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SUMMARY

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1. (C) NEA ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILLIAM BURNS VISITED
KUWAIT ON JANUARY 11-12 FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE KUWAITI
GOVERNMENT FOCUSED ON OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, MIDDLE
EAST PEACE AND IRAQ. MEETING SEPARATELY WITH ACTING PM
AND FOREIGN MINISTER SHAYKH SABAH AND MFA MINSTATE DR.
MOHAMMED AL-SABAH, HE THANKED THEM FOR KUWAIT'S STRONG
SUPPORT FOR OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM AND ASSURED THEM OF
THE CONTINUING U.S. COMMITMENT TO THE DEFENSE AND SECURITY
OF KUWAIT.

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[REDACTED]

A/S BURNS OUTLINED

PALESTINIAN CULPABILITY IN THE VESSEL THAT WAS CAPTURED
SMUGGLING WEAPONS TO GAZA; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DR. MOHAMMED SAID HE
WOULD VISIT IRAN, SYRIA AND LEBANON THE WEEK OF JANUARY 19
AND ASKED ABOUT THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN U.S. POLICY
TOWARDS THOSE STATES. END SUMMARY.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO THE AMIR

2. (C) A/S BURNS OPENED THE MEETING WITH SHAYKH SABAH BY
CONVEYING TO HIM A PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO AMIR SHAYKH
JABIR. HE HIGHLIGHTED THE PRESIDENT'S PLEASURE AT THE
AMIR'S RETURN TO KUWAIT AFTER HIS CONVALESCENCE IN LONDON
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AND HIS THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT KUWAIT HAS PROVIDED FOR
U.S. OPERATIONS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM IN
AFGHANISTAN. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A/S BURNS SAID THAT [REDACTED] RECALLING THE
SUCCESSFUL VISIT BY SHAYKH SABAH TO WASHINGTON IN
NOVEMBER.

U.S.-SAUDI RELATIONS

3. (C) [REDACTED]

A/S BURNS REPLIED THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD CALLED THE CROWN
PRINCE TO ASSURE HIM OF THE STRENGTH OF THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. SHAYKH SABAH [REDACTED]

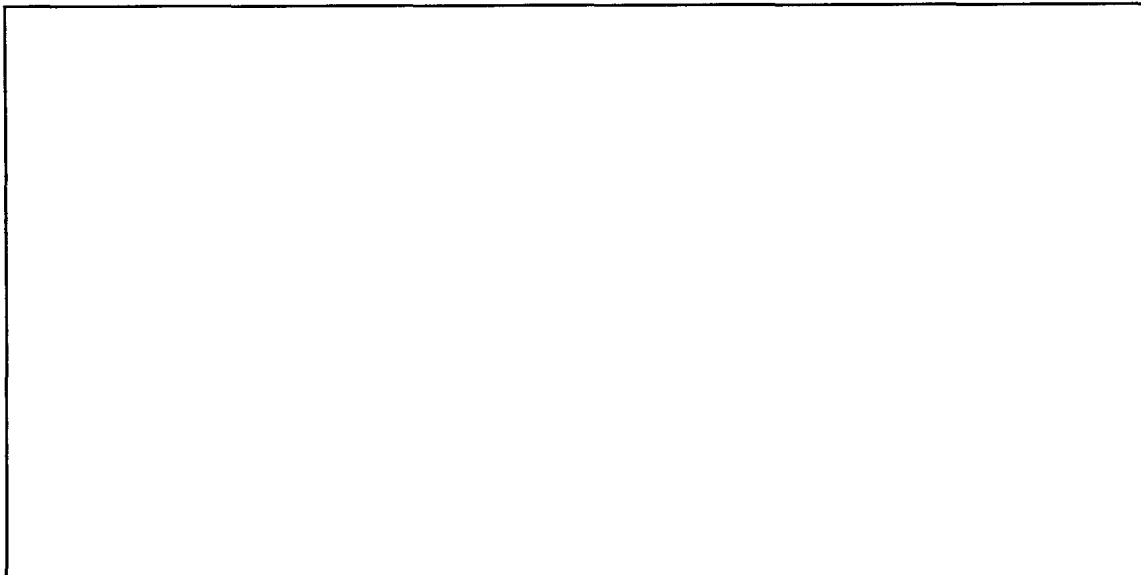
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[REDACTED] DETAINEES IN U.S. CUSTODY

4. (C) A/S BURNS RAISED THE TOPIC OF [REDACTED] DETAINEES IN
U.S. CUSTODY IN SOUTH ASIA, [REDACTED]
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MIDDLE EAST PEACE

5. (C) TURNING TO U.S. EFFORTS TO RESTORE CALM AND MOVE
BACK TO NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PALESTINIANS AND
ISRAELIS, A/S BURNS EXPLAINED THAT THREE WEEKS OF RELATIVE
QUIET WERE DISRUPTED TEN DAYS AGO, WHEN A SHIP SMUGGLING
WEAPONS TO THE PALESTINIANS WAS CAPTURED. HE NOTED THAT
WE HAD URGED ARAFAT TO INVESTIGATE THE INCIDENT AND TAKE
ACTION AGAINST THOSE RESPONSIBLE. WE HAD ALSO CONTINUED
TO MAKE CLEAR TO THE ISRAELIS THAT OUR GOAL WAS NOT MERELY
TO RESTORE THE SECURITY SITUATION, BUT TO GET BACK TO A
POLITICAL PROCESS. SHAYKH SABAH

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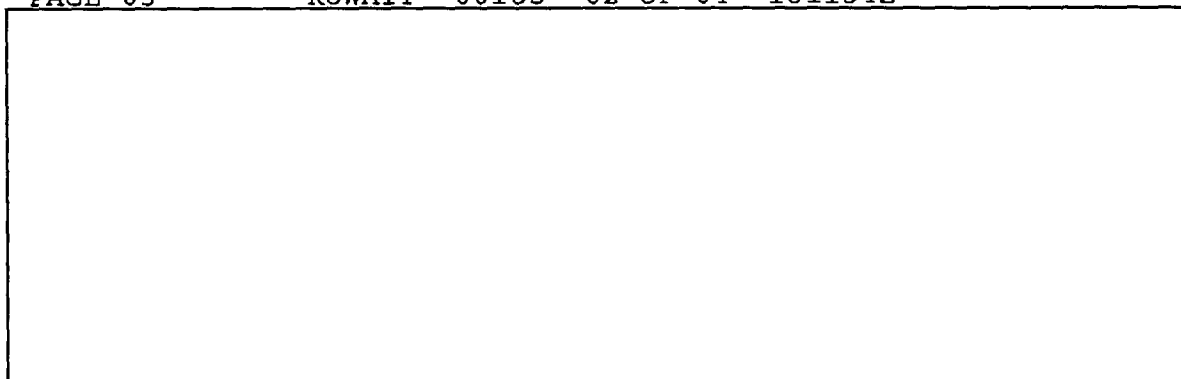
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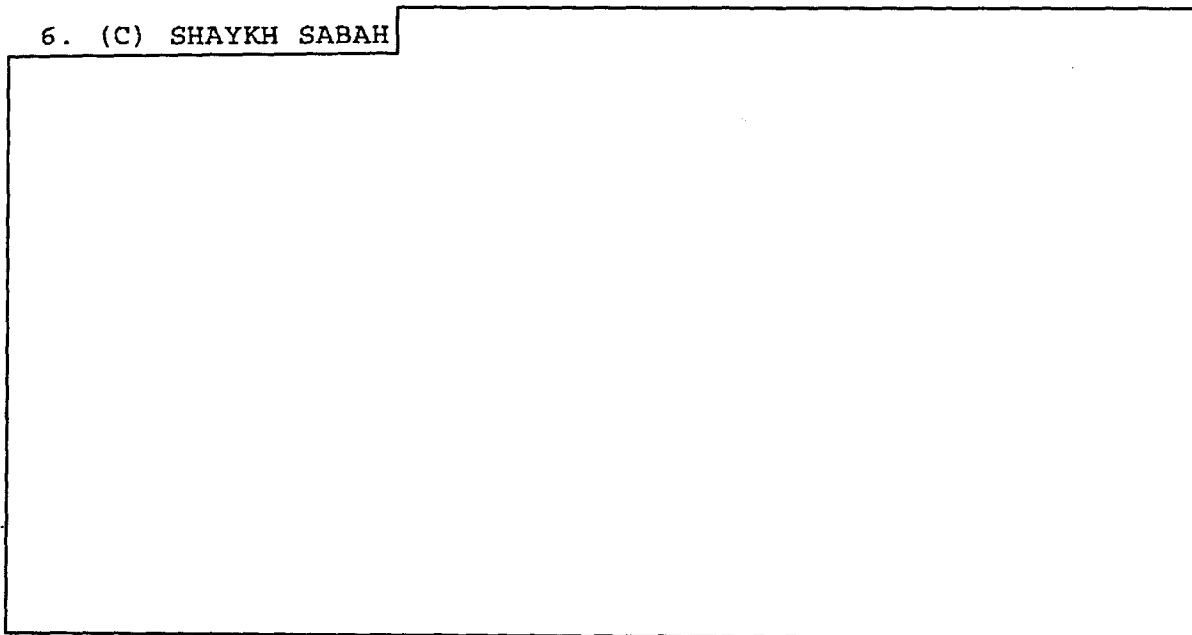
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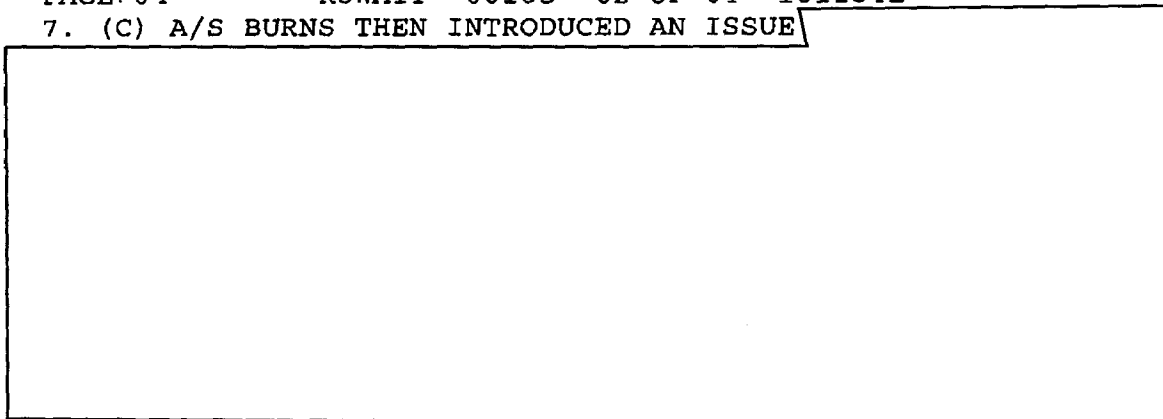
6. (C) SHAYKH SABAH



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7. (C) A/S BURNS THEN INTRODUCED AN ISSUE



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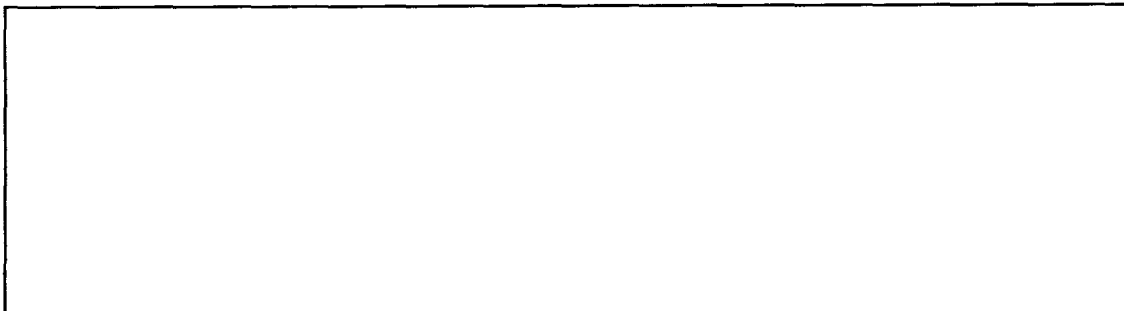
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IRAQ

8. (C) A/S BURNS REMINDED SHAYKH SABAH THAT WE TAKE THE
ISSUE OF IRAQ SERIOUSLY. THE PRESIDENT HAS MADE IT CLEAR
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THAT IRAQ MUST COMPLY WITH UNSC RESOLUTIONS, THAT

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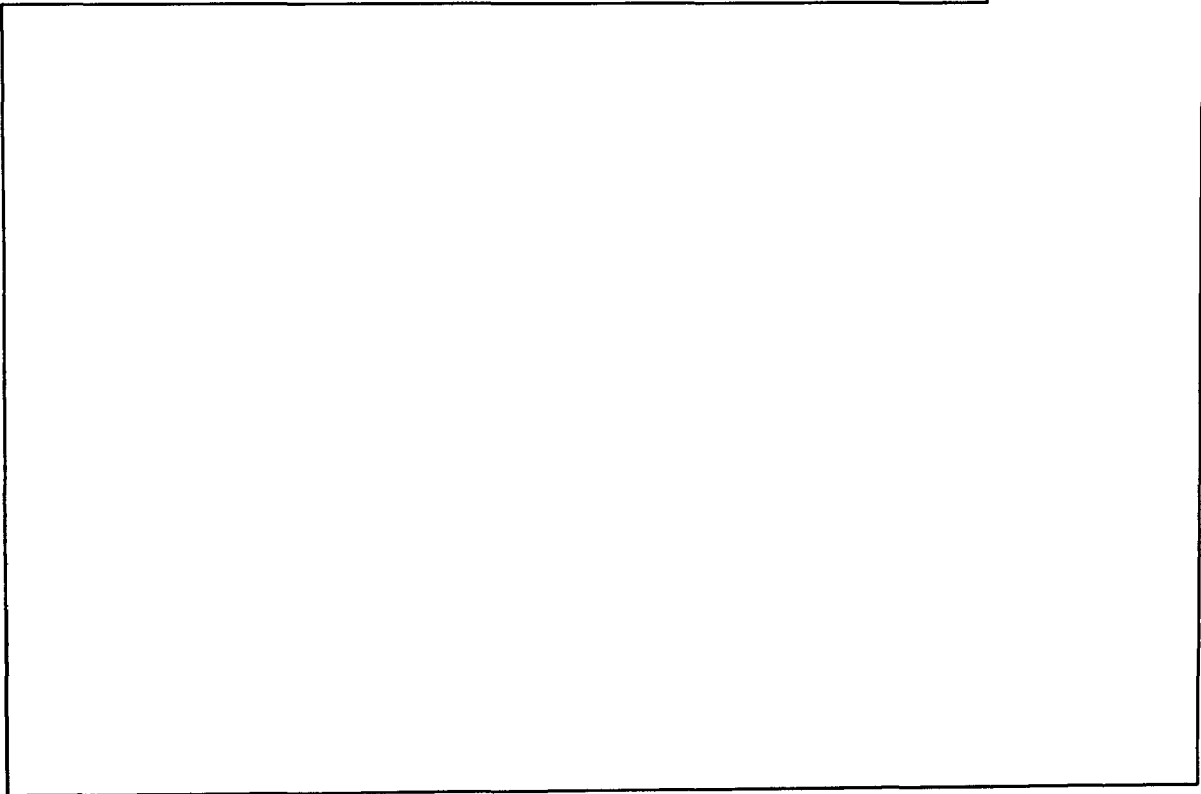
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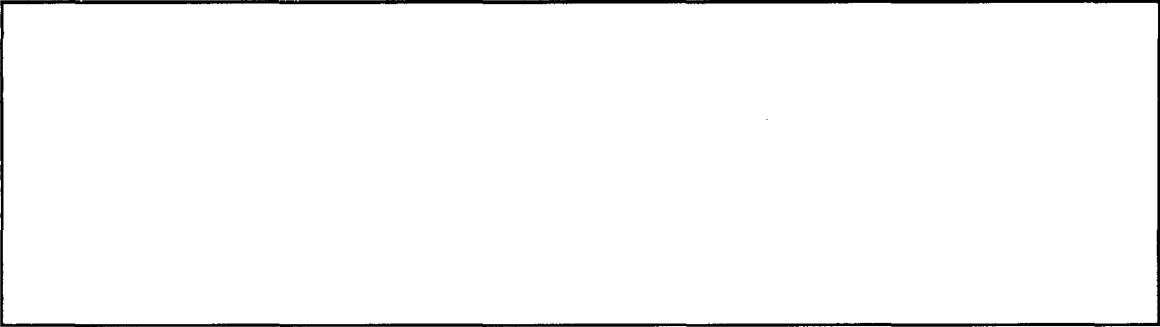
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UNCONDITIONAL INSPECTIONS MUST RESUME, AND THAT THE
MISSING KUWAITIS MUST BE RETURNED OR ACCOUNTED FOR.



9. (C) SHAYKH SABAH EXPRESSED DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE
U.S. STAYING THE COURSE OVER THE PAST 11 YEARS IN ENSURING
THE SECURITY OF KUWAIT. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, HE SAID
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JORDAN'S ECONOMY

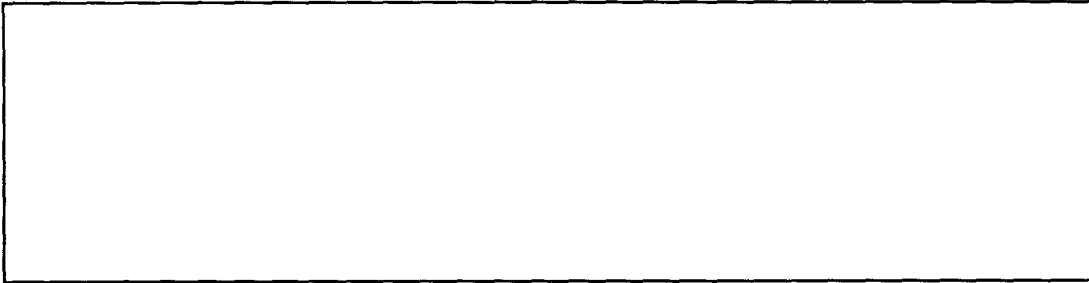


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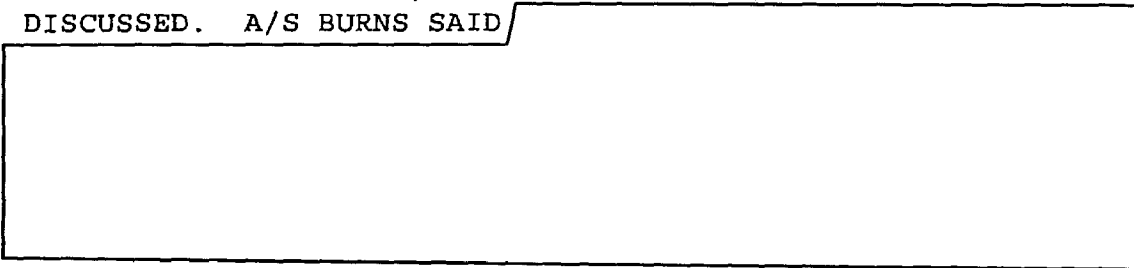
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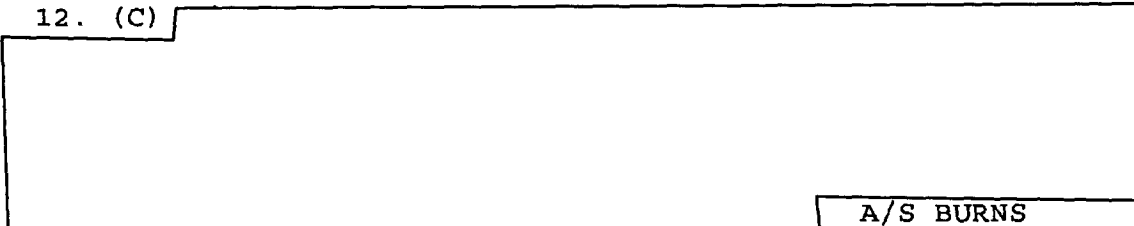
11. (S) DR. MOHAMMED NOTED THAT HE WOULD BE TRAVELLING TO
TEHRAN ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 19 (CONTINUING TO DAMASCUS AND
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LEBANON LATER THAT SAME WEEK), AND ASKED ABOUT RECENT
U.S.-IRANIAN CONTACTS, WONDERING IF IRAQ WAS BEING
DISCUSSED. A/S BURNS SAID



SYRIA, LEBANON

12. (C)



A/S BURNS

EMPHASIZED THAT



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AMBASSADOR NEGROPONTE WOULD VISIT DAMASCUS LATER IN
JANUARY.

13. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN CLEARED BY A/S BURNS.

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