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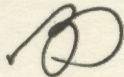
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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT 

Secretary Kissinger asked that I provide you with the following report of his meetings in Saudi Arabia:

"If my conversations today with King Khalid, Prince Fahd and Prince Sultan are any indication, the agreement we have just achieved between Egypt and Israel should have broad support in the Arab world. All the Saudi Arabians I talked to are unanimous that this is a significant step forward. Each stressed that the momentum must be maintained and something must be done for Syria in the next stage. Prince Sultan, who is Foreign Minister, in a brief statement to the press at the conclusion of my visit strongly endorsed the efforts of the United States and the achievements of the last 10 days. He did this in the name of the King and given the amount of influence that Saudi Arabia has in the Arab world, this statement will have a strong influence in assuring a broadly favorable reaction throughout the area.

"The Saudis were pleased that I was able to inform them that we are ready to go ahead on the sale of a number of military items which they are interested in, in order to strengthen their national guard and small navy. I know it is of interest to you that we are committed to build on a cash basis a very substantial part of the Saudi Arabian infrastructure for its armed forces.

"I also had the opportunity to get across to Prince Fahd, who is the effective leader of the country, our strong view against an OPEC price hike on oil. It is clear that the Saudis are not in the vanguard of those seeking an increase in price, but neither are they in a position to prevent it, particularly with the Shah of Iran taking the lead.

"In short, I believe the brief stop in Taif today helped assure the new leaders of the constancy of our policy."

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By HR NARA, Date 7/1/10

