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TELEGRAM NUMBER 275 OF 23 MARCH

INFO IMMEDIATE AMMAN DAMASCUS TEL AVIV PRIORITY BEIRUT CG JERUSALEM
CAIRO PARIS WASHINGTON.

MY TELNO 272: SECURITY COUNCIL: OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

1. AT THE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE COUNCIL THIS AFTERNOON IT WAS AGREED TO HOLD A FORMAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL TOMORROW (24 MARCH) AT 2030Z IN RESPONSE TO THE JORDANIAN REQUEST.
2. NUSEIBEH (JORDAN) HAS TOLD US THAT THE ARAB GROUP ARE STILL WORKING ON A DRAFT RESOLUTION. HE SAID THAT HE WANTED A RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD NOT BE VETOED, BUT THAT THE SYRIANS WERE PRESSING FOR CHAPTER VII. THE US MISSION HAVE BEEN SHOWN A RELATIVELY MODERATE DRAFT WHICH CONDEMNS ISRAEL FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE AL BIREH COUNCIL AND FOR ITS SECURITY MEASURES AND CALLS UPON IT TO RESCIND THE DISSOLUTION. NUSEIBEH HAS ALSO MENTIONED TO US THE POSSIBILITY OF REACTIVATING THE SECURITY COUNCIL COMMISSION ON THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES THAT WAS ESTABLISHED BY SC RESOLUTION 446 (1979).
3. IT IS TOO SOON TO SAY HOW EXTENSIVE THE DEBATE WILL BE. IF MUSEIBEH SUCCEEDS IN GETTING A SHORT AND COMPARATIVELY UNCONTENTIOUS RESOLUTION, WE MAY NEED TO DO NO MORE THAN SPEAK BRIEFLY IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE. IF A MORE GENERAL DEBATE LOOKS LIKE DEVELOPING I WILL SEND RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE LIGHT OF THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE OTHER WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.