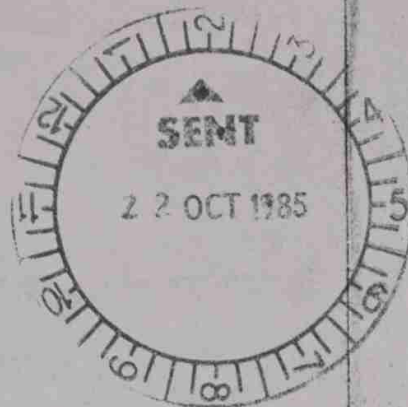


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MY TELEGRAM OF 21 OCTOBER TO MODUK: OBSERVER STORY ON TORNADO

1. KING FAHD'S PRIVATE SECRETARY TELEPHONED ME AT 10.00 ON 22 OCTOBER TO ASK ME TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE.

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HIS MAJESTY WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND HIS THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO HER EXCELLENCY THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS EXCELLENCY THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE, AS WELL AS THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, CONCERNING THE SITUATION THAT OCCURRED RECENTLY. HE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE THEM THAT HE WILL NOT PERMIT ANY SIDE, WHETHER IT IS GOVERNMENTS OR THE NEWS MEDIA OR THE INDIVIDUAL, TO TRY TO INTERFERE OR AFFECT THE GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. FINALLY, HIS MAJESTY HOPES THAT WE CONTINUE OUR CO-ORDINATION IN FACING SUCH EVENTS OR PROBLEMS IN THE FUTURE.

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2. I THANKS MUHAMMAD SOLIMAN WARMLY FOR THIS MESSAGE, AND UNDERTOOK TO CONVEY IT AT ONCE. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE WAY IN WHICH WE HAD KEPT CLOSELY IN TOUCH OVER THE PAST TWO DAYS.

3. FROM COMMENTS WHICH A NUMBER OF SAUDIS (INCLUDING PRINCE BANDAR BIN SULTAN AND PRINCE SALMAN BIN ABDUL AZIZ) HAVE MADE TO ME OVER THE PAST TWO DAYS, I SUSPECT THAT THE REFERENCE TO \*\*GOVERNMENTS\*\* IN THE KING'S MESSAGE REFERS TO STRONG SAUDI SUSPICIONS THAT THE OBSERVER STORY MAY BE THE RESULT OF

