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FROM ABU DHABI 160915Z OCT 80

TO PRIORITY FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 340 OF 16 OCTOBER

INFO DUBAI AND MODUK

YOUR TELNO 226 OF 14 OCTOBER

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**SECURITY OF THE GULF.**

1. YOUR PARA 4. A MEMBER OF MY STAFF HAS SPOKEN TO ZAKI NUSSEIBEH, WHO INTERPRETED FOR ZAID AND GISCARD AT THEIR 75 MINUTE MEETING ON 15 OCTOBER.
2. NUSSEIBEH WAS DISCREET BUT GAVE A STRONG IMPRESSION THAT THE MEETING HAD BEEN EXTREMELY POSITIVE, AND HAD COVERED LONG-TERM COOPERATION PLANS INCLUDING MILITARY ASSISTANCE. AIR DEFENCE IN PARTICULAR WAS PROBABLY DISCUSSED.
3. HE ALSO GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT ZAID OPPOSED MILITARY COOPERATION WITH THE AMERICANS AND LOOKED INSTEAD TO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, AMONG WHICH WE MIGHT SUPPOSE FRANCE TO BE ESPECIALLY FAVOURED.
4. NUSSEIBEH SAID THAT THE UAE HAD DECIDED IN ADVANCE OF THE VISIT TO ALLOT FRANCE AN ADDITIONAL 50,000 B/D OF CRUDE AND INFORMED GISCARD OF THIS ON HIS ARRIVAL.
5. THE EXTENT TO WHICH ZAID WAS PLEASED WITH THE TALKS IS SHOWN BY HIS UNPRECEDENTED FIRST PERSON STATEMENT ABOUT THEM, WHICH APPEARED IN THE LOCAL PRESS ON 16 OCTOBER.

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