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TELNO 332 OF 26 NOVEMBER

INFO IMMEDIATE RABAT, ALGIERS, AMMAN, JEDDA, TUNIS

INFO PRIORITY OTHER ME POSTS, WASHINGTON, UKMIS NEWYORK, PARIS.

YOUR TELNO 851 TO RABAT.

VISIT BY ARAB LEAGUE DELEGATION: PLO REPRESENTATIVE.

1. ACTION TAKEN WITH QADDOUNI THIS EVENING 26TH.
2. AFTER READING TEXT OF PROPOSED STATEMENT QADDOUNI FLATLY REJECTED IT. HE SAID IT WAS SIMPLY A REPETITION OF YOUR CONDITIONS FOR MEETING ARAFAT AND AS SUCH WAS UNACCEPTABLE. BRITAIN WAS ACTING AS PROXY FOR ISRAEL.
3. QADDOUNI THEN TELEPHONED ARAFAT IN MY PRESENCE AND GAVE HIM THE COPY OF THE TEXT... (REMAINS IN THE REFERENCE TO ISRAELI'S RIGHTS)

3. CAUDOUNI THEN TELEPHONED ARAFAT IN MY PRESENCE AND GAVE HIM THE GIST OF THE TEXT (EMPHASISING REFERENCE TO ISRAEL'S RIGHTS AND COMPARING OUR PROPOSALS WITH THOSE HE SAID MR. DENNIS WALTERS MP HAD PUT TO ARAFAT IN BEIRUT SOME TIME AGO). HE THEN TOLD ME THAT ARAFAT CONFIRMED PLO REJECTION OF THE PROPOSED STATEMENT.

4. THOUGH CAUDOUNI'S MANNER WAS FRIENDLY THROUGHOUT, THERE WAS LITTLE OR NO ROOM FOR ARGUMENT. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION HE SAID HE DID NOT THINK THAT OTHER PARTICIPANTS WOULD AGREE TO REMAINDER OF PROGRAMME (PARA 4 OF TUR).

LUCAS

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