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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 273 OF 28 SEPTEMBER

AND TO WASHINGTON (FOR PRIVATE SECRETARY)

YOUR TELNO 369 OF 28 SEPTEMBER: IRAQ/IRAN

1. I TOOK ACTION ON PARAGRAPH 2 BY TELEPHONE WITH ZAWAWI WHO IS AT HOME INDISPOSED THIS MORNING. SINCE HE APPEARED TO TAKE THE NEWS OF A LEAK SURPRISINGLY CALMLY AND SUGGESTED THAT THE IRAQIS MIGHT HAVE TOLD RASHID I DID NOT MAKE THE POINT THAT WE WERE RESPONSIBLE BUT MERELY SAID THAT WE WISHED THE OMANIS TO BE AWARE OF THIS DEVELOPMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. QAIS SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER THIS MATTER FURTHER WITH THOSE RESPONSIBLE IN THE GOVERNMENT AND WOULD CONTACT ME AGAIN IF HE REQUIRED ANY FURTHER INFORMATION.

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