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1. SUMMARY. THE OMAN GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE TO DILUTE ITS TRADITIONAL MILITARY DEPENDENCE ON THE BRITISH BY STEPPING UP ITS COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. HAS SURFACED AGAIN IN RECENT WEEKS. AMONG THE FORMS THIS HAS TAKEN IS A SUGGESTION FOR THE U.S. TO ASSIGN A MILITARY ATTACHE TO MUSCAT. ALSO, SULTAN PERSONALLY IN RECEIVING COMIDEASTFOR AND STAFFDEL VAN DUSEN UNDERSCORED HIS RECEPTIVENESS TO GREATER MILITARY COOPERATION, AND WENT OUT OF HIS WAY PUBLICLY TO DEMONSTRATE THAT HE WELCOMES U.S. FLEET VISITS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN EMBASSY'S RECENT CONTACTS WITH UPPER LEVEL OMANGOV OFFICIALS, INCLUDING SULTAN QABOOS, IT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY PLAIN THAT OMAN IS SEEKING CLOSER AND MORE EXTENSIVE BILATERAL MILITARY RELATIONSHIP WITH US. THIS HAS MANIFESTED ITSELF, FOR EXAMPLE, IN (A) SULTAN'S OWN REMARKS TO COMIDEASTFOR AND AMBASSADOR ON OCTOBER 17, (B) SULTAN'S IMMEDIATE ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION TO PAY VISIT TO VISITING USS DUPONE, (C) REPEATED EXPRESSIONS TO STAFFDEL VAN DUSEN OCT 31/NOV 1 OF STRONG OFFICIAL INTEREST IN HELP OF MILITARY SORT, ESPECIALLY TRAINING, FROM THE U.S., (D) SULTAN'S OWN DIRECT STATEMENT TO STAFFDEL WELCOMING MORE DIRECT MILITARY COOPERATION AND (E) OMANIS' STRONG PITCH DURING STAFFDEL VISIT FOR ASSIGNMENT OF US MILITARY ATTACHE, PREFERABLY NAVAL, IN MUSCAT.

3. WHILE NO ONE PERSON OR ONE SINGLE FACTOR IS BEHIND THIS PUSH, THE PRIME MOVER, IN OUR JUDGMENT, IS SULTAN'S EQUERRY

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TIM LANDON. IT WAS PROBABLY LANDON (IF NOT QABOODS HIMSELF) WHO ORCHESTRATED THE REPEATED SUGGESTIONS TO STAFFDEL THAT A US MILATT BE ASSIGNED HERE. BRIG. LANDON FOR SOME YEARS HAS ADVOCATED CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN OMAN AND USG, PARTLY OUT OF BASIC BELIEF THAT IT BEHOOVES OMAN TO DEVELOP MORE MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE GREAT POWER WHOSE BASIC IDEOLOGY AND POLICIES ARE COMPATIBLE WITH OMAN'S, AND PARTLY FROM CONVICTION THAT BRITAIN'S STAR IS FALLING FAST AND THAT OMAN CANNOT AFFORD TO REMAIN WITHOUT A VIABLE OPTION FOR RECEIVING MILITARY TRAINING, GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE. BEING MILITARY MAN HIMSELF, AND KNOWING BETTER THAN ANYONE THAT QABOODS IS PARTICULARLY AT EASE IN MILITARY SURROUNDINGS, LANDON MAY BELIEVE THAT HE AND OTHERS AT OMANI DECISION-MAKING LEVEL COULD MAKE MORE PROGRESS TOWARD THEIR GOALS VIS-A-VIS THE US IF AMEMBASSY MUSCAT INCLUDED A PERMANENT MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER. HE MAY ALSO SURMISE THAT SUCH A PERSON BY HAVING DIRECT CHANNEL TO PENTAGON COULD "PRODUCE RESULTS" MORE QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY. WE CAN ONLY GUESS AT DEGREE TO WHICH THESE ESSENTIALLY ARE ELEMENTS IN LANDON'S OWN THINKING, ON WHICH HE HAS PERSUADED HM, RATHER THAN THE SULTAN'S OWN IDEAS. BUT OUR INCLINATION WOULD BE TO ATTRIBUTE THIS LINE OF THINKING HEAVILY TO LANDON HIMSELF.

4. OMAN OF COURSE IS IN MIDST OF PREPARATIONS FOR USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF MASIRAH ISLAND AFTER NEXT SPRING. THIS IS PROBABLY ONE REASON WE ARE BEING HIT JUST AT THIS TIME FOR CLOSER MILITARY COOPERATION. AS FOREIGN MINISTER ZAWAWI HAS HINGED REPEATEDLY THIS SUMMER AND FALL, AND MADE PARTICULARLY EXPLICIT IN MEETING WITH ASST SECRETARY ATHERTON OCT 15, OMAN WANTS HELP OF ONE KIND OR ANOTHER IN RETURN FOR REGULAR AMERICAN USE OF MASIRAH.

5. EXACTLY WHAT THE OMANIS WANT MOST FROM US IS HARD TO SAY. THEY HAVE REFERRED MOST FREQUENTLY TO TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ADVISE ON MILITARY SIDE, AND TO TECHNICAL HELP ON THE CIVIL SIDE. NO DETAILS HAVE BEEN SPECIFIED, NOR ANY INDICATION OF PRIORITY. WE IMAGINE THEY WILL REFRAIN FROM BEING MORE EXACT UNLESS AND UNTIL WE TELL THEM WHAT VALUE MASIRAH HAS FOR US SO THEY CAN GET AN IDEA HOW HIGH A PRICE TAG MAY BE REASONABLE TO APPLY. OUR "DIALOGUE" ON MASIRAH IN RECENT MONTHS HAS BEEN ONE-SIDED, AND SO LONG AS WE CONTINUE TO PLAY OUR CARDS SO CLOSE TO THE CHEST, THE OMANIS CAN ONLY GUESS AT THE DEGREE OF INTEREST WE HAVE IN THE ISLAND. THEIR ONLY MEANS OF PRESSURING US TO BEGIN SERIOUS TALKS ON MASIRAH IS TO MOVE TOWARD RESTRICTING THE MODERATE USE WE NOW MAKE OF THE ISLAND. WHILE THEY MIGHT MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION AT ANY TIME, WE THINK THEY WILL HESITATE FOR SOME WHILE YET FOR FEAR THAT OUR INTEREST IS NOT VERY STRONG AFTER ALL AND THAT THEY WILL SIMPLY BE LEFT EMPTY-HANDED, AND PERHAPS ALSO BECAUSE



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THEY WANT TO SEE FIRST HOW THE NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION SHAPES UP.

6. WE SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT THERE ARE AND PROBABLY WILL CONTINUE TO BE DIFFERING VIEWS AMONG KEY OMANGOV OFFICIALS AND ADVISERS ON JUST HOW CLOSE OMAN SHOULD GET TO USG. THEREFORE, FEELERS WE GET FROM ONE QUARTER MIGHT NEVER TAKE SHAPE AS OFFICIAL REQUESTS, SINCE THE PARTICULAR SPONSOR MAY FAIL TO GET NECESSARY SUPPORT ELSEWHERE IN THE SYSTEM, OR AT LEAST ENCOUNTER SERIOUS DELAYS. IDEA FOR U.S. NAVAL SURVEY MISSION, PUT FORWARD IN SEPTEMBER IN WASHINGTON BY VISITING LT. COL. SALIM AL-GHAZALI, IS EXAMPLE OF THIS. HE HAS NOT RAISED THIS WITH US DEPITE SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES SINCE HIS RETURN, AND DESPITE RECENT BROACHING BY OMANIS OF IDEA OF U.S. MILITARY ATTACHE, THERE IS NO SIGN THAT GHAZALI (WHO LEAVES AT END NOVEMBER FOR YEAR-LONG SENIOR STAFF COURSE IN JORDAN) HAS FOUND SUPPORTERS IN OMANI HIERACHY FOR THIS CONCEPT. INDEED, AS DEPT AWARE, OMANGOV HAS NOT MOVED FORWARD AT ALL TO IMPLEMENT NAVAL PERSONNEL TRAINING PROGRAM WHICH THEY OFFICIALLY REQUESTED, AND TO WHICH WE PROVIDED RAPID FAVORABLE RESPONSE, IN SUMMER 1975.

7. FOR OUR PART, WE SEE NO NECESSITY OF EARLY RESPONSE TO OMANIS REGARDING THEIR SUGGESTION ASSIGNING MILATT TO MUSCAT. SUGGESTION STRIKES US AS PLOY TOWARD ALTERING EXISTING USG POLICY OF LIMITED INVOLVEMENT IN OMANI MILITARY AFFAIRS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE LACK OF DAD HAS HANDICAPPED USG RESPONSIVENESS TO LOW VOLUME OF FMS SALES AND TRAINING REQUESTS OVER PAST FEW YEARS, THOUGH PRESENCE OF MILATT OF COURSE WOULD ENABLE SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION OF CONTACTS WITH OMANI MILITARY OFFICERS AND GENERAL INTERNAL MILITARY INTELLIGENCE GATHERING. IF OMANIS PURSUE IDEA WITH US, WE PLAN (SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE INSTRUCTIONS) TO RESPOND THAT WE KNOW OF NO PRESENT OR PROPOSED FIELDS OF MILITARY COOPERATION THAT WOULD APPEAR TO REQUIRE SUCH PERMANENT STAFFING, AND TRY TO DRAW OUT JUST WHAT THEY HAVE IN MIND.

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(TEXT) THE EMBASSY OF THE SULTANATE OF OMAN IN YUNIS HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT. THE STATEMENT SAYS THAT A RESPONSIBLE INFORMATION SOURCE AT THE OMANI MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND CULTURE THIS MORNING CATEGORICALLY DENIED WHAT WAS PUT OUT BY THE ARAB SECTION OF THE BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION, THAT IS, THAT SULTAN QABUS IBN SA'ID IS TO ALLOW THE UNITED STATES TO USE THE OMANI MASIRAH BASE AS A MILITARY BASE.

THE TRUTH IS THAT OMAN ABSOLUTELY HAS NOT PERMITTED MASIRAH ISLAND TO BE USED AS A MILITARY BASE BY AN STATE. IT IS KNOWN THAT OMAN MAY ALLOW SOME FRIENDLY COUNTRIES, ONLY IN THE EVENT OF ADVANCE AGREEMENT, TO ENJOY TRANSIT FACILITIES OVER ALL ITS TERRITORIES, INCLUDING THIS ISLAND. IT IS NOTEWORTHY DURING HIS RECENT VISIT THAT SULTAN QABUS AGREED WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF BRITISH TECHNICIANS FROM MISIRAH NO LATER THAN NEXT MARCH AND TO HAND OVER VARIOUS TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT ON THE ISLAND TO THE SPECIALIZED OMANI AUTHORITIES.

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SUBJECT: MASIRAH: PRESS REPORT ON U.S. USE

REFERENCE: STATE 284921

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SISTANT HEAD OF FCO MIDDLE EAST DEPARTMENT. NOON  
VEMBER 23, DAY TELEPHONED EMBOFF AND POINTED OUT THAT  
FIRST SENTENCE IN "ANSWER" SECTION OF PARAGRAPH 3 REFTEL  
STILL CONSIDERED CLASSIFIED BY BRITISH, AND FCO WOULD,  
THEREFORE, PREFER WE NOT USE IT.  
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1. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN DOT RPT NOT QUERIED ON LE MONDE  
STORY. IN FACT, ONLY QUERY BY U.S. PRESS ON FLIGHTS TO MAS-  
TRAN CAME LAST AUGUST (STATE 225426).

2. CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE, PREPARED NOVEMBER 18 AS  
CONSEQUENCE OF REUTERS REPORT, FOLLOWS:

3. QUOTE: Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE INTERVIEW OF  
THE SULTAN OF OMAN IN LE MONDE, WHERE HE IS REPORTED AS  
SAYING HE IS PREPARED TO ALLOW THE UNITED STATES TO USE  
MILITARY FACILITIES ON MASTRAN? ARE YOU PLANNING A BASE?

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(FYI: THE REUTERS REPORT QUOTES THE SULTAN OF OMAN AS MAKING THREE POINTS: 1) HE IS WILLING TO ALLOW THE UNITED STATES TO USE "MILITARY FACILITIES" ON MASIRAH; 2) THE UNITED STATES HAS EXPRESSED THE WISH THAT THESE FACILITIES BE USED BY ITS ARMED FORCES; 3) OMAN WILL NOT REFUSE TO GRANT LOGISTIC FACILITIES TO FRIENDLY COUNTRIES BUT ONLY IN PEACE TIME.)

A. ~~[SINCE LAST JULY, THE GOVERNMENT OF OMAN HAS PERMITTED U.S. NAVY RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS (R31S) TO VISIT OCCASIONALLY TO USE FACILITIES FOR REFUELLING AT THE BRITISH AIR FIELD ON MASIRAH.]~~ THERE ARE NO U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL OR U.S. FACILITIES ON MASIRAH. NOR HAS OUR PLANNING BEEN ALONG THE LINES OF ACQUIRING ANY U.S. MILITARY FACILITIES ON MASIRAH OR OF STATIONING U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL THERE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT BY NEXT YEAR THE GOVERNMENT OF OMAN WILL TAKE OVER THE AIR FIELD FROM THE BRITISH. THERE HAS BEEN NO CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHING WHAT YOU CALL A "U.S. MILITARY BASE" ON THE ISLAND.

Q. COULD AN AMERICAN BASE BE DEVELOPED, ONCE THE BRITISH LEAVE, SINCE THE SULTAN SAYS HE IS NOW WILLING TO LET THE UNITED STATES USE THE FACILITIES?

A. THAT GETS INTO DECISIONS THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION WOULD HAVE TO MAKE, WHICH OF COURSE WE ARE UNABLE TO PREDICT. ALL I CAN DO IS REPEAT WHAT I HAVE ALREADY SAID: THERE HAS BEEN NO CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHING A "U.S. MILITARY BASE" ON MASIRAH. WE HAVE NO PERSONNEL OR FACILITIES THERE.

Q. WHAT ARE THE FREQUENCY OF THE REFUELLING STOPS AT MASIRAH? WHERE DO THE FLIGHTS ORIGINATE? WHERE DO THEY GO? WHAT ARE THEIR PURPOSES?

A. THAT GETS INTO OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS I AM NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS IN DETAIL. ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT THESE ARE OCCASIONAL FLIGHTS. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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1. PLEASE INFORM DAY THAT, WHILE WE SHARE BRITISH HOPE THAT U.S. REFUELING VISITS TO MASIRAH CAN BE KEPT OUT OF PUBLIC LIMELIGHT, WE SEE NO LAY TO DUCK QUESTION SHOULD IT ARISE WITHOUT ESCALATING THE ISSUE AND CREATING FALSE IMPRESSION THERE IS MUCH MORE EXTENSIVE U.S. USE OF MASIRAH THAN IS THE CASE. AS PRACTICAL MATTER WHEN CONFRONTED BY PRESS WE WOULD WISH NEITHER TO DENY EXISTENCE OF FLIGHTS NOR TO REFUSE COMMENT. HENCE WE ARE UNABLE TO ASSURE FCO THAT WE CAN AVOID MENTION OF U.S. USE ALTHOUGH NATURALLY WE WILL NOT ADDRESS THE QUESTION

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OF OUR FLIGHTS UNLESS IT IS ASKED DIRECTLY. ALSO PLEASE NOTE THE GUIDANCE HAS ALREADY BEEN USED HERE IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES, BUT NO STORY HAS APPEARED THERE OR ELSEWHERE IN THE AMERICAN PRESS (OTHER THAN IN "INTERNATIONAL BULLETIN" LAST AUGUST). WE HAVE SO INFORMED UK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AS WELL.

2. PRESS GUIDANCE HAS BEEN REVISED AS FOLLOWS:

3. Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE INTERVIEW OF THE SULTAN OF OMAN IN LE MONDE, WHERE HE IS REPORTED AS SAYING HE IS PREPARED TO ALLOW THE UNITED STATES TO USE MILITARY FACILITIES ON MASIRAH? ARE YOU PLANNING A BASE?

A. YOU WILL NOTE THAT THE OMANI MINISTRY OF INFORMATION HAS CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN, OR WILL BE, ALLOWED TO USE MASIRAH AS A MILITARY BASE. TO THAT WE WOULD ADD THAT THERE ARE NO U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL OR U.S. FACILITIES ON MASIRAH. NOR HAS OUR PLANNING BEEN ALONG THE LINES OF ACQUIRING ANY U.S. MILITARY FACILITIES ON MASIRAH OR OF STATIONING U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL THERE. WE UNDERSTAND THE OMANI GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF BRITISH TECHNICIANS FROM MASIRAH NO LATER THAN NEXT MARCH. THERE HAS BEEN NO CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHING WHAT YOU CALL A "U.S. MILITARY BASE" ON THE ISLAND.

4. Q. COULD AN AMERICAN BASE BE DEVELOPED, ONCE THE BRITISH LEAVE, SINCE THE SULTAN SAYS HE IS NOW WILLING TO LET THE UNITED STATES USE THE FACILITIES?

A. THAT GETS INTO DECISIONS THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION WOULD HAVE TO MAKE, WHICH OF COURSE WE ARE UNABLE TO PREDICT. ALL I CAN DO IS REPEAT WHAT I HAVE ALREADY SAID: THERE HAS BEEN NO CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHING A "U.S. MILITARY BASE, ON MASIRAH. WE HAVE NO PERSONNEL OR FACILITIES THERE.

5. Q. HAS THE UNITED STATES MADE ANY USE OF THE FACILITIES ON MASIRAH ISLAND?

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A. I CAN CONFIRM THAT U.S. NAVY RECONNAISSANCE PLANES (P-3'S) HAVE BEEN PERMITTED BY THE OMANIS TO MAKE OCCASIONAL VISITS TO THE BASE ON MASIRAH FOR REFUELING PURPOSES.

6. Q. WHAT ARE THE FREQUENCY OF THE REFUELING STOPS AT MASIRAH? WHERE DO THE FLIGHTS ORIGINATE? WHERE DO THEY GO? WHAT ARE THEIR PURPOSES?

A. THAT GETS INTO OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS I AM NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS IN DETAIL. ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT THESE ARE OCCASIONAL FLIGHTS. ROBINSON

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1. EMBOFF HAS DISCUSSED REVISED U.S. GUIDANCE ON U.S. USE OF MASIRAH (REFTEL) WITH FCO MIDDLE EAST DEPARTMENT NOVEMBER 25 AND 26. ~~FCO STILL UNHAPPY ABOUT ANY U.S. OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT U.S. HAS USED MASIRAH DURING BRITISH TENURE.~~ IN PARTICULAR, FCO OBJECTS TO USE OF PHRASE, "U.S. NAVY RECONNAISSANCE PLANES (P-3'S)", (PARA 5) SINCE THIS CALLS ATTENTION TO TYPE OF OPERATIONS IN ARFA. MIDDLE EAST DEPARTMENT PROPOSES THAT WE AT LEAST LIMIT OURSELVES TO PHRASE, "U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT" INSTEAD.

2. FCO POSITION IS NOT YET FIRMED UP ON THIS ISSUE. FCO DESK OFFICER GAVE EMBOFF COPY OF INTERNAL FCO MEMO HE HAD SENT FORWARD, READING AS FOLLOWS:

3. BEGIN QUOTE: OMAN/US RELATIONS - AMERICAN USE OF MASIRAH

I CONSIDER THAT WE SHOULD HAVE READY A DEFENSIVE ANSWER ON AMERICAN USE OF MASIRAH TO SUGGEST TO THE

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AMERICANS IN THE CONTEXT OF THEIR RECENT PRESS GUIDANCE AND ALSO FOR EVENTUAL USE IN PARLIAMENT. WE SHOULD EMPHASIZE TO THE AMERICANS THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO CLEAR SUCH A LINE WITH THE OMANIS. MY SUGGESTED DEFENSIVE ANSWER IS "FOLLOWING THE SULTAN'S TALKS WITH THE AMERICANS WHEN HE VISITED THE UNITED STATES IN 1974, A FEW U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT HAVE THIS YEAR MADE TECHNICAL STOPS AT MASIRAH". IF PRESSED "THERE ARE NO U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL ON MASIRAH". IF FURTHER PRESSED "THIS IS A MATTER FOR THE AMERICANS AND THE OMANIS". END QUOTE

4. WE PLAN TO TAKE UP THIS ISSUE WITH MIDDLE EAST DEPARTMENT AGAIN NOVEMBER 29, BY WHICH TIME FCO POSITION SHOULD HAVE FIRMED UP. IN THE MEANWHILE, WE SUGGEST DEPARTMENT DEFER MAKING PUBLIC REFERENCE TO CURRENT U.S. USE OF MASIRAH.

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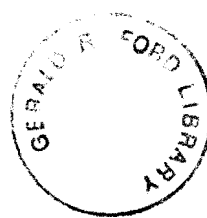
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1. FOURTH GULF FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE WAS IN SESSION FROM 1700 TO 2200 LOCAL TIME NOV 25 AT GULF HOTEL IN SUBURBAN REACHES OF CAPITAL AREA, AND IS SCHEDULED CONCLUDE TODAY, NOV 26. TO GREAT SURPRISE OF MOST OBSERVERS, IRAQI FOMIN HAMMADI SHOWED UP AFTER ALL NOV 25, BRINGING CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION TO FULL SLATE OF EIGHT FOREIGN MINISTERS. AFTER FORMAL OPENING THURSDAY AFTERNOON BY SULTAN QABOOS IN FULL GLARE OF TV CAMERAS AND PRESS REPS, ALONG WITH OMANI CABINET MINISTERS AND MUSCAT DIPLOMATIC CORPS, CONFERENCE BEGAN REGULAR CLOSED SESSIONS AT 1730 WITH KUWAITDAE SHAIKH SABAH AL-AHMAD TURNING CHAIR OVER TO OMAN'S QAIS ZAWAWI. SECURITY PRECAUTIONS WERE RIGID, WITH OMANI TROOPS CORDONING OFF HOTEL PREMISES. WE UNDERSTANT TODAY'S SCHEDULE CALLS FOR LATE MORNING WINDUP OF MEETINGS, FOLLOWED BY HELICOPTER TOUR FOR MINISTERS OVER PARTS OF NORTHERN OMAN AND TEA WITH SULTAN AT SEEB PLACE PRIOR TO DELEGATES' DEPARTURE.  
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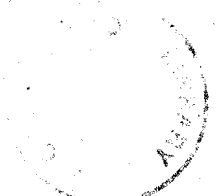
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1. DEPT APPRECIATES YOUR TIMELY AND THOUGHTFUL COMMENTS REFTTEL WHICH WILL BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IN OUR CURRENT REVIEW OF THE WAY WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE OVERALL US-OMANI RELATIONS DEVELOP IN COMING YEARS. WE FULLY AGREE OMANIS SEE MOMENT OF DECISION ON USE OF MASIRAH AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASSURE A MORE FORWARD US POSITION IN OMAN. IN CONSIDERING QUESTION OF FUTURE USE OF MASIRAH, WE PLAN TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT BROADER QUESTION OF OVERALL US SECURITY INTERESTS IN THE AREA AND TO WEIGH CAREFULLY HOW WE MIGHT BEST CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVING THE PROSPECTS FOR POLITICAL STABILITY IN OMAN. IN THIS CONTEXT ANALYSIS REFTTEL, AND EARLIER EMBASSY REPORTING ON BUDGETARY PROBLEMS FACING OMAN, HAVE BEEN HELPFUL.

2. DEPT HAS ONGOING NEED FOR YOUR ASSESSMENT AS SITUATION WARRANTS OF WHO IS CALLING THE SHOTS IN OMANI DECISION-MAKING, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO APPARENT TENDENCY OF SULTAN AND SOME OF HIS ADVISORS TO STRESS MILITARY MODERNIZATION WHILE OFFICIALS SUCH AS ZAWAWI EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE

OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND US SUPPORT THEREOF. FOR EXAMPLE, WE ARE INTERESTED IN YOUR ASSESSMENT THAT GHAZALI, AS WE SUSPECTED DURING HIS SEPTEMBER VISIT, MAY NOT HAVE DEFINITIVE SUPPORT FOR HIS IDEA OF A US SURVEY

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OF OMAN'S COASTAL SURVEILLANCE AND NAVAL REQUIREMENTS.

3. AT THIS STAGE AT LEAST WE DO NOT WANT TO ENCOURAGE OMANI EXPECTATIONS THAT US MIGHT BE SEEKING A MORE ACTIVE RELATIONSHIP IN SECURITY ASSISTANCE FIELD. WITH RESPECT TO SULTAN'S (OR LANDON'S) SUGGESTION THAT US MILITARY ATTACHE, PREFERABLY NAVAL ATTACHE, BE ASSIGNED TO OMAN, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT WE PLAN NO EARLY DECISION ON THIS PENDING RESOLUTION OF MORE BASIC QUESTIONS IN FUTURE US-OMANI RELATIONS AND MORE EVIDENCE THAT ASSIGNMENT OF A US MILITARY ATTACHE WOULD BE JUSTIFIED ON GROUNDS OF LIKELY WORKLOAD AND IMAGE WE WOULD LIKE TO PROJECT IN OMAN. ROBINSON  
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SUBJ: DIA DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE NOTICE (DIN) (U)

DIADIN 341-7A (AS OF: 2040 EST 6 DEC 76)

OMAN: SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY. (U)

1. (S/NOFORN/NNINTEL) THE OMANI GOVERNMENT HAS ACQUIRED A POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF OMAN (PFLO) REPORT THAT SEEMS TO REPRESENT A MAJOR POLICY PAPER ON SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES. IT APPEARS TO BE POINTING TO RADICAL ACTIVITY IN NORTHERN OMAN AND THE GULF AREA AND AWAY FROM PAGE 2 RUEKJCS 1184 ~~SECRET~~ THE NOW INEFFECTIVE PFLO MILITARY OPERATIONS IN OHOFAR PROVINCE.

2. (S/NOFORN/NNINTEL) THE PFLO DISTRIBUTED A PAPER LAST MONTH ENTITLED "SUMMARY OF PROGRAM OF ACTION FOR THE COMING STAGE." THE AUTHOR MAY HAVE FALLEN AWAY FROM THE PRESENT PFLO GROUP CENTERED IN SOUTH YEMEN. THE DOCUMENT IS TYPICAL OF THE FORMATIVE STAGE OF A TERRORIST OR REVOLUTIONARY GROUP, AS SUCH, IT INDICATES THAT THE PFLO, OR A FACTION OF IT, HAS ADMITTED ITS FAILURE IN THE WESTERN OHOFAR PROVINCE AND IS ATTEMPTING TO REGROUP. RATHER THAN OPEN MILITARY CONFRONTATION, WHICH FAILED IN OHOFAR, THE PAPER ADVOCATES COVERT OPERATIONS. IT STATES THE PRIMARY TASK IS TO BUILD UP THE PARTY AND TO UNITE ALL NATIONAL GROUPS TO OVERTHROW SULTAN QABUS' GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS



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COUNTERING IRANIAN, JORDANIAN, AND BRITISH PRESENCE.  
 IT ESPOUSES THE USE OF RADIO, NEWSPAPERS, AND  
 CLANDESTINE ORGANIZATIONS TO EDUCATE THE MASSES AND  
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 ORGANIZE DEMONSTRATIONS. IT SPEAKS OF EXPLOITING  
 DISPUTES WITHIN THE ENEMY'S RANKS AND INCITING SOL-  
 DIERS TO SERVE THE REVOLUTION.

3. (S/NOFORN) THE SUCCESS OF THE IRANIAN-SUPPORTED  
 OHOFAR OFFENSIVE BY THE SULTAN'S FORCES HAS SERIOUSLY  
 HURT THE PFLO, WHICH IS NOW FACING INTERNAL SPLITS  
 AND RECRIMINATIONS. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THIS  
 FACTION HAS TIES WITH IRAQ, IN WHICH CASE IT MIGHT BE  
 VIEWED IN THE CONTEXT OF CURRENT IRAQI EFFORTS TO  
 MAINTAIN ITS REVOLUTIONARY IMAGE AS EVIDENCED BY THE  
 ACTIVITIES OF THE BLACK JUNE ORGANIZATION.  
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TAGS: PFOR IR MU YS  
SUBJECT: IRANIAN AIR FORCE ACTIVITY IN OMAN

REF: (A) TEHRAN 12239, (B) MUSCAT 1511 (NOTAL)

1. BRITISH EMBASSY DCM TELLS US AN IRANIAN AIR FORCE LIAISON OFFICER ARRIVED AT SEEB AIRPORT EARLY THIS WEEK, APPARENTLY IN RESPONSE TO OMANI REQUEST. SAF HOPES HIS PRESENCE WILL BRING ABOUT SOME DEGREE OF COORDINATION SO THAT SAF AND SOAF CAN GET AN IDEA WHAT IRANIAN AIR ARM IS UP TO OVER DHOFAR AND PDY BORDER AREA. IF THIS PROVES TRUE, BRITISH EMOFF THOUGHT IT MIGHT BRING SOME IMPROVEMENT IN WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS GROWING MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OMAN AND IRAN OVER PHANTOM INCIDENT AND ITS AFTERMATH. SAME SOURCE ADDED THAT BRITISH OFFICERS IN SAF NOW BELIEVE IRANIAN AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE ALONG BORDER IS TAKING PLACE ALMOST DAILY, BUT PILOTS ARE TAKING CARE TO STAY AT EXTREMELY HIGH ALTITUDE.

2. THOUGH WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT OMANIS STILL ARE CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE IRANIAN RETALIATION AGAINST PDY FOR NOV 24 PHANTOM SHOOT-DOWN, THEY MUST HAVE RELAXED THEIR NEVOUSNESS A BIT, FOR MOST LEADING LIGHTS OF OMANI SECURITY ESTABLISHMENT ARE SPENDING DEC 11-19 IN LONDON. THIS INCLUDES TIM LANDON, GEN. PERKINS, DEFENSE DIRECTOR GENERAL BROWNING AND FONMIN QAIS ZAWAWI. (AT LEAST ONE PURPOSE LONDON GATHERING IS FOR LATEST IN LONG SERIES OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRITISH AIRCRAFT CORP. OVER JAGUAR

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3. HAVE LEARNED THAT CSAF GEN. PERKINS PLANS ANOTHER TRIP TO IRAN IN LAST WEEK DECEMBER TO CONSULT WITH IRANIAN MILITARY COUNTERPARTS.  
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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS PFOR MU US UK

SUBJECT: USE OF MASIRAH

REF: (A) CTF SEVEN TWO 230828Z DEC 76, (B) LONDON 19542

1. WE PLAN TO NOTIFY ZAWAWI OR AL-ALAWI OF FOREIGN MINISTRY IN COMING WEEK OF DATES (REF A) FOR PROJECTED SIX P-3 VISITS TO MASIRAH FOR FIRST QUARTER OF CY 1977. AS IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THEY WILL TAKE OCCASION TO QUESTION US ABOUT PROGRESS IN USG CONSIDERATION OF POST-MARCH 1977 USE OF THE ISLAND AND OF WHAT WE MIGHT OFFER IN RETURN, WE WOULD WELCOME ANY INFORMATION DEPT IS IN POSITION TO PROVIDE ON DEGREE TO WHICH USG THINKING IS CRYSTALLIZING ON THIS MATTER.

2. WHILE OMANIS HAVE NOT SHED THEIR EAGERNESS TO NEGOTIATE WITH RS REGARDING MASIREH, THEY PROBABLY HAVE CONCLUDED WE ARE UNLIKELY TO WANT TO GET DOWN TO BUSINESS WITH THEM UNTIL SOMETIME AFTER JANUARY 20. IT IS OUR JUDGMENT, THEREFORE, THAT THEY WILL INTERJECT NO OBSTACLE TO OUR PROJECTED JANUARY-MARCH VISIT DATES, THOUGH THEY MAY BE CURIOUS AS TO WHY FOUR OF THE SIX VISITS WILL OCCUR WITHIN TWO-WEEK SPAN FROM FEB 7-21. IN LATTER CONNECTION, DEPI MAY WANT TO PASS TO APPROPRIATE MILITARY ADDRESSEES THE INFO EMBASSY LONDON OBTAINED (REF B PARA 2) CONCERNING FEBRUARY GAP IN MASIRAH MILITARY MEDICAL SERVICES, TO WHICH WE CAN ADD THAT STARTUP OF OMANI CIVILIAN HOSPITAL THERE WILL PROBABLY BE DELAYED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS OR MORE.

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SUBJECT: BRITISH ARRANGEMENTS FOR USE OF MASIRAH

1. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH EMBOFF THIS WEEK, OFFICERS AT  
DESK LEVEL IN BOTH FCO AND MOD HAVE INDICATED RAF WOULD  
LIKE TO CONTINUE TO USE MASIRAH FOR STAGING FLIGHTS TO  
EAST ASIA EVEN AFTER RAF FORMALLY WITHDRAWS NEXT  
MARCH 31. MEANWHILE, ACCORDING TO FCO, OMANIS ARE  
PRESSING BRITISH TO BE AS GENEROUS AS POSSIBLE ON AMOUNT  
OF EQUIPMENT RAF WILL LEAVE IN MASIRAH.

2. COMMENT: FACT THAT RAF HOPES TO CONTINUE TO USE  
MASIRAH MIGHT MEAN WE COULD EXPECT CONTINUED HELPFUL  
BRITISH PARTICIPATION IN MAINTAINING ADEQUATE LEVEL OF  
TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR AIRFIELD. HOWEVER, TIME IS  
GROWING SHORT AND EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT WASHINGTON  
SEND INSTRUCTIONS SOON IF WE ARE TO UNDERTAKE ANY  
DISCUSSIONS WITH BRITISH ON CONTINUED U.S. USE.

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS PFOR MU US UK  
SUBJECT: USE OF MASIRAH

REF: STATE 004568

1. JUDGING FROM REFTL, IT APPEARS DEPT. MAY NOT HAVE SEEN  
TELEGRAM 290646Z DEC 76 SENT FROM RAF MASIRAH TO CTF SEVEN  
TWO, COMSEVENTHFLT, AND CTG SEVEN TWO PT THREE (INFO TO  
ELEVEN OTHER ADDRESSEES INCLUDING SECSTATE, MUSCAT AND USDAO  
LONDON) WHICH STATE THAT MASIRAH IS UNABLE TO ACCEPT MORE  
THAN TWO FLIGHTS DURING FEB 77 AND NO RPT NO FLIGHTS FROM  
MARCH 7 THROUGH 31.

2. WE ARE STILL AWAITING USN REACTION TO THAT MESSAGE,  
WITH A REVISED FIRST QUARTER SCHEDULE. MEANWHILE WE  
HAVE INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTRY OF PROJECTED JAN 11-13  
P-3 FLIGHT AND STATED THAT REMAINDER OF SCHEDULE FOR  
QUARTER WOULD BE COMMUNICATED AS SOON AS WE KNOW IT.  
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NOTIFICATION WITHOUT COMMENT.  
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OCCASIONAL TRANSIT FLIGHT BY NIMROD PATROL PLANES. IRANIAN  
C-130'S WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE MAIN MEANS OF TRANSPORTING  
HEAVY EQUIPMENT TO THE ISLAND.

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4. CLAYPHAN STATED THAT SOAF OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF MASIRAH  
BASE OPERATIONS WOULD NEED TO KNOW SOON HOW OFTEN US  
P-3'S WOULD BE STOPPING AT MASIRAH AND WHAT THE MONTHLY  
FUEL REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE, SINCE SOAF DOES NOT YET HAVE  
SUFFICIENT INFORMATION FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.

5. THE CHANGEOVER IS WELCOMED BY THE ISLANDERS, SINCE  
SOAF IS EXPECTED TO INJECT MORE MONEY INTO THE LOCAL  
ECONOMY THAN THE RAF. WIVES OF SOAF PERSONNEL WILL BE  
ALLOWED AS SOON AS HOUSING IS COMPLETED. SOAF IS WILLING  
TO SHARE BASE FACILITIES WITH CONTRACTORS AND BUSINESSMEN ON  
THE ISLAND, IN CONTRAST TO THE RAF WHICH CREATED A BAD IM-  
PRESSION BY BEING UNCOOPERATIVE WITH CIVILIAN ORGANIZATIONS.  
AS A RESULT OF SOAF PLANS FOR EXPANSION AND THE MODEST IN-  
CREASE OF BUSINESS ON THE ISLAND, NAAFI (BRITISH EQUIVALENT  
OF PX) WILL CONTINUE ITS COMMISSARY OPERATIONS AFTER THE DE-  
PARTURE OF THE RAF.

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TAGS: BGEN PDEV MU  
SUBJECT: CIVILIZATION COMING TO MASIRAH

REF: 76 MUSCAT 1619

1. RECENT TRIP BY ECONOFF AND ACTING PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR TO MASIRAH CONFIRMED OUR IMPRESSION THAT MISERABLE LIVING CONDITIONS OF MASIRAH'S 3,500 INHABITANTS AND VIRTUALLY TOTAL LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE OUTSIDE THE AIR BASE MAY BE CHANGING. AT PRESENT, EVERYTHING MUST BE IMPORTED AT GREAT EXPENSE FROM MUSCAT, MOSTLY USING INFREQUENT SOAF FLIGHTS. LOCAL POPULATION CONCENTRATED AT NORTH END OF ISLAND LIVES IN SHACKS CONSTRUCTED OF PLYWOOD AND CORRUGATED METAL. TOTAL LACK OF GROUNDWATER HAS PREVENTED DEVELOPMENT OF EVEN SMALL-SCALE AGRICULTURE, MUCH LESS NATURAL VEGETATION, GIVING MASIRAH A BARREN AND LUNAR APPEARANCE. HOWEVER, AIR COMMUNICATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BECOME MORE FREQUENT AFTER APRIL 1977, AND THERE IS ALREADY A MODEST INFUX OF NEW BUSINESS ONTO THE ISLAND.

2. SMALL DESALTING PLANT BUILT BY MOTHERCAT AND OPERATED BY GLOBAL CHEMICAL SYSTEMS (REFTEL) IS SHUT DOWN AT PRESENT DUE TO LACK OF DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR WATER. PLANT CAN PRODUCE

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UP TO 120,000 GALLONS OF FRESH WATER A DAY, BUT OFFTAKE HAD BEEN LIMITED TO 8-10,000 GALLONS PUMPED INTO ISLAND'S SINGLE WATER TRUCK, WHILE REST OF WATER WAS DISCHARGED ON INTO THE SEA. ACCORDING TO AMCIT MANAGER DONALD PROUD, DESALTING PLANT WILL REMAIN SHUT DOWN FOR A FEW WEEKS UNTIL NEW HOSPITAL OPENS, BUT PLANT WILL NOT BE FULLY UTILIZED UNTIL ADEQUATE PIPING NETWORK IS CONSTRUCTED. PROUD PLANS TO PLACE AN AMCIT FULLTIME ON MASIRAH TO SUPERVISE 22 FILIPINO TECHNICIANS CURRENTLY RUNNING THE PLANT.

3. PRIMARY SCHOOL IS ALREADY IN OPERATION, AND NEW 100-BED HEALTH CENTER SHOULD OPEN IN A FEW MONTHS. MAIN DELAY IN OPENING OF HEALTH CENTER HAS BEEN DELAY IN RECRUITING 6 DOCTORS AND 23 NURSES TO MAN THE FACILITY. PROUD STATED THAT MINISTRY OF HEALTH HAS DISCUSSED POSSIBLE CONTRACT FOR GLOBAL CHEMICAL TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN HOSPITAL, WHICH WOULD BRING AT LEAST ONE MORE AMCIT FULL TIME ON THE ISLAND.

4. THE OMANGOV IS PLANNING TO REPLACE THE PRESENT SHANTYTOWN AT THE NORTH END OF THE ISLAND WITH 1,000 GOVERNMENT-FUNDED DWELLINGS. SIR WILLIAM HALCROW (UK) HAS COMPLETED FEASIBILITY STUDY, BUT SHORTAGE OF FUNDS HAS DELAYED CHOICE OF CONTRACTOR. NONETHELESS, LOCAL POPULATION IS OPTIMISTIC THAT ARRIVAL OF SOAF WILL BRING IN MORE MONEY AND HELP FUND A FEW RETAIL SHOPS FOR CONSUMER GOODS WHICH ARE NOW NONEXISTENT. NATIONAL BANK OF OMAN ESTABLISHED A BRANCH ON MASIRAH IN NOVEMBER 1976, AND OTHER BANKS MAY FOLLOW.

5. LONG-TERM POTENTIAL FOR MASIRAH MAY BE GOOD IF LOCAL RESOURCES ARE FULLY DEVELOPED. THE WATERS AROUND MASIRAH ARE VERY RICH IN FISH, AND MASIRAH COULD BECOME A SIGNIFICANT REGIONAL FISH PROCESSING CENTER. A WEST GERMAN SURVEY TEAM HAS ALREADY DISCOVERED SMALL AMOUNTS OF COPPER IN THE MOUNTAINS ON THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE ISLAND, AND MUCH GREATER DEPOSITS MAY BE PRESENT. OMAN'S DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IS EXPLORING THE GROWING OF VEGETABLES ON MASIRAH

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(WHICH SEEMS A FUTILE EFFORT TO US). EVEN MASIRAH AS A RECREATION  
SPOT IS POSSIBLE; THE MILD SUMMER CLIMATE DUE TO THE SOUTHWEST  
MONSOON HAS CAUSED SOME TO SPECULATE OVER MASIRAH'S FUTURE  
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