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TELNO 3559 OF 25 NOVEMBER 1981,

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INFO SAVING CAIRO, DAMASCUS, JEDDA, UKMIS NEW YORK, RABAT.

YOUR TELNO 1787: JORDAN/US

1. WHEN HE SAW HAGI TODAY, MR HURD REFERRED TO THE KING OF JORDAN'S CONCERN (WHICH HE HAD COMMUNICATED TO THE PRIME MINISTER) ABOUT THE STATEMENT ON JERUSALEM ATTRIBUTED TO THE PRESIDENT. HAIG SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD SENT THE KING A MESSAGE WHICH HE HOPED WOULD SET THINGS STRAIGHT.

2. THE TROUBLE HAD OCCURRED, SO HAIG EXPLAINED, BECAUSE THE PRESIDENT HAD BEEN VICTIMISED BY JEWISH INTERVIEWERS (JUST AS HE, HAIG, HAD BEEN, AS HE KNEW TO HIS OWN COST BECAUSE IT HAD COMPLICATED HIS RELATIONS WITH YOU), WHO HAD ASKED HIM IF HE STUCK BY A STATEMENT HE HAD MADE DURING THE CAMPAIGN ON 15 SEPTEMBER 1980. STRAIGHTFORWARD MAN THAT HE IS, HE HAD REPLIED SIMPLY TO THE EFFECT THAT HE STUCK BY HIS STATEMENT. BUT HE HAD NOT MEANT TO ENUNCIATE A NEW POLICY FOR THE USA RELATING TO JERUSALEM. HAIG EMPHASISED THAT THE STATEMENT OF THE 15TH HAD BEEN A "CAMPAIGN STATEMENT".

3. HE ADDED THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD ASKED HIM FROM NOW ON TO "PLUG HUSSEIN IN" IE TREAT HIM ROUGHLY THE SAME CONFIDENCE AS THE EGYPTIANS ON THESE MATTERS. MR HURD WELCOMED THIS.

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