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C O N F I D E N T I A L BAGHDAD 2577

E.O. 12065: GDS 9/27/87 (PILLSBURY, MICHAEL)
TAGS: PEPR, IZ, OREP (PILLSBURY, MICHAEL)
SUBJECT: STAFFDEL PILLSBURY'S VISIT TO BAGHDAD

REF: BAGHDAD 2557

1. (CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT).

2. STAFFDEL PILLSBURY PREPARED THE FOLLOWING PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM BAGHDAD SEPTEMBER 24.

3. ON SEPTEMBER 23, DEPUTY SPEAKER OF THE IRAQI PARLIAMENT, BAHAA AL-DIN AHMED, CHAIRMAN OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEE AND
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THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIES AND ENERGY.

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RECEIVED STAFFDEL PILLSBURY FOR TWO HOURS IN THE PARLIAMENT BUILDING TO PRESENT THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE FIRST YEAR OF THE IRAQI PARLIAMENT. THEY STRESSED THE ROLE OF THE PARLIAMENT IN REVIEWING THE GOVERNMENT'S BUDGET AND ANNUAL PLANS AS WELL AS THE PARLIAMENT'S ROLE IN MEETING WITH FOREIGN DELEGATIONS WHICH IS FACILITATED BY THEIR SEPTEMBER 1980 MEMBERSHIP IN THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION. IN RESPONSE TO PILLSBURY'S QUESTIONS, THEY VOICED SUPPORT FOR AWACS SALE TO SAUDI ARABIA AND INDICATED AN INTEREST IN VISITING US CONGRESS IN WASHINGTON AT SOME FUTURE UNSPECIFIED DATE. STAFFDEL'S SURPRISE, THEY EXPLAINED THAT ONLY

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THE ATMOSPHERE WAS PLEASANT AND FRIENDLY. WHILE DESIRE TO IMPROVE US-IRAQI RELATIONS WAS REPEATED, A FAREWELL COMMENT WAS THAT US POLICY TOWARD THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE PAST HAS BEEN "KEEPING THE ISRAELIS HAPPY. ISRAEL HAS DONE WHATEVER IT COULD TO STOP IRAQ'S PROGRESS BECAUSE THEY KNOW THEIR DAYS WILL BE NUMBERED WHEN WE SUCCEED."

4. AT SUGGESTION OF IRAQI OFFICIAL ESCORT, PILLSBURY WAS DRIVEN TO RECENTLY FINISHED PANORAMA DISPLAY BUILDING NEAR CTESIPHON ARCH WHERE BLOODY BATTLE SCENES FROM 637 AD DEMONSTRATE ALLEGORICAL LESSONS FOR HUNDREDS OF VISITORS IN EVIDENCE. ESPECIALLY MALE TEENAGERS IN QUASI-UNIFORM. ELEPHANTS REFERRED TO IN GUIDE TEXT AS "PERSIAN ARMOR CORPS" ARE SHOWN BEING BLINDED BY SPEARS

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WITH THEIR TRUNKS CHAPPED OFF BY THE ARAB FORCES. DR. PILLSBURY COMMENTED THAT IT WAS A TRULY MOVING SCENE. OUTCOME OF BATTLE WAS POINTEDLY EXPLAINED TO BE ARAB VICTORY AND EXECUTION OF PERSIAN COMMANDER AFTER MAJOR REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVED FROM SYRIA. PANORAMA DISPLAY WAS PAINTED BY 22 NORTH KOREAN ARTISTS AFTER SENIOR UNNAMED IRAQIS WERE IMPRESSED BY SIMILAR PANORAMA IN MOSCOW SHOWING NAPOLEON'S DEFEAT.

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