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FROM: Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs
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SUBJECT: (U) Reclama: Your Trip to the Middle East

~~(C)~~ I hope you will reconsider your decision to postpone your October trip to the Middle East. The competing demands on your time are undeniable, but we are at a critical juncture now, especially with our Gulf partners.

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~~(C)~~ BRIGHT STAR 01, in Egypt, is the largest US military exercise conducted outside the United States.

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You will be the guest of honor.

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~~(C)~~ The Ramadan period (16 November - 14 December) is a constraint on any postponement.

~~(C)~~ RECOMMENDATION: We therefore urge that you visit the region as originally conceived (including Israel, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and other Gulf countries in addition to Egypt). If an extended trip is impossible, a visit to Egypt (for BRIGHT STAR), Israel,

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and Saudi Arabia would be a minimum recommendation.

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