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September 2, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger

SUBJECT: Situation in Jordan

The situation in Jordan remains tense as of noon today. The following details are available:

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Earlier in the day, Baghdad Radio had announced that regular Iraqi troops had moved into positions alongside Fedayeen units. Lt. General Ammash, the Iraqi Vice President, arrived in Jordan today, flying into Mafraq, a major military base used by Iraqi forces. Meanwhile, a Lebanese newspaper has reported that Iran has been reinforcing its military forces along the Iraqi border.

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2. Following an emergency meeting of the Cabinet, Jordan today rejected an Iraqi demand that King Hussein order the Army to stop firing against the Fedayeen. The Jordanian rejection insisted that the firing was initiated by the Fedayeen and the Government counter-fire had stopped before the Iraqi note was received. Reports were circulating in Amman and Beirut that King Hussein is considering declaring martial law and has asked for the resignation of the Government and intends to replace it with a military regime.

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Most Government Ministries are closed and the Fedayeen are reportedly occupying the buildings of the Ministries of Economy and Public Works. Radio Amman has announced that Amman Airport is open to regular traffic.

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as of 0800 the Fedayeen were in control of a significant area of Amman and were establishing their own roadblocks.

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4. The Jordanians are apparently still uncertain of Syria's attitude toward the situation.

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