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PRIORITY DUBAI TELEGRAM NO.499 TO BAHRAIN OF 31 OCTOBER, 1968

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ADDRESSSED TO BAHRAIN TELEGRAM NO.499 OF 31 OCTOBER
 REPEATED FOR INFORMATION TO FCO, TEHRAN, JEDDA AND SAUDI TO
 DOHA, ABU DHABI, WASHINGTON AND BAHRAIN (AGENCY):

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FCO TELNO 1111 TO YOU; THE TUNES.

I SAW THE RULER OF SAS AL KHAIRAH AND HIS SON THIS MORNING.
 THEY GAVE ME A COPY OF THEIR OWN DRAFT LETTER (TRANSLATION
 BY SAQR) AND A FULL ACCOUNT OF KHALID'S TALKS, WHICH HE
 SAID HAD BEEN MAINLY WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER NASIBI.

2. NEW POINTS WERE:-

(A) KHALID UNDERSTOOD NASIBI TO SAY THAT IKBAL, WHOM
 HE DESCRIBED AS THE IRANIAN OIL MINISTER, HAD BEEN IN
 LONDON RECENTLY AND HAD AGREED WITH THE FCO ON A MEDIAN LINE.

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(B) THE IRANIANS SAID THAT THIS LINE HAD BEEN ACCEPTED
 BY THE SAUDIS TOO.

3. I SAID I COULD NOT SPEAK FOR THE SAUDIS BUT COULD GIVE HIM
 THE FACTS AS REGARDS OURSELVES. I THEN SPOKE AS INSTRUCTED
 IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF FCO TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE BUT OMITTING
 POINT (C).

4. SAQR SEEMED REASSURED. HE SAID HE WOULD THINK ABOUT THE
 IRANIAN PROPOSAL BUT WOULD NOT HURRY TO MEET THEIR DEADLINE.
 I SAID HE KNEW WE FAVOURED A SETTLEMENT BUT ONLY ON THE
 BASIS OF MUTUAL AGREEMENT.

/5. SAQR

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5. SAGG ASKED WHETHER IRAN HAD EVER BROUGHT HER CLAIM TO THE ISLANDS TO THE U.N.. I SAID NOT AS FAR AS I KNEW. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO CONFIRM THIS AND TO COMMENT ON PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE. AS YOU KNOW YOU WILL BE SEEING SAGG YOURSELF ON 9 NOVEMBER.

FCO PASS TEHRAN PRIORITY JERDA ROUTINE AND SAVING TO WASHINGTON.
BARRAIN RESIDENCY PASS SAVING AGENCY.

MR. BULLAR

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