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SUBJECT: QATAR BOUNDARIES WITH SAUDI ARABIA AND ABU DHABI

REF :

SAUDI ARABIAN AND QATAR OFFICIALS ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET IN DOHA SEPTEMBER 15 FOR A DISCUSSION OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES TO BE APPLIED IN SETTLING THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN QATAR AND SAUDI ARABIA, ACCORDING TO ACTING BRITISH POLITICAL RESIDENT FRANCIS BROWN. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE MEETING HAD BEEN ARRANGED ON THE INITIATIVE OF QATAR WHICH HAD REALIZED SUDDENLY, AS SAUDI ARABIA HAD APPARENTLY ALSO NOTED, THAT THEIR BOUNDARY AGREEMENT OF 1952 HAD NEVER BEEN IMPLEMENTED.

BROWN SAID IT SEEMED LIKELY THAT THE PARTIES WOULD QUICKLY REACH AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE AND SUBSEQUENTLY ON THE PRECISE DELIMITATION OF THE BOUNDARY WHICH WOULD SUBSEQUENTLY BE DEMARCATED. HE RECALLED THAT SAUDI-QATAR RELATIONS HAD BEEN GOOD FOR MANY YEARS SO THAT AN AGREEMENT SHOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT TO REACH.

THE DISCUSSION WOULD NOT TOUCH ON QATAR-ABU DHABI BOUNDARIES, ACCORDING TO BROWN, AS THESE ARE CONSIDERED AN ENTIRELY SEPARATE SUBJECT. THE BRITISH VIEW, AND PRESUMABLY QATAR'S AS WELL, IS THAT, CONSIDERING THE BITTER RELATIONS CURRENTLY EXISTING BETWEEN ABU DHABI AND QATAR, THERE WOULD BE NO POINT IN THE TWO COUNTRIES DISCUSSING BOUNDARIES (OR ANYTHING ELSE).

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