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INFO IMMEDIATE ABU DHABI (FOR PS/S OF S) RIYADH JEDDA AMMAN RABAT  
INFO PRIORITY TO OTHER MIDDLE EAST POSTS

RIYADH TELNO 43: JORDAN/PLO

SINCE SHULTZ'S LATEST MESSAGE WAS SENT, THE AMERICANS HAVE LEARNT MORE ABOUT THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER WHICH AL. HASSAN AND KHALIL WAZIR DELIVERED TO KING HUSSEIN YESTERDAY FROM ARAFAT. IT REFERS TO THE PLO AS THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIANS. IT CALLS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. AND IT MAKES NO REFERENCE TO THE REAGAN INITIATIVE. IT IS THUS SEEN HERE AS STRAIGHT SUPPORT FOR THE SOVIET AND RADICAL PLO LINE. THE AMERICANS UNDERSTAND THAT KING HUSSEIN HAS REJECTED IT OUT OF HAND AND IT WAS ONLY WITH DIFFICULTY THAT HE WAS RESTRAINED FROM GIVING A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS EVENING TO MAKE HIS POSITION CLEAR. INSTEAD THE STATE DEPARTMENT UNDERSTAND THERE IS TO BE A STATEMENT BY THE JORDANIAN CABINET IN THE FORM OF A FAIRLY NEUTRAL PROGRESS REPORT.

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~~2. THE AMERICANS HAVE BEEN DISTURBED TO LEARN THAT THE SAUDIS AND THE MOROCCANS ARE DISPOSED TO SUPPORT ARAFAT'S NEW LINE. THEY ARE DOING EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO PREVENT THIS. THE STATE DEPARTMENT ARE RECOMMENDING THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN SHOULD TRY TO SPEAK TODAY TO KING FAHD AND KING HASSAM TO TRY TO GET THEM BACK INTO LINE, ARGUING THAT THE SOVIETS CANNOT DELIVER PEACE: THAT THE MAIN LOSERS WOULD BE THE PALESTINIANS, AND THAT THE BEST COURSE AT THIS DELICATE JUNCTURE IS TO STICK TOGETHER IN SUPPORT OF KING HUSSEIN. THEY ARE ALSO ASKING THE PRESIDENT TO RING KING HUSSEIN TO ASSURE HIM OF HIS CONTINUING FULL SUPPORT. THEY WOULD WELCOME ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO ENCOURAGE THE SAUDIS AND THE MOROCCANS IN THE SAME DIRECTION.~~

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