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SUBJ: MEETING WITH SECRETARY-GENERAL OF KURDISH
DEMOCRATIC PARTY

REF: BEIRUT 9612

1. NOV 2 MEETING BETWEEN EMBOFF AND HABIB MUHAMMAD
KARIM PRODUCED ANTICIPATED REQUEST BY BARZANI FOR US
SUPPORT AGAINST IRAQI REGIME, PREDICTED ON KARIM'S EXPEC-
TATION THAT WIDESPREAD POPULAR UPRISING ON PART OF
KURDS AND OTHER DISAFFECTED, ANTI-BA'ATH ELEMENTS IN
IRAQ WILL TAKE PLACE IN SPRING 1972. EMBOFF REITERATED
US POLICY AS OUTLINED REFTEL, MAKING CLEAR THAT PRIN-
CIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION APPLIES TO IRAQI POLITICS
AS WHOLE, NOT JUST TO KURDISH PROBLEM. KARIM RECEIVED
THIS IN GOOD GRACE, REMARKING ONLY THAT HE HOPED
COURSE OF FUTURE EVENTS IN IRAQ MIGHT ENCOURAGE US
TO RECONSIDER.

2. ON RELATED SUBJECT, KARIM CLAIMED BARZANI HAD NEVER
RECEIVED DEFINITE REPLY TO REQUEST, MADE PREVIOUSLY TO
AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN TEHRAN AND BEIRUT, FOR PERSONAL
MEETING WITH A US REPRESENTATIVE. EMBOFF MADE PERSONAL
OBSERVATION THAT, IN VIEW US POLICY EXPRESSED TO
KURDISH INTERMEDIARIES ON THIS AND PREVIOUS
OCCASIONS, SUCH MEETING WOULD SERVE NO PURPOSE AND
MIGHT, IN FACT, ENGENDER FALSE HOPES AND FUTURE MIS-
UNDERSTANDINGS. KARIM ASKED THAT DEPT BE REQUESTED
CONFIRM THIS OBSERVATION, SO THAT KURDS MIGHT HAVE

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