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FROM ABU DHABI 130914Z OCT 80

TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 331 OF 13 OCTOBER

INFO IMMEDIATE DUBAI AND MODUK

ROUTINE DOHA BAHRAIN JEDDA KUWAIT AND MUSCAT

MY TELNO 329: SECURITY OF THE GULF.

1. WHEN I TOOK MOBERLY THIS MORNING TO CALL ON THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, RASHED ABDULLAH, THE LATTER SAID THAT BOTH SHAIKH ZAYED AND SHAIKH RASHED HAD NOW AGREED THAT OUR OFFER TO SEND AN EXPLORATORY TEAM FROM THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE SHOULD BE ACCEPTED. THE MATTER WAS NOW IN THE HANDS OF SHAIKH MOHAMMED BIN RASHED, THE FEDERAL MINISTER OF DEFENCE, AND OF SHAIKH KHALIFA BIN ZAYED, THE DEPUTY SUPREME COMMANDER, WHO WAS LOOKING INTO THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF RECEIVING THE PROPOSED TEAM. RASHED ABDULLAH EXPECTED TO HEAR FROM THEM VERY SOON, AFTER WHICH MY DEFENCE ATTACHE WOULD BE PUT IN TOUCH WITH AN APPROPRIATE CONTACT TO DISCUSS THE DETAILS.

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2. RASHED ABDULLAH MENTIONED THAT THE UAE WAS IN CLOSE TOUCH
WITH SAUDI ARABIA AND THE OTHER GULF STATES TO DISCUSS THEIR
COMMON DEFENCE PROBLEMS AND NEEDS IN THE LIGHT OF THE CURRENT
SITUATION. SAUDI ARABIA WAS ALREADY RECEIVING NEW EQUIPMENT
FROM THE US AND WAS FLYING DEFENSIVE PATROLS WITH F-15S.

I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERLINE THAT THE OFFER TO SEND AN
MOD TEAM HAD BEEN MADE ONLY TO THE UAE AND WAS NOT FOR DISCUSSION
WITH GULF NEIGHBOURS. RASHED ABDULLAH CONFIRMED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD
THIS.

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