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PRIME MINISTER

Arab League Delegation

The Moroccans have told us that King Hassan would like to bring his delegation to London on 18 March and have further informed us that the Palestinian will be Milhem.

The Moroccan Government want to announce this this evening. They will not today state that Milhem will be a member of the delegation but will let this become known in a few days time.

You can manage 18 March. It is one of the days we have been keeping in reserve for King Hassan. There is a minor complication in that Gaston Thorn was coming to lunch then but he has always known that if the Arab League Delegation elected for that day we should have to make different arrangements for him.

I have agreed with the Foreign Office that they should raise no objection to the Moroccan announcement because they at last seem to be taking a sensible view. Of course, it remains to be seen whether they have really squared this with the other Arabs.

AJC

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