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 PRIORITY FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE TO BAHRAIN
 TELEGRAM NUMBER 1117 4TH NOVEMBER 1968. (NB)

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ADDRESSED TO BAHRAIN RESIDENCY TELEGRAM NUMBER 1117 DATED 4 NOVEMBER
 REPEATED FOR INFORMATION TO DUBAI, TEHRAN, JEDDA AND SAVING
 TO DOHA, ABU DHABI, BAHRAIN AGENCY, WASHINGTON.

YOUR TELEGRAM 657 ⁽²⁶⁾ OF 2 NOVEMBER: TUNBS.

EQBAL VISITED LONDON IN OCTOBER BUT ONLY IN HIS CAPACITY AS
 CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL IRANIAN OIL COMPANY (NIOC) AND FOR ROUTINE
 TALKS WITH THE CONSORTIUM. AS FAR AS WE KNOW HE DID NOT SEE ANY OFF-
 ICIALS EXCEPT SOCIALLY: HE DID NOT, REPEAT NOT, DISCUSS THE
 MEDIAN LINE OR ISLANDS WITH THEM. HE WAS HOWEVER
 INFORMED BY BP OF ADMA'S PROPOSAL TO DRILL IN THE SASSAN FIELD 1
 KM SW OF QUOTE WHAT THEY UNDERSTOOD TO BE THE MEDIAN LINE IN THE
 IRANIAN VIEW UNQUOTE.

2. WE HAVE HAD NO CONTACTS WITH THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT OVER THE
 MEDIAN LINE OTHER THAN THOSE AT DIFFERENT TIMES OF WHICH YOU
 ARE AWARE.

3. YOUR PARAGRAPH 2. WE AGREE. HMA TEHRAN HAS DISCRETION TO
 MAKE THIS POINT AT A SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY IF HE HAS NOT ALREADY
 DONE SO IN ACTING ON MY TELEGRAM 2024. ⁽¹⁷⁾

4. PARAGRAPH 5 OF DUBAI TELEGRAM NUMBER 499 ⁽²⁴⁾ TO YOU CONFIRMED.
 RESIDENCY BAHRAIN PASS SAVING TO AGENCY BAHRAIN DOHA AND ABU DHABI.
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