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ARAB LEAGUE DELEGATION

1. ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED TODAY TEXT OF FOREIGN  
MINISTRY STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE COMMITTEE OF SEVEN WILL  
NOT BE GOING TO LONDON IN VIEW OF BRITAIN'S REFUSAL TO ACCEPT A  
PLO REPRESENTATIVE. IN THE LIGHT OF THIS, ALGERIA REGARDS SUCH A  
VISIT AS A WASTE OF TIME.

2. THE ARABIC DAILY ADDS A DISOBLIGING STATEMENT BY ARAFAT.

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3. THERE IS NO REFERENCE TO OUR TERMS, NOR TO YOUR MESSAGE TO FOREIGN MINISTERS WHICH THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND CHIEF OF PROTOCOL HAVE TOLD ME THEY FIND MOST OFFENSIVE.

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