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MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER ON GULF CO-OPERATION

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO ZAID, WHICH IS SIMILAR TO MESSAGES SENT TO OTHER GULF STATES BUT WHICH TAKES ACCOUNT OF OTAIBA'S CALL ON HER LAST WEEK.

I AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE MESSAGE WHICH YOUR HIGHNESS SENT ME THROUGH HE DR MANA AL OTAIBA. I NEED HARDLY ASSURE YOUR HIGHNESS THAT BRITAIN IS DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN ITS TRADITIONALLY EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH THE STATES OF THE GULF, WHILE BRINGING OUR RELATIONSHIP FULLY INTO LINE WITH MODERN CONDITIONS. I HOPE THAT THE MISSION OF GENERAL PERKINS, FOLLOWING ON THE MESSAGE FROM LORD CARRINGTON TO YOUR HIGHNESS, WILL HAVE BEEN A CONVINCING PROOF OF OUR DESIRE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SECURITY AND STABILITY OF THE GULF REGION, WHICH IS SUCH VITAL INTEREST TO ALL OF US. I LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THIS MOST IMPORTANT SUBJECT WITH YOUR HIGHNESS WHEN I VISIT THE UAE IN APRIL.

MEANWHILE I HAVE BEEN HEARTENED TO LEARN OF THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE MEETING OF GULF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN RIYADH ON 4 FEBRUARY. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ARAB GULF CO-OPERATION COUNCIL IS THE CULMINATION OF DISCUSSIONS IN WHICH I KNOW THAT YOUR HIGHNESS HAS TAKEN A CLOSE INTEREST. I AM CONFIDENT THAT IT

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WILL PLAY A VALUABLE ROLE IN CONFRONTING THE DANGERS
TO WHICH THE GULF REGION HAS BEEN EXPOSED. PLEASE
ACCEPT MY BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE OF THE PROCESS
OF CO-OPERATION AMONG THE STATES OF THE GULF.

2. GRATEFUL YOU DELIVER IT. THERE WILL BE NO (NO) SIGNED COPY.

CARRINGTON

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