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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

Mr. Alexander.

Mr. Flobertley asked for more
texts to be made available of you,
in the light of your discussions
today.

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information.

J. Paton Resident Clerk
27/9.

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Wayland
2 June 2010

[TEXT]

WASHINGTON TELNO 2: IRAQ/IRAN

- In approaching other governments in the area I would wish you to avoid making use of the specific information given to us in confidence* ~~~~~ *
To do so could be particularly damaging in the context of our relations with the Iraqis and more widely in the area given Arab suspicions of our role when the Iranians occupied Turbs.
- You should, however, speak urgently to the local government at the highest possible level to convey my personal concern about recent reports of an Iraqi intention to widen the area of hostilities by a coup de main against Abu Musa and the Turbs. You should

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stress the incalculable consequences of any such armed action in the present circumstances which could do the gravest damage to the security and prosperity of all states in the area. Recovery of the islands by negotiation would be quite another matter.

3. You should urge governments to use their influences on all concerned to exercise the utmost restraint.

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[TEXT]

WASHINGTON TELNO 2: IRAQ/IRAN

1. Please arrange most urgent delivery of the following message to the Sultan from the Prime Minister by whatever means you consider most appropriate:-

"I am gravely concerned by the news of possible Iraqi military action in the area of the Straits of Hormuz, making use of Omani territory and facilities. I most strongly urge you to reconsider Omani involvement in this operation the consequences of which for the security and prosperity of Oman and the whole Gulf area would be incalculable. *Recovery of the islands by negotiation would be another matter.*"