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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: NIF " AL RAYAH" NEW MONTHLY SECTION ABOUT THE U.S.

AL RAYAH NATIONAL ISLAMIC FRONT DAILY NEWSPAPER OF AUGUST 24, 1986 HAS INITIATED A NEW SECTION ON PAGE FOUR WHICH WILL APPEAR AS A MONTHLY EDITORIAL ABOUT THE U.S. TITLED "U.S. MESSAGE IN A MONTH" PREPARED BY ABDALLA ELSHEKH SID AHMED, EDITOR.

THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE SECTION APPEARED AUGUST 24, 86 ON PAGE FOUR WITH A FOROWARD BY THE EDITOR AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: WE THINK THAT THIS NEW SECTION ABOUT THE U.S. WHICH WILL APPEAR MONTHLY WILL BE VERY USEFUL TO INFORM OUR READERS ABOUT THE U.S. ALTHOUGH WE DISAGREE WITH THE U.S. FOREIGN POLICIES, THE U.S. ECONOMIC AND MILITARY POWER AND U.S. SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ACHIEVEMENTS HAVE A GREAT EFFECT UPON THE WORLD

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AFFAIRS. THE U.S. CURRENCY, THE DOLLAR, IS THE STANDARD CURRERNCY AROUND THE WORLD, AND ITS EXCHANGE RATE HAS A GREAT IMPACT ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INVESTMENTS. THE U.S. SPACE PROAGRAMS PLAY A GREAT ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS—DESPITE THE RECENT CHALLENGER ACCIDENT. U.S. CULTURE IS SPREAD ALL OVER THE WORLD AND IS VERY POPULAR. ITS MILITARY POWER WHICH INCLUDES THE MOST RECENT AIRPLANES IS CONSIDERED BY ALL NATIONS AS THE MOST POWERFULL. WHAT, THEN, IS HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THIS STRANGE COUNTRY WHICH COMBINES THE MOST ADVANCED ACHIEVMENTS WITH DEGENERATE ETHICS AND MORALS? (END QUOTE)

THE EDITOR THEN REVIEWED FIVE DIFFERENT TOPICS AS CURRENT ISSUES IN THE U.S. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE EDITOR'S REVIEW

## 1. "PUBLICITY AGAINST WALDHEIM"

QUOTE: THE CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL JEWISH CONFERENCE AGAINST KURT WALDHEIM INSIDE THE U.S. HAS RECENTLY SUBSIDED AFTER HIS VICTORY IN THE AUSTRIAN ELECTION. THE ALLEGATIONS ABOUT HIS WARTIME SERVICES WERE PROVED FALSE. LATELY WALDHEIM CONTACTED THE U.S. VICE PRESIDENT, BUSH AND TOLD HIM THAT THE INTERNATIONAL JEWISH CONFERENCE WILL STUDY THE RECORD OF HIS WARTIME SERVICE, AND THAT HE WILL VISIT ISRAEL LATER. (END OUOTE)

2. "THE MUSLIMS AND THE ARAB SOCIETY; THE CONFERENCE":

QUOTE: THE NORTH AMERICAN MUSLIMS UNION IS PREPARING TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN INDIANA LATER THIS AUGUST. SUDANESE MUSLIM LEADERS HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE MEMBERS AND THREE SUDANESE HAVE SERVED AS PRESIDENT SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT. THE DECEASED DR. EL TIGANI ABU GIDIRI WAS ONE OF THEM IN ADDITION TO DR. RABIE HASSAN AHMED. THE CURRENT PRESIDENT IS DR. GUTBI EL MAHDIA--A SUDANESE ADVOCATE. AN INVITATION WAS SENT TO DR. HASSAN AL TURABI, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SUDANESE ISLAMIC NATIONAL FRONT PARTY, TO ATTEND THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE. DR EL TURABI IS EXPECTED TO DELIVER LECTURES ABOUT THE THIRD AND PRESENT DEMOCRATIC EXPERIENCE IN THE SUDAN AT SOME U.S. UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES DURING HIS VISIT TO THE U.S. END QUOTE.

3. "THE DEATH OF ONE OF AMERICA'S FAMOUS BASKETBALL PLAYERS":

QUOTE: THE SUDDEN DEATH OF THE YOUNG BLACK BASKETBALL PLAYER, LYN BAYAS, 22, WHO USED TO PLAY FOR MARYLAND UNIVERSITY, IS THE TALK OF THE TOWN IN THE U.S. THE CAUSE OF HIS DEATH WAS THOUGHT TO BE FROM HEART FAILURE. THE YOUNG PLAYER WAS SELECTED AS THE U.S. NUMBER TWO PLAYER ONE DAY BEFORE HIS SUDDEN DEATH. 4. "THE AIDS QUESTION":

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QUOTE: THIS UNSOLVED DISEASE IS THE TOPIC NUMBER ONE IN THE UNITED STATES AMONG MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS AND THE MEDIA. TENS OF CONFERENCES WERE ASSEMBLED EVERY DAY AND LECTURES WERE GIVEN TO DISCUSS THE AID ISSUE AND ITS IMLPLICATIONS AND MEANS TO CONTROL IT. EFFORTS TO PRODUCE VACCINE ARE STILL UNDER INVESTIGATIONS. REPORTS END OF MESSAGE UNCLASSIFIED