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((TEXT)) ((QUESTION)) WHAT WOULD YOUR ATTITUDE BE IF, DESPITE
YOUR PREDICTIONS, ISRAEL CONSENTED TO RETURN TO ITS 1967 BORDERS
AND THE PALESTINIANS MANAGED TO SET UP THEIR STATE ON THE WEST
BANK AND IN GAZA?

((ANSWER)) THOSE PALESTINIANS WHO FAVOR THIS PLAN ASSURE
ME THAT THEY WOULD ACCEPT NOTHING LESS THAN A STATE ENDOWED
WITH ALL THE ATTRIBUTES OF SOVEREIGNTY, INCLUDING THE MILITARY
RESOURCES TO PURSUE THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE ZIONIST ENTITY.
IF IT IS TRUE THAT SUCH A STATE WOULD TRIGGER OFF THE PROCESS OF
FREEING THE WHOLE OF PALESTINE, THAT IT WOULD SIGNAL THE DEATH
TOLL FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL, I WOULD NOT OPPOSE ITS CREATION...

((QUESTION)) IN A SENSE YOU ARE SHOWING THAT THE ISRAELIS WHO
REJECT THE CREATION OF A PALESTINIAN STATE ARE RIGHT...

((ANSWER)) I REPEAT, THE ZIONIST ENTITY WANTS NOTHING TO
DO WITH ANY SETTLEMENT, WHATEVER IT IS. CONSEQUENTLY, I
BELIEVE THAT THE PALESTINIANS SHOULD CONTINUE THEIR STRUGGLE AND
WIN THEIR RIGHT TO AN AUTONOMOUS EXISTENCE, BOTH IN WARTIME AND
PEACETIME. THEY OUGHT TO BE ABLE, SIMULTANEOUSLY OR AS ALTERNATIVES,
TO FIGHT AND NEGOTIATE WITH THEIR ENEMIES, DIRECTLY AND ON AN
EQUAL FOOTING, WITHOUT BEING DEPENDENT ON THE ARAB STATES OR THE
GREAT POWERS, WHOSE CONCERNS ARE ALIEN TO PALESTINIAN ASPIRATIONS.
THIS IS WHY I DO NOT BELIEVE IN THE ABSOLUTE MERITS OF THE
GENEVA CONFERENCE...

((QUESTION)) IN YOUR OPINION, THEREFORE, SOVIET POLICY TOWARD
THE CONFLICT HARDLY DIFFERS FROM THAT OF THE UNITED STATES...

((ANSWER)) NOT AT ALL. THE RESPECTIVE POSITIONS OF THESE
TWO POWERS ARE A LONG WAY FROM EACH OTHER. THE USSR RECOGNIZES
THE PALESTINIANS' RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND AT LEAST
PROVIDES ARMS FOR THE FEDAYEEN ORGANIZATIONS. THE UNITED STATES

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HAS IGNORED THE EXISTENCE OF THE PLO TO DATE. THE DIFFERENCE
IS CONSIDERABLE....

THE USSR IS A SINCERE FRIEND ((SUBHEAD))

((QUESTION)) YOUR RELATIONS WITH THE USSR HAVE IMPROVED.
DID YOU NOT DENOUNCE IN THE PAST THE "IMPERIALISM" AND "ATHEISM"
OF THE SOVIET?

(PRESIDENT AL-QADHDHAFI BURSTS OUT LAUGHING.)

((ANSWER)) YOU HAVE A GOOD MEMORY! THAT IS TRUE, BUT EXPERIENCE
HAS SHOWN US THAT THE USSR IS A SINCERE FRIEND, IT DOES NOT
MEDDLE IN OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND IT FIGHTS ALONGSIDE US AGAINST
IMPERIALISM, COLONIAL EXPLOITATION AND RACISM, AS WELL AS IN FAVOR
OF FREEDOM AND PEACE. AS FOR THE RELIGIOUS QUESTION, IT IS
A MATTER FOR THE INDIVIDUAL CONSCIENCE AND HAS NOTHING TO DO
WITH HUMANITY'S GREAT CAUSES. THERE ARE MILLIONS OF PRACTISING MUSLIMS
IN THE USSR AND PROBABLY AS MANY ATHEISTS, BUT THIS DOES NOT INFLUENCE
SOVIET POLICY OR THE COURSE OF WORLD AFFAIRS.

((QUESTION)) YOU TRIED IN VAIN TO NORMALIZE YOUR RELATIONS WITH
THE UNITED STATES FOLLOWING THE ACCESSION TO POWER OF PRESIDENT
CARTER, WHY?

((ANSWER)) THERE IS NO REAL PROBLEM BETWEEN US AND THE AMERICANS.
THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD US IS UNFORTUNATELY BASED ON MALICIOUS
PROPAGANDA. WE INVITED THEM TO HOLD TALKS, POINTING OUT THAT OUR
DIFFERENCES OF OPINION DID NOT JUSTIFY THE TENSION IN OUR RELATIONS.
THEY TURNED A DEAF EAR AND CONTINUE TO INFLICT SANCTIONS UPON US,
THEY REFUSE TO DELIVER TRANSPORT PLANES TO US WHICH WE HAVE PAID
FOR IN CASH, WHILE ARMING MANY COUNTRIES WHICH THREATEN
WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY. THEY STILL FORBID US TO APPOINT AN
AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON. YET THEY BUY ONE HALF OF OUR OIL AND
THEIR COMPANIES MAKE SUBSTANTIAL PROFITS IN LIBYA. THE ATTITUDE
OF THE UNITED STATES IS BOTH CHILDISH AND UNWORTHY OF A GREAT
POWER.

((QUESTION)) WASHINGTON CONSIDERS THAT YOU ARE THE INSTIGATOR
AND FINANCER OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST NETWORKS....

(COLONEL AL-QADHDHAFI BECOMES INDIGNANT.)

((ANSWER)) THAT IS RIDICULOUS! I DEFFY ANYONE TO FURNISH THE
SLIGHTEST PROOF TO SUPPORT THIS ACCUSATION. IT WAS LIBYA NOT
THE UNITED STATES, WHICH ENACTED HARSH LAWS TO QUELL TERRORISM.
I KNOW, I KNOW, AS-SADAT IS OBSESSED BY THE IDEA THAT I AM
HARBORING CARLOS. YET CARLOS KILLED A LIBYAN PERSONALITY DURING
THE ATTACK AGAINST THE OPEC HEADQUARTERS IN VIENNA. IF HE
FELL INTO MY HANDS I WOULD BRING HIM TO JUSTICE. LET US BE
SERIOUS; IF IT WERE TRUE THAT WE HAVE BECOME CARLOS' ACCOMPLICES,
WHY HAS HE NOT CONDUCTED ANY TERRORIST OPERATION SINCE THEN?
I DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW THE UNITED STATES COULD BE INFLUENCED BY
AS-SADAT'S NONSENSE....

((QUESTION)) TO WHAT DO YOU ATTRIBUTE WASHINGTON'S ENMITY
TOWARD YOU THEREFORE?

((ANSWER)) PRESIDENT CARTER DECLARED AT THE START OF HIS MANDATE
THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD REFRAIN FROM SUPPORTING DICTATORSHIPS
ON THE PRETEXT THAT THE LATTER ARE FIGHTING AGAINST COMMUNISM.
I NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT AMERICA PERSISTS IN KEEPING AFLOAT FASCIST
AND RACIST REGIMES WHICH TRAMPLE OVER HUMAN RIGHTS. I EXPLAIN
WASHINGTON'S ENMITY TOWARD US BY THE FACT THAT LIBYA HAS PLACED
ITSELF RESOLUTELY IN THE OPPOSING CAMP--THAT OF THE ANTI-
IMPERIALISTS.

CONFLICTS IN THE HORN OF AFRICA ((SUBHEAD))

PRESIDENT AL-QADHDHAFI DENOUNCED A "PLOT BY WESTERN
IMPERIALISM" AIMED AT MAINTAINING HOTBEDS OF WAR IN THE HORN
OF AFRICA WITH A VIEW TO "DIVIDING PROGRESSIVE FORCES." "IS IT
NOT STRANGE," HE STATED "THAT REVOLUTIONARY ETHIOPIA HAS TO
FIGHT AGAINST ADVERSARIES AS PROGRESSIVE AS ITSELF--SOMALIA ON

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THE ONE HAND AND THE ERITREAN MOVEMENT ON THE OTHER?

"WE ARE WORKING WITH A VIEW TO BRINGING THESE CONFLICTS, ALL THE PARTICIPANTS IN WHICH ARE OUR FRIENDS, TO AN END," HE ADDED. "ARMED CONTEST MUST BE REPLACED WITH DIALOG. SURELY, A FORMULA SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THE TOTAL INDEPENDENCE DEMANDED BY THE ERITREANS AND THE INTERNAL AUTONOMY OFFERED BY THE ETHIOPIANS COULD BE FOUND. IT IS TRUE THAT THE DISPUTE BETWEEN MOGADISCIO AND ADDIS ABABA IS MORE COMPLEX. TRUE, ETHIOPIA IS A CONGLOMERATE OF ETHNIC GROUPS AND PEOPLES PROFESSING DIFFERENT RELIGIONS AND SPEAKING DIFFERENT LANGUAGES, AND THE AMPUTATION OF OGADEN COULD SERVE AS A PRECEDENT FOR COMPLETELY DISMEMBERING THE FORMER ABYSSINIAN EMPIRE. AND IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT IN GENERAL IT IS PREFERABLE TO ABIDE BY THE PRINCIPLE OF THE INVIOABILITY OF BORDERS INHERITED FROM THE PAST. BUT THERE ARE SPECIAL CASES AND I AM CONVINCED THAT IF THIS DISPUTE IS ONE OF THEM, A COMPROMISE BETWEEN SOMALIA AND ETHIOPIA COULD BE ACHIEVED." 25-26 SEP
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