

PRIME MINISTER'S
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TO IMMEDIATE DUBAI

TELEGRAM NUMBER 75 OF 20 DECEMBER

AND TO ABU DHABI

INFO ROUTINE PARIS, MODUK (FOR DS11 AND DEFENCE SALES)

SUBJECT

MIPT: HAWK

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER TO SHAIKH ZAID:

BEGINS:

'I HAVE FOLLOWED WITH CLOSE INTEREST THE PRACTICAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN RECENT WEEKS. I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE WAY IN WHICH, FOLLOWING LORD CARRINGTON'S MESSAGE IN OCTOBER, YOUR HIGHNESS RECEIVED GENERAL PERKINS AND FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF OUR WISH TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOU ABOUT SECURITY IN THE GULF.

THE NEED TO DO SO IS BORNE OUT BY THE RECENT PROPOSAL BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE USSR FOR TURNING THE GULF INTO AN AREA OF SOVIET-STYLE PEACE AND SECURITY. I DO NOT THINK THAT THESE PROPOSALS ADD MUCH TO WHAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE BEEN SAYING FOR SOME TIME. WHILE THEY PROPOSE TO EXCLUDE MILITARY FORCES FROM THE GULF, THEY TAKE NO ACCOUNT OF THE DEPLOYMENT OF SOVIET FORCES IN AFGHANISTAN, ALONG THE SOVIET/IRANIAN FRONTIER NOR OF SOVIET ACTIVITY IN PDRY. I AM SURE THAT YOUR HIGHNESS WOULD AGREE THAT MR BREZHNEV'S PROPOSALS WOULD BE MORE PERSUASIVE IF SOVIET LEADERS DEMONSTRATED THEIR ATTACHMENT TO THE PRINCIPLES OF NON-USE OF FORCE AND NON-INTERVENTION IN THE AFFAIRS OF OTHERS BY WITHDRAWING SOVIET TROOPS FROM AFGHANISTAN.

AS YOU KNOW, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT BELIEVE THAT THE BEST WAY TO MEET THE CHALLENGES TO STABILITY IN THE GULF POSED BY THE SOVIET OCCUPATION OF AFGHANISTAN AND THE PRESENT IRAQ/IRAN WAR IS FOR THE GULF STATES TO INCREASE THEIR LEVEL OF CO-OPERATION AMONGST THEMSELVES AND THUS TO DEVELOP SUITABLE STRUCTURES FOR GREATER MUTUAL SECURITY. I WAS MUCH ENCOURAGED, THEREFORE, TO LEARN THAT SOME STEPS WERE TAKEN DURING THE ARAB SUMMIT IN AMMAN LAST MONTH TO IMPROVE SUCH CO-OPERATION.

MEANWHILE, PENDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WE REMAIN READY TO CO-OPERATE WITH YOU IN THE DEFENCE AND SECURITY FIELDS BY EQUIPPING AND TRAINING YOUR ARMED FORCES IN WAYS WHICH WILL MAKE THAT CO-OPERATION MOST EFFECTIVE.

I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO DISCUSS ALL THESE MATTERS WITH YOUR HIGHNESS WILL OCCUR IN THE COURSE OF THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS.'

ENDS.

CARRINGTON

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