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TO FLASH RIYADH

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FOLLOWING PERSONAL FOR SECRETARY OF STATE.

SINAI FORCE.

1. HAIG HAS JUST TELEPHONED ME DESCRIBING YOUR MESSAGE AND ENCLOSURES AS QUOTE A BOMBSHELL UNQUOTE. HE SAID THAT HE COULD NOT EXAGGERATE THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE CONSEQUENCES THAT WOULD FLOW FROM THEM. HE COULD ONLY COMPARE IT TO 1956. HE ASKED ME TO COME DOWN AND SEE HIM IN TWO HOURS TIME, WHICH I WILL DO. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE WAS TOYING WITH THE IDEA OF TELEPHONING YOU TO IMPLORE YOU TO DO NOTHING UNTIL YOU HAD HEARD HIS VIEWS. I SAID THAT I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BETTER IF I COMMUNICATED WITH YOU, WHICH IS WHY I AM SENDING THIS FLASH TELEGRAM.

HENDERSON

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