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THIS FACT PROMPTED ME TO CONVEY "INFORMAL" INFORMATION EXPLICITLY AS FOLLOWS: I TOLD AL ALAWI THAT (A) USG MOST LIKELY WILL APPROACH SULTAN WITH REQUEST FOR LIMITED ACCESS TO MASIRAH, BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER FINAL BRITISH WITHDRAWAL (I WAS NO MORE SPECIFIC ON TIMING); (B) USG WILL NOT SEEK PERMANENT PRESENCE, NOR WILL WE TRY TO REPLACE BRITISH; (C) ASSUMING REAFFIRMATION OF QABOOS' AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN USE OF FACILITIES, DETAILS FOR ANY USG PROGRAM WOULD HAVE TO BE NEGOTIATED SUBSEQUENTLY WITH DMANGOV. FURTHER I TOLD AL ALAWI THAT THREE BROAD CATEGORIES OF USAGDUMIGHT BE ANTICIPATED: (A) EMERGENCY DIVERSION OF AIRCRAFT DURING TIME WHEN US FLEET UNITS OPERATING IN NORTHWEST INDIAN OCEAN; (B) PERTINENT LOGISTICS SUPPORT FLIGHTS; AND (C) LOW VOLUME (WITHOUT SPECIFYING ANY FREQUENCY) STAGING OF RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS.

5. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION SHOULD BE RELAYED TO SULTAN PRIOR TO HIS SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS WITH SHAH. SUCH MESSAGE PERFORCE WILL NOW HAVE TO BE RELAYED BY EMBASSY TEHRAN.

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1. WHEN SULTAN QABOOS RECEIVED ME ALONE EVENING OF JUNE 23 ON ANOTHER MATTER, HE GAVE ME A BRIEF TOUR D'HORIZON ON SOME ASPECTS OF ARABIAN PENISULA AFFAIRS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST TO ADDRESSEES. WITH RESPECT TO INTERNAL OMANI AFFAIRS AND THE DHOFAR REBELLION, QABOOS SAID THAT HE FELT CONFIDENT THAT THE BACK OF THE INSURGENTS HAD BEEN BORKEN AND THAT IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT THEY WOULD CHALLENGE THE GOVERNMENT AGAIN IN ANY MEANINGFUL WAY. HE SAIS THAT MOST OF THOSE THAT HAD BORNE ARMS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT WERE NOW HAPPILY GOING ABOUT CIVILIAN PURSUITS, BUILDING HOMES AND ENJOYING THE BEGINNINGS OF A GOOD LIFE INCLUDING POSSESSION OF THEIR OWN AUTOMOBILES. HE SAID THAT IN OMANI TRADITION THEY STILL HAVE GUNS BUT THEY ARE MINE, NOT SOMEBODY ELSE'S. HE AMENDED HIS VIEWS ONLY SLIGHTLY BY OBSERVING THAT THERE MAY BE A STRAY INCIDENT OR TWO PERPETRATED BY A LONE TERRORIST BUT THIS, HE SAID, COULD HAPPEN ANYWHERE. HE ALSO SAID THAT THIS SATISFACTORY SECURITY SITUATION ASSUMES THAT SOUTH YEMEN DOES NOT AGIN MOUNT AN INTENSIVE ACROSS-THE-BORDER CAMPAIGN.

2. WITH RESPECT TO SOUTH YEMEN, QABOOS SAID THAT THE ONLY FAVORABLE THING IT HAS DONE SINCE SAUDI ARABIA BEGAN APYING IT OFF WAS TO STOP FIRING ACROSS THE SOUTH YEMEN-



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OMANI BORDER. OTHERWISE, THEIR HOSTILE PROPAGANDA CONTINUES AND THEY STILL SEEM TO BE IN THE EMBRACE OF THE COMMUNISTS. AS FAR AS HE IS CONCERNED, THE SAUDIS OUGHT TO DEMAND BETTER PERFORMANCE AND SHOULD LINK FUTURE PAYMENTS TO FURTHER CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF IMPROVED YEMENI BEHAVIOR. QABOOS ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS NOT AT ALL CERTAIN THIS IS WHAT SAUDI ARABIA WISHED AND SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THAT, IN FACT, SAUDI ARABIA WANTED TO MAINTAIN SOME TENSION IN THE AREA AS A LEVER IN INDUCING OMAN TO RECONCILE ITS BORDER DIFFERENCES WITH SAUDI ARABIA. COMMENTING ON YEMEN'S LEADERSHIP, HE WONDERED WHETHER THE OUTSIDE WORLD WASN'T BEING TAKEN IN BY THE CAREFULLY STAGED PLAY OF SALEM RUBAYI ALI PRETENDING TO BE THE GOOD GUY AS FAR AS THE ARAB AND WESTERN WORLD WAS CONCERNED AND ABDUL FATTAH ISMAIL PRETENDING TO BE THE GOOD GUY AS FAR AS THE COMMUNISTS-REVOLUTIONARY WORLD WAS CONCERNED. THIS WAY SOUTH YEMEN WAS WINNING NO MATTER WHAT. HE ALSO OFFERED THE OPINION THAT SOUTH YEMEN'S ULTIMATE ORIENTATION WILL DEPEND HEAVILY ON THE OUTCOME OF THE LEBANESE TRAGEDY. IF, HE SAID, LEBANON GOES RADICAL LEFT, SOUTH YEMEN WILL FOLLOW AND IF IT GOES IN THE OTHER DIRECTION, SO WILL SOUTH YEMEN.

3. QABOOS WAS FULL OF PRAISE FOR THE ROLE IRAN HAD PLAYED IN PUTTING DOWN THE DHOFAR REBELLION. HE SAID THAT OMAN COULD HAVE DONE IT ON ITS OWN BUT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE COSTLY IN MEN AND MATERIAL AND WOULD HAVE TAKEN LONGER. HE NOTED THAT IRAN HAD COME TO OMAN'S AID WHEN OTHERS THAT SHOULD HAVE DID NOTHING. IN THIS CONTEXT, HE SAID WITH A LAUGH THAT, "YOU KNOW, I JUST TOLD MY ARAB BROTHERS THAT OUR WEATHER SEEMS TO AFFECT THEM AND MAKE THEM INDOLENT"(HE HAD MET WITH RESIDENT ARAB AMBASSADORS JUST BEFORE MEETING ME).

4. QABOOS SEEMED ENORMOUSLY PLEASED WITH HIS VISIT HERE AND HIS TALK WITH THE SHAH. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, COMMENT ON ITS SUBSTANCE.

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OF MASIRAH BY P-3 AIRCRAFT

REF: (A) SECTO 17034(NOTAL), (B) STATE 155268

1. SULTAN QABOOS RECEIVED ME ALONE EVENING OF JUNE 23 AND I
PRESENTED HIM WITH OUT PROPOSAL TO USE MASIRAH AS OUTLINED
REFTEL(B) AS AMENDED BY REFTEL(A). QABOOS WAS CLEARLY
PLEASED WITH OUT PROPOSAL AND SIAD THAT IT WAS FINE WITH HIM.
THERE REMAINED, HE SAID, A "FEW DETAILS" TO BE WORKED OUT
WHICH I GATHERED RELATED TO OPERATIONAL MODALITIES AND PERHAPS
PAYMENT OF LANDING FEES. THIS, HE SAID, COULD BE TAKEN UP WITH
HIS MINISTERS OR WITH HIMSELF PERSONALLY IF NECESSARY AND HE
WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN LONDON FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS IF WE
WISHED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH HIM. HE ALSO SAID THAT, OF COURSE,
WE WOULD HAVE TO WORK THINGS OUT WITH THE BRITISH IF WE WANTED



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TO USE MASIRAH BEFORE THEY LEFT.

2. COMMENTING ON THE BRITISH DEPARTURE, HE SAID THAT HE HAD PRESSED THEM HARD FOR SOME TIME TO GIVE HIM A DEFINITE ANSWER ONE WAY OR ANOTHER ABOUT THEIR PLANS. HE BELIEVED THAT THE BRITISH HAD NOT WANTED TO TELL HIM ANYTHING UNTIL THE VERY LAST MOMENT AND WAS OBVIOUSLY SATISFIED THAT HE HAD SUCCEEDED IN GETTING A LONGER LEAD TIME NOTICE THAN HE THOUGHT THEY HAD BEEN PREPARED TO GIVE HIM. HE SAID THAT BRITISH DEPARTURE THREE YEARS AGO WOULD HAVE BEEN A MATTER OF CONCERN TO OMAN BUT NOW, HE ADDED WITH A WIDE GRIN, WE HAVE OTHER FRIENDS.

3. AT MY REQUEST HE GAVE ME A BRIEF TOUR D'HORIZON ABOUT CERTAIN CONDITIONS ON THE ARABIAN PENINSULA WHICH WILL BE REPORTED BY SEPTEL.
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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ATHERTON

1. SECRETARY APPROVED YESTERDAY TALKING POINTS FOR YOUR USE WITH SULTAN QABOOS OF OMAN ON U.S. USE OF MASIRAH ISLAND, AND WE AUTHORIZED DEPARTMENT TO SEND INSTRUCTION WITH TALKING POINTS TO YOU. REVISIONS MADE HERE IN TALKING POINTS WERE INADVERTANTLY NOT TRANSMITTED TO

DEPARTMENT. FOLLOWING ARE REVISED TALKING POINTS FOR YOUR USE WHEN YOU RECEIVE INSTRUCTION FROM DEPARTMENT, IF IT HAS NOT ALREADY REACHED YOU. YOU SHOULD OF COURSE MAKE CLEAR THAT TALKING POINTS ARE BASED ON INSTRUCTION FROM THE SECRETARY.

REGIN TALKING POINTS

WE LEARNED RECENTLY THAT THE BRITISH WISH TO WITHDRAW THEIR MILITARY PRESENCE FROM MASIRAH IN EARLY 1977. MEANWHILE, THE USG HAS CONSIDERED ITS INTEREST IN POSSIBLE LIMITED USE OF THE MASIRAH AIRFIELD.

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PURSUANT TO YOUR JANUARY 1975 OFFER TO SECRETARY KISSINGER IN WASHINGTON, WE WOULD LIKE ACCESS TO THE MASIRAH AIRFIELD FOR OCCASIONAL P-3 MARITIME SURVEILLANCE AIRCRAFT FLIGHTS.

OUR USAGE MIGHT ALSO INVOLVE OCCASIONAL SUPPORT OR REPLENISHMENT FLIGHTS BY TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT, OR

EMERGENCY DIVERSION OF TACTICAL AIRCRAFT WHEN OUR FLEET IS OPERATING IN THE NORTHWEST QUADRANT OF THE INDIAN OCEAN.

WE PROPOSE THAT OUR P-3 USAGE WOULD APPROXIMATE SIX DAYS A QUARTER. WE DO NOT PLAN TO STATION ANY USG PERSONNEL ON MASIRAH.

WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE FIRST LANDINGS TAKE PLACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE, WELL BEFORE THE RAF DEPARTURE.

WE BELIEVE THAT THE LIMITED ACCESS WE SEEK TO THE MASIRAH AIRFIELD FACILITIES WOULD SERVE OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS IN THE SECURITY OF THE ARABIAN SEA-INDIAN OCEAN AREA AND WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO HAVE YOUR HIGHNESS' CONFIRMATION THAT SUCH ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

END TALKING POINTS.

THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD CONVEY REVISED TALKING POINTS TO OTHER ADDRESSEES OF DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTION TO TEHRAN. KISSINGER



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1. THE SECRETARY HAS ASKED THAT YOU SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH
SULTAN QABOOS AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY THE FOLLOW-
ING POINTS.



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D. WE PROPOSE THAT OUR P-3 USAGE WOULD APPROXIMATE SIX DAYS A QUARTER.

E. WE DO NOT PLAN TO STATION ANY USG PERSONNEL ON MASIRAH. THE U.S. HAS NO INTENTION OF REPLACING THE BRITISH RAF PRESENCE ON MASIRAH. WILL CONTRACT PERSONNEL BE RETAINED TO ASSURE AIRCRAFT SERVICING?

F. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE FIRST LANDINGS TAKE PLACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE, WELL BEFORE THE RAF DEPARTURE.

G. WE BELIEVE THAT THE LIMITED ACCESS WE SEEK TO THE MASIRAH AIRFIELD FACILITIES WOULD SERVE OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS IN THE SECURITY OF THE ARABIAN SEA-INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

H. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING AT THE SULTAN'S CONVENIENCE HOW OUR PROPOSED OCCASIONAL USE OF MASIRAH FITS IN WITH HIS PLANS FOR THE AIRFIELD.

I. (ONLY IF ASKED) WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN USING THAMARI AIRFIELD IN DHO FAR.

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SECRETARY APPROVED ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION, THAT
AMBASSADOR HELMS INFORM QABOOS USING THE PROPOSED
MESSAGE AS TALKING POINTS.
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1. ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM SULTAN QABOOS, FONMIN ZAWAWI SUMMONED ME TO HIS OFFICE JUNE 28 FURTHER TO DISCUSS USG INTEREST IN ACCESS TO MASIRAH ISLAND. PRIOR TO MEETING, HE HAD ASKED IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION THAT I BRING ALONG A "COPY" OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S POINTS RAISED WITH QABOOS IN TEHRAN. ACCORDINGLY, I LEFT WITH HIM A LETTER CONTAINING ESSENCE OF REFTEL (A).

2. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION, ZAWAWI REAFFIRMED THAT SULTAN'S VIEWS ON USG USE OF MASIRAH HAVE NOT CHANGED SINCE JANUARY 1975 OFFER. HE SUGGESTED THAT NEXT STEP SHOULD BE "WORKING LEVEL" DISCUSSIONS. TIMING OF SUCH TALKS IS TO - DETERMINED BY USG, BASED ON OUR SENSE OF URGENCY. IF WE WISH TO PROCEED WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS, VENUE SHOULD BE LONDON (QABOOS WILL BE THERE DURING THAT TIME). OTHERWISE, THESE DISCUSSIONS CAN BE HELD EITHER IN LONDON OR MUSCAT (HE DID NOT WARM TO SUGGESTION THAT WASHINGTON MIGHT ALSO BE SUITABLE LOCALE.)

3. ZAWAWI REITERATED THAT OMANGOV WILL MAINTAIN MASIRAH AS TRAINING BASE AFTER BRITISH WITHDRAWAL. COMMENCING WITH JAGUAR DELIVERIES IN 1977. SOME OF THOSE HIGH-PERFORMANCE

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AIRCRAFT LIKEWISE MIGHT BE STATIONED ON THE ISLAND. FACILITIES WILL BE MAINTAINED BY SULTAN'S AIR FORCE (SOAF), MEANING THAT AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF ECONDED AND CONTRACT BRITISHERS WILL REMAIN.

4. FONMIN ALSO CONFIRMED THAT QABDOOS WAS PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH SHAH ANY CONCEIVABLE IRANIAN INTEREST IN USE OF MASIRAH. HE CLAIMED NOT TO KNOW THE RESULTS OF ANY SUCH CONVERSATIONS.

5. TURNING TO QUESTION OF FORM FOR ANTICIPATED GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT, ZAWAWLI FELT THAT THIS SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN QABDOOS AND APPROPRIATE USG AUTHORITY (HE THOUGHT LATTER MIGHT BE THE SECRETARY.) CLEAR IMPLICATION IS THAT OMANIS WISH TO KEEP DETAILS CLASSIFIED - AS THEY ALWAYS HAVE DONE REGARDING AGREEMENT GOVERNING BRITISH USE OF ISLAND.

6. ZAWAWI THEN RAISED QUESTION OF COSTS FOR PROGRAM, INCLUDING WHAT QUID PRO QUD MIGHT BE IN THE OFFING. WITHOUT BEING MORE SPECIFIC, HE WONDERED WHETHER THERE MIGHT BE "SOME ASSISTANCE, EITHER MILITARY OR NON-MILITARY, EITHER OF AN INTELLIGENCE OR NON-INTELLIGENCE NATURE..." HE REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES HIS INTEREST IN KNOWING WHAT TYPE OF (INTELLIGENCE) INFORMATION USG MIGHT PASS ON GROWING OUT OF OPERATIONS BASED ON MASIRAH. ✓

7. FINALLY, AND AS A PRELIMINARY TO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AIMED AT WORKING OUT AGREEMENT, ZAWAWI ASKED IF WE COULD PROVIDE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION CONCERNING LOGISTIC SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS. I PROMISED TO RELAY HIS REQUEST.

8. BY WAY OF INTEREST, JUNE 26 EDITION OF GOVERNMENT BIWEEKLY, OMAN, CARRIED LEAD ARTICLE ABOUT QABDOOS' VISIT TO TEHRAN, INTER ALIA NOTING THAT SULTAN HAD MET WITH AMERICAN CHARGE "WHO PASSED ON A MESSAGE FROM DR. KISSINGER..."

9. COMMENT: BASED ON THIS CONVERSATION, IT IS FAIRLY EVIDENT THAT TWO ISSUES WILL BE OF CONSIDERABLE CONCERN TO OMANI NEGOTIATORS: (A) THEY LIKELY WILL PRESS FOR MATERIAL OR FINANCIAL QUID PRO QUD BEYOND PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES; (B) FOR INTERNAL AND ARAB WORLD POLITICAL IQRPOSES, THEY WILL HAVE TO BE SATISFIED THAT ANY INTELLIGENCE OR SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS RUN FROM MASIRAH EXCLUDE OMAN OR FRIENDLY ARAB STATES' TARGETS. ✓
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1. IN ORDER TO GET BALL ROLLING AS SOON AS FEASIBLE, EMB-OFF CONVEYED POINTS IN INSTRUCTION IN REFTEL TO IVOR LUCAS, HEAD OF FCO MIDDLE EAST DEPT, ON JULY 5. TWO UK MOD OFFICIALS WERE ALSO PRESENT. EMBOFF GAVE THEM TEXT OF OUR REPLY TO THE "FOUR QUESTIONS" AS STATED IN PARA 5 OF REFTEL.

2. WITH REGARD TO US USE OF MASIRAH AS PROPOSED, LUCAS SAW NO OVER-RIDING POLICY OBJECTION BUT NOTED THAT UK POLITICAL AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL GIVEN BY SULTAN QABOOS DIRECTLY TO BRITISH. FCO HOPES TO OBTAIN HIS REACTIONS IN LONDON LATER THIS WEEK, AND WILL INFORM US PROMPTLY. MEANWHILE, LUCAS AND MOD OFFICIALS RECOMMENDED THAT US DEPT OF DEFENSE IN LONDON SHOULD GO AHEAD AND CONTACT UK MOD DIRECTLY IN ORDER TO MAKE TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FIRST FLIGHT SUBJECT TO FINAL POLITICAL CLEARANCE.

3. WITH REGARD TO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT, MOD HAD BEEN THINKING IN TERMS OF AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN PARLIAMENT VERY SOON AFTER DEPARTURE OF QABOOS, WHICH NOW PLANNED FOR JULY 17. MOD OFFICIALS NOTED OUR REQUEST TO DEFER ANNOUNCEMENT UNTIL AFTER OUR FIRST FLIGHT, BUT SUGGESTED THAT IN THAT CASE US ATTEMPT TO SCHEDULE FLIGHT BEFORE JULY 19.

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER ZAWAWI RECEIVED ME JDLY 7 AND SAID HE HAD FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR ME. SULTAN QABOOS, WHO HAS ASKED ZAWAWI TO JOIN HIM IN LONDON JULY 12, WANTS US TO KNOW THAT HE OR ZAWAWI WILL PROBABLY WISH TO DISCUSS MASIRAH WITH APPROPRIATE AMERICAN EMBASSY LONDON OFFICIAL DURING WEEK OF JULY 12-16. ZAWAWI SAID HE GUESSES THIS MEANS THAT HE RATHER THAN SULTAN HIMSELF WOULD PUT FORWARD WHATEVER POINTS SULTAN WANTS TO MAKE IN LONDON, AND THAT SUCH DPX-CUSSION MIGHT WELL FOLLOW RATHER THAN PRECEDE HM'S SCHEDULED JULY 14 MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN.

2. I TOOK THIS OCCASION TO RELAY TO ZAWAWI CONTENTS OF PARA 7 OF REFTEL (RECEIVED HERE JULY 6). HE RECEIVED THIS WITHDUG COMMENT AND WITHOUT ANY HINT THAT HE HAD A PROBLEM WITH IT.

3. ZAWAWI WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF AN OFFICER FROM OUR LONDON EMBASSY WOULD TELEPHVKE HIM ON TUESDAY MORNING, JULY 13 AT THE BERKELEY HOTEL (235-6000). I GAVE HIM LUCIEN KINSOLVING'S NAME AS THE ONE WHO MOST LIKELY WOULD DO THIS.

4. COMMENT: ZAWAWI GAVE NO INDICATION AT ALL JUST WHAT ASPECTS HM MQZ XSSY DIXTUSSED IN LONDON, OR WHAT TACK

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1. DURING AUDIENCE JULY 6, SHAH TOLD ME THAT SULTAN QABUS HAD HAD GOOD VISIT TO TEHRAN. THERE HAD BEEN AMPLE DISCUSSION OF OMAN'S RELATIONS WITH ITS PENINSULAR NEIGHBORS AND SULTAN AND SHAH HAD AGREED ON TRENDS IN REGIONAL POLITICS. BOTH RULERS WERE SKEPTICAL ABOUT SAUDI EFFORTS TO WEAN PORY AWAY FROM DEPENDENCY ON COMMUNIST REGIMES. SHAH AND QABUS SHARED PERCEPTION THAT SOMALIA WAS DRIFTING GRADUALLY FURTHER LEFTWARD AND THAT SAME TENDENCY WAS NOTED IN ETHIOPIA.

2. QABUS EXPRESSED A LACK OF ENTHUSIASM ABOUT HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH SAUDIS. HE TOLD SHAH THAT HE WAS MUCH MORE APPRECIATIVE OF ASSISTANCE RENDERED HIM BY SHAIKH ZAYID. SULTAN ALSO EXPRESSED DETERMINATION TO MAKE GENUINE EFFORT TO DIMINSH HIS DEPENDENCY ON THE BRITISH. HE BELIEVED THAT AN INCREASE IN OMANI INCOME FROM OIL WAS POSSIBLE WHICH WOULD DECREASE HIS NEED FOR BRITISH SUPPORT AND ENABLE HIM TO PURSUE MORE



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3. ON BILATERAL MATTERS, SHAH SAID SULTAN HAD ASKED HIM TO MAINTAIN IRANIAN FORCES IN DHOFAR. AS FURTHER REFLECTION OF SULTAN'S SKEPTICISM RE SAUDI'S ABILITY TO CHANGE NATURE OF ADVEN REGIME AND THUS TO REMOVE THREAT TO OMAN FROM THAT QUARTER, QABUS OFFERED SHAH USE OF MASIRAH FACILITY FOR IRANIAN F-4S AND OTHER AIRCRAFT AS DESIRED. SHAH COMMENTED THAT HE WOULD ASK HIS MILITARY STAFF TO STUDY IRANIAN REQUIREMENTS BEFORE REPLYING TO SULTAN'S OFFER. HE MADE POINT OF TELLING QABUS THAT IRANIAN AIR FORCE PERSONNEL WERE ALREADY OVERSTRETCHED WITH TASKS AT HAND AND WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST WITH OPERATION OF MASIRAH FACILITY.

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LUCAS, HEAD OF FCO MIDDLE EAST DEPARTMENT, INFORMED EMB
OFF AFTERNOON JULY 9 THAT, ON BASIS OF CONSULTATION WITH
OMANI GOVERNMENT, HMG APPROVES PROPOSED US P-3 FLIGHT TO
MASIRAH. LUCAS STATED HMG ASSUMES USG WILL GIVE NO, RE-
PEAT NO, PUBLICITY TO THIS FLIGHT. HE SUGGESTED US MILI-
TARY PROCEED FORTHWITH TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH MOD, AND
WE HAVE INFORMED CINCUSNAVEUR ACCORDINGLY.

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REFTEL, AND OF THE LACK THUS FAR OF ANY PRECISE IDEA WHAT
OMANIS MAY WISH TO RAISE WITH YOU IN CONVERSATIONS
SUGGESTED MUSCAT REFTEL, YOU SHOULD MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE
TO ZAWAWI, HEAR HIM OUT, AND REPORT TO DEPARTMENT. YOU
MAY OF COURSE FILL HIM IN ON WHERE WE STAND WITH BRITISH.
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1. IN DISCUSSION WITH FCD DESK OFFICER FOR OMAN, RADCLIFFE, ON JULY 13, EMBOFF STATED HE UNDERSTOOD US P-3 FLIGHT WOULD LAND IN MASIRAH ON MORNING OF JULY 19, ON BASIS OF POLITICAL CLEARANCES GRANTED BY BOTH HMG AND SULTAN QABOOS. RADCLIFFE REITERATED FCD VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE FOR US EMBASSY IN MUSCAT TO CLEAR ARRIVAL OF FLIGHT WITH LOCAL OMANI AUTHORITIES AS WELL, OR AT LEAST INFORM THEM. RADCLIFFE ALSO SUGGESTED US EMBASSY MUSCAT CONTACTING BRITISH AIR ATTACHE IN MUSCAT IN THIS CONNECTION.

2. ASSUME CINCPAC IS INFORMING AMEMBASSY MUSCAT DIRECTLY OF EXPECTED TIME OF ARRIVAL OF AIRCRAFT ON MASIRAH.

3. EMBOFF PHONED OMANI FOREIGN MINISTER ZAWAWI PER HIS REQUEST AT HIS LONDON HOTEL MORNING JULY 13. ZAWAWI SAID HE WISHES TO SEE EMBOFF IN NEXT DAY OR SO, BUT DID NOT INDICATE WHAT MATTER HE MIGHT RAISE.

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1. AS INSTRUCTED, XBASSADOR INFORMED RANKING IN-COUNTRY OMANI FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL (DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL DEPARTMENT SALIM KHALFAN) MORNING OF JULY 14 ABOUT P-3 FLIGHT. EMPHASVGED THZZ SULTAN AS WELL AS HMG HAD GIVEN C
CARANCE, THAT LOCAL BRITISH EMBASSY HAD INFORMED BRITISH COMMANDER AT MASIRAH AIRFIELD, AND THAT SUCH A FLIGHT HAD BEEN ANTICIPAHAD (THOUGH WITHOUT TIMING BEING INDOWN) IN AMBASSADOR'S LAST MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ZAWAWI JULY 7. ALSO STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF NO RPT NO PUBLICITY. KALFAN RAISED NO QUESTIONS AND SEEMED ENTIRELY RELAXED ABOUT MATTER.

2. LATE ON JULY 13., BRITISH EMBASSY HAD FIRST ALERTED US TO JULY 14 SCHEDULED ARRIVAL OF THIS FLIGHT AND TOLD US IT WAS INFORMING MASIRAH COMMANDER. BRITISH EMBASSY INSTRUCTIONS OBVIOUSLY ARE EMPHASIZING THAT THIS FLIGHT MUST REMAIN STVRTRY SECRET WITH ABSOLUTELY NO PUBLICITY. WE ARE KEEPING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH UK EMBASSY NEXT FEW DAYS AND HAVE ASKED TO BE ALERTED SHOULD ANY PROBLEM COME UP.

3. EMBASSY THIS MORNING BEGAN TO RECEIVE SERIES OF NAVY AND USDAO LONDON CABLES WITH ETA AND ETO INFO, CREW COMPOSITION, ETC. REQUEST



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FCO PLANS TO ANNOUNCE IN PARLIAMENT ON JULY 19 THAT HMG
WILL WITHDRAW RAF DETACHMENT FROM SALALAH AND WILL CLOSE
RAF MASIRAH, BOTH ON MARCH 31, 1977.

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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I was very sorry to learn of the problem you encountered when you arrived at the White House this morning. I regret your schedule did not permit you to return with your Chief of Protocol this afternoon so that I might have had the pleasure of meeting him, and I hope there will be another occasion when he will have the opportunity to visit the White House.

Enclosed you will find a White House book and an official photograph of the south lawn. Please send them to the Chief of Protocol with our apologies and best wishes.

We are always happy to accommodate your special guests. Please do not hesitate to have your secretary contact me personally when I may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Farrell
Director
Office of White House Visitors

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Ahmed Macki
Ambassador of Oman
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