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Addressed to RESIDENCY BAHRAIN
 Draft Telegram to: RESIDENCY BAHRAIN telegram No. 1111 (date)
 No. 1111 And/ to DUBAI
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 Your tel. No. 653 and Dubai tel. No. 494 to you, both of 30 October:
 The Tunbs.
 Pending clarification of whatever the Iranian version may be we should correct any possible or apparent misrepresentation of the position, state the facts, but also avoid saying anything which though literally true now might in the light of any later accommodation or discussions be later regarded as having been misleading.

2. We think it important that the Political Agent Dubai should not defer his meeting with the Ruler. The more spontaneous his replies may appear to be the better.

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3. P.A. Dubai should say:-

(a) we have reached no agreement with Iran
 (between the United States and Iran)
 on the median line. We have never even got the
 Iranians to indicate what basis of construction
 they might consider. We have not ~~approved~~ approached an
 agreement or even reached understanding with the
 Iranians over island problems ^{generally}. We should prefer
 that ~~we~~ ^{Ballard} did not repeat not use the latter part
 of 1(a) of your tel. under reference. It is ~~literally~~
 true, but the Iranians ~~would~~ ^{will} surely have assumed
 from our package proposals that a median line
 might in our view predetermine a settlement on
 islands.

(b) We have always recognised Ras al
 Khaimah's sovereignty over the Tunbs. The Ruler
 has recent knowledge of this from the PA's
 discussions of the recent Iranian draft. Our
 view on sovereignty has been very well known to
 the Shah for many years.

(c) If essential, that the Prime Minister's
 statement quoted in 1(c) of your tel. remains
 unchanged.

4. We should prefer to use (c) above only if
 essential because there is in the longer term
 little point in encouraging Ras al Khaimah to
 think that she can rely on us to avoid facing a problem
~~her problem~~ which ultimately will be for her.
 At the same time we ~~agree that~~ ^{it does not seem that} if the present
^{is} exercise has gone ~~wrong~~ ^{SOUR} the blame, on the face of
 it, lies on the Iranians. See my tel. No. 2024.
 to Tehran.

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