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BODY

COUNTRY: LIBYA
SUBJ: TAKE 1 OF 15 -- AL-QADHDHAFI ON EGYPT, OTHER ISSUES
REF: 1. JN2810163489 FYI ON AL-QADHDHAFI AL-MUSAWWAR INTERVIEW
2. NC2510160389 AND ADDS CAIRO MENA ARABIC 251500 --
AL-QADHDHAFI AL-MUSAWWAR INTERVIEW

SOURCE: CAIRO AL-MUSAWWAR IN ARABIC 27 OCT 89 PP 4-12

TEXT:

(((INTERVIEW WITH LIBYAN LEADER COLONEL (MU'AMMAR AL-QADHDHAFI) BY
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF MAKRAM MUHAMMAD AHMAD IN BANGHAZI -- DATE NOT
GIVEN)))

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((TEXT)) AL-MUSAWWAR: YOUR EXCELLENCY THE COLONEL: WITH
RELATIONS NOW BACK TO NORMAL, WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS FOR EGYPTIAN-
LIBYAN TIES AFTER YOUR TALKS WITH PRESIDENT MUBARAK IN MARSA MATRUH
AND TOBRUK?

THE COLONEL: IT IS NECESSARY FOR ME TO POINT OUT, TO BEGIN WITH,
THAT THE PROBLEMS WITH EGYPT WERE ROOTED IN OUR DIFFERENCES O.ER THE

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PAN-ARAB ISSUE. EGYPT HAD ITS VIEWPOINT, AND WE HAD OUR DIFFERENT VIEWPOINT, AND SO THERE WAS A CLASH IN OUR PERCEPTIONS. THE ISSUE WAS NOT -- AS SOME HAVE SOUGHT TO PORTRAY IT -- ONE OF DISAGREEMENT AS TO LEADERSHIP BETWEEN ONE ARAB COUNTRY AND ANOTHER. THE DISAGREEMENT HAD A PAN-ARAB DIMENSION BEYOND THE SCOPE OF EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN RELATIONS. I THINK THE MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT MUBARAK IN CASABLANCA AND LATER IN MARSA MATRUH AND TOBRUK HAVE PRODUCED QUITE A SUBSTANTIAL DEGREE OF UNDERSTANDING OVER THE PAN-ARAB PROBLEM, THUS MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO PROCEED TOGETHER UNHINDERED, HAND IN HAND, TOWARD THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE OF EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN RELATIONS AND IN THE INTEREST OF COMMON ARAB ACTION.

AL-MUSAWWAR: YOUR EXCELLENCY THE COLONEL: THE MARSA MATRUH AND TOBRUK SESSIONS HAVE PRODUCED AGREEMENT ON A NUMBER OF PHYSICAL, CONCRETE MEASURES THAT DIRECTLY AFFECT THE INTERESTS OF CITIZENS IN THE TWO COUNTRIES. PERHAPS THERE WERE NO BANNER HEADLINES; MAYBE THE RESULTS DID NOT MEASURE UP TO YOUR EXPECTATIONS REGARDING THE UNITY ISSUE: IN THE END, THOUGH, WE NOW HAVE PRACTICAL STEPS LAYING DOWN SOUND FOUNDATIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE TWO PEOPLES.

THE COLONEL: THAT IS CORRECT. IN THE PAST, WE HOPED THAT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE POLITICAL RANKS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES WAS THE RIGHT APPROACH TO BUILDING COMMON INTERESTS. THIS HAS NOT SUCCEEDED, HOWEVER. NOW WE ARE TRYING TO LEARN FROM THE PAST. I THINK THE REALISTIC START WE MADE IN MARSA MATRUH AND TOBRUK HAS PUT US ON THE RIGHT TACK, INSTEAD OF IGNORING REALITY. WE HAVE BEGUN REMOVING THE STUMBLING BLOCKS PREVENTING THE JOINING TOGETHER OF THE INTERESTS OF ORDINARY CITIZENS IN BOTH COUNTRIES. ONLY SUCH LINKS CAN BUILD THE JOINT INFRASTRUCTURE ON WHICH TO BUILD POLITICAL RELATIONS. I DO NOT FORESEE ANY UNDUE DIFFICULTY IN THE TWO COUNTRIES COMPLEMENTING EACH OTHER IN THE FUTURE. AFTER ALL, WE ARE ONE PEOPLE AND PART OF ONE NATION WITH SHARED INTERESTS -- NOT TO MENTION OUR COMMON DESTINY AND FUTURE. THE BARBED WIRE ERECTED BY THE ITALIANS ALONG OUR BORDER IS AN ARTIFICIAL BARRIER; WE ARE ONE PEOPLE AND OURS IS ONE LAND.

I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO DIFFICULTY WITH EGYPT. ALL WE DID IN MARSA MATRUH AND TOBRUK WAS PUT THINGS BACK IN THEIR PROPER PERSPECTIVE, SINCE, GEOGRAPHICALLY AND DEMOGRAPHICALLY, THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE IN REALITY ONE NATION.

I DO NOT SEE ANY PROBLEM THERE -- THE MESHING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PEOPLES GOES FAR BACK INTO HISTORY. BEFORE THE ESTRANGEMENT IN RELATIONS, THE EGYPTIANS SHOWED PREFERENCE FOR LIBYA AS A PLACE OF WORK, AND LIBYAN TRAVELLERS HEADED FOR EGYPT BOTH FOR RECREATION AND MEDICAL TREATMENT. RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PEOPLES WERE DEEP AND EXTENSIVE. IF WE HAD BANNED ALL THIS DURING THE RUPTURE IN RELATIONS, CERTAINLY IT WAS AN ARBITRARY BAN. IT WAS THEREFORE IMPORTANT TO MAKE THE RIGHT START. WE HAD TO START FROM RECOGNIZING THE RIGHT TO WORK AND THE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND RESIDENCE. WE HAD TO PROCEED BASED ON THE JOINT INTERESTS OF THE TWO PEOPLES.

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PEOPLES

TEXT:

((TEXT)) AL-MUSAWWAR: YOUR EXCELLENCY THE COLONEL, HOW COULD THREE MEETINGS END AN ESTRANGEMENT THAT LASTED 16 YEARS UNLESS THERE WAS A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING? WHAT ARE THE LIMITS OF THE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING REACHED BETWEEN YOU AND PRESIDENT MUBARAK?

THE COLONEL: FIRST, I HAVE KNOWN PRESIDENT MUBARAK SINCE HE WAS COMMANDER OF THE AIR FORCE, AND PROBABLY BEFORE THAT. HE ALSO HAS KNOWN ME FOR A LONG TIME. I BELIEVE THAT WE BOTH HAVE GOOD IMPRESSIONS ABOUT THE OTHER BECAUSE WE COOPERATED TOGETHER DURING A PERIOD OF BROTHERHOOD AND SYMPATHY BEFORE THE ESTRANGEMENT.

DURING THAT PERIOD, IN THE TIME OF PRESIDENTS 'ABD-AL-NASIR AND AL-SADAT, COOPERATION BETWEEN US WAS VERY STRONG. EGYPT COULD ASK FOR ANYTHING FROM LIBYA AND THERE WOULD BE AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE, AND LIBYA COULD ASK FOR ANYTHING FROM EGYPT AND THERE WOULD BE A QUICK RESPONSE. PRESIDENT MUBARAK PROBABLY KNOWS BEST ABOUT THE AID THAT LIBYA PROVIDED FOR THE SAKE OF THE PAN-ARAB BATTLE.

WHEN PRESIDENT MUBARAK ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY, UNDER CRITICAL EGYPTIAN AND ARAB CIRCUMSTANCES, WE HAD A SINCERE DESIRE TO END ALL THE PROBLEMS THAT HAD ARISEN WITH EGYPT BECAUSE OF DIFFERENCES ON THE PAN-ARAB CAUSE. AN INDIRECT DIALOGUE TOOK PLACE BETWEEN US THROUGH SEVERAL ENVOYS AND INTERMEDIARIES, BUT CIRCUMSTANCES DID NOT HELP IT SUCCEED.

ON THE ONE HAND, EGYPT HAD NEW CONNECTIONS, WHICH COULD NOT BE IGNORED. ON THE OTHER, WE WERE LOOKING UPON EGYPT AS IF NOTHING HAD CHANGED AND AS IF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION WAS AN EXTENSION OF THE OLD ONE. THE MISTAKE WAS THAT WE LOOKED UPON EGYPT DURING MUBARAK'S TIME AS AN EXTENSION OF THE AL-SADAT PERIOD. THIS CONTINUED TO BE THE CASE UNTIL MATTERS WERE CLARIFIED AND IT BECAME OBVIOUS THAT UNDER PRESIDENT MUBARAK, EGYPT WAS GOING THROUGH A DIFFERENT PHASE.

OUR DIRECT MEETING IN CASABLANCA HAS PAVED THE WAY FOR OUR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. THIS IS BECAUSE IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE, IN THE CLIMATE OF EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN RELATIONS, TO LEARN ABOUT, OR UNDERSTAND MATTERS AS THEY REALLY WERE THROUGH THE MEDIA, WHICH WERE THEN ENGAGED IN MUTUAL BATTLES.

WE MET IN CASABLANCA, AND IN THAT DIRECT MEETING, I UNDERSTOOD THE MAN'S STANDING AND POSITION. I MAY EVEN SAY THAT I VALUED THAT POSITION HIGHLY. PRESIDENT MUBARAK BELIEVED THAT THE TIMES HAD CHANGED AND THAT THE ISSUE WAS NO LONGER ONE OF AN ENEMY AND ARMS. HE BELIEVED THAT AGREEMENT ON THE SUPREME OBJECTIVES DOES NOT PREVENT US FROM USING DIFFERENT METHODS TO ACHIEVE THOSE OBJECTIVES. HE BELIEVED THAT ARAB SOLIDARITY WAS CAPABLE OF GUARANTEEING PAN-ARAB RIGHTS. HE ALSO BELIEVED THAT THE CURRENT PERIOD SHOULD NOT BE ONE OF WAILING AND SHOUTING, BUT A PERIOD OF CULTURAL BUILDING, BECAUSE WITHOUT ECONOMIC, TECHNOLOGICAL, AND CULTURAL EXCELLENCE, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR US TO TALK ABOUT OUR ABILITY TO FACE FUTURE CHALLENGES.

IN CASABLANCA, OUR VIEWS WERE IN AGREEMENT ON MEANS TO CONFRONT FUTURE CHALLENGES, ON THE NATURE OF THE COMING AGE, AND ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CULTURAL BATTLE IN WINNING A SECURE AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE FOR THE ARABS. THIS IS BECAUSE PARITY BETWEEN US AND ISRAEL CANNOT BE ACHIEVED BY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF SOLDIERS OR WEAPONS.

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BUT, IT CAN BE ACHIEVED THROUGH ECONOMIC POWER, TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITY, AND CULTURAL EXCELLENCE.

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COUNTRY: LIBYA

SUBJ: TAKE 3 OF 15 -- AL-QADHDHAFI ON EGYPT, OTHER ISSUES

REF: JN2810183089 CAIRO AL-MUSAWWAR ARABIC 27 OCT///AND
CULTURAL EXCELLENCE.

TEXT:

((TEXT)) ((AL-QADHDHAFI CONTINUES)) WE HAVE DISCOVERED HERE THAT OUR INSISTENCE ON BOYCOTTING EGYPT MEANS HELPING THE ISRAELIS TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS. WE HAVE DISCOVERED THAT WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW THE ISRAELIS TO BE AN OBSTACLE TO ARAB SOLIDARITY AND UNITY, BECAUSE BY ACCEPTING SUCH A ROLE FOR THE ISRAELIS, WE ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS FOR THEM. THEY WERE HAPPY WHEN THEY OPENED AN EMBASSY IN EGYPT AND CAUSED A BOYCOTT BETWEEN EGYPT AND THE ARABS. THEY ALSO CAUSED AN ESTRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE EGYPTIAN AND LIBYAN PEOPLES, WHO ARE THE TWO CLOSEST ARAB PEOPLES.

WE MAY DISAGREE OVER THE EXISTENCE OF THAT EMBASSY IN CAIRO, BUT THIS IS NOT THE END OF THE ROAD. I CAN FINALLY SAY THAT OUR ARAB WILL HAS PREVAILED THROUGH THIS MEETING, DESPITE THE EXISTENCE OF AN ISRAELI EMBASSY IN CAIRO.

AL-MUSAWWAR: YOUR EXCELLENCY THE COLONEL, DO YOU NOT BELIEVE THAT THE ARABS HAVE THE RIGHT TO A JUST PEACE THAT WILL FULFIL THE PALESTINIANS' NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS AND WILL BRING STABILITY TO THE REGION?

THE COLONEL: THE PROBELEM IS THAT THE ISRAELIS DO NOT WANT PEACE. AT LEAST THIS IS WHAT I BELIEVE. IT IS THEY WHO COMMITTED AGRESSION IN 1948 AND THEY HAVE STARTED ALL THE WARS IN PALESTINE . THEY HAVE BOMBED CAIRO, DAMASCUS, BAGHDAD, TUNIS, BEIRUT, AND LIBYA, WHILE NOT ONE OF OUR PLANES HAS RAIDED ANY OF THEIR CITIES. I BELIEVE THEY WILL FIGHT US AGAIN AND THEY WILL NOT RESPOND TO ANY PEACE CALLS BECAUSE WAR HAS BECOME PART OF THE ISRAELI SOCIETY.

AL-MUSAWWAR: YOUR EXCELLENCY THE COLONEL, I HAVE A DIRECT QUESTION. WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM EGYPT, AND HOW DO YOU VIEW ITS ROLE IN THE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES?

THE COLONEL: I WANT EGYPT TO MAINTAIN ITS ENTHUSIASM IN CALLING FOR AN ARAB UNITY. I WANT EGYPT TO PLAY A LEADING ROLE AND TO CONTINUE TO LEAD ARAB ACTION FROM THE OCEAN TO THE GULF. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS CALL CONFLICTS WITH EGYPT'S PEACE TREATY WITH ISRAEL. THE ISRAELIS HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ARAB NATION'S EFFORTS TO UNIFY ITSELF AND PROTECT ITS RIGHTS EFFECTIVELY IN A WORLD THAT HAS NO PLACE FOR SMALL ENTITIES.

AL-MUSAWWAR: YOUR EXCELLENCY THE COLONEL, THE VOICE OF ARAB UNITY HAS FADED AWAY SLIGHTLY BECAUSE THE ARAB MASSES HAVE REACHED THE BRINK OF DISPAIR AS A RESULT OF SEVERAL ABORTIVE UNIONIST EXPERIENCES.

THE COLONEL: EVEN IF THE ARAB MASSES HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED BY REPEATED FAILURES, CAIRO SHOULD PLAY A LEADING ROLE TO REGAIN THE CONFIDENCE OF THE ARAB MASSES IN THE SI JGANS ((OF ARAB UNITY --

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FBIS)) BECAUSE THIS AGE IS THE AGE OF LARGER ENTITIES.

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ENTITIES.

TEXT:

((TEXT)) AL-MUSAWWAR: YOUR EXCELLENCY THE COLONEL, WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THE GUARANTEES FOR THE CONTINUATION AND STABILITY OF EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN RELATIONS? -- FOR ALTHOUGH WHAT HAPPENED HAS RECEIVED AN ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME, THERE ARE STILL FEARS THAT SOMETHING COULD SUDDENLY CHANGE THE SHIP'S COURSE.

THE COLONEL: NO ONE HAS A CRYSTAL BALL TO PREDICT THE INTENTIONS OF THOSE WHO SEEK TO TORPEDO THIS RAPPROCHEMENT. ONLY GOD KNOWS THIS. I CAN SAY, HOWEVER, THAT, ON THE BASIS OF OUR INTENTIONS, CAPABILITIES, AND THE UNDERSTANDING REACHED BETWEEN PRESIDENT MUBARAK AND MYSELF IN CASABLANCA, MARSA MATRUH, AND TOBRUK, WE AGREE ON THE NEED TO WORK, AND TO PROTECT OUR WORK FROM ANY THREAT OF COLLAPSE. I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE HAD A RICH EXPERIENCE FROM WHICH WE HAVE LEARNED VALUABLE LESSONS. WE HAVE TRIED ESTRANGEMENT AND MEDIA CAMPAIGNS, AND PLANTED MINES IN BORDER AREAS. CAN WE DO MORE THAN WHAT WE HAVE ACTUALLY DONE? I SAY THAT IT WOULD BE RIDICULOUS AND POINTLESS TO RETURN TO INSULTS AND ESTRANGEMENT, OR TO IMPAIR OUR CAPABILITIES.

IT WAS ABNORMAL THAT TENSION PREVAILED ON THE EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN BORDER. IF YOU ASK AN EGYPTIAN SOLDIER STANDING BEHIND THE BARBED WIRE ABOUT HIS TRIBE, HE WILL SAY THAT HE IS FROM THE AL-QATA'INAH TRIBE. WHEN YOU ASK A LIBYAN SOLDIER ON THE OTHER SIDE, YOU WILL FIND THAT HE IS FROM THE SAME TRIBE. THEY ARE BOTH FROM THE SAME TRIBE. SO, HOW CAN A CONFRONTATION TAKE PLACE BETWEEN TWO BROTHERS?|

AL-MUSAWWAR: SOME OF THE RESOLUTIONS ANNOUNCED IN TOBRUK, FOR EXAMPLE THOSE ON ENTRY BY IDENTITY CARDS, THE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, WORK, TOURISM, AND MEDICAL TREATMENT, COULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED. HOWEVER, THE AGREEMENT ON LINKING THE TWO COUNTRIES BY RAILWAY BETWEEN AL-SALLUM AND TOBRUK WAS A SURPRISE. WHOSE IDEA WAS THIS, AND WHAT PURPOSE DOES THE AL-SALLUM-TOBRUK RAILWAY SERVE?

COLONEL AL-QADHDHAFI: THE RAILWAY WAS ALREADY THERE, BUT IT HAS BEEN NEGLECTED SINCE WORLD WAR II. WHEN PRESIDENT MUBARAK PROPOSED THE RENOVATION OF THE RAILWAY, HE ADDED A NEW ARTERY TO RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES; OR HE LINKED THE ONE BODY WITH A NEW ARTERY SO THAT THERE WOULD BE LAND, SEA, AND RAILWAY LINKS. THE OBJECTIVE IS TO SERVE THE PEOPLE'S INTERESTS BOTH HERE AND THERE, BECAUSE THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A LIBYAN AND AN EGYPTIAN. THEY ARE ONE PEOPLE. IF YOU ASK THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE AREA AROUND TOBRUK ABOUT THEIR ORIGINS, YOU WILL FIND THAT THEY BELONG TO THE AL-QATA'INAH, AL-DAB'AN, AND AWLAD 'ALI TRIBES -- THE TRIBES OF MARSA MATRUH, AL-SALLUM, AND THE WESTERN SAHARA. THEY ARE ALL OF THE SAME KIN AND BELONG TO ONE TRIBE. PERHAPS, YOU HAVE MET ENG AHMAD HILMI, WHO WAS A MINISTER OF LIGHT INDUSTRIES IN EGYPT. HE IS CURRENTLY OCCUPYING THE SAME POST IN LIBYA. IN LIGHT OF THIS, IT IS

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OUR DUTY TO PROMOTE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PEOPLE BOTH HERE AND THERE, BECAUSE IN THE END, THEY ARE ONE PEOPLE, AND LOVE EACH OTHER.

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TEXT:

((TEXT)) AL-MUSAWWAR: YOUR EXCELLENCY THE COLONEL, IS IT STILL PREMATURE TO ASK ABOUT THE CAUSES OF THE DELAY IN THE EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES? THE QUESTION IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE, IN MARSAH MATRUH AND TOBRUK, YOU MADE MANY DECISIONS WHOSE IMPLEMENTATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES MUST BE FOLLOWED UP.

THE COLONEL: PERHAPS YOU KNOW THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION BETWEEN EGYPT, LIBYA, AND SYRIA SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERATION OF ARAB REPUBLICS. WE HAVE NO AMBASSADOR IN DAMASCUS, AND SYRIA HAS NO AMBASSADOR IN LIBYA. THERE ARE REPRESENTATIVES AT LIAISON OFFICES IN THE TWO COUNTRIES. SIMILARLY, THERE IS NO DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION BETWEEN LIBYA AND TUNISIA. WE BOTH HAVE ENVOYS WHO HANDLE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO CAPITALS. I HAVE AGREED WITH PRESIDENT MUBARAK TO ESTABLISH FOLLOW-UP BUREAUS IN EGYPT AND LIBYA WHOSE TASK WILL BE TO FOLLOW UP IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS AND TO PREPARE FOR MEETINGS OF THE JOINT MINISTERIAL COMMITTEES.

AL-MUSAWWAR: WHAT WILL BE THE STRUCTURE OF THESE BUREAUS?

THE COLONEL: THEY WILL INCLUDE INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL HAVE COMPLETE AUTHORITY TO FOLLOW UP ON ALL BILATERAL ISSUES.

AL-MUSAWWAR: YOUR EXCELLENCY THE COLONEL: YOU HAVE FOUGHT MANY BATTLES TO ACCOMPLISH NUMEROUS UNITY PROJECTS. HOWEVER, UNITY WAS NOT ATTAINED, PERHAPS BECAUSE THE PREVAILING STATE OF AFFAIRS WAS MORE DIFFICULT. WHY DO YOU NOT REVIEW ALL PAST EXPERIMENTS, FOR SUCH A REVIEW MAY INDICATE TO US THE BEGINNING OF THE CORRECT SOLUTION?

THE COLONEL: THE TRUTH IS THAT OUR EXPERIENCE IS RICH WITH THE LESSONS WE HAVE LEARNED. EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE ARAB UNITY HAVE NOT BEEN IN VAIN. I CAN SEE THAT THEY HAVE NOT FAILED. THIS EXPERIENCE HAS BROUGHT ABOUT A HUGE ASSET FOR UNITY AND HAS LEFT A RICH HERITAGE OF UNITY, WHOSE IMPACT WE ARE NOW FEELING. ALL ARABS ARE NOW CONVINCED OF WHAT WE HAVE BEEN CALLING FOR OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS.

HAD THE ARABS CAST OFF THEIR DOUBTS ABOUT UNITY, WE WOULD BE LIVING NOW IN A STRONGER, MORE SECURE, AND MORE PRESTIGIOUS POSITION UNDER THE BANNER OF UNITY. I BELIEVE THAT THE ARAB POSITION IS NOW INCLINED TO ACCEPT UNITY ACTION MORE THAN AT ANY PREVIOUS TIME BECAUSE UNITY HAS BECOME A NECESSITY AND NOT ONLY AN EMOTIONAL DEMAND. THOSE WHO VIEWED IT IN THE PAST AS BEING AN EMOTIONAL DEMAND NOW BELIEVE THAT IT HAS BECOME A NECESSITY OF DAILY LIFE. IN A FEW YEARS, THE GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL (GCC) AND THE ARAB COOPERATION COUNCIL ((ACC)) WERE ESTABLISHED, AND THE ARAB MAGHREB UNION ((UMA)) IS NOW BEING FORMED. IN THE PAST, IT WAS DIFFICULT TO

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MAKE FOUR OR FIVE COUNTRIES WORK TOWARD THE SAME OBJECTIVE. THE PICTURE IS DIFFERENT NOW BECAUSE ALL ARE CONVINCED THAT SEVERAL CRUCIAL ISSUES THE ARAB NATION CURRENTLY FACES CAN ONLY BE SOLVED PROPERLY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF UNIONIST ACTION.

WHO WOULD HAVE BELIEVED THAT THE ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL WOULD FINALLY APPROVE A LIBYAN DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR CHANGING THE ARAB LEAGUE CHARTER TO MAKE THE ARAB SUMMIT A PRESIDUM COMPOSED OF THE ARAB PRIME MINISTERS; AN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL COMPOSED OF THE COMPETENT ARAB MINISTERS; SPECIALIZED COUNCILS; A SPECIALIZED COUNCIL OF INDUSTRY MINISTERS; AND ANOTHER COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURE MINISTERS TO SUPPORT THE IDEA OF UNITY IN ITS ECONOMIC AND CONCRETE ASPECTS, SUCH AS JOINT VENTURES TO BIND ARAB COUNTRIES TOGETHER ON THE BASIS OF COMMON INTERESTS AND A SINGLE INFRASTRUCTURE?

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TEXT:

((TEXT)) AL-MUSAWWAR: YOUR EXCELLENCY THE COLONEL, OUR OBJECTIVES OF 20 YEARS AGO MAY HAVE BEEN THE RIGHT ONES. OUR APPROACHES TO THEM, THOUGH, MAY HAVE NOT BEEN REALISTIC. WE PERCEIVED UNITY AS A MERE POLITICAL OBJECT THAT REQUIRED NOTHING MORE THAN THE WILL OF THIS OR THAT GOVERNMENT FOR IT TO BE ACHIEVED.

THE COLONEL: IN FACT, THE GOALS WERE CORRECT. WAYS AND MEANS HAVE VARIED, HOWEVER. WE NOW HAVE TWO APPROACHES:

THE FIRST ARGUES THAT UNITED POLITICAL RANKS WOULD HELP CHANGE A PAROCHIAL, INWARD LOOKING STATE INTO A UNIONIST ONE. THAT WAS HOW WE APPROACHED OUR PAST UNITY ATTEMPTS. WE THOUGHT THAT HAVING POLITICAL LEADERS SHOULDER THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DECISIONS WOULD HELP UNIONIST STEPS FORWARD. THE PROBLEM WITH THIS APPROACH IS THAT THE FATE OF THE UNIONIST ENTITY WOULD BE SUBJECT TO RELATIONS AMONG TOP LEADERS. DIFFERENCES AMONG LEADERS WOULD SPELL THE END OF UNITY AND A BREAKUP OF THE UNIONIST ENTITY.

THE SECOND APPROACH IS THAT UNITY MUST START AT THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAIN AND ASCEND STEP BY STEP TOWARD THE SUMMIT. IT MUST BEGIN BY LINKING CITIZENS' INTERESTS THROUGH THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF ROAD AND ELECTRICITY NETWORKS AND THROUGH A COMPLEMENTARITY OF INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS OF THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN THE UNITY PLAN. THIS IS BECAUSE A NETWORK OF INTERESTS WILL SPUR THE MASSES TO DEFEND THE UNITY AND DEEPEN ITS ROOTS. IT IS FAIR TO SAY THAT BOTH APPROACHES HAVE THEIR PLUSES AND MINUSES. OPTING FOR EITHER OF THEM MUST DEPEND ON POLITICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

AL-MUSAWWAR: YOUR EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT: THE CALL FOR PAN-ARABISM COINCIDES WITH THE CALL FOR EUROPEAN UNITY. THE TWO BEGAN SIMULTANEOUSLY. WHILE EUROPE IS NOW NEARING FULL ECONOMIC UNITY AS THE YEAR 1992 APPROACHES, WE ARABS ARE STILL STAGGERING AT THE BEGINNING OF THE ROAD. HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THE SUCCESS OF THE EUROPEANS AND OUR FAILURE?

THE COLONEL: THE REASONS ARE WELL KNOWN. EUROPEAN UNITY HAS SUCCEEDED BECAUSE THERE IS A UNIFORM EUROPEAN SOCIAL FABRIC. NO

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GREAT DISPARITIES EXIST IN THE LEVELS OF PROGRESS OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. ALL OF THEM SHARE ONE SOCIAL SYSTEM. DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE EUROPEANS HAIL FROM DIFFERENT ETHNIC ORIGINS, NUMEROUS FACTORS HAVE HELPED CREATE CONDITIONS FAVORABLE TO UNITY. AS FOR US, IN SPITE OF OUR COMMON DESTINY AND LANGUAGE, AND OUR COMMON ETHNIC ORIGIN, WE ARE STILL HAMSTRUNG BY NUMEROUS CONTRADICTIONS, INCLUDING SOCIAL DISPARITIES. WE ARE ALSO HELD BACK BY DIVERGENT POLITICAL SYSTEMS. SOME ARABS WERE APPREHENSIVE ABOUT THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE OUT OF FEAR THAT A LIBERATED PALESTINE WOULD ADOPT A SOCIALIST LINE|

SOME ARABS BELIEVED THAT THEY HAD STRONGER AFFINITY FOR A WESTERN CAPITALIST COUNTRY THAN FOR A SISTERLY ARAB STATE OF A DIFFERENT POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY. SOME ARABS BELIEVED ANY SOCIALIST COUNTRY WAS CLOSER TO THEM THAN ANY SISTERLY ARAB STATE. NONETHELESS, NO ONE CAN IGNORE THE FACT THAT THE EUROPEANS HAVE DONE THE RIGHT THING BY FOCUSING ON THEIR JOINT INTERESTS AND GRADUATING FROM ECONOMICS TO POLITICS, AND BY STARTING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LADDER TO REACH THE TOP.

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TEXT:

((TEXT)) AL-MUSAWWAR: YOUR EXCELLENCY THE COLONEL, THERE ARE NOW THREE NEW REGIONAL ENTITIES ON THE ARAB ARENA -- THE GCC, THE ACC, AND THE UMA. DO YOU BELIEVE THESE NEW REGIONAL ENTITIES WILL HELP ESTABLISH ARAB UNITY? DO YOU THINK THAT THESE ENTITIES HAVE CHOSEN A MORE REALISTIC AND PRACTICAL COURSE BY CONCENTRATING ON THE NEED TO ESTABLISH A SOUND BASE, BEGINNING WITH COORDINATION AND LEADING TO INTEGRATION AND UNITY?

THE COLONEL: IF THESE ENTITIES SUCCEEDED IN CARRYING OUT THEIR DECLARED PROGRAMS, PARTICULARLY IN ECONOMIC COOPERATION, THEN THEY WILL HAVE TAKEN AN IMPORTANT STEP IN THE ARABS' MARCH TOWARD UNITY. THEY WILL CERTAINLY MOVE THE ARAB SITUATION TO A BETTER POSITION BECAUSE UNDERSTANDING AMONG THREE OR FOUR ARAB ENTITIES IS FAR BETTER THAN UNDERSTANDING AMONG 21 STATES.

IN ANY CASE, WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT UNITY IS THE ULTIMATE GOAL FOR THESE NEW ENTITIES. THIS IS BECAUSE, WITHOUT JOINT COORDINATION AMONG THESE ENTITIES, DIVISION AND SECESSION MAY BECOME ESTABLISHED FEATURES OF OUR ARAB WORLD.

WE BELIEVE THAT THE LIBYAN PLAN, WHICH THE CASABLANCA SUMMIT CONFERENCE AGREED TO INCLUDE IN THE AMENDMENTS TO THE ARAB LEAGUE'S CHARTER, WILL PROVIDE THE ARAB LEAGUE WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO ALLOW IT TO BECOME AN UMBRELLA UNDER WHICH ALL OF THESE REGIONAL ENTITIES CAN EXIST.

AL-MUSAWWAR: YOUR EXCELLENCY THE COLONEL, ARE YOU REFERRING TO THE PLAN TO TRANSFORM THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE INTO A PRESIDIUM WITH AN EXECUTIVE BOARD COMPOSED OF ARAB HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AND SPECIALIZED COMMITTEES COMPOSED OF THE APPROPRIATE MINISTERS?

THE COLONEL: YES. A STUDY TO COMBINE THE CLAUSES OF THIS PLAN

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WITH THE AMENDMENTS TO THE ((ARAB LEAGUE -- FBIS)) CHARTER ACTUALLY BEGAN DURING THE MEETING OF THE ARAB LEAGUE'S EXPERTS. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A STUDY OF THE PLAN IN THE ARAB LEAGUE'S COUNCIL SO THAT THE FINAL DRAFT CAN BE MADE AND PRESENTED TO THE NEXT SUMMIT CONFERENCE.

AL-MUSAWWAR: YOUR EXCELLENCY THE COLONEL, IF I UNDERSTAND THIS CORRECTLY, YOU BELIEVE THESE NEW REGIONAL ENTITIES WILL MOVE THE ARAB SITUATION TO A BETTER POSITION THAN THE CURRENT FRAGMENTATION.

THE COLONEL: YES, AND I SUPPORT AND BACK THESE NEW ENTITIES.

AL-MUSAWWAR: ON THIS BASIS, WHAT WAS THE LIMIT OF THE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING REACHED BETWEEN YOU AND PRESIDENT MUBARAK ON THE ISSUES OF ARAB UNITY AND SOLIDARITY?

THE COLONEL: WE BOTH AGREE ON THE NEED FOR JOINT COORDINATION, LINKING THE MASSES' ECONOMIC INTERESTS, AND BUILDING A SOUND INFRASTRUCTURE; BECAUSE THIS IS THE GUARANTEE FOR PROGRESS TOWARD ANY SOUND UNIONIST RELATIONS.

AS I SAID EARLIER, WE MUST BEGIN WITH THE PEOPLE'S DAILY AND VITAL INTERESTS. THE RESOLUTIONS WE ANNOUNCED IN TOBRUK SHOW OUR CLEAR VIEW AND DETERMINATION TO BUILD A SOUND BASE FOR OUR MUTUAL RELATIONS. WHEN THE MASSES' INTERESTS ARE INTERCONNECTED AND THE ARTERIES ARE RUNNING IN THE SAME BODY, IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL TO RISK SEVERING THESE RELATIONS BECAUSE HE WOULD BE ACTING AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S INTERESTS.

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WARNING: ATTN TEL AVIV DFDF

ATTN JORDAN AAMM

SERIAL: JN2910072689

REF: JN2810183089 CAIRO AL-MUSAWWAR ARABIC 27 OCT///THE PEOPLE'S INTERESTS.

TEXT:

((TEXT)) ((AL-QADHDHAFI CONTINUES)) WE HAVE A CLEAR EXAMPLE IN THE LIBYAN-TUNISIAN RELATIONS. IN THE PAST, RULERS AND PRESIDENTS WERE ABLE TO MEET ON BORDER AREAS. THEY COULD AGREE OR DIFFER ON SOMETHING, BUT THEIR AGREEMENT OR DIFFERENCES COULD AFFECT THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLES IN THE TWO COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, THE SITUATION IS DIFFERENT NOW, BECAUSE THERE ARE JOINT INTERESTS BETWEEN THE LIBYANS AND TUNISIANS. INTERESTS WERE PROMOTED THROUGH THE TWO COUNTRIES' AGREEMENT ON THE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND WORK, AND ON EXEMPTING NATIONAL PRODUCTS FROM CUSTOMS FEES. THESE JOINT INTERESTS CONSTITUTE THE TRUE GUARANTEE AGAINST ANY ATTEMPTS TO SEVER DEEP RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PEOPLES. WHAT APPLIES TO EGYPT AND LIBYA, OR LIBYA AND TUNISIA, APPLIES TO INTER-ARAB RELATIONS THROUGHOUT THE ARAB HOMELAND. THEREFORE, IT IS NECESSARY TO CONCENTRATE ON ESTABLISHING A STRONG BASE OF JOINT AND CLOSELY-CONNECTED INTERESTS.

WHAT IS THE USE OF A CAR FACTORY IN EACH OF EGYPT, ALGERIA, IRAQ, AND A FOURTH ONE IN ANOTHER COUNTRY? THE FOUR FACTORIES WILL NOT HAVE THE SAME HIGH EFFICIENCY THAT WOULD ENABLE THEM TO COMPETE BECAUSE NONE OF THE FOUR COUNTRIES HAS A MARKET THAT ALLOWS FOR A SUCCESSFUL INDUSTRY. HOWEVER, THE SITUATION WOULD BE DIFFERENT IF EGYPT CHOOSES TO MANUFACTURE THE ENGINE, IRAQ CHOOSES TO MANUFACTURE THE CHASSIS, AND ANOTHER STATE CHOOSES TO MANUFACTURE THE PULLING

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EQUIPMENT. HERE, THERE WOULD BE AN INTEGRATION OF ARAB INTERESTS IN A MANNER THAT WOULD ALLOW THE ARAB NATION TO COMPETE WITH OTHER CAR INDUSTRIES. IN SHORT, UNITY MUST HAVE A SOUND ECONOMIC BASIS THAT LINKS ARAB INTERESTS. THIS IS BECAUSE UNITY WILL CONTINUE TO BE A MERE POLITICAL SLOGAN IF IT DOES NOT MEAN AN ECONOMIC STRENGTH AND CLOSELY-CONNECTED INTERESTS, AND THE SAFEGUARDING OF NATIONAL AND PAN-ARAB DIGNITY.

AL-MUSAWWAR: YOUR EXCELLENCY, SINCE YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE ARAB MAGHREB UNION ((AMU)), WHAT IS THE VOLUME OF ACHIEVEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THIS REGIONAL ENTITY THAT INCLUDES LIBYA, TUNISIA, ALGERIA, AND MOROCCO? IS THE SAHARA PROBLEM STILL AN OBSTACLE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS UNION?

THE COLONEL: THE SAHARA PROBLEM COULD HAVE BEEN AN OBSTACLE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AMU. HOWEVER, WE HAVE IGNORED THIS PROBLEM, OR, TO BE MORE ACCURATE, WE HAVE PUT IT ASIDE FOR THE SAKE OF A GREATER OBJECTIVE, AND WE WENT TO MOROCCO TO WORK FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS UNION. FRANKLY, I SAY THAT THE PROBLEM IS STILL UNRESOLVED. THERE ARE FEARS THAT IGNORING THE PROBLEM MIGHT TORPEDO THE UNION, BUT WE ARE TRYING TO PREVENT THIS.

AL-MUSAWWAR: WHY IS THERE NO ARAB AGREEMENT AND CONSENSUS THAT ARAB PROBLEMS SHOULD BE RESOLVED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF NEGOTIATIONS OR ARBITRATION INSTEAD OF CONFRONTATION AND WAR?

THE COLONEL: IT IS A VERY GRAVE MISTAKE THAT AN ARAB FIGHTS AGAINST ANOTHER ARAB REGARDLESS OF THE REASONS BEHIND THIS WAR. I BELIEVE THAT A SOLUTION TO THE SAHARA PROBLEM CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS.

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WARNING: ATTN TEL AVIV DFDF

ATTN JORDAN AAMM

SERIAL: JN2910074689

REF: JN2810183089 CAIRO AL-MUSAWWAR ARABIC 27 OCT///ACHIEVED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS.

TEXT:

((TEXT)) AL-MUSAWWAR: WHY HAS LIBYA NOT EXERTED ANY EFFORTS IN THIS RESPECT, PARTICULARLY THAT IT WAS A PARTY IN CREATING THIS PROBLEM WHEN IT ARMED THE POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF SAQUIA EL HAMRA AND RIO DE ORO ((POLISARIO -- FBIS))?

THE COLONEL: WE EXERTED A HUGE EFFORT TO CONVINCING THE TWO PARTIES TO AGREE TO NEGOTIATIONS AND TO SIT TOGETHER TO SEEK A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT FOR THE PROBLEM. MOROCCO'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITS ACCEPTANCE OF THIS DIRECT DIALOGUE WITH POLISARIO WAS THE RESULT OF THIS LIBYAN EFFORT.

WE DO NOT DENY THAT WE HELPED THE POLISARIO. WE WERE THE ONES WHO TRAINED AND ARMED THEM TO HAVE THEM CONFRONT THE SPANISH OCCUPATION OF THE SAHARA. WHEN THE SPANISH WITHDREW AND THE MOROCCAN ARMY REPLACED IT, THE CONFLICT BECAME A WAR BETWEEN MOROCCO AND THE POLISARIO. WE ALSO DO NOT DENY THAT WE CONTINUED TO SUPPORT THE POLISARIO DURING THAT PERIOD UNTIL THE POLISARIO FORCES REACHED 15,000 MEN WHO WERE TRAINED FOR DESERT AND GUERRILLA WARFARE. HOWEVER, WE REASSESSED OUR STAND AND SUSPENDED THE WEAPONS SUPPLIES, AND ASKED THE POLISARIO TO TURN TO NEGOTIATIONS.

AL-MUSAWWAR: WHY THIS SUDDEN CHANGE OF STAND?

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THE COLONEL: THE WAR BECAME A PROTRACTED ONE AND EXHAUSTED BOTH SIDES WITHOUT EITHER OF THEM SUCCEEDING IN SETTling THE SITUATION ON THE BATTLEFIELD. FOR THIS REASON, WE DEEMED IT NECESSARY TO END THE SHEDDING OF ARAB BLOOD. THIS WAS IN ADDITION TO THE FACT THAT MOROCCO HAD ACCEPTED THE IDEA OF A PLEBISCITE. NOW ALL THE EFFORTS FOCUS ON HOLDING THIS PLEBISCITE.

AL-MUSAWWAR: YOU ARE CALLING FOR ARAB UNITY AS THERE WILL BE NO FUTURE FOR SMALL ENTITIES. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, YOU HELP THE POLISARIO TO ESTABLISH A NEW SMALL ENTITY?

THE COLONEL: IN PRINCIPLE, I AM AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THESE SMALL ENTITIES. BUT THE INCORPORATION OF THE SAHARA PEOPLE INTO THE STATE OF MOROCCO SHOULD TAKE PLACE THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREEMENT, WITHOUT ANY COERCION ON THE SAHARA PEOPLE.

AL-MUSAWWAR: YOUR EXCELLENCY THE COLONEL, IF I ASK YOU ABOUT LIBYA'S RELATIONS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS SUCH AS SUDAN, CHAD, AND TUNISIA WILL WE BE ABLE TO SAY THAT A NEW ATMOPSHERE OF RECONCILIATION PREVAILS OVER LIBYA'S RELATIONS WITH THESE NEIGHBOR COUNTRIES?

THE COLONEL: THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT A NEW ATMOPSHERE OF GENERAL RECONCILIATION PREVAILS OVER LIBYA'S RELATIONS WITH ALL OF ITS NEIGHBORS. OUR RELATIONS WITH TUNISIA ARE EXCELLENT. WE ARE BOUND TOGETHER BY A UNIONIST PROGRAM WHICH WE ARE IMPLEMENTING WITHOUT UNDUE HASTE AND WITH SINCERITY THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT INSTITUTIONS SEEKING THE TWO COUNTRIES' UNITY.

AL-MUSAWWAR: THERE IS NO LONGER ANY DISPUTE OVER THE PROBLEM OF BORDERS IN THE CONTINENTAL SHELF, OR ANY PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM THE EXPLOITATION OF THE OIL WELLS IN THESE AREAS WHICH WERE THE SUBJECT OF RIVAL CLAIMS?

THE COLONEL: THERE ARE NO LONGER ANY PROBLEMS. ALTHOUGH THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE HAD ACKNOWLEDGED LIBYA'S RIGHT TO THE OIL WELL YOU HAVE MENTIONED, WE AGREED WITH TUNISIA THAT REVENUES FROM THIS WELL WILL BE INVESTED IN JOINT VENTURES WHICH LINK THE TWO PEOPLE'S INTERESTS. I AND BROTHER ZINE EL ABIDINE BEN ALI LEFT FOR THE AREA AND INAUGURATED THIS OIL WELL, AND ANNOUNCED TO THE TWO PEOPLE OUR DETERMINATION TO JOINTLY INVEST ITS REVENUES. HERE WE MUST SAY THAT WHAT HAS BEEN ATTAINED IN THE FIELD OF LIBYAN-TUNISIAN RELATIONS WOULD NOT HAVE TAKEN PLACE HAD NOT THE 7 NOVEMBER MOVEMENT TAKEN PLACE, A MOVEMENT WHICH CHANGED THE RULE IN TUNISIA. THIS IS SO BECAUSE MUCH OF WHAT WE HAVE ATTAINED IS THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF TUNISIAN PRESIDENT ZINE EL ABIDINE BEN ALI.

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ATTN JORDAN AAMM

SERIAL: JN2910080089

REF: JN2810183089 CAIRO AL-MUSAWWAR ARABIC 27 OCT///ABIDINE BEN ALI.

TEXT:

((TEXT)) AL-MUSAWWAR: WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE TUNISIAN PRESIDENT?

THE COLONEL: BROTHER ZINE EL ABIDINE IS AN EXCELLENT STATESMAN. HE IS ONE OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN THE SINCERITY OF THE EGYPTIAN COURSE UNDER BROTHER PRESIDENT HUSNI MUBARAK AND THE TWO ARE BOUND

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BY EXCELLENT TIES OF BROTHERHOOD. PRESIDENT ZINE EL ABIDINE IS A DIRECT MAN WHO DOES NOT HAVE ANY MALICIOUSNESS OR CROOKEDNESS AND HE IS HONEST AND HAS A CLEAN SLATE. HE LOVES THE ARABS AND WORKS FOR THE SAKE OF UNITY. HE ALSO REJECTS HEGEMONY AND ASSERTS THE INDEPENDENCE OF TUNISIAN DECISIONMAKING.

I WANT TO ADD THAT WHAT I LIKE ABOUT A NUMBER OF ARAB PRESIDENTS NOW IS THAT THEY DIVERT THEIR ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE ORDINARY CITIZEN. THEY GO TO THE MASSES IN THEIR POSITIONS, GET FIRSTHAND ACQUAINTANCE WITH THEIR CONDITIONS, AND ASK ABOUT THEIR PROBLEMS. LIKE PRESIDENT HUSNI MUBARAK, WHO OVERWORKS HIMSELF BY MEETING THE PEOPLE OF HIS HOMELAND IN THEIR DIFFERENT POSITIONS AND ASKS ABOUT THEIR CONDITIONS, PRESIDENT ZINE EL ABIDINE BEN ALI DOES THE SAME AND SO DO A NUMBER OF ARAB PRESIDENTS. THIS DID NOT EXIST BEFORE. THIS IS THE REAL REVOLUTION.

AL-MUSAWWAR: YOUR EXCELLENCY THE COLONEL, I WISH TO ASK YOU ABOUT LIBYA'S RELATIONS WITH CHAD AFTER THE RECENT CONCILIATION?

THE COLONEL: RELATIONS WITH CHAD ARE GOOD. IN OUR RECENT MEETING, WE RESOLVED ALL THE DISPUTED PROBLEMS AND THERE ARE NO LONGER ANY PROBLEMS BETWEEN LIBYA AND CHAD. HOWEVER, THE PROBLEM IN CHAD IS THAT THERE IS STILL FEAR ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF A RENEWAL OF THE CONFLICT THERE, PARTICULARLY ON THE BORDERS WITH SUDAN IN THE EAST WHERE THE FIGHTING RESUMED AMONG THE WARRING CHADIAN GROUPS, AND SPECIALLY SINCE SOME CHADIAN TROOPS LEFT NDJAMENA TO THE EAST TO TAKE PART IN THE FIGHTING WHICH IS TAKING PLACE THERE.

CHAD'S PROBLEM LIES IN THE FACT THAT IT FAILED TO MELT ALL THESE DIFFERENT RACES, ETHNIC GROUPS, AND RELIGIONS IN THE POT OF THE SINGLE HOMELAND. WE ON OUR PART ARE DOING THE BEST WE CAN TO ACHIEVE A CONCILIATION AMONG ALL THE WARRING GROUPS THERE.

AL-MUSAWWAR: CAN THIS NOT LEAD TO LIBYA BECOMING INVOLVED ONCE AGAIN IN THE INTERNAL CONFLICT?

THE COLONEL: LIBYA WILL NEVER BE A PARTY TO ANY INTERNAL CONFLICT CONCERNING CHAD. OUR ONLY ROLE WILL BE TO HELP -- AS MUCH AS WE CAN AND AS MUCH AS CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD ALLOW -- RECONCILE THE WARRING CHADIAN FACTIONS. BUT, WE WILL NOT SIDE WITH ANY PARTY.

AL-MUSAWWAR: WHAT REMAINS IS FOR US TO ASK ABOUT THE NATURE OF CURRENT RELATIONS BETWEEN SUDAN AND LIBYA?

THE COLONEL: THOSE WHO NOW RULE IN SUDAN ARE A NATIONALISTIC GROUP AND NO ONE CAN DOUBT THEIR LOYALTY OR INTENTIONS. THEY LOVE THEIR HOMELAND AND THEY STRIVE TO CORRECT ITS CONDITIONS. WHEN BROTHER 'UMAR AL-BASHIR AND A NUMBER OF HIS COMRADES VISITED ME, MY FIRST QUESTION WAS: WHAT TEMPTED YOU TO TAKE POWER IN A COUNTRY WHICH HAS SUCH GRAVE PROBLEMS? IN THEIR ANSWER, I FELT THE DEPTH OF THEIR NATIONAL MOTIVE WHICH PROMPTED THEM TO MOVE IN AN ATTEMPT TO SAVE THE SITUATION IN SUDAN.

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ATTN JORDAN AAMM

SERIAL: JN2910081089

REF: JN2310183089 CAIRO AL-MUSAWWAR ARABIC 27 OCT///SITUATION
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(TEXT)) ((AL-QADHDHAFI CONTINUES)) WE HAVE EXTENDED EVERY POSSIBLE SUPPORT TO THE NEW REGIME BECAUSE WE FEEL ITS INTEGRITY. IT SEEMS THAT ONE OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE SUDANESE LEADERS IS THAT THEY HAVE NOT YET ADOPTED A CLEAR-CUT PROGRAM TO CONFRONT THE GREAT CHALLENGES FACING THEM. THERE SHOULD BE A NATIONAL PROGRAM TO PUT AN END TO THIS VICIOUS CIRCLE REPRESENTED IN THE MOVEMENT OF POWER BETWEEN THE MILITARY AND THE PARTIES. IT IS A CAT-AND-MOUSE GAME. THERE SHOULD BE A SOLUTION TO THIS POWER STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE ARMY AND THE PARTIES, BECAUSE THIS CONFLICT HAS ENCOURAGED ETHNIC AND SECTARIAN DISPUTE AS WELL AS SEPARATIST MOVEMENTS. THESE NEGATIVE PHENOMENA APPEAR ONLY DURING THE INTERNAL POWER STRUGGLE.

IF THE BROTHERS IN SUDAN HAD REACHED A QUICK SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM, THEY WOULD HAVE MADE A HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT FOR SUDAN. THE SECOND PROBLEM IS THAT SOME OF SUDAN'S AFRICAN NEIGHBORS BELIEVE THAT RECONSIDERING SUDAN'S ARAB IDENTITY IS A SOUND BEGINNING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF REBELLION IN THE SOUTH. GARANG STRESSES THIS DEMAND AS A PRECONDITION FOR THE UNITY OF THE HOMELAND AND THE RETURN OF PEACE TO THE SOUTH. I BELIEVE THAT CHANGING SUDAN'S ARAB IDENTITY IS A SERIOUS DEMAND THAT SHOULD BE REJECTED BECAUSE RELINQUISHMENT OF SUDAN'S ARAB IDENTITY MEANS THE POSSIBILITY OF CHANGING THE IDENTITY OF ANY ARAB COUNTRY, WHERE DIFFERENT RACES AND SECTS LIVE. WE HAVE A SIMILAR SITUATION IN IRAQ, WHERE KURDS LIVE. WE ALSO HAVE THE SAME SITUATION IN ALGERIA AND MOROCCO. IS SUCH A SITUATION ENOUGH FOR CHANGING THE IDENTITY OF THESE COUNTRIES?

AL-MUSAWWAR: YOUR EXCELLENCY THE COLONEL, IN ALL TRUTH, THE SOUTH WAS RELATIVELY NEGLECTED AND ITS SHARE OF PROJECTS, SERVICES, AND REPRESENTATION IN THE GOVERNMENT WAS RELATIVELY SMALL?

THE COLONEL: THAT IS TRUE. I VISITED THE SOUTH AND SAW THE BAD CONDITIONS THERE. BUT THIS IS NOT THE FAULT OF THE SUDANESE PEOPLE, BUT THE FAULT OF THE BRITISH OCCUPATION AND THE REACTIONARY GOVERNMENTS, WHICH ENTRENCHED THESE CONDITIONS BOTH IN SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN SUDAN.

AL-MUSAWWAR: TO WHAT EXTENT IS THERE EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN COORDINATION ON THE SITUATION IN SUDAN?

THE COLONEL: WE AND EGYPT AGREE THAT THE PRESENT LEADERS IN KHARTOUM ARE NATIONALISTS AND DESERVE EVERY POSSIBLE SUPPORT. WHEN LIEUTENANT GENERAL 'UMAR AL-BASHIR AND HIS COMRADES SEIZED POWER IN SUDAN, WE WERE DOUBTFUL THAT THE GROUP SEIZED POWER TO PAVE THE WAY FOR JA'FAR NUMAYRI'S RETURN TO POWER. WHEN WE CONTACTED PRESIDENT MUBARAK ON THIS ISSUE, HE CLEARLY SAID THAT EGYPT WOULD NEVER IMPOSE A RULER ON SUDAN WHO IS REJECTED BY THE SUDANESE PEOPLE AND THAT EGYPT WANTS THE SUDANESE LEADERS TO TAKE THE INTERESTS OF THE SUDANESE HOMELAND INTO CONSIDERATION. THIS POSITION HAS INCREASED CONFIDENCE BETWEEN LIBYA AND EGYPT BECAUSE MUBARAK WAS TRUTHFUL IN EVERYTHING HE SAID.

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ATTN JORDAN AAMM

SERIAL: JN2910094689

REF: JN2810183089 CAIRO AL-MUSAWWAR ARABIC 27 OCT///EVERYTHING HE SAID.

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((TEXT)) AL-MUSAWWAR: YOUR EXCELLENCY THE COLONEL. I HOPE YOU WON'T MIND MY NEXT QUESTION: WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TERRORISM AND REVOLUTION?

THE COLONEL (LAUGHING): ON THE CONTRARY, I VERY MUCH LIKE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION. REVOLUTION MIGHT USE VIOLENCE THAT BEGETS TERROR AS A POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY AT ONE STAGE. THE FRENCH REVOLUTION HAD RECOURSE TO SUCH TACTICS AS HAD THE BOLSHEVIKS, GEORGE WASHINGTON, AND GARIBALDI IN ITALY. IT IS MUCH LIKE QUICK AND URGENT SURGERY UNTIL SOCIETY SETTLES DOWN ON THE NEW BASES ADOPTED BY THE REVOLUTION. THE GREATEST RISK, THOUGH, LIES IN THE REVOLUTION NEEDLESSLY PURSUING VIOLENCE, WHEREBY IT MAY DEGENERATE INTO GANGS USING TERROR FOR ITS OWN SAKE.

THE REVOLUTIONARY VIOLENCE HAS NEVER BEEN AT THE HEART OF THE PROBLEM, SINCE OUR ARAB REVOLUTIONS HAVE RESORTED TO MINIMAL VIOLENCE TO ATTAIN THEIR GOALS. THE PROBLEM LIES WITH THOSE WHO SEEK TO EXPAND THE CONCEPT OF TERROR TO ENCOMPASS THE STRUGGLE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND THE SACRED POPULAR STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM. THE REVOLUTION AGAINST RACISM IN SOUTH AFRICA IS TERMED BY SOME AS TERROR AS IS THE REVOLUTION IN THE OCCUPIED ARAB LAND, LATIN AMERICA AND THE MARTINIQUE ISLANDS. I SEE THIS CLASSIFICATION AS TERROR, PURE AND SIMPLE, SINCE THE AIM IS TO STRIKE TERROR IN THE HEARTS OF PEOPLE SO THAT THEY REFRAIN FROM EXERCIZING THEIR RIGHT TO NATIONAL LIBERATION. AND WHAT DO YOU CALL THE FREEWHEELING OF THE FLEETS OF MAJOR POWERS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE GULF? WHAT DO YOU CALL THE BOMBING AND STRAFING OF ARAB CITIES TO TERRORIZE THE PEOPLE AND THEIR GOVERNMENTS? WHAT DO YOU CALL ISRAEL'S ACTIONS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON? IS THERE ANY TERROR TO MATCH THE SABRA AND SHATILA MASSACRES?

AL-MUSAWWAR: YOUR EXCELLENCY THE COLONEL. IF YOU WILL EXCUSE MY BLUNT QUESTION, LIBYA MAY HAVE DONE A DISSERVICE TO ITSELF WHEN IT EMBRACED SOME GROUPS THAT USED TERROR IN THE NAME OF REVOLUTIONARY VIOLENCE.

THE COLONEL: AT ONE TIME, WE DID SUPPORT SOME OF THESE GROUPS WITHOUT CHECKING OUT THEIR AIMS AND ROLES. BUT, HAVING FOUND THAT THEY DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD TO THE ARAB CAUSE EVEN IN TERMS OF WORLD PUBLIC OPINION, WE HALTED OUR SUPPORT. WE HAD MISTAKENLY IMAGINED THAT THESE GROUPS CAN BE PART OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT. WE FOUND THAT THEY ARE USING TERROR FOR ITS OWN SAKE AND ON BEHALF OF OTHER AIMS UNRELATED TO THE PAN-ARAB CAUSE.

TO BE HONEST, I AM SAYING THAT PLANE HIJACKING AND MURDER OF CIVILIANS ARE CRIMINAL ACTS THAT HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH FIGHTING. WE OUGHT NOT TO BE HELD TO ACCOUNT SINCE WE HAVE WITHHELD OUR SUPPORT FOR THESE GROUPS.

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ATTN JORDAN AAMM

SERIAL: JN2910095489

REF: JN2810183089 CAIRO AL-MUSAWWAR ARABIC 27 OCT///FOR THESE GROUPS.

TEXT:

((TEXT)) AL-MUSAWWAR: YOUR EXCELLENCY THE COLONEL, WHEN WILL THE REVOLUTION SETTLE DOWN TO BECOME AN ESTABLISHED LAW-BASED SYSTEM

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THAT OBSERVES LAWS AND RESPECTS THE INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM IN SOCIETY?

THE COLONEL: IF YOU MEAN THE LIBYAN REVOLUTION, THE REVOLUTION HAS LAID DOWN A POPULAR SYSTEM THAT GIVES THE PEOPLE FULL POWER THROUGH POPULAR CONGRESSES GROUPING THE MASSES IN THE URBAN AND RURAL CENTERS. THERE ARE NO SPECIAL TRIBUNALS OR EMERGENCY LAWS IN OPERATION NOW. IF AT ONE STAGE WE HAD RECOURSE TO SUCH MEANS, IT IS NOW A THING OF THE PAST AND THE POPULAR CONGRESSES ARE NOW INVESTED WITH REAL POWER.

AL-MUSAWWAR: YOUR EXCELLENCY THE COLONEL, UNTIL QUITE RECENTLY YOU WERE IN PURSUIT OF LIBYAN OPPOSITION AROUND THE WORLD.

THE COLONEL: WHICH OPPOSITION? THESE WERE OPPOSED TO THE PEOPLE'S POWER REPRESENTED IN THE POPULAR CONGRESSES. SOME TIME AGO WE OFFERED A SAFE RETURN TO WHOEVER WANTED TO DO SO. WE DO NOT PROHIBIT ANYONE, EVEN FROM THE OPPOSITION, TO EXPRESS HIS VIEWPOINT AT THE POPULAR CONGRESSES. AFTER ALL, THE FINAL SAY BELONGS TO THE MAJORITY VOTE IN THESE CONGRESSES. INDEED ALL OPPONENTS HAVE RETURNED HOME WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE WHO HAVE TIED THEIR FATE TO FOREIGN QUARTERS.

AL-MUSAWWAR: YOUR EXCELLENCY THE COLONEL, THERE IS THE QUESTION OF AMBITION JUXTAPOSED AGAINST ABILITIES. DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FULL CONFRONTATION WITH THE UNITED STATES. WHY DON'T YOU GO FOR DIALOGUE IN PREFERENCE TO CONFRONTATION?

THE COLONEL: WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO SITTING AND TALKING WITH THE UNITED STATES ANYPLACE THEY LIKE. WE HAVE NO PRECONDITIONS. LET ME STATE CLEARLY THAT WE DO NOT BELIEVE IN THE INEVITABILITY OF CONFRONTATION WITH THE UNITED STATES. INDEED, WE BELIEVE THAT A GOOD MANY OF THE PROBLEMS BETWEEN US ARE CAPABLE OF BEING RESOLVED AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE. WE ARE IN FAVOR OF RELATIONS BASED ON RECIPROCAL RESPECT AND COMMON INTERESTS. WE DO NOT FEEL ANY HATRED TOWARD THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. WE ALSO THINK THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE NO HARD FEELINGS TOWARD US. THINGS WERE COMPLICATED DURING THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION WHEN THE WHOLE WORLD SCENE BECAME A THEATER FOR MUSCLE-FLEXING. WE NOW FEEL THAT THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION IS GOING TO BE MORE RATIONAL IN HANDLING ISSUES WHICH THE FORMER ADMINISTRATION THOUGHT COULD BE DEALT WITH BY FORCE.

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ATTN JORDAN AAMM

SERIAL: JN2910100689

REF: JN2810183089 CAIRO AL-MUSAWWAR ARABIC 27 OCT///WITH BY
FORCE.

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((TEXT)) AL-MUSAWWAR: YOUR EXCELLENCY THE COLONEL, THE WORLD IS CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING A STAGE OF RADICAL CHANGES. THE USSR HAS WITHDRAWN INTO ITS OWN SHELL AS A RESULT OF ITS INTERNAL PROBLEMS. IT GIVES PRIORITY TO ITS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OVER ANY OF THE REGIONAL PROBLEMS FROM WHICH THE WORLD IS SUFFERING, IN ADDITION TO ITS STRONG CONCERN ABOUT DETENTE. IN EASTERN EUROPE, THE WINDS OF CHANGE ARE BLOWING CALLING FOR A DEMOCRATIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND FOR ENDING THE RULE OF ONE PARTY IN FAVOR OF THE MULTI-PARTY SYSTEM. WHAT IMPACT DO THESE RADICAL CHANGES HAVE ON THE COLONEL'S VIEWS, AND THEN ON OUR ARAB WORLD?

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THE COLONEL: WITHOUT UNDUE ASSUMPTION OR EXAGGERATION, IN 1969 AND 1970, I PREDICTED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IN THE USSR. I CLEARLY SAID IN THE THIRD CHAPTER OF THE GREEN BOOK THAT I AM AFRAID THAT CONFLICT AMONG NATIONALITIES WOULD FRAGMENT THE UNITY OF THE USSR IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH WHAT YOU HAVE SAID IS TRUE, THE USSR WILL NOT GIVE U. ITS SUPPORT FOR ARAB RIGHTS AND THE PAL'ESTINE QUESTION.

AL-MUSAWWAR: BUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IS THAT THE USSR SUPPORTS A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT WITHOUT HAVING SUFFICIENT ABILITY TO GUARANTEE THE SOUND AND JUST CONDITIONS FOR THIS POLITICAL SETTLEMENT.

THE COLONEL: THIS IS THE USSR'S POLICY. IT BELIEVES IN SETTLING ALL REGIONAL PROBLEMS THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS. HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT ALL THE EXISTING CONTRADICTIONS BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE GONE WITH THE WIND.

AL-MUSAWWAR: WHAT IS THE NATURE OF YOUR RELATIONS NOW WITH THE USSR? IS IT TRUE THAT IT REFUSES TO SUPPLY YOU WITH ARMS UNLESS YOU PAY IN CASH AND IN DOLLARS?

THE COLONEL: OUR RELATIONS ARE GOOD. WHAT YOU ARE SAYING IS NOT TRUE. MOREOVER, LIBYA DID NOT REQUEST NEW ARMS. WHAT WE HAVE IS SUFFICIENT. I BELIEVE THAT THE CURRENT STAGE NECESSITATE THAT WE CONCENTRATE ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF ECONOMIC PROGRESS, AND NOT ON PURCHASING ARMS.

AL-MUSAWWAR: DO YOU THINK THAT THE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES IN IRAN NECESSITATE THE REACTIVATION OF THE ARAB-IRANIAN DIALOGUE TO PUT THE ARAB-PERSIAN RELATIONS ON THE RIGHT COURSE?

THE COLONEL: I BELIEVE IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE SOUND NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS BETWEEN IRAN AND THE ARABS. PERHAPS, DIALOGUE WOULD HELP IRAN MOVE TO MODERATION DESPITE THE FACT THAT INTERNAL CONFLICT STILL EXISTS AMONG THE LOYALISTS TO THE MODERATE LINE AND THE REVOLUTIONARY GUARDS MEN, WHO ARE A MILLION VOLUNTEERS, WHO CALL FOR ABIDING BY KHOMEYNI'S COURSE.

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((TEXT)) AL-MUSAWWAR: YOUR EXCELLENCY THE COLONEL. I HAVE A QUESTION WHICH I AM SURE MUST BE ON THE MINDS OF MANY AND THAT IS WHY, OF ALL ARAB LEADERS, DO YOU INSIST ON HAVING A PERSONAL BODYGUARD OF WOMEN?

THE COLONEL: THOSE IN CHARGE OF MY PERSONAL SAFETY ARE LIBYAN YOUTHS WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED THEIR SERVICES AND THEY ARE OF BOTH SEXES. THE GIRLS MAY BE MORE CONSPICUOUS ON ACCOUNT OF THEIR DRESSES. I CONSENTED TO THE SERVICES OF THESE WOMEN VOLUNTEERS SO THEY MAY SERVE AS ROLE MODELS AND SHOW THAT LIBYAN WOMEN CAN COPE WITH ALL THE TASKS THAT THEY MAY BE ENTRUSTED WITH. WE DO NOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN IN TERMS OF PAY OR WORK AS A WHOLE. WE NOW HAVE GIRLS RECEIVING TRAINING AS AIR FORCE PILOTS.

AL-MUSAWWAR: YOUR EXCELLENCY THE COLONEL. WHEN WILL YOUR NEXT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MUBARAK BE?

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THE COLONEL: WE HAVE AGREED THAT WE MAY MEET ANYPLACE AND UNDER ALL KINDS OF CIRCUMSTANCES. WE MAY ARRANGE A MEETING OVER THE TELEPHONE.

AL-MUSAWWAR: YOUR EXCELLENCY THE COLONEL. IS THERE ANYTHING TO PREVENT AN ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN DIALOGUE?

THE COLONEL: THIS IS UP TO THE PALESTINIANS, AND THERE IS NO REASON WHY THE PALESTINIANS SHOULD NOT SIT FOR TALKS WITH THE ISRAELIS. IT HAPPENS IN EVERY CORNER OF THE GLOBE.

AL-MUSAWWAR: WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY TO THE EGYPTIANS?

THE COLONEL: I WOULD LIKE TO TELL THEM THAT WE ARE ONE PEOPLE BOUND TOGETHER BY NEIGHBORLINESS AND GEOGRAPHY. THE BARBED WIRE KEEPING AS APART ARE ONLY ARTIFICIAL BARRIERS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY THAT WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH EGYPT AND HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH RELATIONS WITH EGYPT. OUR DISAGREEMENT CONCERNED A PAN-ARAB ISSUE AND PRESIDENT MUBARAK AND I HAVE REACHED UNDERSTANDING ON THAT. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT LIBYA IS THE POINT OF CONTACT BETWEEN THE ARAB EAST AND ARAB WEST. THE LINKING CHAIN MUST BE STRONG AND EFFECTIVE. THE STRENGTH OF THIS CHAIN DERIVES FROM OUR FATEFUL ASSOCIATION WITH EGYPT. I SEE THE ARAB WORLD AS A BODY WHOSE HEART IS EGYPT, LIBYA, AND SUDAN AND WINGS ARE THE EASTERN AND WESTERN ENDS OF THE ARAB HOMELAND. WE, THEREFORE, THINK THAT OUR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF ARAB UNITY SHOULD NOT CEASE. THE THING IS THAT WE MUST GET THE FIRST STEPS RIGHT AND START AT OUR MASSES' COMMON INTERESTS. I THINK THAT WE HAVE MADE THE RIGHT STEP ALONG THAT ROAD IN THE ACHIEVEMENT WE MADE IN MARSA MATRUH AND TOBRUK.

AL-MUSAWWAR: YOUR EXCELLENCY THE COLONEL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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