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Sir Michael,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA AND THE GULF

1. As agreed between yourself and David Miers on 10 April, I am sending to you direct a check list of the subjects which the Prime Minister expects to raise in her talks. I hope that this will enable you to make up the necessary 'reminder' cards.

Yours ever,

Richard Palmer,

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cc: PS/Mr Hurd
Sir J Graham

~~UAE~~

H.H. Shaikh Zaid bin Sultan Nayayan (Amir of Abu Dhabi, President of UAE)
(with Zaid)

1. Regional Questions: Arab/Israel, Afghanistan, Iran/Iraq, Lebanon.
2. Gulf cooperation: stability. Can Britain help?
3. Defence cooperation: Hawk.
4. Americans: prepare for 'moan' by Zaid. RDF.
5. Bilateral Relations: renewal of Treaty: support British projects. (automatic unless either party terminates)

Shaikh Khalifa bin Zaid (Deputy Supreme Commander of UAE)

1. Defence cooperation: our Gulf record to date (LSP and training).
2. Equipment_ reliable supplier; air defence.
3. Hawk (but: beware 'consolation prize' of Jaguar (Robur))

H.H. Shaikh Rashid bin Saïd al Nahyan (Ruler of Dubai)

1. Industrial development: admire achievements.
2. British involvement in same: hope for increase.
3. Regional cooperation: important for stability. Hawk - Delights to assist in meeting Dubai's needs through ~~FED~~ Federal M.O.D.)



~~Handwritten~~ H.M. Qaboos bin Said (Sultan of Oman)

1. Regional issues: Afghanistan; Iraq/Iran; PDRY.

2. Gulf cooperation: contribution to stability.

3. RDF (US and UK positions). *Grateful for cooperation of Omani forces with RN - possibility of increased use of facilities, $\frac{3}{4}$ funded?*

4. LSP and training: flexibility and need to consult.

5. Tanks, Tornado and Hawk. *Grateful for HMI's initiative on Tornado. Delighted at arrangements to lease tanks. Glad to help on Chieftain.*

6. (Tête-a-tête only: balance between civil and military expenditure).

7. British interest in new projects (Qaboos University, hospitals?)

QATAR

H.H. Shaikh
(~~With Amir~~ Khalifa) Bin Hamad al Thani (Amir of Qatar)

1. Personal exchanges important. Iran-Iraq. Danger of Soviet expansion (Afghanistan). ~~highlighted by~~ Dissensions in Arab world. Arab-Israel.
2. Regional issues: Russian encroachment.
3. Regional cooperation: how can Britain help?
4. Rapier.
5. Development: admire achievements; stress British participation.
6. Spending programme: NW Gas Dome; hope for major British stake.

H.H. Major General Shaikh

~~With~~ Hamdan bin Khalifa Al Thani (Minister of Defence of Qatar & C.I.C.)

1. Rapid Deployment Force: re-assure.
2. Armed Forces expansion: Perkins report: ~~like~~ it was ~~so~~ useful; ready to give further assistance.)
3. Equipment: Rapier.



Prince Abdullah (2nd Deputy P.M. & Commander, National Guard)

1. Bilateral collaboration: British military Mission to the National Guard.

2. Gulf cooperation.

3. Rapid Deployment Force: re-assure.

4. SANGMED. (National Guard Medical ~~Scheme~~ Services Project)
Hope HRH can accept UK proposals.

5. SANGCOM. National Guard Communications scheme

6. Tanks. Glad HRH accepts offer by Mr Nott of loan
~~to~~ to make foundation on UK tank - due 25 April.

Regional

7. Syria, Jordan, Lebanon. [Abdullah acted as mediator
between Syria & Jordan last Dec.]

Prince Sultan (Minister of Defense and Aviation)

1. Encouragement for Gulf cooperation.

2. Rapid Deployment Force - re-assure.

3. Air Defence: SADAP. Air Defence Project. Negotiations
on extension going well. Signature soon?

4. Flying training: RAF team to visit in May. Believe our
flying training system best in world.

5. Tornado & derivatives. Brochures left with HRH after
Mr Nott's visit. Of interest? Possibility of joint development.

6. Yemens and Sudan: help their defences.

Prince Naif (Minister of Interior)

1. Bilateral collaboration: police and customs training.

2. Gulf cooperation: encourage regional efforts.

3. IMS as potential supplier to Coastguard, Frontier Force and Special Security Force.

4. Offshore installation security. Eager to follow recent visit by RN experts.

Consular

5. Consular cases: Clynton Reed; Messrs Hanley and Clark (in 5 months Stewart Christie (prevented from leaving country in context of a murder of another Br. Subject) in custody without charge)

6. Complaints of ill-treatment - rare but helpful to sustain adverse publicity if investigations can be speedy. (NB Saudi Naif may ~~enter with~~ complain of recent ~~at~~ incident involving police and a Saudi ~~dipl~~ cadet at Oxford: police officer suspended).

~~SAUDI ARABIA~~

~~Mr~~ For Plenary and with Prince Fahd ^{Deputy}, Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia

1. World Picture. Afghanistan and Soviet encroachment. UK/Saudi cooperation in Yemen and Sudan.

2. Gulf Security and Cooperation: encouragement for regional efforts.

Iraq - Iran war (Islamic Conference mediation: danger that collapse of Iran might give Soviets opportunity to establish themselves there)

3. Rapid Deployment Force: re-assure.

4. Arab/Israel (EC effort: US policy (Fahd's impressions?); EC efforts: Arab dissensions, settlement with secure borders for all) (Lebanon - Saudi influence with Syria?)

5. Energy: interdependence; appreciation of Saudi moderation. Opportunities for British companies to buy Saudi crude.

6. Industrial Collaboration: especially on arms supply: Tornado. (N.B. Jordan and Iraq advocating, Saudis may be hesitant)

7. ARABSAT: Euro-project. - Technically first class and good, competitive price.

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9. ~~Project~~ : welcome SIS cooperation with Saudi Security Service

Measures to counter Soviet expansion by helping friends
Sudan ~~YAR~~ YAR; Need to bolster anti-Soviet forces in latter: possibility of cooperation UK/Saudi Ar. / YAR on planned YAR naval base. ~~france~~
PDRY - possibility of wearing them through aid?
Sudan. Economy in trouble. Support needed.
Poss of Saudi help for Sudan's Air Force (Strike master)

Turkey - ~~and~~ economic support.