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Dear John,

Arab League Delegation

Mr Hurd now expects to see the delegation this evening (the three will not be assembled before then). You will have seen that the Daily Telegraph already has a story in its Diary column that Mr Pym will be seeing Qaddoumi. We do not intend to announce Mr Hurd's meeting at the normal FCO Press Conference at 12.30, but propose to take the line that we expect the delegation to arrive in London later today and that arrangements for their reception have not yet been finalised. Nevertheless the issue is likely to be raised at Question Time today. I enclose a suggested line for the Prime Minister to take.

Yours ever

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As the House may be aware, the Arab League are sending delegations to the capitals of the Permanent Members of the Security Council. A delegation representing the Arab League, consisting of the Foreign Ministers of Bahrain and Tunisia and a senior member of the PLO, is expected to arrive in London today. My Rt Hon Friend the Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs expects to see this delegation. It is of course for the Arab League to decide the composition of their delegations and we thought it right in present circumstances in Lebanon to receive this delegation.

As far as the PLO itself is concerned, the European Council made clear in its statement on 29 June that they must be associated with peace negotiations and that the Ten wished to see the Palestinian people in a position to pursue their demands by political means. Our policy has been and remains that a ministerial dialogue with them is difficult as long as they have not made clearer their acceptance of Israel's right to live in peace and security and an end to all association with terrorism. Any contacts we have with the PLO are of course used to impress on them the need to take these steps.

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The Ambassador of The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia presents his compliments to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and has the honour to inform him that the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia -H.R.H. Prince Saud Al-Faisal has authorised to request Her Majesty's Government to be kind enough to receive Mr Farouk Qaddoumi , the PLO representative in the Arab League Delagation , together with the other Members of this Delegation who are visiting the U.K. at the present time .

The Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia avails himself of this opportunity to renew to Her Majesty's - Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs the assurances of his highest consideration .

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