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THE PRESIDENT

From

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l. Habib's Talks in Jordan. Phil Habib met today with King Hussein, who was very pleased by your kind words about him and Jordan. Phil explained our view of the cease-fire and solicited Jordanian help in forestalling a dangerous blow-up. Hussein believes Syria has decided to send PLO elements into Israel through Jordanian territory to provoke a conflict between Israel and Jordan. The King is determined to stop such infiltration; he would be grateful if we would provide specific equipment to help him do so. (We offered such help to the King February 4, in the aftermath of the last attempt.) Phil discussed the importance of re-engaging the Saudis and Kuwaitis in efforts to improve the Lebanese internal situation. The Foreign Minister (with the King nodding assent) suggested mobilizing Saudi and Gulf pressure on Syria, the ultimate purpose being a Syrian withdrawal from Lebanon. (SECRET/SENSITIVE)

- 2. FRANCE Preparing for the Mitterrand Visit. My meeting with the new French Ambassador today gave me the opportunity to discuss the topics you would probably raise with Mitterrand next week. I said that some aspects of French foreign policy pleased us but others did not--especially French actions on Central America. You would also want to discuss cooperation in confronting international terrorism, especially in light of the assassination of Colonel Ray. Other issues would be the Middle East, including the situation in Lebanon, the Western response to the Polish situation, and the importance of Alliance unity. Vernier-Palliez asked for our reaction to Lopez Portillo's speech. While not negative, I said that we had some questions about it which we would take up with the Mexican Foreign Minister. (SECRET/SENSITIVE)
- 3. Reactions to Measures on Libya. Initial consultations on Libya with allies and friendly states have met with considerable understanding. The British were pleased that we have avoided actions which could cause potential conflict over the issue of "extraterritoriality"; they were conscious of our request not to undermine U.S. sanctions. A senior French official said that France "would not envision" taking similar steps but indicated that French-Libyan relations would "develop very slowly." The Italians, while generally agreeing with our appraisal of the Libyan threat, believe that dialogue with Qadhafi should be maintained. State and Commerce officials also met today with industry representatives, who agreed with our purposes but were skeptical about the likely effects on Qadhafi. Many anticipated that allied competitors would move in quickly to take up the slack. (S)

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