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FOLLOWING REPEAT JIDDA 7981 ACTION STATE INFO BAGHDAD
DHAHRAN RIYADH DAMASCUS KUWAIT MANAMA SANA NOV 20.

QUOTE: S E C R E T JIDDA 7981

DEPT ALSO PASS NIACT IMMEDIATE TO A/SY/CC/TAGS

E.O. 12065: GDS 11/20/85 (PLACKE, JAMES A.) OR-M
TAGS: PINS ASCE, SA
SUBJECT: (S) OCCUPATION OF GRAND MOSQUE, MECCA

REF: JIDDA 7971

1. (S-ENTIRE TEXT).
2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY MILITARY COMMANDER FOR WESTERN PROVINCE THAT MOSQUE IS STILL BEING OCCUPIED BY INTRUDERS. MINISTER OF INTERIOR'S OFFICE TELLS US THAT PRINCE NAIF IS AT THE SCENE. IRANIAN EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW IF IRANIANS ARE INVOLVED IN OCCUPATION, BUT THEY SAID THEY WERE INVESTIGATING AND WOULD INFORM US WHAT THEY LEARN.

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3. DANISH AND BRITISH EMBASSIES HAVE INFORMED US THAT ALL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE OUTSIDE THE KINGDOM HAS BEEN CUT. WE TESTED THIS BY ATTEMPTING TO PLACE TELEPHONE CALL TO THE U.S. AND WERE INFORMED

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THAT LINES WERE OUT OF ORDER.

4. COMMENT: WE SUSPECT THAT SAG SUSPENSION OF
COMMUNICATION WITH OUTSIDE IS TO KEEP STORY OFF
INTERNATIONAL NEWSWIRES UNTIL SITUATION IN MECCA
HAS BEEN RESLOVED.
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