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MY JANUARY 24 TELECON GREENSTOCK: ARAB LEAGUE DELEGATION VISIT
 TO LONDON

1. TODAY'S LOCAL PAPERS CARRY AN AFP REPORT OF REMARKS
 MADE BY ARAFAT IN ADEN YESTERDAY. HE SAID THAT THE PLO WOULD
 BE REPLYING NEXT WEEK TO QUOTE THE NEW BRITISH PROPOSAL
 UNQUOTE ABOUT PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE DELEGATION. THIS
 PROPOSAL HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN HIM
 AND KING HASSAN. THE PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATIVE ON
 THE DELEGATION WOULD NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE PLO THOUGH NOT
 NECESSARILY ONE OF ITS TOP PEOPLE (QUOTE INSTANCES DIRIGEANTES
 UNQUOTE). THE SAME AFP REPORT SAYS THAT BOTH MILHEM AND
 KAWASMEH DENIED THAT THEY HAD BEEN NOMINATED AS PALESTINIAN
 REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE VISIT TO LONDON. NEITHER THE
 PLO NOR THE COMMITTEE OF SEVEN HAD ASKED THEM TO TAKE PART.

2. I LEARNED LAST NIGHT THAT BOUCETTA FLEW WITH PRINCE SAUD TO
 SAUDI ARABIA. HE WILL BE IN RABAT LATER TODAY AND I HAVE
 ASKED TO SEE HIM. WHAT PRECISELY TRANSPIRED BETWEEN
 ARAFAT AND HASSAN IS BEING KEPT VERY CLOSE HERE. TAZI, WHOM I
 SAW YESTERDAY, PROFESSED TO KNOW NOTHING. EVEN MY WELL-INFORMED
 JORDANIAN COLLEAGUE IS IN THE DARK. HE TOLD ME YESTERDAY THAT
 THE PLO HAD BEEN QUOTE VERY DIFFICULT UNQUOTE AT THE
 MARRAKESH MEETINGS, NOT ONLY AS REGARDS THE COMMITTEE OF SEVEN VISIT
 IN LONDON QUOTE BUT OVER EVERYTHING UNQUOTE.

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