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TO IMMEDIATE JEDDA
TELEGRAM NUMBER 567 OF 29 OCT
INFO PRIORITY WASHINGTON, UKMIS NEW YORK, ALL OTHER MIDDLE EAST
POSTS.

YOUR TELNO. 696: SECRETARY OF STATE'S VISIT

1. WE HAVE HAD THE SAME SUSPICIONS THAT THE PLO MIGHT BE
MANOEUVRING TO TRY TO BRING ABOUT A MEETING WITH ARAFAT IN RIYADH
WITHOUT COMMITTING THEMSELVES TO THE SORT OF CONDITIONAL RECOG-
NITION OF ISRAEL WHICH WE HAVE BEEN DEMANDING FROM THEM. WE
RAISED THIS WITH DAJANI OF THE PLO YESTERDAY. HE SUGGESTED THAT
THE PLO MIGHT HAVE BEEN HOPING THAT WE WOULD WANT TO USE THE VISIT
OURSELVES TO ENGINEER A MEETING, BUT STRESSED THAT ARAFAT HAD NO
INTENTION OF CHASING OR TRYING TO SPRING A MEETING.

2. WE DO NOT IN ANY CASE THINK THAT THE SAUDIS WOULD DELIBER-
ATELY TRY TO MANOEUVRE US IN THIS WAY. IT WOULD NEVERTHELESS BE
PRUDENT IF YOU WERE TO ENSURE THAT THE SAUDIS ARE AWARE THAT WE
WOULD NOT TAKE KINDLY TO ANY SUCH ATTEMPT AND THAT ANY MEETING
WITH ARAFAT WILL NEED TO BE CAREFULLY PREPARED IN ADVANCE.
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