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THE WHITE HOUSE
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May 29, 1976

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Developments in Africa and the activities of the Soviet Union have also been a factor in my Government's position with regard to our role in the Indian Ocean and the areas bordering on it. It is our view that restraint in Soviet military deployments in the Indian Ocean and forbearance from adventurism generally are essential to improving the prospects for the stability of the region as a whole.

I can assure Your Majesty that the United States will continue its firm stand in opposition to Soviet pressure and expansionism and that we will continue to seek moderate Soviet behavior. In turn, we look to the states of the regions affected by such ambitions, including the Middle East, to promote their own security through regional cooperation and we are prepared to work with them to this end. I am aware of the particular effort which Oman, under your leadership, has made. The success which has thus far been achieved demonstrates the beneficial effort of regional cooperation. In this context, I very much agree with Your Majesty that we maintain a dialogue on ways to deal with problems of mutual concern in your area of the world.

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His Majesty Sayyid Qaboos bin Said al Bu Said Sultan of Oman Muscat





#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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#### SECRET (GDS) ATTACHMENT

May 21, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM:

ROBERT B. OAKLEY

SUBJECT:

Presidential Reply to the Sultan of Oman

We received only this week from the Department of State a letter to the President from the Sultan of Oman along with a suggested reply (approved by the Secretary's staff--draft at Tab II). It took one month before State informed us they had this letter.

The memorandum at Tab I to the President transmits the letter, summarizes its contents and recommends a letter of reply--a shortened version of the State draft which has been reviewed and cleared by Messrs. Horan, Clift, Low and Boverie as well as Mr. Hartmann's office (Smith).

RECOMMENDATION: That you forward the memorandum at Tab I to the President transmitting the Sultan's letter at Tab B and seeking the President's signature on the reply at Tab A.

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

BRENT SCOWCROFT

SUBJECT:

Letter from the Sultan of Oman--

Proposed Reply

The Department of State has transmitted a letter to you from the Sultan of Oman at Tab B. A proposed reply is at Tab A. His Majesty recalls with pleasure his meeting with you during his January 1975 visit to Washington.

The Sultan expresses admiration for your policies of opposing outside (Soviet, Cuban) intervention in Angola and elsewhere in Africa and the broader Middle East/Indian Ocean region and concern about the trend of Soviet activities in these areas. He does so because of Oman's experience with this problem--radical South Yemen's backing (with Soviet arms and support) of a rebellion in Oman's western (Dhofar) province. Through a combination of firmness on the Sultan's part; military assistance from an Iranian brigade, a small Jordanian contingent and British officers seconded to the Omani armed forces; and Saudi financial incentives to South Yemen for moderation, the rebellion has apparently been defeated.

The Sultan remains concerned over the activities ("expansionist policies") of the Soviet Union in the general Indian Ocean area, including Southern and East Africa and the Persian Gulf. The possibility of a resurgence of radicalism in South Yemen is also of concern, and the Sultan points out the military support which that country has received from the USSR (we estimate some 300 advisers) and the Cubans (we estimate 100-200 advisers), although he acknowledges that neither Cubans nor Soviets participated directly in the Dhofar rebellion. The Sultan asks that you not forget the common interests of the US and Oman in combatting Soviet expansion and radicalism, especially in the Indian Ocean area. He hopes to maintain a dialogue with us on subjects of mutual concern in this area.

#### SECRET (GDS)

Subject to GDS of E.O. 11652 Automatically Downgraded at Two Year Intervals and Declassified on December 31, 1984. The Sultan's letter provides an opportunity for you to strongly reaffirm support for friends such as Oman in a common effort to oppose outside intervention and the growth of Soviet influence generally. We have strong interests in a sound relationship with Oman, given its position straddling the entrance to the Persian Gulf, its commitment to the West and the US, its moderation and its desire to collaborate with other friends in the Gulf area in the interests of regional stability. We may wish to discuss with the Sultan the possibility of using Omani airfields, ports or other facilities to support our military activities in the Indian Ocean--Persian Gulf area, particularly given the abandonment by the UK of an airfield it has operated on Oman's Masirah Island and the probability that we shall have to pull COMIDEASTFOR out of Bahrain.

The proposed letter at Tab A is responsive to concerns raised by the Sultan. It will be well received by him and will also give us an opening should we wish to explore at some later date the possible use of Omani military facilities.

RECOMMENDATION: That you sign the letter to the Sultan of Oman at Tab A. [Text coordinated with Mr. Hartmann's office (Mr. Smith).]

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The Palace,
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28th March, 1976.

Mr. President.

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In our own country many changes have occurred and it is now much stronger and more settled than it was at the time of our meeting. The most important change, as you are undoubtedly aware, is our successful conclusion of the foreign-supported rebellion in Dhofar after ten years of struggle, which diverted national resources from development projects into military projects. Thanks be to God, most of the rebels saw the error of their ways and most of them, some one thousand four hundred, defected voluntarily from the enemy before the final military victory.

We have chosen to mention our own modest successes because we believe that they have a bearing upon one of the problems which has been plaguing American policy—makers recently. That problem is the support of national Leftist



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guerrillas by a combination of material support from the Soviet Union, military support from Cuba, the use of safe-havens for these guerrillas offered by neighbouring Marxist-oriented States and the world-wide dissemination of Soviet-inspired propaganda. The latest case in point, and the one that has drawn world-wide attention, has been the intervention of other States in the internal affairs of Angola.

As you are aware from our discussion at the White House in January 1975, Angola is not the first case of this kind. For at least seven years of the ten-year struggle in Dhofar, the Soviet Union assisted the Dhofar rebels with arms and military training, either directly or through the assistance of the neighbouring State, the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen. In recent years the rebels were assisted with military training by Cuban personnel. Unlike the case of Angola, Cuban Advisers did not, as far as we know, actually take part in the fighting.

Oman, therefore, is quite familiar with the Soviet/Cuban combination, and this combination has created some unease; not just during the conflict itself. We have long regarded the growing presence in the area of the Soviet Union with concern, noting the position that it has acquired with respect to East and Southern Africa, the Naval presence in the Indian Ocean, its growing influence around the periphery of that Ocean, and the failure of Area States to take organised action to counter this growing influence.



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We therefore are heartened by the firm position taken both by you, Mr. President, and some of your responsible Officers in statements made recently on the subject of foreign intervention in the internal affairs of other States. Although our own fighting is over, we continue to view with alarm the spread of similar situations. We appreciate the fact that so long as a favourable climate for interference exists, armed violence will continue to plague our area.

Oman is an old and proud country with its own traditions of civilisation, naval and military prowess; traditions which are once more emerging with the rebirth of its people. We are proud of our victory in Dhofar, primarily because it was achieved by the return of the rebels to the support of their own people and government rather than by massive slaughter in battle. The few rebels who remain are for the most part convinced Communist revolutionaries, harbouring wherever they can find shelter and having no popular support.

Oman, however, recognises that the threat from revolution, promoted by foreign States and inspired by Marxist ideologies and propaganda, still exists and will remain constant. We are particularly concerned that the peoples of Southern Africa, whatever their ethnic origins, should be allowed to develop their own form of government, without the influence of terror in support of the Soviet Union's expansionist policy. Supported by the great majority of the Omani people, we remain resistant to



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these threats.

At the same time we applaud efforts made by more powerful and more influential States to combat the same tendencies in world affairs, particularly those in the Indian Ocean area, where our future must to some extent be involved. We hope that you,

Mr. President, and the United States Government, will not forget Oman's role in combatting a common enemy in the days to come and that our two Nations will remain bound by the same ties of common interests in the right of self-determination without foreign interference. We hope that we can continue to maintain a dialogue on subjects of mutual concern in this area.

We wish you, your family and the people of the United States, every success and good fortune in this year and the years ahead.

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May 14, 1976 / 5/17

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRENT SCOWCROFT THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Response by President Ford to Letter From Sultan Qaboos

On April 9, the Omani Ambassador delivered the attached letter from Sultan Qaboos of Oman to President Ford. The letter raises no specific issues of bilateral US-Omani concern, but does address in a broad tour d'horizon fashion some larger issues.

A proposed reply is attached which responds to the concerns raised by Sultan Qaboos.

George S. Springsteen Executive Secretary

#### Attachments:

- 1. Suggested Letter
- Letter from Sultan Qaboos to President Ford

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#### Suggested Letter

Your Majesty:

I am most appreciative of your letter of March 28, 1976, and welcome the opportunity it provides to discuss matters of concern to both our countries.

We are pleased that your policy of firmness toward the Communist-dominated rebels in Dhofar has borne good fruit. Your victory is a tribute to the efficacy of your military strategy -- firmness tempered by restraint at the appropriate time -- as well as of your foreign policy. I understand now that the military phase of this protracted struggle appears to be successfully concluded, and you are placing increased emphasis on projects for civil development in Dhofar. We wish you all success in this endeavor.

As you point out, the challenges which your country has faced are a reflection of a wider problem which affects the region as a whole: the desire of the Soviet Union to advance its presence and influence through a variety of methods, including the use of Cuban forces. The Soviet Union has viewed the existence of social and political problems, as in Angola, as providing opportunities for it to advance its interests and influence. We have made clear that we cannot accept this kind of behavior. adventuristic expansionism.

His Majesty
Sayyid Qaboos bin Sa'id Al Bu Sa'id,
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Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

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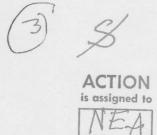
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I APPRECIATE YOUR MAJESTY'S PERSPECTIVE ON THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE REMAINING SERIOUS PROBLEMS THERE DEFER SIMILAR TEMPTATIONS FOR THE SOVIET UNION AND MAKE MORE URGENT THE NEED FOR FINDING SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF RHODESIA, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA. MY GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY AFFIRMED OUR SUPPORT FOR SELF-DETERMINATION, MAJORITY RULE, EQUAL RIGHTS AND HUMAN DIGNITY FOR ALL THE PEOPLES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AND OUTLINED A SERIES OF PROPOSALS TO SUPPORT THIS POLICY. IT IS GROUNDED IN THE CONVICTION THAT NO OUTSIDE POWER SHOULD SEEK TO IMPOSE SOLUTIONS OR DIVIDE AFRICA INTO CONFRONTING BLOCS. NOR SHOULD AMBITIONS OF HEGEMONY BE ENCOURAGED. RATHER, AFRICAN UNITY AND INTEGRITY SHOULD BE SUPPORTED.

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ACCORDING TO DESK OFFICER IN FCO MIDDLE EAST DEPARTMENT, BRITISH EMBASSY IN MUSCAT INFORMED SULTAN JUNE 1
OF BRITISH INTENTION TO WITHDRAW RAF BASE FROM MASIRAH.
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HMG WILL BE PROVIDING USG WITH FURTHER DETAILS.

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TAGS: MARR, MU

SUBJECT: C-130S FOR OMAN

REF: MUSCAT 629

1. USG HAS NO OBJECTION TO OMAN ACQUISITION OF C-130 AIRCRAFT. ALTHOUGH WE WOULD STRONGLY PREFER THAT OMAN SEEK PURCHASE THROUGH COMMERCIAL CHANNELS, WE CANNOT BE ABSOLUTE-LY SURE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO DO SO UNDER PROPOSED SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION. FOR TIME BEING, SUGGEST OMANI GOVERNMENT CONTACT: NED C. RIDINGS, SALES MANAGER FOR AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST, LOCKHEED-GEORGIA COMPANY, 86 SOUTH COBB DRIVE, MARIETTA, GEORGIA 30063. TELEPHONE: 404-424-2341; TELEX: 542642. LUCKHEED WOULD BE ABLE ADVISE



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OR ASSIST OMANI GOVERNMENT IN ARRANGING FINANCING FROM COMMERCIAL SOURCES.

2. SUGGEST YOU PASS ABOVE INFORMATION TO FONMIN ZAWAWI.
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PFOR, MU

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM SULTAN QABBOS TO PRESIDENT FORD

REFERENCES: MUSCAT 376, STATE 134994

-1. SEARCH OF FILES FINDS NO RECORD THAT COPY OF SULTAN'S LETTER OF MARCH 28 TO THE PRESIDENT WAS POUCHED TO YOU. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: IT HAS BEEN NUST OVER ONE YEAR SINCE WE ENJOYED OUR FIRST VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES; A SHORT BUT SATISFYING EXPERIENCE WHICH GAVE US THE DEPORTUNITY OF MEETING YOU AND YOUR SENIOR DEFICIALS INVOLVED IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS. SINCE THAT TIME WE HAVE NATURALLY FOLLOWED AMERICAN POLICY WITH A PERSONAL INTEREST BASED UPON OUR NEW APPRECIATION OF YOUR GREAT COUNTRY.

IN DUR DWN COUNTRY MANY CHANGES HAVE OCCURRED AND IT IS NOW MUCH STRONGER AND MORE SETTLED THAN IT WAS AT THE TIME OF OUR MEETING. THE MOST IMPORTANT CHANGE, AS YOU ARE UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE, IS DUR SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE FOREIGN-SUPPORTED REBELLION IN DHOFAR AFTER TEN YEARS OF STRUGGLE, WHICH DIVERTED NATIONAL RESOURCES FROM DEVELOP-MENT PROJECTS INTO MILITARY PROJECTS. THANKS BE TO GOD,

MOST OF THE REBELS SAW THE ERROR OF THEIR WAYS AND MOST OF THEM, SOME ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED, DEFECTED VOLUNTARILY FROM THE ENEMY BEFORE THE FINAL MILITARY VICTORY.

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WE HAVE CHOSEN TO MENTION DUR DWN MODEST SUCCESSES BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE A BEARING UPON ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH HAS BEEN PLAGUING AMERICAN POLICY-MAKERS RECENTLY. THAT PROBLEM IS THE SUPPORT OF NATIONAL LEFTIST GUERILLAS BY A COMBINATION OF MATERIAL SUPPORT FROM THE SOVIET UNION, MILITARY SUPPORT FROM CUBA, THE USE OF SAFE-HAVENS FOR THESE GUERILLAS OFFERED BY NEIGHBOURING MARXIST-DRIENTED STATES AND THE WORLD-WIDE DISSEMINATION DF SOVIET-INSPIRED PROPAGANDA. THE LATEST CASE IN POINT, AND THE ONE THAT HAS DRAWN WORLD-WIDE ATTENTION, HAS BEEN THE INTERVENTION OF OTHER STATES IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS DF ANGOLA.

AS YOU ARE AWARE FROM OUR DISCUSSION AT THE WHITE HOUSE IN JANUARY 1975, ANGOLA IS NOT THE FIRST CASE OF THIS KIND. FOR AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS OF THE TEN-YEAR STRUGGLE IN DHOFAR, THE SOVIET UNION ASSISTED THE DHOFAR REBELS WITH ARMS AND MILITARY TRAINING, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE NEIGHBOURING STATE, THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YENEN. IN RECENT YEARS THE REBELS WERE ASSISTED WITH MILITARY TRAINING BY CUBAN PERSONNEL. UNLIKE THE CASE OF ANGOLA, CUBAN ADVISERS DID NOT, AS FAR AS WE KNOW, ACTUALLY TAKE PART IN THE FIGHTING.

DMAN, THEREFORE, IS QUITE FAMILIAR WITH THE SOVIET/CUBAN COMBINATION, AND THIS COMBINATION HAS CREATED SOME UNEASE; NOT JUST DURING THE CONFLICT ITSELF. WE HAVE LONG REGARDED THE GROWING PRESENCE IN THE AREA OF THE SOVIET UNION WITH CONCERN, NOTING THE POSITION THAT IT HAS ACQUIRED WITH RESPECT TO EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA, THE NAVAL PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN DCEAN, ITS GROWING INFLUENCE ARDUND THE PERIPHERY OF THAT OCEAN, AND THE FAILURE OF AREA STATES TO TAKE DRGANISED ACTION TO COUNTER THIS GROWING INFLUENCE.

WE THEREFORE ARE HEARTENED BY THE FIRM POSITION TAKEN BOTH BY YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND SOME OF YOUR RESPONSIBLE DFFICERS IN STATEMENTS MADE RECENTLY DN THE SUBJECT OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES. ALTHOUGH DUR DWN FIGHTING IS DVER, WE CONTINUE TO VIEW WITH ALARM THE SPREAD OF SIMILAR SITUATIONS. WE APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT SO LONG AS A FAVOURABLE CLIMATE FOR INTERFERENCE EXISTS, ARMED VIOLENCE WILL CONTINUE TO PLAGUE DUR AREA.

DMAN IS AN OLD AND PROUD COUNTRY WITH ITS OWN TRADITIONS DF CIVILISATION, NAVAL AND MILITARY PROWESS; TRADITIONS WHICH ARE DNCE MORE EMERGING WITH THE REBIRTH OF ITS PEOPLE. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR VICTORY IN DHOFAR, PRIMARILY



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BECAUSE IT WAS ACHIEVED BY THE RETURN OF THE REBELS TO THE SUPPORT OF THEIR OWN PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT RATHER THAN BY MASSIVE SLAUGHTER IN BATTLE. THE FEW REBELS WHO REMAIN ARE FOR THE MOST PART CONVINCED COMMUNIST REVOLU-TIONARIES, HARBOURING WHEREVER THEY CAN FIND SHELTER AND HAVING NO POPULAR SUPPORT.

DMAN, HOWEVER, RECOGNISES THAT THE THREAT FROM REVOLUTION, PROMOTED BY FOREIGN STATES AND INSPIRED BY MARXIST IDEOLOGIES AND PROPAGANDA, STILL EXISTS AND WILL REMAIN CONSTANT. WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT THE PEOPLES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, WHATEVER THEIR ETHNIC ORIGINS, SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN FORM OF GOVERNMENT, WITHOUT THE INFLUENCE OF TERROR IN SUPPORT OF THE SOVIET UNION'S EXPANSIONIST POLICY. SUPPORTED BY THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE OMANI PEOPLE, WE REMAIN RESISTANT TO THESE THREATS.

AT THE SAME TIME WE APPLAUD EFFORTS MADE BY MORE POWERFUL AND MORE INFLUENTIAL STATES TO COMBAT THE SAME TENDENCIES IN WORLD AFFAIRS, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AREA, WHERE OUR FUTURE MUST TO SOME EXTENT BE INVOLVED. WE HOPE THAT YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, WILL NOT FORGET DMAN'S ROLE IN COMBATTING A COMMON ENEMY IN THE DAYS TO COME AND THAT OUR TWO NATIONS WILL REMAIN BOUND BY THE SAME TIES OF COMMON INTERESTS IN THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION WITHOUT FOREIGN INTER-FERENCE. WE HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN A DIALOGUE ON SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL CONCERN IN THIS AREA.

WE WISH YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, EVERY SUCCESS AND GOOD FORTUNE IN THIS YEAR AND THE YEARS AHEAD. QABOOS BIN SAID, SULTAN OF OMAN. END DF TEXT. KISSINGER BT

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MPOL, MARR, MU, IR

SUBJECT: IRANIAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN OMAN

1. DURING JUNE 5 CONVERSATION, PRINCIPAL STAFF OFFICER OF SULTAN'S ARMED FORCES (SAF) WAS ASKED ABOUT PRESENT PLANS RE IRANIAN FORCES IN OMAN. PSD (PROTECT) STATED THAT THESE FORCES ARE NO LONGER NEEDED FROM A MILITARY POINT OF VIEW, AND IN FACT ARE CAUSE OF SOME FRICTION WITH LOCAL INHABITANTS. CONSEQUENTLY, SAF PROPOSED TO SULTAN'S EQUERRY THAT TIME HAD COME FOR IRANIANS TO DEPART. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THIS WOULD RESULT IN DEFUSING SOME OF PRESENT PFLO PROPAGANDA LINE, AS WELL AS ASSUAGING SOME FELLOW ARABS WHO PROFESS UNHAPPINESS AT THIS CROSS-GULF PROJECTION OF SHAH'S MIGHT.

2. ANSWER GIVEN TO SAF WAS THAT TIMING "NOT POLITICALLY PROPITIOUS ... " DMANGOV AT HIGHEST LEVELS EVIDENTALLY CONVINCED THAT SHAH STILL WANTS TO KEEP TROOPS IN DMAN. FOR REASONS OF THEIR DWN, DMANIS DO NOT WANT TO GIVE OFFENSE BY REQUESTING DEPARTURE. IN PART THIS IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO GRATITUDE FOR ROLE PLAYED BY IRAN IN PUTTING DOWN DHOFAR REBELLI

A. MORE TOPICALLY, SAF SOURCE BELIEVES THAT OMAN DOES NOT WANT TO ROCK THE BOAT AT A TIME WHEN NEGOTIATIONS ARE TAKING PLACE RE SHARING REVENUES FROM PROSPECTIVE PETROLEUM EXPLOITATION IN HORMUZ AREA. ACCORDING TO PSO, IRAN TENTATIVELY HAS AGREED TO TWO-THIRDS - ONE-THIRD SPLIT WITH OMAN GETTING LION'S SHARE OF TAKE FROM ANY NEW PRODUCTION. ZWEIFEL

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