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SUBJ: POSSIBLE VISIT TO US BY PRINCE JUAN CARLOS

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1. DURING LUNCH AT TORREJON AIR BASE JUNE 25 IN CONNECTION WITH FY-16 DEMONSTRATION FLIGHT, I HAD PRIVATE CHAT WITH PRINCE JUAN CARLOS ABOUT POSSIBLE TIMING FOR HIS VISIT TO US.

2. JUAN CARLOS SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN GIVING SOME THOUGHT TO THIS MATTER FOLLOWING HIS CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY DURING THEIR VISIT TO MADRID. HE SAID THAT , SPEAKING FRANKLY, HE HAD BEEN ADVISED NOT TO MAKE HIS TRIP TO US UNTIL AFTER CONCLUSION OF US-SPANISH BASE NEGOTIATIONS. IF HE SHOULD GO BEFORE CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENT, HE THEN MIGHT IN SOME WAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH SUBSEQUENT CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENT, AND HIS ADVISORS BELIEVED THAT HE SHOULD NOT BE CONNECTED WITH THIS PARTICULAR AGREEMENT SINCE, IN FACT, HE WOULD HAVE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ITS NEGOTIATION.

3. I TOLD THE PRINCE THAT IT WAS OUR HOPE THAT NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE CONCLUDED BY SEPTEMBER AND INDICATED THAT THIS WAS OUR OBJECTIVE. IN SUCH EVENT, A VISIT MIGHT THEN BE ARRANGED FOR SOME TIME

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LATER IN THE FALL. I INQUIRED WHETHER THE PRINCE HAD

ANY OTHER FOREIGN VISITS NOW PLANNED.

4. JUAN CARLOS SAID THAT THANKS TO THE SECRETARY'S ASSISTANCE HE HAD NOW RECEIVED AN OPEN INVITATION TO VISIT EGYPT, WHICH HE HOPED HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. THE ONLY OTHER OUTSTANDING INVITATION WOULD BE TO IRAQ, BUT HE HAD NO INTENTION OF GOING THERE BEFORE VISITING EGYPT.

5. I TOLD THE PRINCE THAT I WOULD KEEP IN TOUCH WITH HIM ABOUT POSSIBLE TIMING.

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