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1. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM RECENT STATEMENTS BY ARAFAT AND SARTAWI:

(A) ARAFAT ON WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS LEADERS' STATEMENT OF 2 JULY (PARIS TELNO 694): QUOTE THIS CONSTITUTES A POSITIVE INITIATIVE TOWARDS A JUST AND LASTING PEACE UNQUOTE.

(B) ARAFAT TO AVNERI, LONDON TIMES 8 JULY: QUOTE WE HAVE DECLARED OUR APPROVAL FOR THE AMERICAN-SOVIET STATEMENT OF 1977..... WHEN WE HAVE SAID OK TO THIS INITIATIVE, THIS MEANS WE HAVE ACCEPTED ALL ITS ITEMS UNQUOTE (IE INCLUDING TERMINATION OF THE STATE OF WAR AND ESTABLISHMENT OF NORMAL PEACEFUL RELATIONS ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE).

(C) SARTAWI IN PARIS 13 JULY: QUOTE THE PLO HAS FORMALLY CONCEDED TO ISRAEL IN THE MOST UNEQUIVOCAL MANNER THE RIGHT TO EXIST ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS IN SOVEREIGNTY AND WITHIN SECURE BORDERS UNQUOTE. (PARIS TELNO 725 ALSO BEING COPIED TO YOU.)

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