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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

Kemp

June 2, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER III
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Agrement of Ahmad Salem al-Mukarab of the United Arab Emirates as Ambassador to the United States (S/S 8116269)

The President has reviewed and concurs in the recommendation of the Department of State that the appointment of Ahmad Salem al-Mukarab as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United Arab Emirates to the United States would be agreeable to the Government of the United States. You are requested to so inform the Government of the United Arab Emirates.

Allen J. Lenz
Staff Director

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ACTION May 27, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: GEOFFREY KEMP

SUBJECT: Agrement of Ahmad Salem al-Mukarab of the United Arab Emirates as Ambassador to the United States

At Tab II is the Department of State memorandum recommending the appointment of Ahmad Salem al-Mukarab as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United Arab Emirates to the United States. His biographic sketch is also attached.

If you concur with the Department of State, the memorandum at Tab I for Allen Lenz's signature to State will relay the President's approval to the proposed appointment.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve that Allen Lenz sign the memorandum at Tab I.

APPROVE RVR DISAPPROVE _____

Attachments:

Tab I Memo to Bremer from Lenz

Tab II State background paper and biographic sketch

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White House Guidelines, Sept. 11, 2006
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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May 26, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Appointment of Ahmad Salem al-Mukarab of the United Arab Emirates as Ambassador to the United States.

The Government of the United Arab Emirates has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of Ahmad Salem al-Mukarab as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United Arab Emirates to the United States (Tab 2). A biography of al-Mukarab is attached (Tab 1).

The Department believes from the information available that al-Mukarab is acceptable to the United States as Ambassador and recommends that the President agree to the proposed appointment. If he concurs, the Department will inform the Government of the United Arab Emirates.

for L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Note dated April 14, 1981 from Embassy of UAE.

2. Biography.

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BIOGRAPHY - Ahmad Salem Al-Mukarab

United Arab Emirates

Ahmad Salem al-Mukarab is a professional diplomat who began his career with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Third Secretary in the Embassy in Beirut in 1972. He became Minister Plenipotentiary of the United Arab Emirates in July 1974 and was transferred from Beirut to Tokyo, Japan in September 1974 where he was Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary until the spring of 1981. He was named Ambassador to the United States April 14, 1981.

Ambassador al-Mukarab is married to a Lebanese and has at least one child. He was born in the Emirate of Sharjah in 1947 and attended the University of Kuwait. He graduated with a B.A. in Philosophy and Sociology in 1970. He speaks English.

A thorough search of U.S. Government sources reveals no grounds for objection.

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Embassy of the United Arab Emirates presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honor to state that the Government of the United Arab Emirates proposes to appoint Ahmad Salem Al-Mukarab as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United Arab Emirates to the United States of America, with residence in Washington, D.C. A copy of his bio-data is enclosed.

The Government of the United Arab Emirates would be grateful if the Government of the United States of America would accord its agreement to the proposed appointment.

The Embassy of the United Arab Emirates avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State the assurances of its highest consideration.

Washington, D.C.
April 14, 1981



Department of State
Washington, D.C.

CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME : Ahmed Salem Al-Mukarab

PLACE OF BIRTH: Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, 1947

MARITAL STATUS: Married

EDUCATION :

- B.A. Philosophy and Sociology, Faculty of Sciences and Letters, University of Kuwait, May 1970.

TRAINING :

- Certificate of First Diplomatic Training, Abu Dhabi, 1972/1973.

DIPLOMATIC OFFICES:

- Appointed to the U.A.E. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, February 1, 1972, as Third Secretary
- Promoted to First Secretary, February 24, 1973
- Promoted to Minister Plenipotentiary, July 1, 1974.

PREVIOUS POSTS:

September 25, 1974 to present - United Arab Emirates Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary in Tokyo, Japan.

July 1, 1974 to August 19, 1974 - Minister Plenipotentiary of the United Arab Emirates Embassy, Beirut, Lebanon.

February 24, 1973 to June 30, 1974 - First Secretary of the United Arab Emirates Embassy, Beirut, Lebanon.

February 2, 1972 to February 23, 1973 - Third Secretary of the United Arab Emirates Embassy, Beirut, Lebanon.

- Participated in several International and Arab Conferences.

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BUD NANCE — JA 28/1730

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Ahmad Salim al-Mokarrab (Phonetic: al-moo-KAR-rab) - Appointed Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates

Head of Government - Sheikh Zayid bin Sultan al-Nahayan (called Sheikh Zayid), President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Ruler of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi

Ambassador al-Mokarrab, 33, married, 2 children. Previous assignments include Beriut and Tokyo

Pertinent Background: There have been no Presidential or Vice-Presidential visits to the UAE, nor has the Head of State visited here.

Significant Issues: Over the last year the UAE has sought a closer military supply relationship with the United States. This is a change we have welcomed.

In addition the Government of Libya has informally approached the UAE and asked them to be the Libyan representative power in the US. We have informed the UAE that while we accept the Libyan proposal in principle there are many details which need to be arranged.

The UAE, as with other Arab States, views the Congressional vote on the AWACS as a sign of US friendship for Saudia Arabia and for the Arab world.

The Palestinian question remains the major divisive issue between the US and the UAE.

Issues for Discussion:

--Comment favorably on the tradition of friendship that has existed between our countries.

--(If raised) Express appreciation for the UAE willingness to act as the representative power for the Libyans, and indicate that we have the question under review.

--(If raised) Comment appropriately on sale of AWACS to Saudi Arabia.

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3. PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

AMB. AHMAD SALIM AL-MOKARRAB (al-moo-KAR-rab), UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

PARTICIPANTS:

FAMILY	- UNACCOMPANIED
WH	- RICHARD V. ALLEN
NSC	- GEOFFREY KEMP
STATE	- GEORGE SEALEY (ESCORT)
	ZAKI ASLAN (ARABIC INTERPRETER)
	DAVID T. SCHNEIDER (AREA REP)

-- 33 YEARS OLD; MARRIED; 2 CHILDREN
-- PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENTS INCLUDE BEIRUT AND TOKYO

- COMMENT FAVORABLY ON TRADITION OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN UAE AND US
- EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR UAE WILLINGNESS TO ACT AS REPRESENTATIVE POWER FOR LIBYANS, AND INDICATE WE HAVE QUESTION UNDER REVIEW
- COMMENT APPROPRIATELY ON SALE OF AWACS TO SAUDI ARABIA (UAE VIEWS CONGRESSIONAL VOTE ON AWACS AS SIGN OF US FRIENDSHIP FOR SAUDI ARABIA AND FOR ARAB WORLD

REMARKS OF THE
NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR
OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
AHMAD SALIM AL-MOKARRAB
UPON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF
HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE

Mr. President:

It is an honor for me to be entrusted by H.H. Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan al-Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates, to devote my time and effort to the promotion and strengthening of the relations which happily exist between our two countries.

We are both united in our support for the United Nations and are endeavoring to strengthen its role in preserving world peace and the role of its specialized agencies in alleviating the sufferings of millions of people around the world, and in raising the standards of living all over the globe.

Mr. President, in our search for peace and justice in the Middle East, we have come to the conclusion that no solution can be reached if the Palestinians are deprived of their inalienable right to self-determination; that there will be no hope for peace to prevail in the region if the occupation of the Arab land continues.

Mr. President, our two nations have succeeded in cementing cooperation in many fields of mutual interest and we look forward to coordinating efforts for the benefit of the peoples of our two countries, especially in economics and cultural affairs, and in the transfer of technology.

Mr. President, on the happy occasion of submitting my letter of credence and the letter or recall, I wish to convey to you, and to the Government and people of the United States, many greetings from H. H. the President, and the Government and people of the United Arab Emirates.

Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY
TO THE REMARKS OF THE
NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR
OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
AHMAD SALIM AL-MOKARRAB
UPON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF
HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE

Mr. Ambassador:

It gives me great pleasure to receive the Letter of Credence by which the President of the United Arab Emirates, His Highness Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al Nuhayan, has accredited Your Excellency as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and to welcome you to the United States.

The friendly greetings which you have conveyed from His Highness, the Government, and the people of the United Arab Emirates are indeed welcome and I wish to extend, through you to His Highness Sheikh Zayid and to the people of your nation, my sincerest wish that our two countries continue to enjoy the most cordial of relations.

Mr. Ambassador, our nations share and support the belief that peace in the Middle East is a paramount concern. My

Government seeks to promote those efforts which will bring peace and justice to the region, and we have dedicated ourselves to working to achieve this goal in the full expectation that one day all the peoples of the region may live in harmony and dignity.

Over the years, Mr. Ambassador, our two countries have built relations based on mutual respect and cooperation. I am impressed by the remarkable success that your country has achieved in overcoming the many difficulties which beset a young nation seeking stability in the modern world. The ability of the United Arab Emirates to join a culture rich in history and tradition with the technological demands of today is a noteworthy example. Only recently the United States was itself a young country among the nations of the world and we can appreciate the rapid progress that your nation has made in ensuring the well-being of every member of your society. From our traditions of independence and international cooperation we are ready to assist you further in your national development and I anticipate continuing the warm friendship that has grown between our two nations.

I am happy that after a long hiatus without an ambassador from the United Arab Emirates I am able to welcome you to Washington and I wish you a long and successful stay in the United States.