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SUBJ: KUWAITI FOREIGN MINISTER ON ARAB SUMMITS AND SOMALIS

1. ON RETURN TO KUWAIT MARCH 17 FROM SIX DAY TRIP TO DAMASCUS
AND CAIRO GOK FOREIGN MINISTER SABAH AL AHMAD TOLD LOCAL PRESS:

A) HE HAD DELIVERED MESSAGES FROM AMRI TO SYRIAN AND
EGYPTIAN PRESIDENTS, BOTH OF WHOM HAD AGREED TO AT
END ARAB
SUMMIT TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF ARAB WORLD;

B) LOCAL RUMORS THAT SADAT AND ASSAD WOULD MEET IN MINI-SUMMIT
IN KUWAIT AT TIME OF KING KHALID'S MARCH 21 VISIT WERE "FALSE
AND BASELESS";

C) ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS IN CAIRO HAD AGREED TO
PREPARATORY CONFERENCE WITH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS IN DAKAR
ON APRIL 19 TO PREPARE FOR FULL AFRO/ARAB SUMMIT;

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D) MINISTERS HAD FAILED TO AGREE ON NEW DATE OR PLACE
FOR EIGHTH ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO BE
HELD IN MOGADISCIO LAST YEAR; AND,

E) KUWAIT, ALONG WITH ALGERIA, JORDAN AND LIBYA, HAD
BEEN CHARGED WITH APPROACH TO FRENCH GOVERNMENT LOOKING TOWARDS
RESOLUTION OF THE AFARS AND ISSA DISPUTE WITH SOMALIA -- WITH
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED SUPPORTING FULL INDEPENDENCE OF SOMALI
COAST, A REFERENDUM BY FRANCE IN TERRITORY AND STATING
ANY AGGRESSION AGAINST SOMALIA WOULD BE REGARDED AS AGGRESSION
AGAINST ALL ARAB STATES.

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