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PRIORITY BAHRAIN
TELEGRAM NO 657
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TO FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE
2 NOVEMBER 1968

ADDRESSED TO FCO TELEGRAM NO 657 OF 2/11 RFI TO DUBAI TEHRAN
AND JEDDA AND SAVING TO DOHA, ABU DHABI, BAHRAIN AGENCY AND
WASHINGTON.

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DUBAI TELEGRAM NO 499 TO ME OF 31 OCTOBER.
TUNBS.

I AM SENDING TO DUBAI INFORMATION IN YOUR TELNO 189 TO DOHA
ABOUT THE SAUDI/IRAN AND KUWAIT/IRAN SETTLEMENTS ON MEDIAN LINE.
I ASSUME THAT ANYTHING DISCUSSED BY EQBAL IN LONDON WOULD CONCERN
INTER-COMPANY ARRANGEMENTS ONLY. PERHAPS YOU WOULD CONFIRM THIS
AND ALSO THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER RECENT DEVELOPMENT IN YOUR
CONTACTS WITH IRANIAN GOVERNMENT OVER MEDIAN LINE IN SOUTHERN GULF.
2. WITH REFERENCE TO TEHRAN TELEGRAM NO 1656 OF 31 OCTOBER, 27
I SUGGEST THAT IRANIANS SHOULD NOT PRESSURISE THE RULER OF RAS AL
KHAIMAH TO TRY TO REACH AN AGREEMENT BEFORE THE SHAH LEAVES FOR
RIYADH IF HE DOES DISAGREE WITH THEIR LATEST DRAFT SINCE
THIS IS LIKELY TO CAUSE HIM TO DIG IN HIS HEELS. THE EXCHANGES
MAY WELL TAKE SOME TIME BEFORE AN AGREEMENT IS REACHED, IF IT CAN
BE, ON A SUITABLE TEXT AND THE NECESSARY QUID PRO QUO.

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