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FOLLOWING IS FULL VERSION OF MY TELNO 239 (PARAS 2 AND 3
OMITTED IN ERROR AT TIME OF DESPATCH).

PARA 4 OF MY TELNO 237: JORDAN/PLO

1. TODAY'S ARABIC PRESS CONFIRMED THAT KING HUSSEIN RECEIVED A MESSAGE ON 22 JUNE FROM ARAFAT REQUESTING JORDANIAN SUPPORT FOR THE "PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION AND PALESTINIAN PEOPLE" IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST "THE ORGANISED AGGRESSION LAUNCHED IN THE LAST 2 DAYS BY SYRIAN AND LIBYAN FORCES AND THE PRO-LIBYAN AHMED JIBRIL GROUP IN THE BEQA'A VALLEY."

2. AN OFFICIAL JORDANIAN SPOKESMAN IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT IS EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT THESE ATTEMPTS TO DESTROY THE FREEDOM OF DECISION AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE PLO, WHICH HAS BEEN RECOGNISED BY ALL ARAB STATES SINCE THE RABAT SUMMIT AS THE SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. THE SPOKESMAN WENT ON TO REAFFIRM JORDAN'S UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR THE PLO AND TO WARN OF THE DANGEROUS CONSEQUENCES OF WEAKENING THE ORGANISATION OR TRANSFORMING IT INTO "A TOOL OF CERTAIN ARAB REGIMES." JORDAN WOULD MAKE EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT WITH HER ARAB BROTHERS TO AVERT THE DISASTER THREATENING THE PLO, WHILE TRUSTING IN THE CAPABILITY OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND ARAB WORLD TO FRUSTRATE CURRENT MOVES AGAINST THE PLO AND TO PRESERVE THE INDEPENDENCE OF DECISION OF THE PALESTINIANS.

3. THE PRESS ALSO REPORTED THAT KING HUSSEIN HAD TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS ON 22 JUNE WITH KING FAHD AND PRESIDENT SADDAM AND ON 23 JUNE WITH THE EMIR OF QATAR ON THIS SUBJECT. THE HEADS OF STATE REPORTEDLY AGREED TO STAY IN TOUCH.

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