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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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January 2, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: ROBERT B. OAKLEY *DO* *OBE (Revised)*

SUBJECT: Greater US Military Involvement in Oman

I have very serious reservations about an initiative aimed at greater US military involvement in Oman. My reservations are strengthened by the rather personal nature of the initiative plus its deviation from our present policy of avoiding direct involvement and encouraging Iran, Saudi Arabia and to a lesser degree Egypt and Jordan to support moderate regimes in the Gulf and oppose the radical threat.

One can argue that this is only familiarization with a key airfield. But the underlying thrust is not so limited and a series of individual steps of this sort could either mislead the Sultan (and others) as to our true intentions, or create a situation where we would feel constrained to make good in an implicit commitment we never intended to make. Before putting the nose of our camel into the Oman's' tent I would prefer to see a more careful consideration by DOD, State and CIA of how this relates to our interests and our broader policy for the Gulf. Moreover, we can presumably get approval to use Masirah later through State or DOD contacts with Omani officials in Omani.

My suggestion is that you tell General Wickham we have no problems with what DOD wishes to say to the Sultan about US equipment and training. However, we believe DOD should not raise the question of using Masirah with the Sultan or his entourage. As to a DOD (ISA/USN) study on increasing US use of Masirah, this should be carefully coordinated with State. The time may come when we will want to develop a closer military relationship with Oman, or start to use Masirah on the clear understanding it does not mean a closer military relationship. But we are not presently in a position, nor is there an urgent need, to make such a decision.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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Memo For Gen Scowcroft

Brent: Please note the attached Talher particularly the circled portions. Opportunity coming up to work with Omanis toward closer military cooperation and possible reciprocity to US use of Masirah should the UK one day decide to depart. Unless you see objections, we will initiate these initiatives (circled paragraphs).

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OMANI NAVAL TRAINING

- SECDEF was briefed last February on Admiral Zumwalt's talk with Ghassan Shahr, Sultan Qabus' (Saudi National) Special Assistant (talker is attached).
- Discussion touched on Omani Navy (one ex-U.S.C.G. WBB, several small patrol craft); Qabus' desire to improve it.
- Shahr suggested Omanis might, at later date, ask for some U.S. help. Zumwalt indicated readiness "in principle" to entertain such request, without implying specific commitment.
- Qabus and entourage now scheduled for Washington visit 7-10 January.

Information from London, where Qabus was recently, is that his staff may make informal inquiries re possibility of training small number of Omani naval personnel in U.S. (no in-country training/advisory effort contemplated.)

- Shahr has indicated interest in meeting new CNO. Possible, also, that Qabus may ask that call on CNO be included in his program.

Question of training may come up. If it does, CNO intends to indicate open-mindedness, say that he will have staff take a look at feasibility; and suggest that, in meantime, Omanis come in with formal government-to-government request.

As a matter of related interest, we have been reliably informed that the British have reassured him they intend to stay in Oman and Masirah.

- This may have been in response to SECDEF's special interest in Masirah.

We should now develop a plan for (very) gradually increasing U.S. use of Masirah (VP in particular). Familiarization flights initially, easing into more regular use by VP DET.

- Omanis are unlikely to object; key will be British attitude.

- If SECDEF has no problem, USN will initiate discussions with ISA.

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January 7, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Ambassador Wolle's Participation in
Sultan Qaboos' Visit

Ambassador Wolle, who is back in Washington from Muscat for consultation, has been included as a participant during Sultan Qaboos' meeting with the Secretary of State in the social functions that are being organized in honor of the Sultan. Ambassador Wolle's participation during Sultan Qaboos' call on the President on Thursday, January 9, remains undecided.

The Omani group calling on the President includes, in addition to the Sultan, Foreign Minister Zawawi, Sayyid Tarik who is the uncle and personal adviser to the Sultan, and Omani Ambassador to the United States Ahmed Macki. We believe it would be fitting if Ambassador Wolle were also present.


George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

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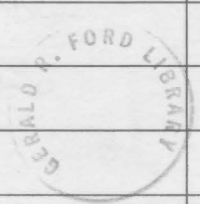
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January 8

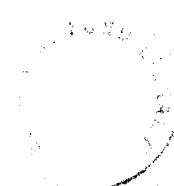
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FOR BUD MC FARLANE

Bud,

The attached for the Secretary's morning briefing book for the President on the visit of the Sultan of Oman. The major Talking Paper is being forwarded shortly and separately.

Rosemary





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Washington, D.C. 20520

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January 7, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: President's Appointment with the Sultan of Oman

The Department has received confirmation that His Majesty, Sultan Qaboos of Oman, will meet with the President at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 9.

George S. Springsteen
George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

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January 6, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Briefing of the President for His
Meeting with Sultan Qaboos of Oman

The President has agreed to see His Majesty Sultan Qaboos of Oman at 2:30 Thursday, January 9, for one hour. Attached are suggested talking points for possible use by the National Security Advisor in briefing the President for his meeting with Sultan Qaboos.

Suzanne S Butcher
for George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Briefing Paper on
Oman

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OMAN: QABOOS MEETING

Background

-- The story of modern Oman begins only in 1970 when (1) Qaboos, your visitor, overthrew his despotic father, Sultan Taimur, in a palace coup, and (2) Oman began to export commercial quantities of oil. These events began a new era of exposure to the world and rapid economic development for Oman.

-- Qaboos is coming to Washington for a two-day visit to meet you and some leading members of your Administration. He sees this visit, although private, as important in burnishing his political image back home and among other Arab states. I am hosting a dinner in his honor and the Vice President is hosting a luncheon. He is also seeing Secretary Schlesinger and Mr. Colby.

-- Oman is important because of its strategic location. With Iran, it controls the Strait of Hormuz through which pass two-thirds of the world's oil trade. It is also the only country in the Arabian Peninsula confronted with a guerrilla war--in its southernmost province of Dhofar, which is supported and abetted by the neighboring marxist Peoples' Democratic Republic of Yemen (PDRY). Setbacks for the Sultan's efforts to deal with the insurgency and to make rapid economic progress would have serious repercussions for stability in the Persian Gulf.

Omani-US Relations

-- The US has always had good, if remote, relations with Oman going back to 1833 when we signed a treaty of friendship and navigation. Over the years we have had various forms of diplomatic relations but sent a resident Ambassador only in July 1974.

-- British commercial interest historically has been high in Oman but American commercial interest is growing: Sun Oil is looking for offshore oil, other US firms are involved in construction, agricultural and fisheries development, port improvement, etc. The Omanis welcome American businessmen.

-- We have no AID or military assistance program. We do have a small Peace Corps contingent. The Omanis are increasingly asking us for technical assistance (on a fully reimbursable basis), and we are seeking to be as responsive as possible.

-- Oman is not a major oil power (exports 300,000 bpd) and is not a member of OPEC although it follows OPEC trends. Nevertheless, we can capitalize on our friendship with Oman by encouraging Qaboos to support moderation on the oil price issue for the sake of Free World stability and strength.

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-- Oman is not involved in the Israeli-Arab dispute, other than through its pro-forma solidarity with the Arab side. It is, however, impatient for a settlement which it considers of importance to reducing pressures in the area.

Regional Security

-- Our concerns with Oman are mainly regional in character. In the 1960s, a rebellion started among some of the mountain tribes in the Dhofar province neighboring the PDRY. With the British departure from Aden late in 1967 and political control in the PDRY falling into the hands of a radical marxist group, a communist subversive group now known as the Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman (PFLO) captured this movement. PDRY provides a sanctuary, base of operations and training, source of supply, and propaganda outlet for PFLO. Qaboos since coming to power has waged a major campaign against the insurgency but there are still perhaps some 600 hard-core guerrillas in Dhofar --a large area with a population of only about 50,000.

-- The Omani armed forces are led by some 300 British volunteer and mercenary officers and use British equipment almost exclusively. The Shah has sent a brigade for an offensive, now under way, to try and clean out remaining insurgents. There is a Jordanian engineering company and the Jordanians may send an infantry battalion as well. Time seems to be on the Sultan's side as his own forces and allies grow and as the development program financed by oil revenues gradually brings economic advantages to the rural population.

-- We are not involved in the Dhofar at all, other than through very occasional and small-scale Omani requests to purchase military equipment. Our policy has been to urge the British to stick with it and we have given diplomatic and political encouragement for Iranian and Jordanian support within a framework of regional cooperation.

-- Although not actively involved, we are indeed concerned over the outcome of the Dhofar war. The PDRY is a major irritant in the Arabian Peninsula. It controls access to the Red Sea, which will once again become important with the reopening of the Suez Canal, and seeks to expand its influence not only in Oman but in the other small Gulf states. It is therefore clearly in our interest to support and encourage a friendly regime in Oman.

What We Hope to Achieve

-- to reassure Qaboos that we take him seriously and value the leadership role he is playing in his struggle against the Dhofar insurgency.

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-- to encourage him to continue his efforts to look to friendly regional states for military and economic support.

-- to compliment him on his policy of pursuing rapid economic development while reiterating our willingness to provide technical assistance on a reimbursable basis.

-- to assure him of your personal commitment to work toward a just and lasting settlement of the Arab-Israel conflict.



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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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January 6, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: President's Appointment with
the Sultan of Oman

As requested, the President's appointment with the Sultan has been moved to 2:30 PM, January 9. He should arrive via the Southwest Gate. Please confirm acceptance.


Jeanne M. Davis
Staff Secretary



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 5, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY HENRY A. KISSINGER
FROM: WARREN RUSTAND *WR*
SUBJECT: Approved Presidential Activity

Please take the necessary steps to implement the following and confirm with Mrs. Nell Yates, ext. 2699. The appropriate briefing paper should be submitted to Dr. David Hoopes by 4:00 p.m. of the preceding day.

Meeting: With Sultan Qabus, Ruler of Oman

Date: Thursday, Jan. 9, 1975 Time: 11:00 a.m. Duration: 60 minutes

Location: The Oval Office

Press Coverage: Press Photo; meeting to be announced

Purpose: For exchange of views with leader of Oman

cc: Mr. Hartmann
Mr. Marsh
Mr. Cheney
Mr. Connor
*Mrs. Davis
Dr. Hoopes
Mr. Jones
Mr. Nessen
Mr. O'Donnell
Mrs. Yates
General Lawson

* Please determine if Sultan Qabus should enter by Southwest gate, with troops and trumpets.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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December 24, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR WARREN RUSTAND

FROM:

Jeanne W. Davis

SUBJECT:

Sultan of Oman's Appointment with the President

To follow-up on our telephone request, if it is possible, the Sultan would like to schedule his meeting with the President on the afternoon of January 9. As you know, it is tentatively on for 10:30 AM. He is, of course, prepared to be available at this time, but would prefer to arrive in Washington on the morning of the 9th, and call on the President later in the day.

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cc: R. Oakley

Gen. Scowcroft

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December 17, 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Presidential Appointment for the Sultan of
Oman (S/S 7422528)

To confirm our telephone notification, the President has agreed to receive the Sultan of Oman on January 9 for approximately a 60-minute appointment. Time has tentatively been blocked at 10:30 AM. You are authorized to inform the Sultan of the President's willingness to receive him ^{on January 9} and we will confirm the time as soon as possible. The Sultan should arrive via the Southwest Gate. Please confirm timing and provide a briefing memorandum by January 6.


Jeanna M. Davis
Staff Secretary



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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL
DATE: December 13, 1974
FROM: Henry A. Kissinger
VIA: Warren S. Rustand

MEETING: With Sultan Qabus, Ruler of Oman

DATE: Second week in January 1975, preferably January 8 or 9, during the Sultan's private visit to the US.

PURPOSE: For an exchange of views with the leader of this strategically located Arab Gulf state at the tip of the Arabian Peninsula.

FORMAT: -Oval Office call
-One hour (no translation)

SPEECH MATERIAL: Talking points will be provided

PRESS COVERAGE: Meeting would be announced; press photo session.

STAFF: Henry A. Kissinger

RECOMMEND: Hennry A. Kissinger

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None

BACKGROUND: The relatively young Sandhurst-educated Sultan is guiding his country through a new period of economic development made possible by recent new discoveries of oil. At the same time, the Sultan is making determined efforts to put an end to the communist-supported insurgency in its Dhofar province. Maintaining Oman's stability in the face of this war is of great concern to both the Saudis and Iranians. The Shah, King Faisal and other moderate Arab leaders are encouraging us to developing closer relations with Oman, particularly since

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A meeting by you with Sultan Qabus would represent the first Presidential meeting for any ruler from the oil-rich Arab Gulf (other than King Faisal) since a 1968 visit by the Amir of Kuwait. We have had diplomatic relations with Oman since 1833, longer than any other Arabian state. It would give you an opportunity to become acquainted with the Sultan and Arabian Peninsula affairs in the context of our broader peace efforts, for which moderate Arab support is important.

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December 6, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: ROBERT B. OAKLEY *RO*

SUBJECT: Schedule Proposal for Presidential
Meeting for Sultan Qabus of Oman--Second
Week in January

You will separately be receiving the overall 1975 foreign visitors schedule for the President. However, in light of the fact that Sultan Qabus' private visit to Washington is coming up in the second week of January, I believe we should press ahead now with the schedule proposal seeking approval for an office meeting with the President. We have already successfully pinned down dates for two other early 1975 visits (Prime Minister Bhutto for February 6 and King Faisal for February 15) in advance of the overall visits memo and we should attempt to do the same for the Sultan visit.

You have probably seen the attached message from Ambassador Helms endorsing a Presidential meeting for Sultan. It also notes that Qabus will remain in Europe until he departs for the US. He strongly hopes for a meeting with the President.

At Tab A is a schedule proposal seeking the President's agreement to an office call (only) for Sultan Qabus in the second week of January, as recommended by State at Tab B.

RECOMMENDATION: That you forward the schedule proposal at Tab A to the President.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

November 27, 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Robert S. Ingersoll, Acting
Secretary of StateSUBJECT: Visit of Sultan Qabus of Oman
to Washington

His Majesty Sultan Qabus, Ruler of Oman, is planning to make a private visit to Washington during the second week of January. Oman is a strategically located country with two-thirds of the world's oil exports transiting through its territorial waters. It is the only country in the Arabian Peninsula facing a communist-supported insurgency. Maintaining its stability in the face of this is a matter of considerable importance to King Faisal and the Shah of Iran. Since Qabus became the ruler in 1970, Oman has only begun its economic development. It has also succeeded to a significant extent, with the aid of states in the region, in curbing and slowly ending insurgent conditions in its southern provinces of Dhofar by a combination of military and civic action programs.

Oman has had diplomatic relations with the United States since 1833, longer than any other country in the Arabian Peninsula.

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In the Secretary's visits to the Middle East, he has been encouraged by a number of Arab leaders to meet with Sultan Qabus, because his enlightened rule is important to the future stability of the Arabian Peninsula. If he comes to Washington, it would be important that he have a meeting with you. With your approval, we would suggest that he arrive in Washington on January 7 for a two day visit. We would plan to invite him to stay at Blair House and we would arrange a suitable program.

Accordingly, I recommend that you agree to receive Sultan Qabus for a substantive meeting of one hour during the period of January 8 or 9.

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

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FROM: Henry A. Kissinger

VIA: Warren S. Rustand

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STAFF: Henry A. Kissinger

RECOMMEND: Henry A. Kissinger

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None

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OPPOSED: We recognize your interest in keeping your visits calendar relatively free in the first few weeks of January but feel that Sultan's presence in Washington provides a unique opportunity for discussions with an important moderate Gulf ruler.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None

BACKGROUND: The relatively young Sandhurst-educated Sultan is guiding his country through a new period of economic development made possible by recent new discoveries of oil. At the same time, the Sultan is making determined efforts to put an end to the communist-supported insurgency in its Dhofar province. Maintaining Oman's stability in the face of this war is of great concern to both the Saudis and Iranians. The Shah, King Faisal and other moderate Arab leaders are encouraging us to develop closer relations with Oman, particularly since

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its strategic location at the mouth of the Gulf means that two-thirds of the world's oil exports transmit its territorial waters.

A meeting by you with Sultan Qabus would represent the first Presidential meeting for any ruler from the oil-rich Arab Gulf (other than King Faisal) since a 1968 visit by the Amir of Kuwait. We have had diplomatic relations with Oman since 1833, longer than any other Arabian state. It would give you an opportunity to become acquainted with the Sultan and Arabian Peninsula affairs in the context of our broader peace efforts, for which moderate Arab support is important.

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SUBJECT: State Request for appt w/ Pres for Sultan Qabus of Oman

DISTRIBUTION/INITIAL ACTION ASGMT

INTERNAL ROUTING AND DISTRIBUTION			REC CY FOR	ACTION REQUIRED
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ADVANCE CYS TO HAK/SCOWCROFT				MEMO FOR HAK ... ()
STAFF SECRETARY <u>FARREAR</u>		<u>X</u>		MEMO FOR PRES <u>W/SP6 Rustand</u> <u>X</u>
FAR EAST				REPLY FOR ... ()
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA				APPROPRIATE ACTION ... ()
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EUROPE / CANADA				RECOMMENDATIONS ... ()
LATIN AMERICA				JOINT MEMO ... ()
UNITED NATIONS				REFER TO _____ FOR: _____ ()
ECONOMIC				ANY ACTION NECESSARY? ... ()
SCIENTIFIC				CONCURRENCE. ... ()
PROGRAM ANALYSIS				DUE DATE: <u>12/10</u>
NSC PLANNING				COMMENTS: (INCLUDING SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS)
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OCEANS POLICY				
INTELLIGENCE				

Sen Lawson (Mil Aid)

SUBSEQUENT ROUTING/ACTIONS

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NOTIFY _____ & DATE 12-17-74 BY _____

SPECIAL DISPOSITION: See 7500134

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