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**FOLLOWING FROM [Redacted]**

1. FROM RECEPTION SURVEYS I HAVE SEEN I WONDER IF TWO OPERATIONS WOULD NOT BE NEEDED TO DO ALL YOU SPECIFY IN PARA 3 OF YOUR MESSAGE, WITH AN OPERATION IN THE GULF PRIMARILY CONCENTRATED ON IRANIAN REGIONALS AND ONE ON THE SUB CONTINENT TO DO THE REST.
2. I FORESEE SOME DIFFICULTIES FOR US TOO IN ESTABLISHING BUREAUS ANYWHERE IN THESE AREAS BECAUSE OF POLITICAL FACTORS AND POTENTIAL INSTABILITY. PAKISTAN IN PARTICULAR IS NOT RECOMMENDED.
3. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES MY PREFERENCE WOULD BE:
  - A. TO TRY TO DO A DEAL WITH ALL-INDIA RADIO IF THAT IS POSSIBLE AND IF THEIR RECEPTION IS COMPARABLE WITH ISLAMABAD. THIS WOULD KEEP OUR PRESENCE TO A MINIMUM AND SAVE COSTS; AND
  - B. TO TRY TO MOUNT A REMOTE MONITORING OPERATION IN THE GULF TO KEEP A WATCH ON IRANIAN REGIONALS. THIS WOULD NOT PRECLUDE A CONTINGENCY ARRANGEMENT FOR A LIVE MONITORING OPERATION IN THE AREA IF THE WORST HAPPENS BUT SHOULD BE ADEQUATE IN ALL OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES.
4. I CAN'T BEGIN TO COST THESE OPERATIONS REALISTICALLY. COMMUNICATIONS MIGHT WELL BE THE MAJOR ITEM (35,000 POUNDS PA FOR A DUPLEX 50 BAUD TELEGRAPH CIRCUIT TO DELHI AND JUST OVER 100,000 POUNDS FOR A VOICE CIRCUIT TO BAHRAIN). THE NUMBER OF STAFF REQUIRED IN INDIA WOULD DEPEND ENTIRELY ON THE EXTENT TO WHICH WE CAN USE MATERIAL THEY ARE ALREADY PROVIDING FOR THEMSELVES. I ASSUME THAT THE RUSSIAN AND CHINESE REGIONALS WOULD BE RECORDED THERE FOR TRANSCRIPTION ELSEWHERE. THE REMOTE OPERATION WOULD INVOLVE ADDITIONAL MONITORS AT THIS END (IF THE CONTROL IS TO BE DONE HERE),

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DEPENDING ON THE VOLUME OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE.

5. I AM NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT SHARING COSTS, BUT DOUBT IF WE COULD EQUALIZE SUCH A MAJOR ADDITIONAL ITEM BY SENSIBLE TRADE-OFF, SUGGEST WE SEE WHAT MY MASTERS ARE WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE IF THE NEED ARISES.

6. WEEK BEFORE LAST [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT YOU HAD SOME HOPES OF MUSCAT AND THAT AN APPROACH HAD BEEN MADE TO THE INDIANS SO I WAS RATHER PUZZLED BY YOUR MESSAGE. HOWEVER, IF YOU WOULD LIKE US TO MOVE, I THINK MY FIRST STEP WOULD BE TO VISIT ALL-INDIA RADIO IN DELHI AND SEE WHAT THE PROSPECTS ARE THERE, CALLING IN ON THE GULF ON MY WAY BACK TO LOCATE A SUITABLE SITE FOR A REMOTE RECEIVER IF THAT SEEMS A GOOD IDEA TO YOU. 25X1

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