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F.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MOPS PTNS MU  
SUBJECT: ALL QUIET MILITARILY IN DHOFAR

1. SUMMARY. WITH OMAN'S SOUTHERN PROVINCE OF DHOFAR ONE MONTH INTO THE ANNUAL SUMMER MONSOON SEASON, MILITARY SITUATION THERE REMAINS CALM. LAST THREE MONTHS PASSED QUIETLY IN WESTERN HALF OF THE MOUNTAINS, WHILE SPORADIC FIRING AND MINING INCIDENTS IN EASTERN SECTOR WERE INSIGNIFICANT. SULTAN'S ARMED FORCES HAVE BEEN MAINLY RECONFIGURED INTO TRAINING POSTURE. BULK OF IRANIAN FORCES ARE AT MANSTON, IN WEST-CENTRAL DHOFAR, WITH NO SIGN THEY WILL SOON BE REDUCED IN NUMBER OR WITHDRAWN. DHOFAR BRIGADE COMMANDER SEES RAPID ROAD DEVELOPMENT IN THE JABAL AS BEST MEANS OF ASSURING LOCAL POPULACE AND KEEPING THEIR LOYALTY IN YEARS AHEAD, BUT SAYS LITTLE IS BEING DONE ON THIS BY OMANIS THEMSELVES, WHO ARE STILL AWAITING SAUDI FUNDS TO GO AHEAD.  
END SUMMARY.

2. BRIEFING GIVEN ME ON JULY 26 IN SALALAH BY DHOFAR BRI-

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GADE COMMANDER, BRIG. AKEHURST, CONFIRMED THAT MILITARY SITUATION THERE HAS REMAINED VERY QUIET SINCE DECEMBER 1975. WESTERN HALF OF THE JABAL HAS BEEN ABSOLUTELY PEACEFUL SINCE SHELLING AND MORTAR FIRE AROUND SAF POSITIONS AT SARFAIT CEASED AT END OF APRIL. IN RECENT WEEKS, SAF INTELLIGENCE HAS REPORTED A CONCENTRATION OF 50 TO 100 PFLO PERSONNEL IN DENSELY-COVERED TERRAIN BETWEEN SARFAIT AND THE BORDER. IT HAS ALSO DETECTED THREE SMALL UNITS OF PDY REGULAR FORCES POSITIONED BETWEEN THIS PFLO GROUP AND SARFAIT, AND SAF INTERPRETS THIS AS A PDY EFFORT TO MAKE SURE PFLO DOES NOT DISTURB THE PEACE. AKEHURST COMMENTED THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE QUESTION, ANYHOW, AS TO JUST WHERE THE DHOFAR-PDY BORDER LINE RUNS AND THAT CONSEQUENTLY THE OMANIS ARE NOT PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THESE SMALL ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS SO LONG AS THEY KEEP TO THEMSELVES.

3. IN THE EASTERN JABAL, A FEW SHOOTING AND MINING INCIDENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE THIS SPRING BUT NOTHING SERIOUS. FOR EXAMPLE, TEN MORTAR ROUNDS WERE FIRED AROUND TAWI ATAIR ON JUNE 9 APPARENTLY IN CELEBRATION OF ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REVOLUTION. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES AND NO DAMAGE. AKEHURST DISMISSED PROPAGANDA OVER ADEN RADIO IN MID-JUNE ALLEGED SERIES OF SHARP ATTACKS AGAINST OMANI FORCES ON/ABOUT JUNE 9 SAYING THIS WAS REHASH OF ATTACKES IN VARIOUS PAST YEARS.) ON COASTAL PLAN NORTH OF MARBAT 3 OR 4 MINES HAVE DETONATED UNDER MILITARY AND CIVILIAN VEHICLES BUT LUCKILY NONE HAVE CAUSED CASUALTIES.

4. AKEHURST NOTED THERE ARE PERHAPS 40 REMAINING GUERRILLAS IN SMALL GROUPS AROUND TAWI ATAIR, IN AL-AMRI TRIBAL DISTRICT. HE EXPECTS THEY MAY LOSE HEART FOR CONTINUING OPPOSITION SOON, NOW THAT THEIR LEADER, RAJAH MASOUD, HAS SURRENDERED. MASOUD GAVE HIMSELF UP AT MARBAT IN EARLY JULY AND HAS PROVIDED USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT NUMBERS AND ARMAMENT OF REMAINING DISSIDENTS. SAF SOON WILL ESTABLISH SEVEN NEW POSITIONS IN GENERAL VICINITY OF TAWI ATAIR TO MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR REMAINING GUEPRILLAS TO OBTAIN FOOD AND OTHER ASSISTANCE FROM LOCAL POPULATION.

5. AKEHURST CONFIRMED THAT IRANIAN FORCES, SOMETHING AROUND TWO THOUSAND, ARE ALMOST ENTIRELY IN BARRACKS AT MANSTON.

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SAYO THAT HE PERSONALLY HOPES FOR EARLY WITHDRAWAL OF  
TRANIANS, INDICATING THEY NO LONGER SERVE A USEFUL MILITARY  
PURPOSE AND COULD BE FLOWN BACK TO DHOFAR QUICKLY IF NEED  
AROSE. AS TO THE JORDANIAN ENGINEERING COMPANY, AKEHURST  
REMARKED THAT IT CONTINUES ASSIST SAF IN EXTENDING WATER  
DISTRIBUTION PIPELINES AND MAINTAINING ROADS TO POPULATED  
LOCATIONS IN THE MOUNTAINS, THOUGH ITS EFFORTS CERTAINLY  
ARE NOT INDISPENSIBLE.

6. IT IS AKEHURST'S VIEW THAT FURTHER IMPROVEMENT AND  
EXTENSION OF ROAD NETWORK IS FAR AND AWAY THE MOST IMPORTANT  
ACTIVITY TO ASSURE ECONOMIC PROGRESS ON THE JABAL. HE  
RELIEVES THERE IS SUFFICIENT MONEY IN HANDS OF JABALI  
POPULACE (INCLUDING RECEIPTS FROM CATTLE SALES, FROM  
PAYROLL OF THE FIRQA, AND ROM REWARDS FOR TURNING IN  
WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION) SO THAT THEY WOULD READILY PROCEED  
TO MAKE THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOUSING AND NECESSITIES  
OF LIFE WITH SALALAH MERCHANTS AND CONTRACTORS PROVIDED  
FASTER ACCESS TO THE COASTAL PLAIN AND MOVEMENT AROUND THE  
JABAL WERE ASSURED. HE MENTIONED THAT OMAN'S PLAN FOR  
ROADBUILDING ON THE JABAL HAS PRICE TAG OF R.O. 70 MILLION  
(DOLLARS 200 MILLION) AND THAT THIS IS ITS FIRST SPENDING  
PRIORITY IF SAUDI ARABIA EVER COMES THROUGH WITH FUNDS  
AS HAS BEEN HOPED FOR PAST SIX MONTHS. BUT AKEHURST CON-  
FIRMED THAT OMANIS SEEM TO HAVE DONE NOTHING ON THEIR  
OWN TO MOVE THIS PROGRAM FORWARD WHILE WAITING FOR SAUDIS  
TO PROVIDE WHEREWITHAL.

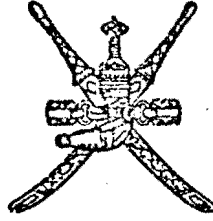
7. AKEHURST'S TWO-YEAR TOUR CONCLUDES IN LATE AUGUST AND  
HIS SUCCESSOR, ALSO SECONDED FROM BRITISH ARMY, WILL BE  
BRIG. CHARLES HUXTABLE. AKEHURST IS BEING POSTED TO MOD  
IN LONDON.  
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Office of the Ambassador



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Date : 2 August 1976.....

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The Honourable Shirley Temple Black  
Chief of Protocol  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C. 20013

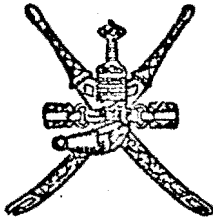
Dear Madame Ambassador,

This is to note a formal complaint for the brusque treatment personally received by me when I and my guest, Col. Said Salim, Chief of Protocol of the Palace of His Majesty Sultan Qabus, at the East Gate Entrance of the White House on Friday, 30 July 1976 at 8:50 a. m.

Ms. Driscoll from the Office of Protocol, Ceremonial, Department of State, was contacted by my office of my interest in bringing guests on a tour of the White House. She kindly informed my office to notify Mr. Michael J. Farrell, Protocol Office at the White House for arrangements.

When my guest and I arrived at the East Gate, we presented our tickets to the guard in attendance. Much to my surprise, he did not even take consideration to listen but with an abrupt gesture said ' get in line with the others'. I attempted to explain to the officer my guest was in the city for a short time, with a full schedule,





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and a long delay would interrupt that timetable. No explanation was given to clarify procedures upon entering the White House. When we attempted to return the passes, he refused them. We departed, needless to say, without touring the White House.

It was my intention that my guest, who has traveled extensively in the United States, complete his stay in America with a look at the President's House. I fail to understand this treatment after following the proper channels to avoid just such an embarrassing situation, which indeed did occur.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Ahmed Macki  
Ambassador

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 4, 1976

1:00 p.m.

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

CAROLE FARRAR

FROM:

MIKE FARRELL

SUBJECT:

His Excellency Ahmed Macki  
Ambassador of Oman

As we discussed, the attached letter from Ambassador Macki arrived in my office a few minutes ago. I have enclosed a copy of the letter which I sent to the Ambassador.

From what I have been able to determine, he arrived early for his tour on July 30 at a time when many other people were still gathered at the East Gate. According to the Ambassador's secretary, when he attempted to present himself the officer asked that he go to the end of the line to be checked in. This conceivably could have been a Park Service individual who assists at the East Gate or one of the officers stationed at the gate. Since the officers do not recall the Ambassador presenting himself, obviously they did not understand what he said. In fact, our receptionist had checked with the officers at the gate several times around 9:15 and 9:30 a.m., and their response was that the Ambassador had not come as yet. Evidently, upon being asked to go to the end of the line, the Ambassador left. When I learned of this, I phoned to express my regret to his secretary and invited him to return with their Chief of Protocol for a private afternoon tour. The Ambassador indicated that his schedule would not permit this. I then sent the attached letter.

Obviously, Ambassador Macki is upset for when I received a call from the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates yesterday to schedule a tour for their Ambassador (Thursday, August 5, 1976, 9:15 a.m.), they indicated they had heard that Ambassador Macki "had been turned away" when he came.

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If there is anything else I might do, please let me know.

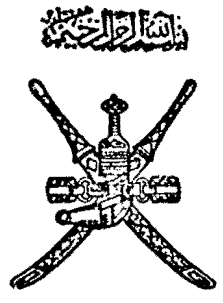
Thank you.

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Office of the Ambassador

Date : 3 August 1976

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Number : Fifty- six

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Michael J. Farrell, Esquire  
Director  
Office of White House Visitors  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Farrell,

Your letter of 30 July 1976 is highly appreciated. I, also, acknowledge your enclosures of The White House: An Historic Guide and the colour photograph of the South Fountain at the White House. These memorabilia shall be forwarded to Col. Said Salim, Chief of Protocol of the Palace of His Majesty Sultan Qabus.

Due to the severity of this incident to my guest and me, I have already sent a formal complaint to the Chief of Protocol at the Department of State, before receiving your letter today.

Thank you, once again, for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ahmed Macki  
Ambassador

2d  
July 30, 1976

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I was very sorry to learn of the problem you encountered when you arrived at the White House this morning. I regret your schedule did not permit you to return with your Chief of Protocol this afternoon so that I might have had the pleasure of meeting him, and I hope there will be another occasion when he will have the opportunity to visit the White House.

Enclosed you will find a White House book and an official photograph of the south lawn. Please send them to the Chief of Protocol with our apologies and best wishes.

We are always happy to accommodate your special guests. Please do not hesitate to have your secretary contact me personally when I may be of assistance to you.


Sincerely,

Michael J. Farrell  
Director  
Office of White House Visitors

His Excellency  
Ahmed Macki  
Ambassador of Oman  
2342 Massachusetts Avenue  
Washington, D. C. 20008

Enclosures

bcc: Lucy Winchester, Office of Protocol, Dept. of State  
Bob Oakley, NSC





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SUBJECT: MASIRAH

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1. HAVE NOTIFIED OMANGOV (FONMIN UNDERSECRETARY AL-ALAWI WHO IS SENIOR IN-COUNTRY OFFICIAL) ABOUT NEXT SCHEDULED P-3 FLIGHT TO MASIRAH AUGUST 9-11 IN ACCORDANCE REF A. ASKED IF FONMIN OR DEFMIN WOULD NEED ANYTHING ON THIS, OR FUTURE FLIGHTS, IN WRITING IN ORDER TO COMPLETE CLEARANCE FORMALITIES IN THESE INSTANCES. AS WE EXPECTED, AL-ALAWI SAID NOTHING IN WRITING TO OMANGOV IS REQUIRED, BUT SIMPLY SHORT ADVANCE ORAL NOTIFICATION TO FOREIGN MINISTER OR UNDERSECRETARY EACH TIME.

2. WE AND UNDERSECRETARY ASSSUME USDAO LONDON WILL PROVIDE CLEARANCE DETAILS DIRECT TO BRITISH MOD IN EACH INSTANCE SO THAT RAF MASIRAH AND BRITISH DEFENSE ATTACHE

MUSCAT WILL BE INFORMED AND FORMER CAN MAKE NECESSARY LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS. ADVISE IF THIS NOT THE CASE. WULLE

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(C) EMBASSY MUSCAT 0939, AUG 3

1. ASTOUNDED TO LEARN FROM REF (A) THAT AUG 9-11 MASIRAH VISIT DID NOT TAKE PLACE, AND THAT REASON WAS "NON RECEIPT OF DIP CLEARANCE APPROVAL". WE ASSUMED AUG 9-11 TRIP TOOK PLACE AS SCHEDULED, AND COMMENTED TO THIS EFFECT WHEN NOTIFYING OMANI FOREIGN MINISTER AUG 17 OF FORTHCOMING AUG 23-25 FLIGHT.
2. REGARDING CLEARANCE PROCEDURE, OUR UNDERSTANDING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (B), HAS BEEN THAT PURSUANT TO FCO AND MOD WISHES CONVEYED TO EMBASSY AND USDAO LONDON, CINCPAC IS TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH RAF MASIRAH IN ARRANGING P-3 FLIGHTS. SAME MESSAGE STATED THAT RAF MASIRAH WOULD REQUIRE AT LEAST 48 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE AND THAT MODUK AIR AND USDAO LONDON SHOULD BE INFO ADDRESSEES ON ALL MESSAGE TRAFFIC. WE HAVE ASSUMED THIS WAS TAKING PL M
3. AS REPORTED REF (C) OMAN GOVERNMENT HAS TOLD US THAT ALL IT REQUIRES IS ORAL NOTIFICATION TO FOREIGN MINISTER OR HIS STAND-IN EACH TIME. WE HAVE ASSURED SULTAN PERSONALLY THAT OMAN WILL BE NOTIFIED AT LEAST 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE ON EACH OCCASION.
4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT URGENTLY RE-STATE FOR ALL APPROPRIATE ADDRESSEES, INCLUDING ALL NECESSARY MILITARY ADDRESSEES, PRECISE GUIDELINES FOR CLEARANCE AND NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES.



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5. FOR LONDON: RE REF (B), HOW DO FCO AND MOD ENVISAGE CINCPAC COMMUNICATING "DIRECTLY WITH RAF MASIRAH"? IS AMEMBASSY MUSCAT TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS PROCEDURE?

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SUBJECT: USE OF MASIRAH  
REF: (A) MUSCAT 0914; (B) STATE 183422; (C) MUSCAT 0865  
(D) LONDON 10969

1. IN MEETING AUGUST 17 WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ZAWAWI, AMBASSADOR NOTIFIED HIM OF NEXT P-3 FLIGHT SCHEDULED AUG 23-25. ZAWAWI, JUST BACK IN MUSCAT AFTER 5-WEEK ABSENCE, OBVIOUSLY WAS PRIMED TO RAISE QUESTION OF MASIRAH ACCESS FOR FUTURE, I.E. POST-MARCH 1977. HE SAID HE SUPPOSED THAT CURRENT SERIES OF FLIGHTS WOULD BE PROVIDING BENEFITS IN TERMS OF ESTABLISHING PATTERN OF TIMINGS, LOGISTICAL FACTORS, AND OTHER EVIDENCE TO SHOW JUST HOW FUTURE FLIGHTS MIGHT SERVE MUTUAL INTERESTS. HE NOTED IMPORTANCE TO OMANGOV OF KNOWING WHAT THESE PERMANENT ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT BE. SULTAN'S AIRFORCE, FOR EXAMPLE, IS PLANNING FOR FUTURE MASIRAH AIRFIELD OPERATIONS AND SHOULD KNOW WHAT SPECIAL FUEL AND STORES WE MIGHT WISH TO HAVE. HOW WOULD LANDING AND HANDLING FEES BE ARRANGED? WHAT SPIN-OFF INFORMATION REGARDING GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF INTEREST TO OMAN MIGHT THEY EXPECT TO RECEIVE AS A RESULT? THE TIME WOULD BE DRAWING NEAR, WHEN, FOR THE SAKE OF PROPER PLANNING, HE HOPES WE WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SOME OF THESE THINGS.
2. ZAWAWI RECALLED THAT A MONTH BEFORE (REF D) HE HAD SUGGESTED TO LONDON EMOFF THE POSSIBILITY OF DISCUSSIONS THERE. THAT WAS BECAUSE SULTAN QABOOS WAS IN LONDON AT THE



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TIME. ZAWAWI HAD THOUGHT THEN OF GOING ON TO WASHINGTON HIMSELF TO DISCUSS THE MATTER, BUT THIS HAD NOT WORKED OUT. STILL, HE SAID, HM LOOKS TO HIM TO GET SOMETHING STARTED WITH USG ON FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS RELATIVE TO OUR EXPRESSED DESIRE TO MAKE SOME USE OF MASIRAH, THOUGH DUE TO HM'S STRONG PERSONAL INTEREST ANY SIGNIFICANT DISCUSSIONS WHOULD PROBABLY BE CONDUCTED WITH SULTAN PERSONALLY.

3. I SAID ALL THIS WOULD BE REPORTED TO WASHINGTON, BUT FOR THE MOMENT COULD ONLY REITERATE WHAT I HAD TOLD HM JULY 25 -- THAT WE APPRECIATE OMAN'S COOPERATION AND ITS INLREST IN HEARING FROM US ABOUT HOW OUR USE OF MASIRAH WOULD BE DEVELOPED, AND ARE CONSIDERING THE QUESTION.

4. COMMENT: I DO NOT TAKE ZAWAWI'S REMARKS AS MEANING WE CANNOT PROCEED FOR REASONABLE TIME YET WITH PRESENT INTERIM SERIES OF FLIGHTS, EVEN WITHOUT STARTING TO TALK OF THE FUTURE. BUT CLEARLY HE IS WARNING US IN VERY DIPLOMATIC MANNER THAT OMAN MUST MAKE ITS PLANS IN NEXT FEW MONTHS FOR TAKING OVER FROM RAF NEXT MARCH AND THAT IT WISHES OUR IDEAS ON FUTURE P-3 ARRANGEMENTS THIS FALL AND NOT SOMETIME IN THE WINTER. THIS OMANI WISH IS, OF COURSE, EMINENTLY LOGICAL, AS HM, ZAWAWI AND THE SULTAN'S DEFENSE MINISTRY AND AIR FORCE WANT TO KNOW WHILE DOING THIS PLANNING HOW TO FIGURE IN OUR POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION AT MASIRAH. PRESEHABLY THE HOPE IS THAT WE WILL OFFER SOME FORM OF SWEETNER WHICH DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY WILL HELP IN THE FINANCIAL OR TECHNICAL BURDENS OF RUNNING THE ISLAND'S AIRFIELD AFTER MARH '77, THOUGH ZAWAWI HAS GIVEN NO HINT JUST WHAT BENEFITS TO OMANGOV MIGHT BE SOUGHT OR REQUIRED.

5. MY OWN JUDGMENT IS THAT WE SHOULD INITIATE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT FAIRLY SOON AFTER RAMADAN ENDS IN LATE SEPTEMBER. IN ANY EVENT, ZAWAWI PROBABLY WILL SEEK MEETING ON MASIRAH AT NEA ASST. SECRETARY LEVEL IN WASHINGTON, OR NEW YORK, WHEN HE ATTENDS UNGA MID-OCTOBER. IN MEANTIME, I WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF HOW DELIBERATIONS WITHIN USG ON THIS ISSUE ARE PROCEEDING.

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OMANI MINISTER DISCUSSES GULF SITUATION, IRANIAN FORCES

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(TEXT) THE OMANI MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, QAIS 'ABD AL-MUNIM AZ-ZAWAWI, HAS SAID OMAN IS ENDEAVORING TO COOPERATE WITH ALL GULF STATES WITHOUT EXECPTION. HE SAID OMAN'S GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION ALLOWS IT TO PLAY A BIG ROLE IN THIS CONTEXT.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON, AZ-ZAWAWI EXPRESSED HIS COUNTRY'S READINESS TO SIGN BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH KUWAIT IN THE ECONOMIC, INFORMATION, CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL FIELDS SIMILAR TO THOSE SIGNED BY KUWAIT WITH OTHER GULF STATES IN THE PAST. HE ADDED HIS GOVERNMENT IS WAITING FOR COPIES OF THOSE AGREEMENTS SO IT CAN STUDY THEM.

ON THE MEDIATION EFFORTS BY KUWAIT AND THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA AIMED AT RECONCILING THE SULTANATE OF OMAN AND THE PDRY, AZ-ZAWAWI SAID THESE EFFORTS CONTINUE TO CREATE A SUITABLE ATMOSPHERE FOR RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO NEIGHBORS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS BETWEEN THEM. HE ADDED THAT THE SULTANATE OF OMAN WANTS TO COEXIST PEACEFULLY AND COOPERATE WITH ALL ITS NEIGHBORS.

ON HIS TALKS WITH KUWAITI FOREIGN MINISTER SHAYKH SABAH AL-AHMAD AL-JABIR AS-SABAH, THE OMANI MINISTER SAID THEY DEALT WITH MAJOR POINTS IN GENERAL AND DID NOT INCLUDE THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE OF GULF STATES FOREIGN MINISTERS. HE SAID THIS ISSUE MIGHT BE DISCUSSED TOMORROW.

THE MINISTER ADDED THAT THE SULTANATE OF OMAN IS CONTACTING FRATERNAL ARAB COUNTRIES ON HOLDING AN ARAB SUMMIT MEETING TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT SITUATION IN LEBANON. HE SAID HIS COUNTRY IS IN SOLIDARITY WITH ITS ARAB BROTHERS ON LEBANON AND OTHER ARAB ISSUES. HE ADDED THAT OMAN IS VERY EAGER NOT TO ALLOW ANY SUPERPOWER INFLUENCE IN THE COUNTRY AND THAT IT HAS NO INTENTION OF FITHER GIVING OR RENTING BASES OR FACILITIES TO ANY STATE.

REGARDING THE PRESENCE OF IRANIAN FORCES IN OMAN, AZ-ZAWAWI SAID THEIR PRESENT IS AIMED AT THE MAINTENANCE OF SECURITY AND STABILITY IN THE REGION. THIS IS BEING CARRIED OUT ACCORDING TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN SULTAN QUABUS IBN SA'ID AND HIS MAJESTY THE SHAH OF IRAN.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 8, 1976



Bob Oakley

The General has been contacted by a friend out of government, who, in turn, has been contacted by a close friend of his, Dr. Zwawi who, finally, is a close friend of the Omani Foreign Minister. This individual, Dr. Zwawi, purports to have had talks with both Vorster and several of the insurgent leaders in Rhodesia. He has volunteered to share this information with whoever would be interested.

The General did not promise anything but would, as a favor to his friend, like to have the man express his views; and, who knows, there may be something there. At the same time, the General does not know his credentials, and thus does not want to run the risk that if his visit became known, it would alienate the legitimate leaders in each of these countries. Thus he would appreciate it if you would receive this gentleman (he has asked to see the General tomorrow (~~XXXXX~~ Thursday) at 2:00pm. We promised to get back to him (through his Secretary Miss Pearce ~~525-5675~~) early Thursday to set something up. The General would appreciate your calling Miss Pearce, meeting with Zwawi and letting him (Brent) know how it goes.

Many thanks Bob

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Dr. Zwawi - 9/9/76.*

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F.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MAS PFOR MU US UK  
SUBJECT: MASIRAH

REF: (A) MUSCAT 1118 (NOTAL); (B) A-59

1. ASKING AMBASSADOR AND DCM INTO HIS PRIVATE OFFICE FOLLOWING SIGNING OF OPIC AGREEMENT SEPT 9, FONMIN ZAWAWI SAID HE WANTED TO RELATE ONE ASPECT OF HIS AUGUST 23-25 OFFICIAL VISIT TO KUWAIT. THIS CONCERNED MASIRAH ISLAND. ZAWAWI SAID HE HAD REALLY NOT EXPECTED KUWAITIS WOULD SURJECT HI HIM TO SUCH AN OPEN PRESS CONFERENCE BUT PERHAPS HE HAD NOT RECKONED CORRECTLY WITH KUWAIT'S MININFO, SHAIKH JABIR AL-ALI - "A SEET PERSON BUT ONE WHO OFTEN DOES MUST OPPOSITE TO WHAT YOU THINK HE WILL." AT ANY RATE, ZAWAWI SAID HE HAD DECIDED IN ADVANCE THAT IF ASKED ABOUT FUTURE ACTIVITIES ON MASTRAH OF ANY FOREIGN NATIONS, HE WOULD REPLY WITH FLAT DENIAL OF ANY OMANT INTENTION TO ALLOW "BASES" OR "FACILITIES" TO FOREIGNERS. AS THE QUESTION WAS INDEED RAISED, HE HAD REPLIED IN THAT FASHION.

2. MINISTER TOLD US OMANGOV HAS DECIDED THAT BEST TERM TO BE USED IF AND AS NECESSARY TO DESCRIBE WHATEVER FUTURE USE MAY BE MADE OF HASIRAH BY USG OR OTHERS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS WHICH OMAN EXPECTS IT WILL BE NEGOTIATING WITH US LATER ON, IS "VISITS." THIS TERM, IN

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ARABIC SIYARAAT, IS LESS SUSCEPTIBLE TO EXAGGERATION AND HARMFUL PROPAGANDA BY THOSE SUCH AS IN CERTAIN PRESS CIRCLES WHO WOULD MAKE TROUBLE FOR OMAN AND ITS FRIENDS. AND MORE-  
OVER, IT WOULD SEEM AN ACCURATE TERM TO DESCRIBE WHAT IN FACT WILL TAKE PLACE. ZAWAWI NOTED THAT WHILE IN LONDON FOLLOWING HIS KUWAITI VISIT, HE MADE THIS SAME POINT TO A WELL-PLACED FCO ACQUAINTANCE. HE OBSERVED THAT SOONER OR LATER THE PRESS, ESPECIALLY IN SUCH AN OPEN COUNTRY AS U.S., INEVITABLY WOULD GET AROUND TO ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT MASIRAH THAT WOULD NEED ANSWERS.

3. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, THIS SEEMED FINEST GOOD SENSE, AND PROMISED TO INFORM WASHINGTON OF MINISTER'S REMARKS.

4. COMMENT. BY THUS DELIBERATELY DRAWING ATTENTION TO THEIR OWN SENSITIVITY ABOUT THE FORM THOM EVENTUAL PUBLICITY OF USE OF MASIRAH AIRFIELD BY FOREIGN POWERS MAY TAKE, THE OMANIS CLEARLY EXPECT THAT BOTH WE AND THE BRITISH WILL COOPERATE SO AS TO KEEP THEM FORTIFIED IF NOT NECESSARILY IMMUNE AGAINST CRITICISM IN TIME TO COME. THIS MAKES IT ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT FOR EMBASSY MUSCAT TO BE ADVISED QUICKLY IN EVENT STATESIDE PUBLICITY DEVELOPS ON SUBJECT.  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. STEPHEN G. PALMER, NSC-IG/NEA

Subject: Country Guidance Paper for Oman (U)

1. Reference NSC-IG/NEA Memorandum, subject as above, dated 23 August 1976, which requested contributions to the subject paper.
2. The subject paper has been reviewed by the Military Services, Defense Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency, and the Joint Staff. Subject to incorporation of the changes listed in the attachment, the subject paper is concurred in.
3. Without attachment, this memorandum is UNCLASSIFIED.

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S. H. PACKER  
Rear Admiral, USN  
OJCS Representative to NSC-IG/NEA  
(Deputy Director for Politico-  
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1. REGRET DELAYS IN RESPONDING TO EARLIER INQUIRIES ON SUBJECT FLIGHTS. NEW CLEARANCE PROCEDURES SHOULD ELIMINATE FUTURE INFO GAPS ON MASIRAH P-3 OPS. AUGUST 23 AND 30 FLIGHTS TOOK PLACE AS SCHEDULED.

2. NAVY IS CANCELLING PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED SEPT 27 FLIGHT IN ORDER REMAIN WITHIN AGREED CEILING. ROBINSON  
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1. BRYANT, POL-AIL OFFICER IN FCO MIDDLE EAST DEPARTMENT BRIEFED EMBOFF AT LATTER'S REQUEST SEPTEMBER 17 ON PLANNING FOR PHASE-OUT OF RAF FROM MASIRAH. HMG HAS DEVELOPED CONTINGENCY PLAN (OF WHICH OMANIS HAVE NOT, REPEAT NOT, BEEN INFORMED) TO AGREE TO LOAN AS MANY AS 12 BRITISH PERSONNEL ON SECONDMENT TO OMANI GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE AIRFIELD. THEY WOULD BE PAID FOR BY OMANIS. SO FAR THE OMANIS HAVE ASKED FOR ONLY SIX POSITIONS TO BE SO FILLED, ALL GROUND STAFF, AS FOLLOWS: STATION COMMANDER, SENIOR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICER, SENIOR SUPPLY OFFICER, MEDICAL OFFICER, ENGINEERING OFFICER, AND FIREMAN. THESE WOULD PHASE IN DURING PERIOD JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 1977 AS RAF COMPLETES PHASING OUT.

2. THERE IS SO FAR NO INDICATION THAT THE OMANIS WILL ASK FOR ADDITIONAL SECONDED PERSONNEL. WHILE THE OMANIS CONTINUE TO PLAN TO SET UP A FLYING SCHOOL IN MASIRAH, THEY HAVE ENOUGH CONTRACT PERSONNEL (PRESUMABLY ALL OR MAINLY BRITISH) IN THE SOAF TO TEACH PEOPLE HOW TO FLY.

3. BRYANT SAID FCO STILL HAS NO DETAILS ON HOW EXACTLY THE NEW AIRFIELD ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE SET UP, HOW BIG THEY WOULD BE, OR HOW THE HAND-OVER WOULD TAKE PLACE. HE

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NOTED THAT A PARALLEL DIALOGUE IS GOING ON IN OMAN AS TO WHAT ASSETS RAF WILL LEAVE.

4. BRYANT SAID IT WAS 99 PERCENT CERTAIN THAT THE BBC INSTALLATION AT MASIRAH, THE BRITISH EASTERN RELAY STATION, WOULD REMAIN. HOWEVER, THIS MUST BE APPROVED AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL IN THE CONTEXT OF CURRENT BUDGET CUTS. HE NOTED THAT AFTER RAF WITHDRAWAL THE BBC PERSONNEL "WILL HAVE TO ADMINISTER THEMSELVES A BIT MORE" BUT DID NOT EXPECT THE BBC WOULD ADD STAFF FOR THIS PURPOSE. HE MENTIONED THAT ADDITIONAL STAFF WAS BEING ADDED ONLY FOR AN ADDITIONAL SHORT-WAVE FACILITY.

5. BRYANT THOUGHT IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE FOR EMBASSY LONDON TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH FCO ON MASIRAH SINCE KEY DECISIONS AFFECTING IT ARE BEING MADE IN LONDON.

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SUBJECT: AL-GHAZALI INTEREST IN NAVAL SURVEY TEAM

REFERENCE: MUSCAT 1063 (NOTAL)

1. IN CALLS ON STATE AND DOD OFFICIALS, CHIEF SUBSTANTIVE POINT RAISED BY LT.COL. SALIM ABDALLA AL-GHAZALI WAS POSSIBILITY OF US NAVY'S SENDING SMALL TEAM TO OMAN TO STUDY NEEDS OF OMANI NAVY IN TERMS OF EQUIPMENT AND ORGANIZATION FOR DEFENSE OF LONG COASTLINE. AL-GHAZALI STRESSED HE WAS RAISING MATTER UNOFFICIALLY, WITH INTENTION OF RECOMMENDING IDEA TO SULTAN ONLY IF USG AGREED TO CONSIDER SUCH REQUEST SYMPATHETICALLY.

2. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, ARRIVAL OF SUCH MISSION IN

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OMAN, REGARDLESS HOW INNOCUOUS IT MIGHT BE MADE TO APPEAR, WOULD HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH OMAN AS WELL AS FOR OUR REGIONAL ARMS TRANSFER POLICY. SHOULD OMANGOV RAISE MATTER YOU SHOULD MERELY SEEK WITHOUT COMMITMENT TO ASCERTAIN IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE WHAT THEY HAVE IN MIND AND REPORT THIS WITH YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS. WHILE AL-GHAZALI DURING US TRIP MAY HAVE PRESUMED OUR WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE A SURVEY TEAM, FINAL DECISION WILL

HAVE TO BE MADE ON BASIS OF BROAD POLICY CONSIDERATIONS ONCE THERE IS FIRM EVIDENCE THAT OMANGOV IS SERIOUS IN THIS INTEREST.

3. FYI: WE HAVE SUGGESTED TO AL-GHAZALI THAT HE DISCUSS HIS PROPOSAL WITH EMBASSY UPON HIS RETURN IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY PARAMETERS OF STUDY. WE ARE NOT RPT NOT PREPARED TO SAY IN ADVANCE WE WOULD SEND MISSION WITHOUT KNOWING MORE PRECISELY WHAT OMAN MAY HAVE IN MIND AND WHETHER IDEA ENJOYS FULL OMANGOV SUPPORT. END FYI.

4. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE AL-GHAZALI IS TALKING ABOUT "COAST GUARD" RATHER THAN "NAVY" CAPABILITY. IT MIGHT BE WELL TO ENCOURAGE HIM TO USE FORMER, MORE ACCURATE, TERM. ROBINSON

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SUBJECT: US-OMANI DISCUSSIONS

SUMMARY: IN NEW YORK MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
ATHERTON, FOREIGN MINISTER ZAWAWI ASKED FOR US CLARIFI-  
CATION ON TECHNICAL SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTINUED  
FLIGHTS TO MASIRAH AND INDICATED OMAN EXPECTS IN RETURN  
US ASSISTANCE, IN LARGELY CIVILIAN TECHNICAL AREAS BUT  
ALSO IN ACQUIRING EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING FOR AIR-SEA  
SURVEILLANCE. ATHERTON INDICATED PRESENT US PLAN IS TO  
CONTINUE USING MASIRAH AT ROUGHLY PRESENT LEVEL IN TERMS  
OF RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHT FREQUENCY, BUT WE WOULD HAVE TO  
REVIEW WITHIN USG POSSIBLE OTHER USES AND WOULD THEN BE  
BACK IN TOUCH WITH OMANI GOVERNMENT. ZAWAWI BRIEFED US ON  
UPCOMING GULF FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING AND PROVIDED TEXT  
OF DRAFT DECLARATION. IN REVIEW OF AREA SITUATION ZAWAWI  
NOTED PORY UNWILLINGNESS TO DEAL WITH OMAN AND EXPRESSED  
CONCERN ABOUT INTERNAL SECURITY IN NORTHERN UAE WHICH  
POSES, POTENTIAL SUBVERSION THREAT IN NORTHERN OMAN.



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ATHERTON REAFFIRMED US DETERMINATION TO SEEK MIDDLE EAST PEACE WITH ZAWAWI INDICATING OMAN'S CONFIDENCE IN, AND SUPPORT OF, US EFFORTS. ATHERTON EXPLAINED US DESIRE TO CONTINUE MIDDLE EAST FORCE OPERATIONS FROM BAHRAIN BUT WHEN PROBED WHETHER OMAN MIGHT INDICATE TO BAHRAINIS SUPPORT FOR MIDDLE EAST FORCE ZAWAWI WAS NON-COMMITTAL.

1. IN OCTOBER 15 MEETING ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON CONVEYED TO FOREIGN MINISTER ZAWAWI SECRETARY KISSINGER'S GREETINGS AND REGRETS THAT BILATERAL MEETING WAS NOT POSSIBLE DURING THIS YEAR'S UNGA. ZAWAWI WISHED SECRETARY SUCCESS IN HIS SOUTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EAST MISSIONS. ATHERTON BRIEFLY REVIEWED AFRICAN SITUATION NOTING THAT US INITIATIVE HAD DENIED SOVIETS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN FURTHER INFLUENCE AND THE SOVIETS HAVE LOST INITIATIVE IN AFRICA AS IN MIDDLE EAST. ZAWAWI ACKNOWLEDGED VITALLY IMPORTANT US ROLE IN BOTH AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST AS ONLY COUNTRY COMMANDING CONFIDENCE OF BOTH PARTIES IN EACH OF THESE DISPUTES.

2. MIDDLE EAST: NOTING DRAMATIC GROWTH OF ARAB CONFIDENCE IN US IN LAST SEVERAL YEARS, ATHERTON STRESSED US DETERMINATION, BASED ON NATIONAL INTERESTS AND REQUIREMENTS OF WORLD STABILITY, TO MOVE FORWARD TOWARD OVERALL MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT NEXT YEAR. HE SAID PRESENT MODERATE LEADERSHIP IN ARAB WORLD PRESENTS OPPORTUNITY FOR PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE WHICH MUST NOT BE LOST AND THAT US IS DISTRESSED BY THE DIVERSION IN PATH TOWARD PEACE CREATED BY LEBANESE CRISIS AND RELATED DISUNITY OF PURPOSE AMONG ARABS. FOREIGN MINISTER AGREED THERE IS BASIS FOR OPTIMISM IN THAT ARAB STATES DESIRE PEACE IN ORDER TO PURSUE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR OWN SOCIETIES.

3. MASIRAH: ZAWAWI DESCRIBED OMANI UNDERSTANDING THAT USG SEEKS NOT A DIRECT ROLE BUT A SUPPORTIVE ONE IN EFFORT TO PRESERVE SECURITY IN THE GULF/PENINSULA. HE SAID OMAN EXPECTS US ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING THE MEANS TO DEFEND ITSELF. ATHERTON AGREED WITH ZAWAWI'S DESCRIPTION OF US POLICY TOWARD REGION AND INDICATED WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY GROWING COMMUNITY OF INTEREST IN GULF, CITING DHOFAR AS CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF REGIONAL COOPERATION IN SECURITY. ATHERTON SAID THAT US USE OF MASIRAH FOR OCCASIONAL RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF



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COOPERATION IN MUTUAL INTEREST SINCE FLIGHTS RELATED TO US ROLE IN INDIAN OCEAN IN FULFILLMENT OF GLOBAL STRATEGIC RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH BENEFIT US FRIENDS IN AREA. THIS EXAMPLE OF US POLICY OF SUPPORTING COOPERATION IN REGIONAL SECURITY RATHER THAN TRYING TO TAKE OVER SECURITY ROLE.

ATHERTON AGREED TO ZAWAWI SUGGESTION THAT US RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT LANDINGS AT MASIRAH BE DESCRIBED AS "VISITS" SHOULD THESE FLIGHTS BE RAISED IN US CONGRESS OR PRESS. ZAWAWI CONFIRMED THAT AFTER BRITISH WITHDRAWAL IN MARCH OF NEXT YEAR OMAN PLANS TO ESTABLISH AIR TRAINING CENTER ON MASIRAH IN PART TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT

FOR POPULACE, AND THAT OMAN WILL USE SECONDED OR CONTRACT BRITISH OFFICERS TO RUN AIRFIELD AND TRAINING.

ATHERTON SAID HE COULD WITH FAIR ASSURANCE SAY THAT US WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE FLIGHTS MORE OR LESS ON PRESENT BASIS IN TERMS OF FREQUENCIES AND US WILLING TO DISCUSS HOW TO ARRANGE THIS IN LIGHT BRITISH DEPARTURE. ZAWAWI SAID OMAN NEEDS TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT US REQUIRES, WHETHER QUOTE VISITS UNQUOTE WILL INCREASE, AND WHAT SORT OF TECHNICAL SUPPORT US REQUIRES. ATHERTON RESPONDED THAT IT DIFFICULT TO SPECULATE BEYOND PRESENT PLANS TO CONTINUE CURRENT LEVEL OF FLIGHTS WITH SAME TECHNICAL SUPPORT AS NOW PROVIDED. USG IS STILL REVIEWING OVERALL FUTURE NAVAL POSTURE IN INDIAN OCEAN IN LIGHT OF SUCH FACTORS AS DEVELOPMENT OF DIEGO GARCIA AND SOVIET INTENTIONS RE PRESENCE IN AREA. WE ASSUME OMANI PLANS FOR MASIRAH MEAN THAT PRESENT TECHNICAL SUPPORT CAPABILITY WILL CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE. ZAWAWI SAID OMAN HAD ALREADY SUGGESTED VISIT OF US TECHNICAL TEAM TO DISCUSS US SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS. ATHERTON REPLIED THAT THIS IN PRINCIPLE A LOGICAL AND USEFUL SUGGESTION, BUT USG WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER TIMING QUESTION BEFORE MAKING ANY COMMITMENT. WE NEEDED FIRST TO CRYSTALLIZE THINKING WITHIN USG AND WOULD THEN BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH OMANIS.

4. US ASSISTANCE: ZAWAWI SAID OMAN EXPECTS SOME FORM OF US TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING ADVANCED DETECTION EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING IN ITS USE. HE SAID OMAN NOT SUGGESTING US PROVIDE WEAPONRY. OMAN IS THINKING IN TERMS OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT FOR AIR-SEA SURVEILLANCE AND ALSO OF US TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN CIVILIAN SECTOR. ATHERTON RESPONDED THAT SHARING OF US TECHNOLOGY IS IN OUR VIEW A PARTICULARLY GOOD AREA FOR US COOPERATION WITH PENINSULA STATES, NOTING THAT IN CIVIL AVIATION FIELD



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US IS ALREADY PROVIDING SOME TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON A RE-IMBURSABLE BASIS BOTH THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS AND COMMERCIALLY THROUGH PAN AM. ZAWAWI SAID OMAN IS PAYING PAN AM AND WHILE NOT WISHING TO BE BLUNT OMAN IS WILLING TO DEFER USE OF MASIRAH TO US AND WANTS TO KNOW WHAT IT WILL GET IN RETURN. ATHERTON RESPONDED THAT USG HAS SOME PLANNING TO DO BEFORE RESPONDING TO THIS REASONABLE QUESTION.

5. REGIONAL MATTERS: ZAWAWI EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT INTERNAL SECURITY IN NORTHERN EMIRATES OF UAE SINCE LARGE FOREIGN POPULACE CONTAINS PERSONS UNFRIENDLY TO OMAN WHO MIGHT AT SOME POINT LINK UP WITH OMANI DIS-SIDENTS FOR SUBVERSIVE PURPOSES. GENERALLY, HOWEVER, HE AGREED THAT ZAYID'S DEDICATION TO FEDERALISM AND ABU

DHABI WEALTH IN SUPPORT OF IT AUGUR WELL FOR EVENTUAL STRENGTH OF UAE. HE SAID PDRY STILL UNWILLING TO ENTER DIALOGUE WITH OMANIS AND SEEMS TO HAVE SINGLED OMAN OUT AS THE ONE PENINSULA STATE WITH WHICH IT WILL NOT IMPROVE RELATIONS. ZAWAWI SAID SAUDIS TELL OMAN LITTLE RE PROGRESS THEIR RAPPROCHEMENT WITH PDRY. ATHERTON SAID THERE APPEARED TO BE TWO SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT IN SAUDI GOVERNMENT ABOUT HOW FAST TO MOVE IN IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH PDRY AND THAT FROM OUR LIMITED VANTAGE POINT WE SEE LITTLE FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN PDRY ATTITUDES. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ATHERTON SAID THERE HAVE BEEN NO PDRY INITIATIVES TO REESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH US. ZAWAWI AGREED WITH ATHERTON'S OBSERVATION THAT IRAN HAS PLAYED CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN GULF AND THERE IS LESSENING OF ARAB SUSPICION OF IRAN.

6. FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING: ZAWAWI SAID ON BASIS HIS RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH GULF ARABS AND IRANIAN, ALL GULF STATES EXCEPT IRAQ HAVE AGREED TO ATTEND FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING IN OMAN NOVEMBER 24-25. HE PROVIDED COPY OF DRAFT DECLARATION TO BE DISCUSSED AT MEETING (TEXT BY SEPTTEL), DESCRIBING IT AS OMANI REDRAFT ON BASIS COMMENTS MADE ON DRAFT DECLARATION KUWAITIS HAD EARLIER CIRCULATED. HE SAID ON BASIS OF CONVERSATIONS WITH IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTER, IRAQ INTERESTED ONLY IN CONFERENCE LIMITED TO DISCUSSING FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION AND THAT WHILE IRAQ STILL KEEPING OPTIONS OPEN RE ATTENDING NOVEMBER MEETING, FOREIGN MINISTER HAD DESCRIBED DRAFT DECLARATION AS QUOTE NOT DISSIMILAR FROM BAGHDAD PACT UNQUOTE. ATHERTON INDICATED THAT IN PRINCIPLE US SUPPORTS REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS TO WHICH STATES OF REGION AGREE.





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7. MIDDLE EAST FORCE: ATHERTON EXPRESSED US DESIRE TO SEE US NAVY USE OF BAHRAIN HOMEPORTING FACILITIES CONTINUE SOMEWHAT LONGER SINCE WE FEEL THIS IS NOT TIME TO REMOVE LONG-STANDING SYMBOL OF US INTEREST IN GULF WHILE SOVIET INDIAN OCEAN PRESENCE IS INCREASING. ATHERTON PROBED WHETHER OMAN WOULD BE WILLING TO INDICATE TO BAHRAIN ITS SENSE THAT US NAVY SHOULD REMAIN IN BAHRAIN. ZAWAWI WAS NON-COMMITTAL.

8. ATHERTON THANKED ZAWAWI FOR RECENT OMANI RESERVATIONS ON KOREA AND PUERTO RICO RESOLUTIONS AT COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. KISSINGER  
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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY ADVISES THAT SULTAN QABOOS WILL RECEIVE COMIDEASTFOR CROWE, WITH AMBASSADOR, AT MUSCAT PALACE 1100 MORNING OCTOBER 27. THIS COMES AS OMANI INITIATIVE AND WHILE IT MAY IN PART BE GESTURE OF COURTESY, IT MORE LIKELY REPRESENTS DECISION BY HM HIMSELF, HIS EQUERRY TIM LANDON OR FONMIN ZAWAWI TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF RARE OCCASION OF VISIT BY SENIOR US MILITARY OFFICER TO PUT TO HIM QUESTIONS ABOUT USG USAGE, INTENTIONS AND PLANS FOR NEGOTIATION REGARDING MASIRAH ISLAND.

2. SINCE OBVIOUSLY THE RESPONSE ADMIRAL CROWE AND I MAKE TO QUESTIONS ON SUCH TOPICS AS MASIRAH AND RELATED US ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE FULLY IN LINE WITH THOSE GIVEN BY ASST SECRETARY ATHERTON, WE REQUEST EMBASSY MANAMA SHOW COPY OF REFTEL AND OF THIS MESSAGE TO ADMIRAL CROWE PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE BAHRAIN FOR MUSCAT EARLY MORNING OCT 26 ON HIS SCHEDULED INITIAL VISIT OMAN.

3. SHOULD DEPARTMENT WISH PROVIDE ANY OTHER INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS, OR ANOTHER, TOPIC FOR OUR OCT 27 AUDIENCE, CABLE SHOULD REACH MUSCAT MORNING OCT 26. EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME LATEST GUIDANCE ON FIELDING POSSIBLE QUESTION FROM HM OR OTHER OFFICIALS REGARDING STATUS OF MIDEASTFOR IN BAHRAIN (OR, CONCEIVABLY, DEPT WOULD WANT ME TO PROBE QABOOS ON THIS IN SAME VEIN AS WAS DONE WITH ZAWAWI OCT 15). WE UNDERSTAND ZAWAWI DUE BACK IN MUSCAT THIS WEEKEND AND IF SO WOULD EXPECT SEE HIM AT OCT 27 AUDIENCES OR SEPARATELY, DURING COMIDEASTFOR VISIT.

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SUBJECT: CLEARANCE OF DRAFT HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVANCE REPORT

REF: STATE 231122

1. SECTION 502B OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961 AS AMENDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE ACT AND ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT OF 1976 STATES IN PARAGRAPH 502B(B) THAT THE "SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL TRANSMIT TO THE CONGRESS, AS PART OF THE PRESENTATION MATERIALS FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS PROPOSED FOR EACH YEAR, A

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FULL AND COMPLETE REPORT ... WITH RESPECT TO PRACTICES REGARDING THE OBSERVANCES OF AND RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED HUMAN RIGHTS IN EACH COUNTRY PROPOSED AS A RECIPIENT OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE." PARAGRAPH (D) (2) OF SECTION 502B AS AMENDED DEFINES "SECURITY ASSISTANCE" TO INCLUDE SECURITY SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE, FMS, CERTAIN COMMERCIAL SALES, CREDITS AND OTHER PROGRAMS. THE FULL TEXT OF THE AMENDED SECTION 502B WAS TRANSMITTED BY THE REFTEL.

2. AS INDICATED IN THE REFTEL, THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN COLLECTING AND PREPARING INFORMATION ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATIONS IN SECURITY ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUBMITTING IT TO CONGRESS EARLY NEXT YEAR AS PART OF THE CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION DOCUMENT (CPD) ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE. HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING FROM OVERSEAS POSTS, INFORMATION FROM NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND FREEDOM HOUSE, REPORTS BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON HUMAN RIGHTS HAVE BEEN COMPILED IN A DRAFT HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVANCE REPORT ON EACH SECURITY ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT COUNTRY. THE DRAFT REPORT ON OMAN IS BELOW.

3. THE DRAFT REPORT FOLLOWS A STANDARD FORMAT CALLING FOR A DESCRIPTION OF THE POLITICAL AND LEGAL SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY, A DESCRIPTIVE STATEMENT OF ACTUAL OBSERVANCE OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS WITH SPECIFIC ATTENTION TO MATTERS SPECIFIED IN THE INCLUSION CLAUSE OF PARAGRAPH (D)(1) OF SECTION 502B AS AMENDED, AND A REFLECTION OF OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING. THE TEXT OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS WAS TRANSMITTED TO THE FIELD AS AN ENCLOSURE TO 75 STATE A-1045.

4. THE DRAFT REPORT HAS BEEN PARTIALLY CLEARED IN THE DEPARTMENT AND IS BEING USED INTERNALLY IN THE CURRENT REVIEW OF PROPOSED PROGRAMS FOR FY 1978. BEFORE FINAL CLEARANCE IN THE DEPARTMENT CAN BE OBTAINED FOR THE DRAFT REPORT'S INCLUSION IN THE CPD AS AN UNCLASSIFIED

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DOCUMENT (WHICH MAY BE PUBLICLY DISCLOSED IF CONGRESS SO CHOOSES), THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THE EMBASSY CAREFULLY REVIEW, CORRECT, UPDATE AND CLEAR THE DRAFT. (UNTIL THE DRAFT IS CLEARED FOR RELEASE, HOWEVER, IT REMAINS A WORKING DOCUMENT CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652.)

5. IN CONDUCTING ITS REVIEW, THE EMBASSY SHOULD ENSURE THAT THE INFORMATION IN THE DRAFT CONSTITUTES A "FULL AND COMPLETE REPORT--WITH RESPECT TO PRACTICES REGARDING THE OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS" IN OMAN, AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 502B(B) AS AMENDED.

6. REQUESTED ACTION: THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO URGENTLY REVIEW THE ENCLOSED DRAFT AND PROVIDE COMMENTS, SUGGESTED REVISIONS, UPDATING INFORMATION, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN SATISFACTION OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 502B(B) AS AMENDED, AND CLEARANCE BY TELEGRAM TO REACH THE DEPARTMENT NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 15.

I. POLITICAL SITUATION

OMAN IS A TRADITIONAL ISLAMIC MONARCHY RULED BY A SULTAN. THE PRESENT RULER, SULTAN QABOOS, DEPOSED HIS FATHER IN 1970 AND HAS REMOVED MANY OF THE MORE REPRESSIVE ASPECTS OF HIS REIGN. IN 1975, THE GOVERNMENT BROUGHT A LONG-FESTERING STRUGGLE AGAINST A COMMUNIST INSURGENCY TO AN APPARENT SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION, ALTHOUGH THE FOREIGN-SUPPORTED SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION, THE POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF OMAN (PFLO), WHICH HAS ITS SANCTUARY IN MARXIST SOUTH YEMEN, CONTINUES TO EXIST AS A SECRET TERRORIST ORGANIZATION.

II. LEGAL SITUATION

OMAN HAS NO WRITTEN CONSTITUTION BUT THE EXERCISE OF THE SULTAN'S POWER IS CIRCUMSCRIBED BY TRADITIONAL AND RELIGIOUS NORMS EMBODIED IN THE KORANIC LAW. THAT FRAMEWORK WAS AUGMENTED IN 1975 BY THE ADOPTION OF MODERN CRIMINAL CODE, PREPARED BY AMERICAN LEGAL COUNSEL, WHICH WILL APPARENTLY BE IMPLEMENTED GRADUALLY.

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OMAN HAS ADHERED TO THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, THE FOUR RED CROSS CONVENTIONS AND THE VIENNA CONSULAR CONVENTION, BUT NOT TO THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENTIONS.

III. OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED HUMAN RIGHTS

A. INTEGRITY OF THE PERSON

ARTICLE 3: WITHIN THE TRADITIONAL MUSLIM FRAMEWORK OF OMANI SOCIETY, ITS CITIZENS' RIGHTS TO LIFE, LIBERTY AND SECURITY OF THE PERSON ARE GENERALLY RESPECTED. HOWEVER, THIS GENERALIZATION MAY NOT HOLD TRUE FOR THE AREA WHICH WAS AFFECTED BY THE INSURGENCY, AND THERE HAVE BEEN CHARGES THAT PRISONERS HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO UNLAWFUL CRUELITIES.

ARTICLE 5: ALTHOUGH THE CRIMINAL CODE PROHIBITS THE USE OF TORTURE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION OR A CONFESSION, ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE THAT TORTURE, CRUEL OR OTHER INHUMAN TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT HAVE BEEN PERMITTED TO OCCUR UNDER THE PRESENT OMAN REGIME. PUNISHMENT IS SOMETIMES HARSH BY WESTERN STANDARDS, BUT IT IS CONSISTENT WITH ISLAMIC LEGAL TRADITIONS WHICH ENJOY LEGITIMACY IN OMAN.

ARTICLE 8: OMANIS CAN OBTAIN EFFECTIVE REMEDY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THEIR RIGHTS FROM THE COURTS.

ARTICLE 9: THE CRIMINAL CODE IMPOSES PENALTIES FOR ARBITRARY ARREST. OTHER DECREES SET FORTH LEGAL PROCEDURES FOR PREVENTIVE DETENTION AND LONGER TERMS OF DETENTION. REPORTS HAVE CIRCULATED THAT ARBITRARY ARREST AND DETENTION NONETHELESS OCCUR IN OMAN. EXILE FOR ANY REASON, INCLUDING POLITICAL, HAS APPARENTLY NOT BEEN USED IN OMAN SINCE SULTAN QABOOS CAME TO POWER IN 1970. SEVERAL THOUSAND OMANIS WHO LIVED ABROAD IN EXILE THEN HAVE SINCE RETURNED HOME. RECENTLY THE SULTAN GRANTED AN AMNESTY TO FORMER PFLO MEMBERS, SEVERAL OF WHOM NOW HOLD PROMINENT

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POSITIONS IN THE GOVERNMENT.

ARTICLE 11: OMAN PRACTICES TRADITIONAL ISLAMIC LAW WHICH PROVIDES FOR A FAIR HEARING OF THE DEFENDANT'S CASE BY EXPERIENCED MUSLIM QADIS (JUDGES).

B. OTHER FREEDOMS

THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF SERIOUS OR CONSISTENT RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN OMAN, WHOSE SOCIETY IS MADE UP OF SEVERAL RACES AND ETHNIC GROUPS OF DISPARATE CULTURAL TRADITIONS. WOMEN'S RIGHTS HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL TRADITIONS AND ATTITUDES. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE DHOFAR PROVINCE MILITARY ZONE, OMANIS ARE GENERALLY FREE TO MOVE ABOUT AT WILL AND TO TRAVEL ABROAD.

THE RIGHT TO PROPERTY IS RESPECTED.

ISLAM IS THE TRADITIONAL AND ESTABLISHED RELIGION OF OMAN BUT THOSE WHO WISH TO PRACTICE OTHER RELIGIONS PRIVATELY ARE NOT PERSECUTED. THERE IS FREEDOM OF THOUGHT.

THERE ARE NO KNOWN RESTRICTIONS IN LAW OR PRACTICE ON FREEDOMS OF EXPRESSION AND ASSEMBLY, ALTHOUGH PROPAGANDA OF THE PFLO INSURGENCY HAS ON OCCASION BEEN SUPPRESSED.

IV. OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING

A TRACT PUBLISHED IN 1974 BY THE GULF COMMITTEE OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL ALLEGED THAT THERE ARE 500 TO 1,000 POLITICAL PRISONERS IN OMAN WHO ARE SUBJECTED TO MISTREATMENT. AMNESTY'S 1974 REPORT ON TORTURE CITED ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE OF CAPTURED PFLO AND ARABIAN GULF GUERILLAS IN THE PERIOD PRIOR TO 1969; ITS 1974-75 ANNUAL REPORT EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER CAPITAL PUNISHMENT AND ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE IN OMAN.

FREEDOM HOUSE LISTS OMAN AS "NOT FREE." KISSINGER

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1. THE OMANGOV MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS ASKED US TO NAME A PROJECTED DELIVERY DATE FOR THE 48 ANTI-G SUITS IT ORDERED LAST AUGUST UNDER THE FMS PROGRAM. WE SENT THE SIGNED OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE FORMS COVERING THIS ORDER ON AUGUST 18 BY TRANSMITTAL SLIP TO NEA/ARP, MARKING THEM FOR FORWARDING TO DIRECTOR OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND SALES, DCS/S&L, US DEPT OF AIR FORCE, HQ USAF/LGF, WASHDC 20330.
  2. THE MINISTRY EXPRESSES SOME URGENCY ON THIS MATTER AND SAYS THE SUITS ARE NEEDED BY JANUARY 1977.
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SUBJECT: COMIDEASTFOR'S AUDIENCE WITH SULTAN QABOOS

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1. SUMMARY. SULTAN OF OMAN TOLD COMIDEASTFOR THAT US NAVY VISITS ARE WELCOMED AND INDICATED HE CONSIDERS THIS TYPE OF AMERICAN PRESENCE A HEALTHY BALANCE TO SOVIET ACTIVITIES. HE SAID OMAN LIKES TO HAVE ITS FRIENDS AROUND. COMMENTING ON ADMIRAL CROWE'S DESCRIPTION OF MIDEASTFOR ACTIVITIES AND STATUS OF ITS PRESENCE IN BAHRAIN, SULTAN QABOOS SAID HE HOPED MIDEASTFOR WOULD BE ABLE TO STAY. HE ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO VISIT THE USS DUPONT IN MUSCAT'S OUTER HARBOR. (THE VISIT, FIRST EVER BY HIM TO A VISITING FOREIGN WARSHIP, TOOK PLACE OCTOBER 28.)

2. RADM CROWE, HIS FLAG SECRETARY AND AIDE WERE RECEIVED



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BY SULTAN QABOOS AT HIS MUSCAT PALACE FOR ABOUT 20 MINUTES ON OCTOBER 27. ALSO PRESENT WERE AMBASSADOR WOLLE, LT. COL. SALIM AL-GHAZALI (SULTAN'S LIAISON OFFICER IN MOO), AND CAPT. HARRY MUCKLOW (COMMANDER, SULTAN OF OMAN'S NAVY WHO IS SECONDED FROM BRITISH NAVY). AUDIENCE HAD BEEN SCHEDULED ON OMANI INITIATIVE TEN DAYS BEFORE.

3. HM WELCOMED THE ADMIRAL WITH AN OMANI TV CAMERS TEAM RECORDING THE OCCASION. HE HOPED HIS PEOPLE AND ESPECIALLY HIS NAVY WERE PROVIDING EVERY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE FOR ADMIRAL CROWE AND THE VISITING USS DUPONT. THE ADMIRAL ASSURED HIM THIS WAS SO AND EXPRESSED THANKS. HM STATED HE WAS PLEASED TO HAVE US NAVAL VISITS BECAUSE OMAN LIKES TO SEE ITS FRIENDS; THE OMANI PEOPLE APPRECIATE THIS AND FEEL BETTER BECAUSE OF IT. ADMIRAL CROWE POINTED TO THE USEFULNESS OF SHIP VISITS IN TERMS OF EDUCATING OUR OWN PEOPLE: THE EXPERIENCE OF SEEING DISTANT PLACES AND MEETING OTHERS MAKES A DEEP IMPACT ON THE YOUNG AMERICAN OFFICERS AND MEN, AND THE MULTIPLIER EFFECT IN THEIR HOME COMMUNITIES IS EXTENSIVE.

4. ADMIRAL CROWE EXPRESSED DEEP GRATITUDE FOR ARRANGEMENTS VOLUNTEERED BY LT. COL. AL-GHAZALI FOR A TRIP LATER IN THE DAY TO THE JABAL AKHDAR REGION IN THE SULTAN'S PERSONAL HELICOPTER. HE ALSO SAID HE WAS GREATLY IMPRESSED BY THE PICTURESQUE LOCATION OF MUSCAT, BY ALL THE CONSTRUCTION WORKS IN THE CAPITAL AREA, AND BY THE GENERAL AIR OF "MARCHING FORWARD". THERE WAS REFERENCE TO THE LONG TRADITION OF PAINTING NAMES OF VISITING NAVAL SHIPS ON THE ROCKY HILLS GUARDING MUSCAT HARBOR, WITH THE SULTAN COMMENTING THAT NOWADAYS WITH MOST SHIPS USING NEW HARBOR AT MATRAH THEY OFTEN DON'T SEE THIS HISTORIC REGISTER OF VESSELS. HM MADE CLEAR THAT THE CONTINUATION OF THIS PAINTING PRACTICE BY VISITING WARSHIPS HAS HIS APPROVAL.

5. REPLYING TO THE AMBASSADOR'S QUESTION ABOUT HIS RECENT OVERLAND JOURNEY FROM SALALAH TO MUSCAT, THE SULTAN SAID HE HAD TAKEN FIVE DAYS FOR THE TRIP BECAUSE THE PEOPLE HAVE COME TO EXPECT AN ANNUAL VISIT. IT IS A CHANCE FOR THEM TO SPEAK THEIR MINDS AND FOR HIM TO ASSESS WHETHER, AS HE HOPES, THE PROGRESS OF THE COUNTRY

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GENERALLY IS BEING FELT IN THEIR LIVES.

6. HM NOTED THAT THIS PART OF THE MIDDLE EAST/INDIAN OCEAN REGION IS BEING SUBJECTED TO MANY DIFFERENT INFLUENCES, AND THAT SOME ARE BAD. IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT A CERTAIN POWER HISTORICALLY HAS WANTED TO EXTEND ITS INFLUENCE INTO THIS AREA, AND STILL IS ACTIVELY PURSUING ITS GOALS. ADMIRAL CROWE SAID HE AGREED WITH THIS, AND THAT IT DOES NOT SEEM THE RIGHT TIME FOR THE US NAVY TO END A STAY OF OVER 25 YEARS AT BAHRAIN FACILITIES. AS OMAN WAS AWARE, HOWEVER, THE BAHRAIN GOVERNMENT HAS SUGGESTED THE USN PRESENCE BE PHASED OUT IN 1977. CONSULTATIONS WITH BAHRAIN WERE CONTINUING, BUT HE WAS NOT SANGUINE THAT AN AGREEMENT FOR REMAINING WOULD BE REACHED. THE ADMIRAL EXPLAINED THE WAYS IN WHICH MIDEASTFOR ASSISTS FRIENDLY NAVAL FORCES BY PROVIDING TRAINING AND CONDUCTING JOINT EXERCISES, SIMPLE OR COMPLEX DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION. HE MENTIONED THE EXTENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAM WITH SAUDI ARAB AND CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH TRN, AND THE PRACTICE OF TAKING SAILORS, OCCASIONALLY OMANIS, ABOARD USN SHIPS FOR SHORT PERIODS OF TIME.

7. SULTAN QABOOS SAID HE HOPED MIDEASTFOR WOULD BE ABLE TO STAY. AFTER ALL, HE WENT ON, "THE OTHERS" HAVE THEIR SHIPS AND MEN CONSTANTLY IN THE AREA, SO WHY SHOULD BAHRAIN AND OMAN, FOR EXAMPLE, BE CRITICIZED FOR HAVING THEIR FRIENDS HERE? IT IS AS SIMPLE AS THAT, HE SAID.

8. ADMIRAL CROWE INVITED THE SULTAN TO VISIT OR TAKE A RIDE ON MIDEASTFOR SHIPS AT ANY TIME AND EXTENDED A SPECIFIC INVITATION TO VISIT THE USS DUPONT CURRENTLY IN PORT. HM RESPONDED HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT THE DUPONT AND SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING MORNING AT 9:00. THE ADMIRAL SAID HE CONSIDERED THIS A GREAT HONOR, AS WOULD THE CAPTAIN, OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE DUPONT.

9. COMMENT. BEFORE THE AUDIENCE, ADMIRAL CROWE, CMDR. COLLIS OF THE DUPONT AND THE AMBASSADOR HAD DECIDED TO EXTEND THE INVITATION (PARA 8) TO HM IF LT. COL. AL-GHAZALI CONSIDERED IT IN ORDER TO DO SO. THE AMBASSADOR PUT THIS TO GHAZALI ON ARRIVAL AT THE PALACE; HE CHECKED IT OUT WITH THE SULTAN AND A FEW MINUTES LATER TOLD US THAT AN INVITATION WOULD BE WELCOMED AND WOULD BE ACCEPTED FOR THE NEXT MORNING. THE VISITS TO MUSCAT

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OF COMIDEASTFOR AND THE DUPONT BOTH WERE EXTENDED A FEW HOURS TO ENABLE HM'S SHIP VISIT TO TAKE PLACE.

10. FURTHER COMMENT. THERE WAS NO MENTION OF MASIRAH DURING AUDIENCE, OR IN OTHER COMIDEASTFOR MEETINGS WITH OMANI OFFICIALS. WOLLE

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1. WHAT BEGAN AS A ROUTINE PORT VISIT TO MUSCAT BY THE  
USS DUPONT ON OCTOBER 26-27 TOOK ON PRECEDENT SETTING  
DIMENSIONS WHEN, IN RESPONSE TO AN ORAL INVITATION THE  
DAY BEFORE, SULTAN GABOOS SPENT NEARLY AN HOUR ABOARD  
THE SHIP AT ANCHOR IN MUSCAT HARBOR OCTOBER 28. IT  
WAS THE FIRST TIME HM HAS VISITED A FOREIGN NAVAL SHIP  
CALLING IN AN OMANI PORT. HIS VISIT RECEIVED TOP



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2. THE SULTAN, DRESSED IN WHITE NAVAL UNIFORM, RECEIVED 21-GUN SALUTES BOTH ON BOARDING AND DEPARTING. HE BOARDED THE DUPONG FROM AN OMAN NAVY LAUNCH AND WAS GREETED BY COMIDEASTFOR (ADM CROWE) WHO INTRODUCED COMMANDER COLLIS OF THE DUPONT. AFTER BEING GREETED BY AMBASSADOR WOLLE, THE SULTAN WAS INTRODUCED BY CMDR. COLLIS TO EACH OF THE SHIP'S OFFICERS AND REVIEWED THE SHIP'S HONOR GUARD. THEN CAME A 25-MINUTE TOUR OF THE SHIP FOLLOWING BY 15 MINUTES RELAXATION IN THE WARDROOM. HM THEN LEFT THE SHIP, TOGETHER WITH HIS PARTY OF FIVE: LT. COL. SALIM AL-GHAZALI, HIS LIAISON OFFICER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE; CAPT. HARRY MUCKLOW, COMMANDER OF OMAN'S NAVY; TWO JUNIOR ADCS FROM THE ARMY AND POLICE; AND A WELL-ARMED ROYAL GUARD SOLDIER.

3. PRE-SCHEDULED EVENTS CARRIED OUT ON OCTOBER 26-27 FOLLOWING ARRIVAL OF THE DUPONT AND OF COMIDEASTFOR'S AIRCRAFT INCLUDED AN AUDIENCE WITH THE SULTAN (REPORTED SEPARATELY); CALLS ON THE ACTING GOVERNOR OF THE CAPITAL (SAYYID FAHAD BIN MAHMUD, MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND CULTURE) AND ON LT. COL. AL-GHAZALI (REPRESENTING THE ABSENT DEPUTY MINISTRY OF DEFENSE); A BRIEFING FROM MGEN PERKINS, COMMANDER SULTAN'S ARMED FORCES; A LUNCHEON ABOARD SHIP WITH THE ACTING GOVERNOR AS GUEST OF HONOR; A LUNCHEON AND TOURS OF TV FACILITIES AND MUSEUM AT INFORMATION CITY HOSTED BY SAYYID FAHAD; AND AN EMBASSY RECEPTION. AN UNEXPECTED HIGHLIGHT FOR COMIDEASTFOR AND PARTY WAS A 2-HOUR FLIGHT OVER WADI SUMAIL, THE JABAL AKHDAR AND NIZWA IN THE SULTAN'S PERSONAL HELICOPTER, ACCOMPANIED BY LT. COL. AL-GHAZALI. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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4. COMMENT: THE OMANIS OBVIOUSLY WENT ALL OUT TO WELCOME ADMIRAL CROWE AND THE DUPONT; POSSIBLE REASONS FOR THIS WILL BE EXPLORED IN A SUBSEQUENT MESSAGE. WHATEVER ELSE WE MAY CHOOSE TO READ INTO IT, THE SULTAN SEEMS CLEARLY TO HAVE DEMONSTRATED A DESIRE FOR A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. ON AREA SECURITY MATTERS. THAT SULTAN QABOOS HIMSELF SEES THIS FROM A LONG PERSPECTIVE IS INDICATED BY THE ENTRY HE CAREFULLY INSCRIBED IN ARABIC IN THE DUPONT'S GUESTBOOK

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WHICH, IN ROUGH TRANSLATION, READS: "IN THE NAME OF GOD, THE  
MERCIFUL, THE COMPASSIONATE; THIS VISIT I AM MAKING IN MUSCAT  
TO A WARSHIP OF A NATION WITH WHOM OMAN HAS HAD SUCH A LONG  
AND FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP BRINGS A VERY WARMFEELING TO MY

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F.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OREP (VAN DUSEN, MICHAEL), PFOR, MU  
SUBJECT: STAFFDEL VAN DUSEN VISIT TO OMAN

REF: STATE 249897

1. IN 28-HOUR VISIT TO MUSCAT STAFFDEL MET WITH SEVERAL KEY OMANI OFFICIALS. FEATURE OF THEIR VISIT WAS AUDIENCE WITH SULTAN QABOOS SCHEDULED AT INITIATIVE OF SULTAN'S EQUERRY, BRIGADIER TIM LANDON. DURING WORKING DINNER AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE STAFFDEL MET WITH BRIG. LANDON, FOREIGN MINISTER QAIS ZAWAWI, AND SULTAN'S LIAISON OFFICER TO MINISTRY OF DEFENSE LT. COL. SALIM AL-GHAZALI. THEY CALLED SEPARATELY ON CSAF, MAJOR GENERAL PERKINS, AND ON SENIOR MOD OFFICIALS (DEPUTY MINISTER SAYYID FAHER AND DIRECTOR GENERAL BROWNING).



2. STAFFDEL USED THESE OPPORTUNITIES TO DIRECT WIDE VARIETY OF QUESTIONS. AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO STAFFDEL, JUDGING BY CONCENTRATION OF QUESTIONS, INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING: PRESENT SECURITY STATUS OF DHOFAR AND PROSPECTS FOR ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT;

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OMAN GOV'S MILITARY PRIORITIES IN YEARS IMMEDIATELY AHEAD; STATUS OF OMANIZATION IN MILITARY SERVICES; PROSPECTS FOR SOME SHIFTING OF OMAN'S RESOURCES FROM DEFENSE TO DEVELOPMENT; AND MILITARY AREAS, IF ANY, IN WHICH OMANIS LOOK TO U.S. FOR ASSISTANCE.

3. IN THE COURSE OF OMANI RESPONSES, SEVERAL THEMES SEEMED TO STAND OUT. THESE MIGHT BE GROUPED AS FOLLOWS:

A. OMAN IS DETERMINED TO STAND FAST AGAINST ANY COMMUNIST OR OTHER RADICAL ENCROACHMENT. IT WELCOMES ADVICE AND HELP FROM FRIENDS OF SIMILAR VIEWPOINT. BECAUSE OF ITS LONG COASTLINE ON INDIAN OCEAN AND GULF OF OMAN, AND ITS JOINT CONTROL WITH IRAN OVER STRATEGIC STRAIT OF HORMUS, OMAN REGARDS ITSELF AS A PRIME TARGET AREA FOR SOVIET MANUEVERINGS IN REGION ESPECIALLY FROM NAVAL ACTIVITIES IN INDIAN OCEAN. PDRY IS NOT TO BE TRUSTED IN THE SLIGHTEST. ALTHOUGH THE DHOFAR WAR IS "OVER", OMAN'S GUARD MUST BE KEPT UP.

B. ANOTHER THEME, EXPRESSED IN VERY FORCEFUL TERMS, WAS THAT OMAN WANTS TO KNOW WHAT USG, AS LEADER OF NON-COMMUNIST WORLD, IS PREPARED TO DO TO HELP. FOR THEIR PART, OMANIS CONSIDER U.S. ASSISTANCE THROUGH TRAINING AND "ADVICE" (LETTER WAS NEVER REALLY DEFINED) MORE PERTINENT THAN SUPPLY OF MILITARY HARDWARE.

C. AS A SPECIFIC SUGGESTION, OMANIS MADE STRONG PITCH (OBVIOUSLY WELL ORCHESTRATED IN ADVANCE, PROBABLY BY LANDON) FOR ASSIGNMENT OF U.S. MILITARY ATTACHE, PREFERABLY NAVAL, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN BROADER TERMS THEY STRESSED THAT ACTIVE U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE, SUCH AS IN NAVAL FORM, IN NORTHWEST INDIAN OCEAN REGION IS NEEDED AND WELCOMED.

4. QUESTIONS ABOUT MASIRAH ISLAND WERE POSED BY STAFFDEL BUT ONLY IN RATHER GENERAL TERMS, AND IN NO SENSE DID THEY PRESS OMANIS ON PLANS FOR FUTURE ACTIVITIES ON THE ISLAND, OR FOR THEIR VIEWS ON POSSIBLE U.S. USE OF ISLAND. GEN. PERKINS TOLD THEM HE EXPECTS THAT OMAN'S PLANNED MILITARY PILOT TRAINING SCHOOL ON MASIRAH MIGHT TURN OUT A DOZEN OR SO PILOTS EACH YEAR ONCE IT GOT ROLLING, BUT THIS WAS DEPENDENT ON AVAILABILITY OF REASONABLY QUALIFIED OMANI CANDIDATES FOR TRAINING. HE ESTIMATED THAT AT LEAST 50 SECONDED OR CONTRACT PERSONNEL WOULD BE NEEDED AFTER NEXT SPRING FOR OMAN PROPERLY TO MAINTAIN AIRFIELD EQUIPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS,

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ETC.

5. VAN DUSEN SAID ON DEPARTURE THAT HE CONSIDERED STAFFDEL'S BASIC OBJECTIVES FOR OMANI VISIT HAD BEEN ACHIEVED. HE SAID EMBASSY WOULD BE SENDING A SUMMARY REPORT OF THE VISIT AND ALSO A SEPARATE REPORT ON AUDIENCE WITH SULTAN QABOOS. VAN DUSEN DID NOT EXPRESS INTEREST IN CLEARING EITHER REPORT, AND CONSEQUENTLY THESE TELEGRAMS CAN BE CONSIDERED FINAL AND OUTSIDE SCOPE OF STATE 251471.

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TAGS: MASS, MU

SUBJECT: FMS CASE MU-LAA: ANTI-G SUITS

REF: MUSCAT 1331

1. THE LETTER OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE (LOA) FOR THIS CASE HAS CODE P(24), UNDER NUMBER 16, AVAILABILITY AND REMARKS COLUMN. AS EXPLAINED ON REAR OF LOA, UNDER EXPLANATORY NOTES, P(24) MEANS PROCUREMENT 24 MONTHS AFTER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOA. THIS MEANS THE ANTI-G SUITS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DELIVERY IN AUGUST 1978.
2. WE HAVE CAREFULLY EXAMINED POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING SUITS EARLIER. THERE ARE NONE EXCESS TO CURRENT US SERVICE NEEDS AND NEW PROCUREMENT IS FULLY COMMITTED; THUS THE LONG LEAD TIME.
3. IF EMBASSY JUDGES THIS MATTER URGENT AND IMPORTANT,

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SUBJECT: STAFFDEL VAN DUSEN'S AUDIENCE WITH SULTAN QABOOS

REF: (A) MUSCAT 1364; (B) STATE 249897

1. SULTAN QABOOS RECEIVED THREE STAFFDEL MEMBERS AND AMBASSADOR AT MUSCAT PALACE NOVEMBER 1 AT OMANI INITIATIVE. IN HALF-HOUR AUDIENCE SULTAN IN QUITE RELAXED FASHION RESPONDED TO VARIETY OF QUESTIONS FROM VAN DUSEN. HIS EQUERRY, BRIG. TIM LANDON WAS PRESENT BUT TOOK LITTLE PART IN DISCUSSION. SULTAN COVERED SUCH TOPICS AS THE THREATS TO OMAN'S SECURITY, RELATIONS WITH MAJOR FRIENDS IN THE REGION. OMAN'S MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT AND THE WAY HE VIEWS OMAN'S RELATIONSHIP WITH USG IN SECURITY TERMS.

2. THE SULTAN EMPHASIZED THAT HE STILL SEES GOVERNMENT IN ADEN AS ONE BENT ON CREATING MISCHIEF. IT STILL SPEWS LIES AND BITTER PROPAGANDS THROUGHOUT THE REGION. THOUGH THE SHOOTING WAR IN DHOFAR ENDED LAST DECEMBER, IT COULD BE HEATED UP AT ANY TIME BY PDY AND PFLO ENCOURAGED AND SUPPORTED

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RY THEIR COMMUNIST FRIENDS INCLUDING THE SOVIETS, CUBANS AND EAST GERMANS. THOUGH HE IS GRATEFUL FOR MINIMAL SUCCESS ACHIEVED SO FAR BY THE SAUDIS IN THEIR EFFORT TO MODERATE THE ADEN REGIME, SUCH AS CESSATION OF SHELLING OF OMANI TERRITORY FROM ACROSS THE BORDER, HE IS VERY SKEPTICAL ABOUT BASIC PDY INTENTIONS. HE DISAPPROVES ANY FURTHER ECONOMIC HELP FROM SAUDI ARABI TO PDY UNLESS THE LATTER TAKES CONCRETE STEPS TOWARD MODERATION, SUCH AS SENDING HOME THE CUBAN AND EAST GERMAN ADVISORS. OMAN, HE SAID, WISHES TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH SOUTH YEMEN. IF PDY WOULD RECOGNIZE OMAN'S GOVERNMENT AS FULLY LEGITIMATE AND EXPRESS A DESIRE TO LIVE IN PEACE, OMAN WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE NORMAL RELATIONS. SPEAKING MORE BROADLY OF REGIONAL SECURITY, HM EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT ACTIVITIES OF THE SOVIET FLEET IN THE NORTHWEST INDIAN OCEAN AND ABOUT RUSSIAN INFLUENCE IN THE HORN OF AFRICA AND IRAQ.

3. SULTANBOOS SAID HIS RELATIONS WITH IRAN AND WITH THE SHAH PERSONALLY ARE EXCELLENT. IN HIS JUDGMENT THE SHAH CORRECTLY VIEWS ANY COMMUNIST OR ADICAL INFLUENCE AFFECTING OMAN AS SOMETHING POTENTIALLY VERY DANGEROUS TO IRAN ITSELF. HE IMPLIED THAT THE IRANIAN TROOPS IN DHOFAR WOULD BE REMAINING THERE FOR SOME TIME YET. SPEAKING OF SAUDI ARABIA HE WAS CONSIDERABLY LESS GENEROUS, NOTING THAT DESPITE MANY COMMON INTERESTS RIYADH IS SLOW TO MOVE AND SLOW TO REACT TO EVENTS. HE SAID HE IS STILL HOPEFUL OF RECEIVING PROMISED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM SAUDI ARABIA TO STOP UP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN THE PORTIONS OF DHOFAR WON BACK FROM THE INSURGENTS.

4. SPEAKING WITH SOME EMPHASIS, THE SULTAN SET FORTH HIS JUSTIFICATIONS FOR CONTINUED HEAVY EXPENDITURES BY OMAN ON DEFENSE. HE DESCRIBED THE THREATS TO THE COUNTRY AS SUFFICIENTLY SERIOUS THAT THERE IS NO CHOICE BUT TO RETAIN A STRONG STANDING ARMY, TO INSTALL AN EFFECTIVE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM, AND IN GENERAL TO PROVIDE HIS MILITARY FORCES WITH FULL SUPPORT. OTHERWISE, FUNDS SPENT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WILL PROVE IN THE LONG RUN TO HAVE BEEN THROWN AWAY. WHILE HM TOOK PRIDE IN PACE OF OMANIZATION WITHIN HIS ARMED FORCES, HE WARNED AGAINST ANYONE WXPECTING THAT HE COULD DISPENSE WITH EXPATRIATE MANAGERS AND TECHNICIANS WITHIN THE MILITARY

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IN THE NEAR FUTURE, CALLING ATTENTION TO THE REGENCY WITH WHICH OMAN HAS BEEN ABLE TO BEGIN MINDING THE BASIC EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING NEEDS OF ITS OWN PEOPLE, HE SAID IT WOULD BE FOOLISH TO SUPPOSE THAT OMANIS ON THEIR OWN COULD CARRY OUT ALL THE TECHNICAL AND SUPERVISORY JOBS WITHOUT MORE TUTELAGE AND EXPERIENCE.

5. ADDRESSING RELATIONS WITH THE U.S., SULTAN GABOOS PUT FORWARD HIS VIEW THAT IN CONDUCTING ITS LONG WAR AGAINST COMMUNIST INTRUSION IN DHOFAR, OMAN HAS BEEN SERVING THE COMMON INTEREST OF THE ANTI-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. TO PRESERVE THE INDIAN OCEAN AND GULF REGIONS AGAINST COMMUNIST DESIGNS, THE U.S. SHOULD MAINTAIN A MILITARY PRESENCE IN THIS AREA AND CERTAINLY KEEP A REASONABLE NAVAL FORCE NEARBY. OMAN, HE SAID, WOULD WELCOME MORE DIRECT MILITARY COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES. IN PARTICULAR, IT HAS A NEED FOR TRAINING AND ADVISE RATHER THAN ARMS. HE SUGGESTED, AS HAD BRIG. LANDON AND LT. COL. GHAZALI EARLIER, THE ASSIGNMENT A MILITARY ATTACHE, PREFERABLY WITH NAVAL EXPERIENCE, TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MUSCAT AS A USEFUL STEP IN WORKING OUT THIS CLOSER RELATIONSHIP.

6. COMMENT: ON THE WHOLE, THIS WAS ONE OF THE SULTAN'S MORE IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCES. HIS RESPONSE CAME IN PARAGRAPHS RATHER THAN IN SENTENCES. CLEARLY HE HAD BEEN WELL BRIEFED BY LANDON ABOUT STAFFDEL DISCUSSIONS WITH LANDON, ZAWAWI, AND GHAZALI THE NIGHT BEFORE.  
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SUBJECT: NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING TO SULTAN AT APPROPRIATE TIME PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 18. QUOTE YOUR MAJESTY: ON THIS CELEBRATION OF YOUR NATIONAL DAY I EXTEND TO YOU AND TO THE PEOPLE OF OMAN MY SINCERE BEST WISHES AND THOSE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. IT IS MY HOPE AND BELIEF THAT THE COOPERATION, MUTUAL RESPECT AND FRIENDSHIP WHICH HAVE EVOLVED BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN THE PAST WILL EXPAND AND FLOURISH IN THE YEARS AHEAD. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD UNQUOTE

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