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ADDRESSED TO BAHRAIN TELEGRAM NO. 502 OF 10 NOVEMBER REPEATED FOR INFORMATION TO FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE TEHRAN JEDDA AND SAVING TO DCHA ABU DHABI BAHRAIN AGENCY AND WASHINGTON.

FCO TELNO 1117 TO YOU: THE TUNBS.

THE RULER OF RAS AL KHAIMAH CALLED ON THE POLITICAL RESIDENT HERE ON 9 NOVEMBER AND HANDED OVER TWO NEW ALTERNATIVE IRANIAN DRAFTS OF A LETTER FROM HIM TO THE SHAH AND A DRAFT OF THE IRANIAN REPLY. HE SAID THAT THESE HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO HIM TWO DAYS BEFORE BY THE DOCTOR FROM THE IRANIAN CLINIC IN AJMAIN.

2. SAQR DESCRIBED THE NEW DRAFTS AS DIFFERENT BUT STILL NOT RIGHT. HE WOULD THINK THEM OVER FOR TEN DAYS OR A FORTNIGHT AND THEN REPLY. HE AGREED WHEN THE P R SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO FRAME AN AGREEMENT AVOIDING THE QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY.

3. THE P R TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO REPEAT WHAT I HAD SAID TO SAQR ON 31 OCTOBER, AND TO TELL HIM THE TRUE FACTS ABOUT EQDAL'S VISIT TO LONDON.

4. OF THE TWO NEW IRANIAN DRAFTS, ONE SPEAKS OF QUOTE THE TWO TUNB ISLANDS SITUATED NEAR TO THE EMIRATE OF JAS AL KHAIMAH UNQUOTE (THUS IMPLYING THAT THEY ARE NOT PART OF IT), WHILE THE OTHER REFERS TO QUOTE IRAN'S HISTORICAL SOVEREIGNTY AND ANCIENT CONTROL OVER THE PERSIAN GULF UNQUOTE AND HAS A GENERALLY HITLERIAN RING. BOTH DRAFTS AND THE SUGGESTED REPLY ARE VERY VAGUE ABOUT WHAT QUID PRO QUO THE IRANIS ARE OFFERING. TRANSLATIONS FOLLOW BY BAG.

RESIDENCY PASS AGENCY SAVING.

F C O PASS TEHRAN JEDDA AND SAVING TO WASHINGTON.

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