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note the problem of perception (or actuality) of some recipient passing info to Iraqis. Probably OK with UAE, Oman; can go more difficult with Kuwait.

Go ahead & pass the word to Dave Jones tonight. He is probably his last full day in S.P.A.

But, Light & note, Dave should inquire tentatively, not make an offer to do so. Check with State (Saunders?) as to direction there first.

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