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TELNO 3 OF 5 JANUARY 1983
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ARAFAT IN KUWAIT

1. ARAFAT ARRIVED IN KUWAIT FROM ADEN ON 4 JANUARY TO DISCUSS WITH THE AMIR AND OFFICIALS THE QUOTE GRAVE CHALLENGES CONFRONTING THE ARAB NATION UNQUOTE. HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID ON ARRIVAL THAT THERE IS COMPLETE ARAB COORDINATION AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL REGARDING THE ARAB ATTITUDE TOWARDS BRITAIN. HE ATTACKED BRITAIN FOR ITS 'STRANGE ATTITUDE AND FOR EVADING ITS HISTORIC, MORAL AND POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CRIME IT COMMITTED AGAINST PALESTINE, ITS PROTECTORATE.

2. HE SAID THAT THE SEVEN MAN ARAB LEAGUE COMMITTEE WOULD MEET AT FOREIGN MINISTERS LEVEL ON 21 JANUARY IN RABAT TO DISCUSS THE ARAB STANCE TOWARDS BRITAIN, AND WOULD CALL FOR A SUMMIT MEETING IF THE SITUATION CALLED FOR IT.

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