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 TAGS: OVIP, PFOR (KISSINGER, HENRY A.) SY  
 SUBJECT: GROMYKO'S STATEMENT UPON ARRIVAL IN DAMASCUS MAY 27

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1. WE ARRIVED IN DAMASCUS ONCE MORE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH PRESIDENT ASAD AND SYRIAN LEADERS ON QUESTIONS INVOLVING A SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I BELIEVE THERE IS NO NEED TO REPEAT THAT THE SOVIET UNION STANDS STEADFAST IN ITS POSITION THAT A JUST SETTLEMENT IN THIS AREA CANNOT BE ACHIEVED EXCEPT ON A BASIS OF COMPLETE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL ARAB LANDS OCCUPIED IN 1967 AND THEREAFTER AND ON THE BASIS OF ACHIEVING THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

2. THE ABOVE IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION FROM ARABIC INTO ENGLISH OF A SOVIET STATEMENT READY BY A SYRIAN OFFICIAL TO THE PRESS UPON GROMYKO'S ARRIVAL IN DAMASCUS.  
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