOLY WAR"

-- "THE COUNCIL OF THE ARAB LEAGUE DISCUSSES THE CRISIS BETWEEN THE WEST AND LIBYA"

-- "AN AMERICAN TEAM STARTS ITS INVESTIGATION WITH ISRAELI OFFICIALS ON THE PATRIOT QUESTION"

-- "CLASHES AND PROTESTS IN ISFAHAN BETWEEN HARDLINERS AND REFORMIST STUDENTS"

EDITORIALS:

"AL-JAZIRA" 3/23.

"SADDAM'S REGIME MISDIRECTS THE USE OF FORCE"

IF SADDAM HUSSEIN HAD USED ALL THAT WEAPONRY IN DEFENSE OF ARAB CAUSES AND TO STEM ISRAEL'S AGGRESSION HE WOULD HAVE FOUND ALL ARABS ON HIS SIDE, BACKING HIM AND STANDING BY HIM AS THEY DID DURING HIS WAR WITH IRAN.

INSTEAD HE CHOSE TO KILL AND THREATEN HIS BROTHERS, DRIVING THE REGION TOWARDS CATASTROPHE.

"ARAB NEWS" 3/23.

"VINTAGE BUSH"

PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH IS ONCE AGAIN PROVING HIS METTLE. LAST YEAR THE WORLD DISCOVERED WHAT BUSH WAS MADE OF, MORE PRECISELY ON THE DAY THE WAR TO FREE KUWAIT BEGAN. BUSH CAME INTO HIS OWN THEN, A MAN COURAGEOUS ENOUGH TO TAKE HIS NATION INTO BATTLE FOR A CAUSE HE FERVENTLY BELIEVED IN. BUSH'S "WIMP" IMAGE WENT OUT THE WINDOW. IT HASN'T BEEN SEEN SINCE AND IT

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CERTAINLY WASN'T IN EVIDENCE LAST WEEK WHEN AGAIN THE U.S. PRESIDENT STOOD UP FOR A PRINCIPLE, THIS TIME DENYING ISRAEL THE MONEY IT WANTS TO SETTLE MORE JEWS IN OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORY.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LOAN GOES FAR BEYOND THE QUESTION OF MONEY. ISRAEL'S CREDIBILITY IS ON THE LINE AND FRESH DOUBTS ABOUT ITS ECONOMIC HEALTH CAN ONLY UNDERMINE HOPES OF ATTAINING INVESTMENTS FROM CLIENTELE ABROAD.

...IT'S THE RIGHT DECISION, THE KIND WE HAVE COME TO EXPECT FROM THE MAN WHO NOW OCCUPIES THE OVAL OFFICE. IT IS VINTAGE BUSH.

"SAUDI GAZETTE"
"WHY BUSH WILL WIN IN NOVEMBER"

EARLY LAST MONTH, I SUGGESTED IN THIS SPACE THAT SINCE THE UNITED STATES IS OBVIOUSLY GOING TO RULE THE WORLD FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, AND SINCE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE ADVOCATES OF DEMOCRACY, THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO ELECT THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT...I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MR BUTROS BUTROS-GHALI, WHO HAS INFORMED ME THAT MY IDEA OF U.N. SPONSORED INTERNATIONAL ELECTIONS FOR THE NEXT AMERICAN PRESIDENT HAS NOT RECEIVED AN ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION IN WASHINGTON (TO BE HONEST, I NEVER CONTACTED THE SECRETARY GENERAL)...

...I KNOW THAT GEORGE BUSH IS GOING TO BE RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, REGARDLESS OF THE STATE OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY AND THE OPPOSITION OF THE ISRAELI LOBBY. HE WILL BE REELECTED BECAUSE AMERICANS LIKE TALL MEN, DISLIKE PEOPLE WHO THROW MONEY AROUND, AND HATE LAWYERS.

OVER THE PAST 40 YEARS, DURING WHICH 10 U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS WERE HELD, THE TALLER CANDIDATE WON IN ALL BUT TWO CASES. CONCLUSION: AMERICANS PREFER TALL LEADERS 80 PERCENT OF THE TIME...AMERICANS HATE LAWYERS, AND ARE HATING THEM MORE EVERY YEAR...LAWYERPHOBIA HAS BEEN GROWING AT A RAPID RATE IN AMERICA. ALMOST ALL JOKES ABOUT PROFESSIONS ARE ON THE DOWNTURN THERE, EXCEPT LAWYER JOKES...DAN QUAYLE IS THE BUTT OF THE NATION'S JOKES...HE'S A LAWYER AND IS MARRIED TO A LAWYER.

CLINTON IS ALSO A LAWYER, AS IS HIS WIFE, HILLARY. BUSH IS NOT A LAWYER, NEITHER IS HIS WIFE, BARBARA. THE CONCLUSION IS OBVIOUS: BUSH WILL WIN.

MAJOR STORIES:

-- "DIPLOMATIC SOURCES REPORT THAT LIBYA HAS AGREED TO HAND OVER THE TWO SUSPECTS TO BOUTROS GHALI. TRIPOLI HAS SHOWN FLEXIBILITY, BUT THE RACE IS ON BETWEEN SURRENDERING THE SUSPECTS AND CLAMPING UNSC SANCTIONS AGAINST LIBYA."

"AL-BILAD", 3/21
"ISRAEL SEEKS A ROLE"

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TODAY, THE ISRAELI LEADERS PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WILL GIVE UP THE U.S. HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEES (BUT) NOT THEIR SETTLEMENT PROGRAMS. THIS POSITION IS A VERY DANGEROUS INDICATION OF THE ISRAELI PERSPECTIVE ON THE FUTURE OF PEACE AND STABILITY OF THE AREA.

NONETHELESS, THE UNITED STATES IS STICKING TO ITS ANNOUNCED POSITION ON THE ISSUE OF THE U.S. LOAN GUARANTEES AND CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT THE FREEZING OF SETTLEMENTS IS A CRUCIAL AND VITAL CONDITION FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE CURRENT MIDEAST PEACE PROCESS.

"AL-JAZIRA, 3/21

U.S.-ISRAELI RELATIONS ARE AT AN ALL TIME LOW. LEADERS OF THE JEWISH STATE NEVER EXPECTED THAT ONE DAY THEY MIGHT LOSE THE STATUS OF THE "U.S. ADMINISTRATION'S SPOILED CHILD".

PERHAPS THE MESSAGE THIS ELECTION YEAR TO AUDIENCES AT HOME AND ABROAD IS THAT AMERICA IS GOVERNED BY AMERICANS, AND THAT WASHINGTON POLICY IS DICTATED BY U.S. VITAL INTERESTS AND COMMITMENTS TOWARDS THE NEW UNIPOLAR INTERNATIONAL ORDER.

"AR-RIYADH" 3/22.

"THE POLICY OF DIPLOMATIC VIOLENCE"

WE CANNOT OVERRULE THAT ISRAEL IS BEHIND THE EXPLOSION OF THE EMBASSY IN **ARGENTINA** GIVEN ISRAEL'S POLICY OF ENMITY TOWARDS THE WORLD, AND ITS USE OF JEWISH VICTIMS IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE ITS GOALS IN THE PAST. IN THIS INSTANCE, THE BOMBING OF THEIR EMBASSY WILL FACILITATE AN ATTACK ON SOUTH LEBANON AND THE LAUNCHING OF AN INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO HUNT FOR **NAZIS** IN **ARGENTINA** AND DRIVE UNDESIRE GERMAN WORLD WAR II REFUGEES OUT OF THAT COUNTRY A MORE IMPORTANT MOTIVE PERHAPS THAN THE INVASION OF SOUTH LEBANON WHICH HAS BECOME A ROUTINE ACTIVITY FOR ISRAEL.

"AL-JAZIRA"

"SHORTSIGHTED TERRORISTS"

AN ORGANISATION WHICH HAS USED LEBANON AS A SPRINGBOARD FOR ITS ACTIVITIES HAS GIVEN ISRAEL THE PRETEXT FOR ANOTHER INVASION OF LEBANON, THOUGH EVERYTHING POINTS TO A NEO-NAZI MILITARY GROUP'S INVOLVEMENT. THOSE WITH A SHORTSIGHTED POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE SHOULD LOOK A LITTLE FURTHER INTO THE IMPLICATIONS OF THEIR ACTIONS AND THEIR CLAIMS. NOT ONLY DO THE ISRAELIS HAVE AN EXCUSE TO ATTACK SOUTH LEBANON, BUT THEY ALSO HAVE THE CHANCE OF RECLAIMING WORLD SYMPATHY IN THE PROCESS.

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