

For *Knight* on return

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( ) FOR KNIGHT.

WHEN I LEFT KUWAIT, THE VISIT OF ADMIRAL MOORER TO KUWAIT WILL GO ON, IN SPITE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE NOT COME. I FULLY SUPPORT THE AMBASSADOR'S POSITION FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- A. MOORER GOT BAD PRESS IN THE ARAB WORLD AFTER THE YOM KIPPUR WAR BECAUSE OF HIS PRAISE OF ISRAELI MILITARY. ALSO, HE IS KNOWN AS THE INDIVIDUAL WHO ORCHESTRATED THE ISRAELI RESUPPLY EFFORT. WE CAN, THEREFORE, EXPECT VERY BAD PRESS IN KUWAIT.
- B. HIS VISIT WILL NOT HELP THE U.S. ARMS SALES PROGRAM, WHICH IS GOING WELL, AND MAY IN FACT DAMAGE IT IF THE LEFTIST PRESS CHARACTERIZES HIS VISIT AS A "PRESSURE" VISIT.
- C. IF THE PRESS STARTS ON MOORER, AND WE BELIEVE IT WILL, IT COULD DAMAGE THE VISIT OF KISSINGER WHICH IS SCHEDULED LATER.

THE KUWAITIS ARE VERY SENSITIVE ABOUT THEIR IMAGE AND, ALTHOUGH THEY WILL ACCEPT MOORER BECAUSE THEY ARE COURTEOUS, THEY WILL COME UNDER UNNECESSARY PRESSURE FROM THE LEFT BECAUSE OF THIS VISIT. I DO NOT BELIEVE WE NEED THE KUWAITIS WEAKENED AT THIS TIME. ( ) I BELIEVE THAT IF ALL WHO DEAL WITH KUWAIT READ MY AIRGRAM OF A FEW WEEKS BACK "THE PHILOSOPHY OF KUWAIT'S INTERNATIONAL POLICY", THEY WOULD UNDERSTAND WHY THE AMBASSADOR AND I RECOMMEND AGAINST THIS VISIT. PERHAPS THERE ARE HIGHER POLICY CONSIDERATIONS, BUT WITH THE LEFT GROWING STRONG IN BAHRAIN

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WE DO NOT NEED TO GIVE THEM A NEW FIELD OF ACTION. THE ONE-  
TWO PUNCH OF A MOORER-KISSINGER VISIT WILL GIVE THEM A  
FIELD DAY: "U.S. PRESSURE, ETC."

I DO NOT KNOW WHAT CAN BE DONE, AND I CERTAINLY DO  
NOT WANT TO UTILIZE THIS CHANNEL JUST TO LET OFF STEAM.  
I FEEL THAT U.S. POLICY AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS  
REST HEAVILY ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AREA SENSITIVITIES  
AND THAT EACH POLICY MOVE SHOULD, IN THEORY, REPRESENT A NET  
TACTICAL GAIN. I REALIZE, HOWEVER, THAT OVERRIDING GEOPOLITICAL  
CONSIDERATIONS, AND U.S. GLOBAL STRATEGY, ARE MORE IMPORTANT  
THAN LOCAL CONSIDERATIONS. I HOPE THE FORMER ARE THE REASONS  
WHY WE BELIEVE THAT A NET GAIN IS ENVISAGED. E2 IMPDET.