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TELNO 859 OF 30TH NOVEMBER 1980

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SAING TO TUNIS, KUWAIT, BAHRAIN, DOHA, ABU DHABI, DUBAI, MUSCAT.

MY TELNO 858: IRAN/IRAQ

1. AT OUR MEETING TODAY, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER  
THUNAYYAN ALSO ASKED ME TO PASS A MESSAGE FROM HIS  
GOVERNMENT TO HMG ON IRAN/IRAQ, WITH A VIEW TO ACTION BY THE  
EUROPEAN COUNCIL.

2. HE SAID THAT THE AMMAN SUMMIT'S DECLARATION MADE CLEAR  
THE ARAB'S POSITION ON THE CONFLICT: AND HE DID NOT THINK THOSE  
WHO WERE ABSENT WOULD DISAGREE. IF THE CONFLICT CONTINUED  
IT WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT NOT ONLY THE COMBATANTS, BUT THEIR  
NEIGHBOURS, THE REGION GENERALLY AND, EVENTUALLY, THE WHOLE GLOBE.  
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ONLY THE USSR (AND ISRAEL) BENEFITTED FROM INSTABILITY IN THE AREA. THERE WAS CERTAINLY NO BENEFIT TO THE WEST, INCLUDING THE UK. SAUDI ARABIA RECOGNISED AND APPRECIATED OUR CONCERN TO SEE A SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT - THUNAYYAN REFERRED TO OUR CONVERSATION THE PREVIOUS DAY (MY TELNO 856).

3. THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT THOUGHT THAT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL PRESENTED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STATES WITH HISTORIC TIES WITH BOTH COMBATANTS TO INTERVENE IN THE DISPUTE. THE AMMAN DECLARATION SHOWED THAT IRAQ WAS READY TO CONSIDER A SOLUTION ON THE BASIS OF A CEASEFIRE AND (SIC) PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. (I CAN FIND NO REFLECTION OF THE LATTER POINT, WHICH SEEMS INHERENTLY UNLIKELY, IN AMMAN TELNO 491.) NOW WAS THE TIME FOR POWERS OUTSIDE THE REGION TO BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON BOTH PARTIES TO BEGIN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE.

4. SINCE THUNAYYAN WENT STRAIGHT ONTO THE MESSAGE IN MIPT, I WAS NOT CALLED UPON TO COMMENT.

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