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PRIORITY FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE
TELEGRAM NUMBER 1164

TO BAHRAIN
3 DECEMBER 1968. (NB)

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ADDRESSED TO BAHRAIN TELEGRAM NUMBER 1164 OF 3 DECEMBER REPEATED FOR INFORMATION TO DUBAI AND TEHRAN.

DUBAI TELEGRAM 520 TO BAHRAIN: THE TUNBS.

WESTON CALLED ON ARABIAN DEPARTMENT ON 28 NOVEMBER AND TOLD US THAT HE HAD BEEN SUMMONED URGENTLY BY THE RULER OF RAS AL KHAIMAH. HE ASKED IF WE KNEW THE REASON AND WISHED TO GIVE HIM ANY ADVICE.

2. WE TOLD HIM THAT WE HAD HEARD THAT THE RULER INTENDED TO ASK FOR HIS ADVICE ON DRAFTS CONCERNING THE TUNBS; AND THAT IT WAS UP TO THE RULER TO BRIEF HIM ON THESE. WE DID HOWEVER EXPLAIN THE ATTITUDE OF HMG ON THE LINES TAKEN IN OUR TELEGRAM 1111 OF 30 OCTOBER TO YOU, AND GAVE HIM A SHORT ACCOUNT OF THE BACKGROUND TO THE TUNBS DISPUTE.

3. WESTON UNDERTOOK TO CALL ON BULLARD ON ARRIVING IN DUBAI WHICH HE EXPECTED MIGHT BE ON 7 DECEMBER.

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DUBAI TO FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

DUBAI TELEGRAM NO. 531 TO BAHRAIN

5 DECEMBER 1968

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ADDRESSED TO BAHRAIN TEL NO 531 OF 5 DECEMBER RE: TO FCO.
TEHRAN AND SAVING TO JEDDA DOHA ABU DHABI BAHRAIN AGENCY
AND WASHINGTON.

MY TELNO 520 TO YOU: THE TUNDS.

ON 4 DECEMBER THE RULER OF RAS AL KHAIMAH TOLD ME THAT
TEN DAYS AGO THE HEADMASTER OF THE IRANIAN SCHOOL IN DUBAI
HAD COME TO ASK FOR HIS REPLY TO THE IRANIAN ALTERNATIVE
DRAFTS. HE HAD ANSWERED THAT HE ATTACHED IMPORTANCE TO THREE
POINTS, NONE OF WHICH WAS COVERED IN THE DRAFTS:-

- (A) THE ISLANDS BELONGED TO RAS AL KHAIMAH.
- (B) FOR HOW LONG DID IRAN WISH TO USE THEM?
- (C) WHAT WAS IRAN PREPARED TO PAY?

2. SAQR SAID THAT ON 3 DECEMBER FARUGHY HAD VISITED
HIM AGAIN TO ASK, ON INSTRUCTIONS, WHY SAQR'S ATTITUDE
HAD CHANGED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.
WE HAD REPLIED THAT ON THE CONTRARY IT WAS THE IRANIANS
WHO HAD DEPARTED FROM THE ORIGINAL UNDERSTANDING.
IF THEY WISHED TO RENT THE ISLANDS, HE WAS PREPARED TO
LEASE THEM. HE WANTED COOPERATION WITH IRAN, BUT
THIS MUST BE IN A FORM WHICH WOULD APPEAR HONOURABLE IN
THE SIGHT OF THE REST OF THE ARAB WORLD.

3. SAQR SAID WESTON WAS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE THIS WEEK.
ALSO TAWFIQ ABU KHATER, THE SHELL REPRESENTATIVE IN
DUBAI, WAS LEAVING ON 5 DECEMBER FOR KUWAIT AND BEIRUT
AND WOULD AFTERWARDS GO TO TEHRAN. IT WAS NOT QUITE CLEAR
WHAT POWER ABU KHATER HAD TO NEGOTIATE ON SAQR'S BEHALF.

FCO PASS TEHRAN AND SAVING JEDDA AND WASHINGTON.
RESIDENCY PASS AGENCY SAVING

MR. BULLARD

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