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DUBAI TELEGRAM NO. 534 TO BAHRAIN RESIDENCY 16 DECEMBER 1968

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ADDRESSED TO BAHRAIN RESIDENCY TELNO 534 OF 16 DECEMBER

REF TO FCO TEHRAN AND SAYING TO JEDDA DOHA ABU DHABI BAHRAIN  
AGENCY AND WASHINGTON.

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MY TELNO 531 TO YOU: THE TUNES.

SAGR TOLD ME ON 15 DECEMBER THAT WESTON WAS DUE TO ARRIVE  
IN TEHRAN THAT DAY AFTER VISITING QATAR ON SOME PRIVATE BUSINESS  
OF HIS OWN. WESTON WAS AUTHORISED TO EXPLAIN SAGR'S POSITION  
TO THE IRANIANS IN FULL. IF THERE WERE IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS  
HE WOULD RETURN TO RAS AL KHAIMAH; OTHERWISE HE WOULD GO ON  
TO LONDON AND REPORT BY LETTER FROM THERE.

2. I TOLD SAGR THAT WE THOUGHT HE SHOULD BE QUITE CLEAR ABOUT  
THE CONSEQUENCES OF AN AGREEMENT, E.G AS REGARDS FLYING OF  
FLAGS ON THE ISLANDS. HE SAID THIS POINT WAS COVERED IN WESTON'S  
BRIEF.

3. I ALSO SUGGESTED THAT HE INFORM HIS BROTHER FULERS AND  
FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS EITHER JUST BEFORE SIGNATURE OR BETWEEN  
SIGNATURE AND PUBLICATION. HE SAID THE QATARIS AND SAUDIS  
WERE ALREADY INFORMED, AND HE WOULD TELL THE OTHERS BEFORE  
SIGNING ANYTHING. INCIDENTALLY HIS SON KHALID WAS DUE IN RIYADH  
ON CHRISTMAS DAY FOR A GENERAL TALK WITH FEISAL ON RAS AL  
KHAIMAH AFFAIRS.

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4. TAMEIQ ABU KHATER IS NOT EXPECTED BACK IN DUBAI UNTIL 6 JANUARY. FROM SAGE'S REMARKS AND FROM OTHER EVIDENCE I GATHER THAT THERE IS SOME RIVALRY BETWEEN HIM AND WESTON BUT THAT ABU KHATER IS REALLY NO MORE THAN A SELF-APPOINTED MEDIATOR.

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

MR. BULLARD

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