4. Also, we are concerned that efforts could be made to portray a Habib visit as evidence of a U.S. embrace of an enemy of Israel. This would embarrass Habib and raise questions about the U.S. commitment to Israel’s security that is central to the peace process. We are prepared to face this problem, but we hope that the Iraqis would be conscious of their responsibility to help contribute to the positive atmosphere of the visit. We leave to you how to get this difficult point across to the Iraqis.

5. Any significant step by the Iraqis prior to the visit to stop operations of Black Jack and Day 15 would, of course, greatly improve the atmosphere of the visit as well as the prospects that the visit itself would lead to improvement of relations.

6. Please advise as soon as Habib proposes any travel plans.

7. Refertel repeated info Amman, Jidda, Riyadh. Shultz