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1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION SUPPLIED OF SHAIKH
ZAID'S MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF 22 MARCH :

BEGINS " YOUR EXCELLENCY ,

I WAS EXTREMELY PLEASED TO RECEIVE YOUR PERSONAL LETTER
DELIVERED BY H.M. GOVERNMENT'S AMBASSADOR TO THE U.A.E. AND IN
WHICH YOU RESPONDED TO THE QUESTION I RAISED WITH MR. RICHARD
LUCE IN ABU DHABI ON 18TH DECEMBER, 1983 DURING OUR MEETING IN
WHICH WE REVIEWED THE DEVELOPMENT OF FIGHTING ON THE IRAQI IRAN-
IAN FRONT AND THE RISKS OF ESCALATED MILITARY OPERATIONS ON THE
ARABIAN GULF IN A WAY THAT THREATENS THE VITAL INTERESTS OF THE
FREE WORLD.

THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL
HAVE A DEEP SENSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES INCUM-
BENT UPON THEM TO GUARANTEE THE SECURITY AND STABILITY OF THIS
STRATEGICALLY VITAL AND SENSITIVE REGION OF THE WORLD AND THEY
WORK WITH UTMOST VIGOUR TO COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS IN ALL DEFENCE
MATTERS TO ENSURE THE FREE FLOW OF OIL SUPPLIES TO THE FREE WORLD.
THEY ALSO FULLY APPRECIATE THE CLOSE COOPERATION THEY JOINTLY
HAVE WITH H.M. GOVERNMENT IN THE FIELDS OF SUPPLY OF NECESSARY
DEFENCE EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING, A COOPERATION THAT IS HISTORICALLY
ROOTED IN FRIENDSHIP AND A HISTORY OF DEALINGS OVER SUCCESSIVE
GENERATIONS.

AS I MENTIONED DURING MY MEETING WITH MR. LUCE, AND BEFORE
HIM MR. MOBERLY , THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES ATTACHES SPECIAL
IMPORTANCE TO THE DEPTH OF BILATERAL RELATIONS IT HAS WITH H.M.
GOVERNMENT AND WITH THE BRITISH PEOPLE AND DESIRES TO STRENGTHEN
AND DEVELOP THESE TIES IN WAY THAT BEST SERVES THE MUTUAL INT-
ERESTS OF THE TWO FRIENDLY PEOPLES. THEREFORE I WAS PARTICULARLY

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PLEASED WITH THE SPEEDY RESPONSE OF YOUR EXCELLENCY IN DEFINING THE AREAS IN WHICH H.M. GOVERNMENT CAN CONTRIBUTE, IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES IN PARTICULAR AND WITH FRIENDLY NATIONS IN GENERAL, IN FACING THE POSSIBLE ESCALATION OF MILITARY OPERATIONS IN WAY THAT MAY THREATEN THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND THE ARABIAN GULF REGION WITH ITS SERYL BTM. I WAS CONFIDENT THAT THIS WOULD BE YOUR RESPONSE SINCE IT COMES IN LINE WITH THE ANCIENT BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP THAT EXIST SINCE CENTURIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

IN THANKING YOUR EXCELLENCY FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE AND SPEEDY RESPONSE AND INTEREST, WE LOOK FORWARD TO MAINTAINING DIRECT AND CLOSE CONTACT SO AS TO DELINEATE AREAS OF POSSIBLE COOPERATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES (ON THE WAR FRONT)

WITH BEST WISHES,

ZAYED BIN SULTAN AL NAHYAN
PRESIDENT OF U.A.E '' ENDS.

2. THE ORIGINAL OF THE LETTER FOLLOWS BY BAG (TO MED).

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