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PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR FROM POLITICAL DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: PERSONAL: IRAQ

1. We are preparing a paper, on a contingency basis, assessing the likely attitudes of key countries to possible action to bring about regime change in Iraq. I emphasise that there is no suggestion of imminent action. I have made this telegram very restricted so as to avoid setting hares running. But it would be helpful to have your judgement (without of course consulting host governments) on the likely reaction of your host government to a determined US effort including military action to bring about a change of regime in Iraq. I would like to dig below the surface of the immediate public reaction. So it would be helpful to know whether there would be a difference between their public and private positions and how much the latter could be affected by evidence that the US would see things through.

2. We are grateful for Riyadh, Cairo, Amman and Kuwait's comments on this issue. No need to supplement, but if you want to add, this would be most welcome.

3. Grateful for response (which need only be brief) by 0900Z Tuesday 26 February. These should be marked SECRET AND PERSONAL for Political Director and Head MED.

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