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FROM ABU DHABI 130415Z OCT 80

TO IMMEDIATE FCO (DESKBY 130800Z OCT)

TELEGRAM NUMBER 329 OF 13 OCTOBER

INFO IMMEDIATE DUBAI, MODUK

ROUTINE DOHA, BAHRAIN, JEDDA, KUWAIT, MUSCAT.

MY TELNO 328: SECURITY OF THE GULF.

1. SHORTLY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL THIS MORNING, MOBERLY WAS RECEIVED BY SHAIKH ZAYED AND SPOKE AS INSTRUCTED IN YOUR TELNO 228. HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WAS SPEAKING WITH YOUR PERSONAL AUTHORITY AND THAT HE WOULD BE CONVEYING SHAIKH ZAYED'S REACTIONS DIRECTLY TO YOU.

2. SHAIKH ZAYED'S INITIAL COMMENT WAS THAT HE WOULD HAVE HOPED THAT WE WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REASSURE HIM IN THIS WAY AT AN EARLIER STAGE IN THE CRISIS. HAVING GOT THAT OFF HIS CHEST, HOWEVER, HE WENT ON TO EXPRESS WARMEST APPRECIATION OF OUR READINESS TO CONSULT CLOSELY, TO CONSIDER MILITARY

OF OUR READINESS TO CONSULT CLOSELY, TO CONSIDER MILITARY ASSISTANCE IN PRINCIPLE AND TO MAKE THE SPECIFIC OFFER OF READINESS TO SEND A SMALL MOD TEAM TO EXAMINE THE UAE'S NEEDS AND FACILITIES. SHAIKH ZAYED SAID HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH US SOON ABOUT THE LATTER OFFER AFTER DISCUSSING IT WITH HIS ADVISERS.

3. SHAIKH ZAYED ADDED THAT OUR READINESS TO SUPPORT HIM IN THIS WAY WOULD GENERATE RENEWED CONFIDENCE AND HE WENT ON TO SPEAK FULSOMELY ABOUT HOW THIS WAS A SYMBOL THAT AFTER A PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UK AND THE UAE WAS NOW RESTORED TO ITS PROPER LEVEL.

4. SHAIKH ZAYED'S FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE SITUATION ARE IN MIFT.

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