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I BRITISH ARE PROBABLY IN THE FOREFRONT OF WEST EUROPEANS WHEN IT COMES TO COMBATING TERRORISM. THIS IS DUE IN CONSIDERABLE MEASURE TO THEIR OWN MAJOR PROBLEM WITH IRA TERRORISM. BY SAME TOKEN, HOWEVER, BRITISH REALIZE COUNTER-TERRORIST MEASURES OFTEN TAKE LONG TIME TO BEAR FRUIT, AND THEY ARE CAREFUL NOT TO DAMAGE OWN FREE SOCIETY IN THE PROCESS. THAT MAKES THEM RESIST SUGGESTIONS WHICH MAY REQUIRE EXCESSIVE DEGREE OF COOPERATION FROM PEOPLE AS NATIONALLY AND EMOTIONALLY AKIN TO THE TERRORISTS AS OTHER ARABS ARE TO PALESTINIANS. WITH A DEEP BACKGROUND IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND AS TARGETS OF TERRORISM THERE, BRITISH ARE AWARE THAT TERRORISTS HAVE SEVED SUCCESSFUL NATIONALIST CAUSE WHICH RESULTED IN ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW STATES. INDEED, APART FROM THE OBVIOUS EXAMPLES OF PRE-1948 ALESTINE, AND PE-1960 CYPRUS, BRITISH AGENTS SUCH AS LAWRENCE OF AABIA HAVE IN THE PAST STIMULATED AND ASSISTED NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS RELYING TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT ON TERRORIST GUERRILLA ACTIONS AS WELL AS MORE REGULAR WARFARE.

2. AS WAS THE CASE IN EARLIER EXAMPLES, HOWEVER, BRITISH EXPECT RECOGNIZED LEADERS OF SOVEREIGN NATIONS, OR NATIONALIST ASPIRANTS, TO SEPARATE THEMSELVES FROM TERRORISTS, AND DENOUNCE TERRORIS AS HARMFUL TO LEGITIMATE NATIONAL PURPOSE, EVEN IF THEY ARE UNABLE TO STOP IT. AILURE OF MOST ARAB GOVERNMENTS TO DO THIS UP TO NOW IS CAUSE OF CONSIDERABLE UNHAPPINESS IN BRITISH OFFICIAL CIRCLES AND GUIDES THE THREAT OF XGDS-3

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3. COMMENTING ON BETRUT'S SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS, WE
WOULD EXPECT THE BRITISH TO RESIST GOING SO FAR AS TO
LABEL PALESTINIAN LEADERS (EVEN IF MANY ARE FEDAYEEN
AS OUTLAWS), AND PARTICULARLY TO EXPOSE THEM IN MAKING
SUCH A REQUEST OF ARAB GOVERNMENTS. BRITISH WILL PREFER
TO LEAVE MORE OPTIONS OPEN AND CONCENTRATE THEIR
REPRESENTATIONS ON HARM THAT RESULTS TO PALESTINIAN
CAUSE FROM IDENTIFICATION WITH TERRORISM.

4. WE KNOW BRITISH OFFICIALS ARE SKEPTICAL THAT OIL-
RICH ARAB MODERATES CAN EVER BE PERSUADED TO CUT OFF
FINANCIAL SUPPORT FLOWING TO PALESTINIANS OR EVEN
PUBLICLY TO DENOUNCE PALESTINIAN TERRORS IN ANYTHING
BUT LUKEWARM, AMBIGUOUS TERMS. BRITISH WOULD HOPE,
RATHER, TO COAX LEADERS OF SUCH GOVERNMENTS INTO
(A) GREATER EXCHANGE OF INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION, AND
(B) SELECTIVE EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE PALESTINIAN LEADER-
SHIP THROUGH INFILTRATION OF AGENTS, JUVIDIOUS
DISTRIBUTION OF FAVORS, ETC. THIS WOULD SEEM TO FIT IN
WITH USG AIMS.

5. BRITISH ARE OF COURSE ENTHUSIASTIC IN THEIR SUPPORT
OF A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT AND CONVINCED THAT SUCCESS
IN THAT DIRECTION WOULD TAKE UCH WIND OUT OF TERRORIST
SAILS.

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