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ARAB LEAGUE VISIT

Following the plenary session here this morning, the Prime Minister had a very brief tete-a-tete discussion with King Hussein. She told me afterwards that the King's main point was that he was getting very little support from other Arab countries in his efforts to put together a Jordanian/Palestinian negotiating team on the Arab/Israel question. In particular, King Fahd was communicating separately with the Americans in an unhelpful way and was doing little to support the Jordanian objective.

Before the lunch for the Arab League delegation the Prime Minister had a brief informal word with the Syrian Foreign Minister. Mr. Khaddam raised the question of the supply to Syria of night vision equipment for helicopters. He claimed that two or three years ago the United Kingdom had agreed to supply this equipment but had then gone back on its agreement. The Prime Minister said that she would look into this matter. I should be grateful to know what the position is and for advice on how a reply should be sent to Mr. Khaddam.

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