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TAGS: ASEC, PTER, EAIR, PREL, CASC, SA
SUBJECT: SAUDI ARABIA: MEETING WITH [REDACTED] RE BIN LADEN
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REF: RIYADH 2057 (NOTAL) AND PREVIOUS

1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY DCM THEODORE H. KATTOUF, REASON 1.5 (B).
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2. (C) ON JUNE 16, RIYADH RSO, ECONCHIEF AND CIVIL AVIATION
OFFICER MET WITH [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AT KING KHALID INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, TO DISCUSS THE
OSAMA BIN LADEN THREAT (REFTEL), AND PRESS FOR ENHANCED VIGILANCE
BY SAUDI SECURITY SCREENERs AND POLICE PATROLS AROUND THE AIRPORT.
WE NOTED THAT WHILE WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION THAT INDICATES
BIN LADEN IS TARGETING CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT, HE MADE A THREAT DURING
THE JUNE 11 ABC NEWS INTERVIEW AGAINST "MILITARY PASSENGER
AIRCRAFT" IN THE NEXT "FEW WEEKS." BIN LADEN ALSO SPOKE OF SAM
MISSILES. WE TOLD [REDACTED] THAT THE USG WAS TAKING BIN LADEN'S
THREAT VERY SERIOUSLY. WE ALSO MENTIONED THAT SINCE THE 1995 AND
1996 BOMBINGS, U.S. MILITARY IN SAUDI ARABIA HAD IMPROVED FORCE
PROTECTION. CONSEQUENTLY, WE COULD NOT RULE OUT THAT A TERRORIST
MIGHT TAKE THE COURSE OF LEAST RESISTANCE AND TURN TO A CIVILIAN
TARGET. TO UNDERSCORE OUR POINT, WE NOTED THAT BIN LADEN HAD SAID,
"WE DO NOT DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THOSE DRESSED IN MILITARY UNIFORMS
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AND CIVILIANS...." WE PROVIDED [REDACTED] WITH A COPY OF THE
TRANSCRIPT OF THE BIN LADEN INTERVIEW, AS WELL AS A COPY OF THE
RECENT EMBASSY WARDEN FAXNET STATEMENT.

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