

GRS 320

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

FM BAHRAIN 180940Z JUL 82

TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 155 OF 18 JULY

INFO PRIORITY GULF POSTS AMMAN BAGHDAD CAIRO DAMASCUS TEHRAN TUNIS
UKMIS NEW YORK WASHINGTON

INFO SAVING ADEN ALGIERS ANKARA EC POSTS ISLAMABAD KHARTOUM MOSCOW
RABAT SANAA TEL AVIV TRIPOLI UKDEL NATO MODUK (FOR DS11 AND DMAO)

YOUR TELNO 199 TO JEDDA: IRAN / IRAQ

1. I CALLED ON MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THIS MORNING AND SPOKE IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR INSTRUCTIONS.

2. SHAIKH MOHAMMED BIN MUBARAK EXPRESSED THANKS FOR OUR OFFER OF HELP. HE WOULD SPEAK TO BOTH THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE AMIR LATER TODAY AND LET ME KNOW IF THERE WERE ANY PARTICULAR REQUESTS. HE WOULD VERY MUCH WELCOME A QUOTE CLEAR CUT STATEMENT UNQUOTE FROM THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT CONDEMNING IRAN'S INVASION AND CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL. HE HOPED WE WOULD NOT SLACKEN IN OUR EFFORTS TO PURSUE THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS AND BY OTHER DIPLOMATIC MEANS A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE PRESENT CRISIS. HE SAW ADVANTAGE IN A REVIVAL OF THE PALME MISSION (FCO TELNO 620 TO UKMIS NEW YORK). PRESENT IRANIAN ATTITUDES PRECLUDED ANY FORESEEABLE PROGRESS BY THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE'S GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE.

3. IRAQ MUST, SHAIKH MOHAMMED CONTENDED, BE FULLY SUPPORTED BY THE WEST BOTH QUOTE MILITARILY AND LOGISTICALLY UNQUOTE. HE DID NOT EXPAND FURTHER ON THIS POINT BUT REMINDED ME THAT KHOMEINI HAD MADE PLAIN HIS AIM TO ESTABLISH A SECOND ISLAMIC REPUBLIC IN IRAQ AND THAT THE CREATION OF AN IRAN/IRAQ/SYRIA AXIS WOULD MEAN DISASTER FOR THE AREA AND WESTERN INTERESTS IN IT.

4. ON KUWAIT'S POSITION, HE THOUGHT THAT ALTHOUGH OUTWARD APPEARANCES THERE WERE CALM THE KUWAIT GOVERNMENT WERE IN FACT MUCH CONCERNED. THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAD TOLD HIM YESTERDAY HOW PLEASED HE HAD BEEN TO RECEIVE OUR REACTIONS TO THE SITUATION. BRITISH WILLINGNESS TO STRENGTHEN THE KUWAIT ARMY WAS MOST WELCOME. SHAIKH MOHAMMED HOPED ANYTHING WE COULD DO IN THIS REGARD COULD BE DONE SPEEDILY. HE VOLUNTEERED NOTHING ABOUT POSSIBLE GCC HELP FOR KUWAIT.

FCO PLEASE PASS SAVING TO ADEN ALGIERS ANKARA EC POSTS ISLAMABAD
KHARTOUM MOSCOW RABAT SANAA TEL AVIV TRIPOLI UKDEL NATO MODUK
(FOR DS11 AND DMAO)

COPSON

[REPEATED AS REQUESTED]

STANDARD

MED
NENAD
NAD
UND
EESD
ECD
WED
MAED
ESSD

TRED
RID
ERD
ESID
CONS D
CONS EM UNIT
CABINET OFFICE

ADDITIONAL DISTRIBUTION

IRAQ/IRAN

CONFIDENTIAL