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ANNEXATION OF GOLAN : EGYPTIAN REACTION.

1. EGYPT REACTED IN THREE WAYS:

(A) KAMAL HASSAN ALI IMMEDIATELY INSTRUCTED THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR IN TEL AVIV TO INFORM THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT'S REJECTION OF THE ISRAELI MEASURE:

(B) A PRESIDENCY SPOKESMAN ISSUED A STRONG STATEMENT DENOUNCING THE MOVE.

(C) ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT MUBARAK, KAMAL HASSAD ALI SUMMONED THE US AND ISRAELI AMBASSADORS, AND SPOKE TO THE PRESS AFTER SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH THEM.

TEXTS OF (B) AND (C) BY BAG.

2. THE PRESIDENCY STATEMENT CONDEMNED THE ISRAELI DECISION AS A CLEAR VIOLATION OF THE CONTENTS OF THE FRAMEWORK FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST SIGNED ON 17 SEPTEMBER 1979 (SIC), AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S DECISION ON WHICH THE CAMP DAVID AGREEMENT WERE BASED. THERE IS MUCH ADDITIONAL CRITICISM OF THE ISRAELI ACTION AS A THREAT TO PEACE. EGYPT, THE STATEMENT SAYS, IS CONSULTING FRIENDLY COUNTRIES INTERESTED IN THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE ISSUE ABOUT HOW TO COUNTER THE ISRAELI MOVE.

3. SPEAKING TO THE PRESS AFTER HIS MEETINGS WITH THE TWO AMBASSADORS, KAMAL HASSAN ALI SAID THAT BOTH HAD BEEN ASKED TO INFORM THEIR GOVERNMENTS OF EGYPT'S POSITION. THE MOVE WAS AN OBSTACLE TO PEACE. THE GOLAN WAS SYRIAN ARAB LAND OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL. HE CLAIMED THAT THE US AMBASSADOR HAD TOLD HIM THAT THE AMERICAN POSITION COINCIDED EXACTLY WITH EGYPT'S VIEW THAT THE MOVE WAS ILLEGAL, AND CONTRARY TO THE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF CAMP DAVID. EGYPT WOULD NEVER RECOGNISE THE ISRAELI DECISION.

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4. ALI IS ALSO SENDING THE PRESIDENCY STATEMENT TO THE EGYPTIAN UN MISSION, AND TO ALL EGYPTIAN EMBASSIES. INSTRUCTING THEM TO INFORM THEIR HOST GOVERNMENTS OF EGYPT'S POSITION. HE IS TO MAKE A DETAILED STATEMENT ON 19 DECEMBER BEFORE THE PEOPLES ASSEMBLY DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. THE HAS NOT YET BEEN TIME FOR PRESS COMMENT.

3. THE ISRAELI MOVE PLACES THE EGYPTIANS IN A SEVERELY EMBARRASSING POSITION, REMINISCENT OF THEIR PREDICAMENT AFTER THE ISRAELI RAID ON IRAQ. THEY ARE PROTESTING AS VIGOROUSLY AS THE Y DARE. BUT THEY HAVE LITTLE ROOM FOR MANOEUVRE. THE TEAM OF OFFICIALS CURRENTLY IN TEL AVIV FOR AUTONOMY TALKS HAVE BEEN LEFT LOOKING PARTICULARLY FOOLISH. IT IS REPORTED IN THE PRESS THAT THE AFTERNOON SESSION ON 14 DECEMBER WAS CANCELLED AT EGYPTIAN REQUEST. THE TALKS WILL NO DOUBT BE RESUMED (IF NOT AT ONCE), BUT THE PROSPECTS OF AN AGREEMENT ARE NOW MORE REMOTE THAN EVER.

FCO PASS SAVING ADDRESSEES.

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