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His Excellency
Yousuf Al-Alawi Abdullah
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs
Muscat
Sultanate of Oman

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Your Excellency,

(S) Thank you for your response of September 11, 1983 on behalf of His Highness the Deputy Prime Minister for Security and Defense. I appreciate your timely response to my request to begin our prepositioning program in Oman using opportune airlift earlier this month. I understand the initial shipments are in place, interim caretaker arrangements are proceeding smoothly, and future deliveries are being scheduled in coordination with General Creasey and his staff.

(S) I was pleased to learn of your successful consultations with Major General Tixier on the O & M problem. We look forward to receiving an official response on our proposal to amend the access agreement and to conclude an implementing arrangement for use of Oman military facilities so that we can make a contribution to the readiness of those facilities.

(S) I commend Ambassador al-Hinai for his diligent efforts in working with my staff to help us find a mutually acceptable solution to these problems. In his few months here, he has proven to be a valuable asset to your government, and an advocate for closer US/Oman relations, which we appreciate.

(U) I am sorry to miss your upcoming visit to Washington next week. As you know, I will be in the Far East. However, I look forward to meeting with you again soon, if not in Washington, perhaps in Muscat. In closing, I congratulate you on the 150th anniversary of the Treaty of Friendship between our two nations. We look forward to another 150 years of continued cooperation and friendship.

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