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WASHINGTON

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"tell Jim Jones that's alright...
to tell Walt Rostow to go over all
of these and see that they're all
alright."

LBJ/yb
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7:15p

Jim told Walt.

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Everything is A-OK on this batch.
Nothing strange. Only one grammatical
error which I corrected.

Doris

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FROM WALT ROSTOW
TO THE PRESIDENT
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3:01 PM EST Saturday 28 DEC 1968

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DECEMBER 28, 1968

FOLLOWING ARE THREE SETS OF DRAFT NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS TO CHIEFS OF STATE OR HEADS OF GOVERNMENT:

EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC

NO MESSAGE HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR PRINCE NORODOM SIHANOUK, DUE TO THE LACK OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CAMBODIA. IN THE CASES OF JAPAN, LAOS AND VIETNAM, STATE RECOMMENDS THAT PAST PRACTICE BE FOLLOWED, AND THAT PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES BE SENT ONLY TO PRIME MINISTER SATO OF JAPAN, KING SRI SAVANG VATTHANA OF LAOS AND PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU OF VIETNAM.

DEAR LORD CASEY:

DURING 1969 WE HAVE TAKEN IMPORTANT STEPS TOWARDS PEACE ON THIS EARTH. WE HAVE ALSO TAKEN A GIANT STEP INTO THE UNIVERSE THAT LIES BEYOND OUR EARTH. IN BOTH OF THESE HISTORIC ENDEAVORS, AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED STATES ARE PARTNERS. YOUR CONTRIBUTION HAS BEEN INVALUABLE. LET US CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE 1969 A YEAR OF EVEN CLOSER PARTNERSHIP AND FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARDS THE GOALS WE SHARE.

WARMEST BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR TO YOU AND TO ALL AUSTRALIANS,

SINCERELY,

HIS EXCELLENCY
THE RIGHT HONORABLE
LORD CASEY, P.C., G.C.M.G., C.H.,
GOVERNOR GENERAL OF AUSTRALIA.

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

YOUR FIRST YEAR IN OFFICE HAS BEEN A YEAR OF FRUITFUL COLLABORATION BETWEEN US. I HAVE ENJOYED OUR ASSOCIATION, AND YOUR VISIT TO THIS COUNTRY LAST MAY WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED. I AM CONFIDENT THAT UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP AUSTRALIA WILL CONTINUE TO WORK OUT ITS DESTINY AS ONE OF THE GREAT FREE NATIONS OF THE PACIFIC. MRS. JOHNSON JOINS ME IN SENDING YOU AND MRS. GORTON OUR WARM PERSONAL REGARDS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR.

OF WESTERN SAMOA CONTINUED PROSPERITY AND HAPPINESS.

SINCERELY,

HIS HIGHNESS
MALIETOA TANUMAFILI II,
HEAD OF STATE OF WESTERN SAMOA,
APIA.

NEAR EASTERN

NO MESSAGES HAVE BEEN PREPARED FOR GREECE, THE UAR, YEMEN,
IRAQ, SYRIA, OR THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF SOUTHERN YEMEN.

OWING TO THE DELICATE NATURE OF OUR RELATIONS WITH GREECE,
THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE TO SEND PRESIDENTIAL
MESSAGES TO EITHER THE KING, WHO IS STILL ABSENT FROM GREECE,
OR TO PRIME MINISTER PAPADOPOULOS. WE DO NOT ADDRESS ROUTINE
MESSAGES TO THE REGENT. THIS POLICY IS THE SAME AS THE ONE
FOLLOWED IN THE PREPARATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S 1968 NEW YEAR'S
GREETING.

IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO SEND PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES TO
THE UAR, YEMEN, IRAQ OR SYRIA WHICH BROKE RELATIONS WITH US
IN JUNE 1967.

IN VIEW OF THE ACCUSATION BY PRESIDENT QAHTAN AL-SHAABI OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF SOUTHERN YEMEN THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS
ATTEMPTING TO BRING DOWN HIS REGIME ("NEW YORK TIMES", DECEMBER
26, PAGE 8), WE ALSO DO NOT BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE TO SEND HIM
PRESIDENTIAL NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS.

A MESSAGE HAS NOT BEEN PREPARED FOR PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA OF
IRAN. CONCEIVABLY SUCH A MESSAGE MIGHT DETRACT FROM THE MESSAGE
TO THE SHAH, AND THE PRIME MINISTER HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL SUBSTANTIVE
MESSAGES RESULTING FROM HIS VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES EARLIER
THIS MONTH.

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

ON THE OCCASION OF THE BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR I
EXTEND TO YOU MY BEST WISHES FOR A CHALLENGING
AND REWARDING FUTURE. MAY THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR
COUNTRIES GROW OVER THE YEARS AHEAD AND BRING PEACE
AND PROSPERITY TO OUR PEOPLES. MRS. JOHNSON JOINS ME
IN WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

SINCERELY,

C O P Y

Sander 12/28

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S/S 16485

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

December 27, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Presidential New Year's Greetings
to Near Eastern Chiefs of State
and/or Heads of Government

Enclosed are proposed New Year's Greetings prepared by the Department from the President to Near Eastern Chiefs of State and/or Heads of Government. No messages have been prepared for Greece, the UAR, Yemen, Iraq, Syria or the People's Republic of Southern Yemen.

Owing to the delicate nature of our relations with Greece, the Department does not believe it appropriate to send Presidential messages to either the King, who is still absent from Greece, or to Prime Minister Papadopoulos. We do not address routine messages to the Regent. This policy is the same as the one followed in the preparation of the President's 1968 New Year's Greeting.

It would not be appropriate to send Presidential messages to the UAR, Yemen, Iraq or Syria which broke relations with us in June 1967.

In view of the accusation by President Qahtan al-Shaabi of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen that the United States was attempting to bring down his regime ("New York Times", December 26, page 8), we also do not believe it appropriate to send him Presidential New Year's Greetings.

A message has not been prepared for Prime Minister Hoveyda of Iran. Conceivably such a message might detract from the message to the Shah, and the Prime Minister has received several substantive messages resulting from his visit to the United States earlier this month.

In order to enable the posts to ensure timely delivery we would hope to transmit the approved messages telegraphically before December 31.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

As stated

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Saturday, December 28, 1968

FROM WALT ROSTOW

TO THE PRESIDENT

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Following are ~~the~~ first sets of draft New Year's Greetings to Chiefs of State or Heads of Government:

EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC

No message has been prepared for Prince Norodom Sihanouk, due to the lack of diplomatic relations with Cambodia. In the cases of Japan, Laos and Vietnam, State recommends that past practice be followed, and that Presidential messages be sent only to Prime Minister Sato of Japan, King Sri Savang Vatthana of Laos and President Nguyen Van Thieu of Vietnam.

(Insert here pages 1 through 19)

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EUROPEAN

(Insert here pages 37 through 81)

Messages covering the balance of the areas will follow later this afternoon.

If you approve, Jim Jones could inform us by telephone and the State Department will get out the messages promptly.

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January 30, 1967

Dear Mr. President:

WASCOX
I was very pleased to meet with the military delegation, headed by General Sabri, and to receive the gifts which were presented in your behalf. I am grateful for your thoughtfulness.

Your kind and cordial message of friendship was most welcome and is warmly reciprocated.

With appreciation and best wishes,

Sincerely,



His Excellency
Major General Abd al-Rahman Arif
President of the Republic of Iraq
Baghdad

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April 28, 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message to the President from
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Enclosure:

Message to the President

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The Embassy of the Republic of Iraq presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honour to request that the Protocol Office at the Department of State convey the following message from President Abdul Rahman Arif to The President of the United States Lyndon Baines Johnson:

Dear Mr. President:

I was deeply touched by your congratulations and would like to take this opportunity to express to you personally my sincere thanks and to wish you the best of health and happiness and the American peoples all success and prosperity.

Abdul Rahman Arif

The Embassy of the Republic of Iraq avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Department of State
Office of Protocol
Washington D.C.,

April 26, 1967



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Message to the President

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Lois received
LBJ's approval +
told S/S this
morning.
H.S.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

February 16, 1967


IN REPLY REFER TO: 2827

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: New Year's Greetings to the President

Enclosed is a letter received in the Department from the President of Iraq replying to the President's New Year Greeting.

The Department believes that no reply is necessary.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Letter to the President.

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EMBASSY OF
THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ
1801 P STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Mr. President:

I have received with great pleasure your
kind message of congratulations on the occasion
of the New Year. While I thank you, Your Excellency,
I extend in the name of the people of Iraq and in
my own name best wishes to Your Excellency's
happiness and the American peoples progress and
prosperity.

Abdul Rahman Mohammed Arif
President

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1. Please deliver following message from President to President Aref:

QUOTE: On the occasion of the New Year, I should like to extend my own and my countrymen's best wishes to you and the people of Iraq for 1967. We have watched with admiration your successful efforts during the past year to restore peace in the North. It is our sincere hope that Iraq under your leadership will enjoy continued peace and increasing prosperity in the New Year.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson UNQUOTE

2. White House does not plan release to press but has no objection if GOI wishes to do so.

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The President's wishes relayed to
by telephone from the LBJ Ranch

ROSTOW

Jake Jacobsen

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Received Washington CommCen:
4:43 PM Friday 25 November 1966

FROM: WALT ROSTOW
TO : THE PRESIDENT
CITE: CAP661056

Received LBJ Ranch CommCen:
5:30 PM Friday 25 November 1966

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~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~

SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT AREF OF IRAQ

AFFAIRS IN IRAQ HAVE BEEN UNSTEADY FOR SOME TIME. PRESIDENT AREF IS A MODERATE WHO IS BEING OPPOSED BY COMMUNISTS BROADCASTING FROM EASTERN EUROPE, LEFT-LEANING ELEMENTS IN THE ADMINISTRATION AND ALSO BY PRO-CAIRO NATIONALIST ZEALOTS WHO TRIED A COUP D'ETAT LAST SUMMER.

DESPITE THESE CHALLENGES, AREF HAS SHOWN A STEADY HAND AND REAL COURAGE IN (A) SEEKING PEACE WITH THE KURDS AND IN (B) PERSISTING IN EFFORTS TO BROADEN HIS BASE OF SUPPORT AMONG IRAQ'S DIVERSE POPULACE.

AMBASSADOR STRONG RECOMMENDS, AND STATE AND I CONCUR, THAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM YOU BE GIVEN ORALLY TO PRESIDENT AREF BY OUR AMBASSADOR.

QUOTE

I WAS DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO AMBASSADOR HANI NOVEMBER 17 AND WHEN I LEARNED OF AMBASSADOR STRONG'S CALL ON YOU I WANTED TO USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEND YOU MY PERSONAL GREETINGS. I HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED WITH YOUR EFFORTS TO CREATE STABILITY IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF MODERATION AND TO STRENGTHEN NATIONAL UNITY BY CONCILIATING ALL ELEMENTS. YOUR ACHIEVEMENT OF PEACE IN THE NORTH IS A MONUMENT TO YOUR LEADERSHIP. I HAVE NOTED WITH PLEASURE THE DEVELOPMENT OF IRAQI-UNITED STATES RELATIONS ON A SOUND BASIS AND LOOK TO EVEN MORE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONS IN THE FUTURE. I OFFER YOU MY BEST PERSONAL WISHES FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUCCESS AND THE WELL-BEING OF YOUR COUNTRY.

END QUOTE

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November 25, 1966

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM ROSTOW

SUBJECT: Ambassador Strong in Iraq asks for authorization to transmit orally to President Aref the attached personal message.

Affairs in Iraq have been unsteady for some time, but Aref is a moderate energetically pacifying historic antagonisms. He is being opposed by Communist broadcasts from Eastern Europe, left-leaning elements in the administration and also by pro-Cairo nationalist zealots who tried a coup d'etat last summer.

Despite these challenges, Aref has shown a steady hand and real courage in (a) seeking peace with the Kurds and in (b) persisting in efforts to broaden his base of support among Iraq's diverse populace.

A message from you would be a sound encouragement, demonstrating that you are watching and approving of his efforts to promote moderation and consensus.

I recommend you approve Ambassador Strong's request.

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November 25, 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Proposed Presidential Message to
President of Iraq

Ambassador Strong in Baghdad has informed us that in the near future he expects to pay a formal call on President Aref of Iraq. Ambassador Strong recommends that he be authorized to convey a brief oral message from the President to President Aref at that time. The Ambassador has drafted suggested language for the message which is enclosed.

We agree that this would be a propitious time for such a message to be sent. We would hope that it would support President Aref in his efforts to create a stable situation in which true "Iraq-first" interests could be pursued. He is being opposed not only by Communist radio broadcasts from Eastern Europe, but also by pro-Cairo nationalist zealots, some of whose forces attempted a pro-Nasser coup d'etat on June 30.

We therefore recommend that Ambassador Strong be authorized to deliver the oral message as he has drafted it. Enclosed for approval is a telegram authorizing Ambassador Strong to deliver the message.

John P. Walsh
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested telegram
2. Text of proposed message

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You authorized convey oral message from the President to Aref as contained
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Proposed Presidential Message to
President of Iraq

Ambassador Strong in Baghdad has informed us that in the near future he expects to pay a formal call on President Aref of Iraq. Ambassador Strong recommends that he be authorized to convey a brief oral message from the President to President Aref at that time. The Ambassador has drafted suggested language for the message which is enclosed.

We agree that this would be a propitious time for such a message to be sent. We would hope that it would support President Aref in his efforts to create a stable situation in which true "Iraq-first" interests could be pursued. He is being opposed not only by Communist radio broadcasts from Eastern Europe, but also by pro-Cairo nationalist zealots, some of whose forces attempted a pro-Nasser coup d'etat on June 30.

We therefore recommend that Ambassador Strong be authorized to deliver the oral message as he has drafted it. Enclosed for approval is a telegram authorizing Ambassador Strong to deliver the message.

John W. ...
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested telegram
2. Text of proposed message

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

DEEPLY TOUCHED BY YOUR EXCELLENCY'S KIND MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS
FOR WHICH THANK YOU AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE MOST SINCERELY WITH
MY BEST WISHES

LT. GENERAL ABDULRAHMAN MOHAMMED ARIF
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ

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Info: FYI following message will be sent direct via
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commercial channels to President, July 14. "On the
occasion of this celebration of the National Day of
the Republic of Iraq I wish to express the best wishes
of the people of the United States of America and my
own personal greetings, to you and to the people of
Iraq. In the interest of human freedom and world
peace it is our earnest desire that the friendly
relations between our two nations will continue.
LYNDON B. JOHNSON"

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1. Following message received by White House July 4, 1966:

QUOTE It pleases me to extend on behalf of the Iraq people their government and in my own name sincere congratulations on the occasion of the anniversary of independence. I wish Your Excellency the best of health and happiness and to the American people prosperity. Major General Abdul Rahman Mohammed Arif President of the Republic of Iraq. UNQUOTE

2. Please deliver following reply to President Arif: QUOTE On behalf of our people and Government, I thank you for your good wishes on the 190th anniversary of the independence of the United States of America. Sincerely, Lyndon B. Johnson UNQUOTE.

3. White House does not plan to release above reply but has no objection if GOI wishes to do so.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

IT PLEASES ME TO EXTEND ON BEHALF OF THE IRAQ PEOPLE THEIR
GOVERNMENT AND IN MY OWN NAME SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS ON THE
OCCASION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE I WISH YOUR EXCELLENCY
THE BEST OF HEALTH AND HAPPINESS AND TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
PROSPERITY

MAJOR GENERAL

ABDUL RAHMAN MOHAMMED ARIF
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ

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June 10, 1966

Dear Mr. President:

I thought you might want these copies of photographs of the surface of the moon taken by the Surveyor I spacecraft.

These and other photographs will be distributed to the scientific community of the world in the hope that they will contribute to our combined knowledge of the lunar surface.

I have the strong feeling that if we are wise and earnest, what is happening in outer space can help us live better together on earth.

Sincerely,

His Excellency
Major General Abd al-Rahman Arif
President of the Republic of Iraq
Baghdad

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The White House
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

I THANK YOUR EXCELLENCY AND THE FRIENDLY AMERICAN PEOPLE
FOR YOUR KIND CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF MY ELECTION
TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXTEND ON BEHALF OF THE IRAQ PEOPLE AND
GOVERNMENT AND THE FAMILY OF THE LATE PRESIDENT AND IN MY NAME
OUR THANKS AND GRATITUDE FOR YOUR KIND FEELINGS WHICH COMFORTED

US IN OUR GREAT MISFORTUNE

I WISH YOUR EXCELLENCY THE BEST OF HEALTH AND TO THE FRIENDLY
AMERICAN PEOPLE EVERY GOOD WISH

MAJOR GENERAL ABDUL RAHMAN MOHAMMED ARIF
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ

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1. Please pass the following message from the President to Acting President Bazzaz:

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QUOTE: On behalf of the Government of the United States and of the American people I wish to convey my sincerest condolences on the deaths of President Abd al-Salam Muhammad Arif, Minister of Interior Abd al Latif al-Daraji and Minister of Industry Mustafa Abdulla. I am certain that their leadership and dedication to the service of their country will long be remembered. Lyndon B. Johnson END QUOTE

2. We do not intend release this text but have no objection/GOI wishes do so.

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April 14, 1966

WWR:

Iraqi President Aref and a couple of his Ministers were killed in a plane crash last night. The funeral will be Saturday. State is asking White House approval to send Hare as the President's personal representative and a condolence message. I'm attaching a wire to the Ranch if you want to clear these. Hare would have to leave this afternoon

As far as we know, there was no foul play. Nevertheless this will provoke a new round of jockeying for power in an already unstable situation. There is nothing we can do about the basic balance. Since Hare is going out for next week's CENTO meeting anyway, it makes sense to capitalize on his trip. I don't feel as strongly as State does that we absolutely have to send someone. They feel our absence would set us back and that the Soviets will make a splash. I am not so sure we have all that much to lose (CIA shares this view) but since Hare will be in the area, it's an inexpensive and appropriate gesture.

The net outcome of Aref's death could be positive, though no one should expect great improvement in our position there. Prime Minister Bazzaz, one of the candidates to succeed, has tried since he took over last fall to bring Iraq closer to a midpoint between us and the Soviet Union but the situation is inherently unstable and none too compatible.

Hal
HHS

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Mr. McGeorge Bundy
The White House

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W.G. Miller
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

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Iraqi Ambassador informed Department that PM Bazzaz wants personally see to it President's letter is delivered to President Arif. Accordingly unless you perceive objection, suggest Embassy convey letter to Bazzaz when he returns.

Ambassador al-Hani added he thought Bazzaz would also try arrange early appointment for Ambassador with Arif.

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