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CITE : TDFIRDB-315/03919-73

DJST : 25 APRIL 1973

COUNTRY: UNITED ARAB EMIRATES/OMAN/CHINA/USSR

DOI : EARLY APRIL 1973

SUBJECT: CHANGES IN THE STRATEGY OF PFLOAG

ACQ : ENGLAND, LONDON (24 APRIL 1973) [REDACTED]

SOURCE : [REDACTED] "A REGULAR, BELIEVED  
RELIABLE SOURCE, WITH DIRECT ACCESS".

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH AN ARAB FRIEND IN EARLY APRIL 1973,  
'ABDALLAH 'ALI N A S I R, THE UNOFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF  
THE POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF OMAN AND THE ARABIAN  
GULF (PFLOAG) IN CAIRO, SAID THAT THE FRONT'S IDEOLOGICAL  
CAMPAING HAD BEEN GENEVALLY UNSUCCESSFUL OVER THE PAST YEAR.  
MOST OF THE WORKING MASSES TENDED TO SHY AWAY FROM THE EXTREMIST  
CHINESE-STYLED IDEOLOGY WHICH HAD BEEN THE OFFICIALLY SPONSORED  
LINE AND WHICH HAD ALSO LOST PFLOAG THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE SOVIET

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UNION. THIS MISTAKE HAD BECOME MANIFEST PARTICULARLY AFTER THE CHINESE HAD CLARIFIED THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE REVOLUTION AND EXPLAINED THAT THEIR ASSISTANCE WAS INTENDED ONLY FOR THE STRUGGLE IN DHUFAR AND THE SULTANATE OF OMAN.

2. THE REALIZATION OF THIS ECLWR HAD LEFT PFLOAG TO FORMULATE A NEW POLICY, CONSISTING OF

A. AN INTENSIFICATION OF THE STRUGGLE AGAINST SULTAN QABUS BIN SA'ID AL-BUSA'ID (THE DEFEAT OF HIS REGIME IS CONSIDERED THE FIRST NECESSARY STEP IN THE OVERTHROW OF ALL REACTIONARY REGIMES IN THE GULF AREA); AND

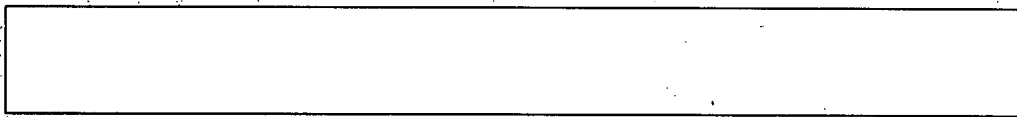
B. A CAMPAIGN TO INSTRUCT THE VARIOUS PEOPLES OF THE GULF AREA OUTSIDE THE SULTANATE TO AWAIT THE DOWNFALL OF THE QABUS REGIME, WHICH WOULD LEAD INEVITABLY TO THE OVERTHROW OF THEIR OWN AGGRESSORS. PREMATURE ACTION WAS TO BE DISCOURAGED.

3. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THAT THIS SOURCE HAS QUOTED NASIR AS SAYING THAT THE CHINESE WERE ADVISING PFLOAG AGAINST UNTIMELY MOVES IN THE GULF EMIRATES.)

4. FIELD DISSEM: NONE.

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