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- 1. [Redacted]
- 2. ZAID RIFAI GAVE ME SOME OF HIS IMPRESSIONS AND CONCERNS THIS MORNING WHEN I TALKED WITH HIM ABOUT COMING TRIP TO WASHINGTON. HE COVERED ROUGHLY SAME GROUND AS KING, NOTING THAT OTHER SIDE'S POSITION HAD NOT CHANGED AND THAT THEY INSISTED ON HAVING MILITARY POSTS IN THE VALLEY. RIFAI SAID THAT SUCH POSTS AND ISRAELI CIVILIAN SETTLEMENTS ON THE WEST BANK WERE UNACCEPTABLE TO JORDAN, BUT DID NOT EXCLUDE ISRAELI CIVILIAN ALIEN RESIDENTS AS A POSSIBILITY AFTER A SETTLEMENT HAD BEEN ACHIEVED.
- 3. HE NOTED THAT PM MEIR INSISTED ON CORRIDOR APPROACH TO DISENGAGEMENT AND HAD CUT OFF DAYAN RATHER FORCEFULLY WHEN LATTER INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT "MILITARY POSTS".
- 4. ZAID SAYS \$64 QUESTION FOR HIM REMAINS WHAT HAS U.S. DONE AND WHAT WILL IT DO FOR JORDAN WITH ISRAEL. HE HOPES TO PUT THIS QUESTION AGAIN DURING VISIT. HE WANTS TO KNOW HOW WE HAVE SUPPORTED JORDANIAN APPROACH WITH ISRAELIS AND WHAT WE ARE PREPARED TO DO FOR THEM IN FUTURE.
COMMENT: THIS SEEMS TO BE APERENNIAL QUESTION WITH RIFAI. I EXPLAINED AGAIN TO HIM THE GENERAL PROCESS YOU HAD FOLLOWED IN THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI TALKS WHILE NOT TAKING POSITION PERSONNALLY, YOU RATHER CONVEYED THE POSITION OF ONE SIDE TO THE OTHER. WHILE WE PROBABLY CANNOT SATISFY HIM ON WHAT WE CAN DO IN FUTURE, IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF I COULD HAVE A SHORT MESSAGE FOR HIM GENERALLY DISCRIBING ANY EFFORT WE HAVE MADE WITH ISRAELIS TO SUPPORT THEIR APPROACH ALONG LINES WE DISCUSSED HERE MARCH 2. END COMMENT.

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5. ZAID SAID THAT HE HAD TALKED WITH TALHOUNI AND ABD AL-MUNIM AL-RIFAI ON THEIR ARRIVAL BACK FROM CAIRO, RIYADH AND DAMASCUS LAST NIGHT. THEIR PRELIMINARY NEWS WAS BETTER THAN HE HAD EXPECTED--THEY HAVE REACHED AN UNDERSTANDING WITH OTHER LEADERS THAT NOTHING WILL HAPPEN ON THE PALESTINIANS UNTIL KING MEETS WITH SADAT. FAISEL AND ASSAD WHICH IS NOW PLANNED FOR EARLY APRIL. HE PROMISED ME LENGTHIER FILL-IN ON PLANE TOMORROW.

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