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SUBJECT: JORDAN AIR DEFENSE WEAPONS

FOR SAUNDERS FROM ATHERTON

1. SECRETARY MAY BE INTERESTED IN FOLLOING FBIS ITEM QUOTING AMMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE ON SUBJECT OF POSTPONEMENT WE WORKED OUT WITH CONGRESS FOR HAWK SALE.

2. QUOTE: PREMIER ZAYD AR-RIFA'I HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO THE DECISION OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO POSTPONE THE VOTE ON THE SALE OF U.S. MISSILES TO JOR

DAN UNTIL AFTER THE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL SUMMER RECESS, WHICH LASTS THROUGH AUGUST. THE DECISION WAS REACHED AFTER ISRAELI SUPPORTERS IN CONGRESS FAILED IN THEIR EFFORTS TO GET THE DEAL CANCELLED.

THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WILL VOTE ON THE DEAL WHEN THE SENATE RESUMES WORK THE F-RST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER..

AR-RIVA'I ADDED: IT IS KNOWN THAT THE ZIONIST ATTEMPTS WERE AIMED AT CANCELLATION OF THE ,;EN-IRE DEAL OR AT LEAST A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF THE OATTERIES OF MODERN HAWK MISSILES FROM 14 TO 6. HOWEVER, HIS MAJESTY KING HUSAYN'S COURAGEOUS STAND REJECTING ANY COMPROMISE AND INSISTING THAT THE DEAL BE IMPLEMENTED IN FULL PREVENTED THIS. END QUOTE. INGERSOLL

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