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MEMORANDUM

Jordan
(Situation as of 0630 EDT)

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MORI/CDF per C03323566

1. Fighting broke out again in Amman this morning.



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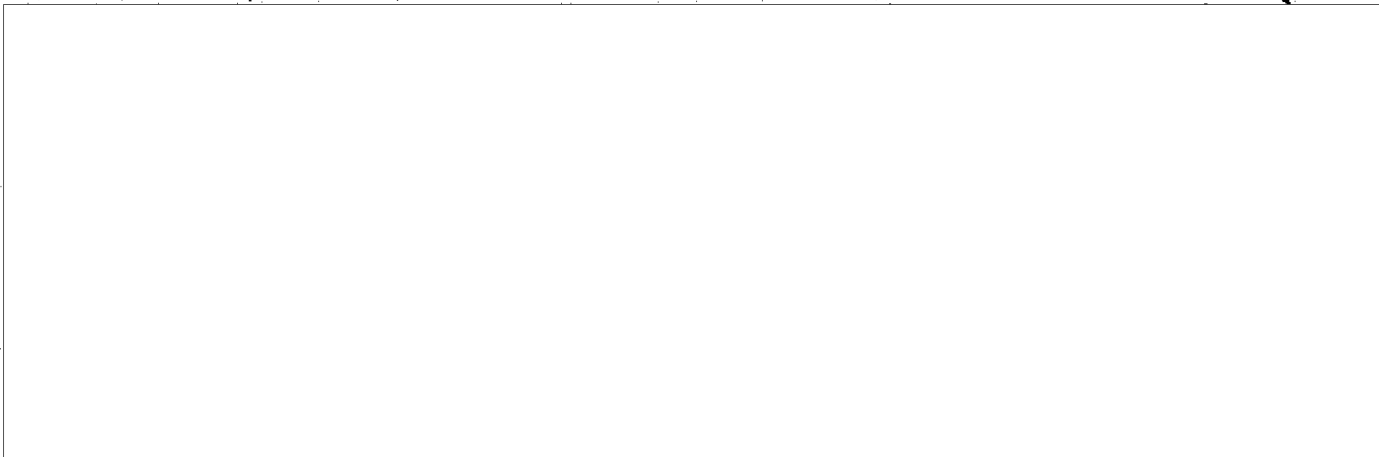
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The embassy's

telephone lines are working; the embassy can receive calls and has succeeded in making a few calls out, thus establishing that all official Americans are safe and well.

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(Attached to U cover memo from Saunders/Kennedy JWHAK, 22 Sept. 1970)

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7. A Red Cross representative has confirmed ~~that~~ earlier estimates of "very heavy casualties" in Amman. Most of the injured have been unable to obtain medical care because of the ~~the~~ firing and because the lack of electricity and medical facilities. The official described the general health situation as ~~very~~ "dreadful", but said the most pressing need was for food. An estimated 10,000 homeless are camped out at the Amman railroad station, 4,000 of whom are close to starvation. The Red Cross has begun relief flights from Beirut, but its efforts are hampered by sniping.

location in Beirut of the
8. There is no further word on the hostages. Talks between Red

Cross representatives ~~representatives~~ and fedayeen leaders in Beirut have

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British and Israeli representatives in

~~representatives~~ broken no new ground;

said yesterday that they seriously doubt that the guerilla

leaders involved in the talks, although normally influential, are

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now in any ~~position~~ position to ~~secure~~ secure the release of the

hostages.

A PFLP statement issued this morning said

that the organization considers ^sthe hostages "prisoners of war,"

because of the joint ~~stand~~ stand the US, UK, West Germany, and Switzerland

have taken with Israel on the problem.

~~9. The ~~opening~~ opening of the Arab summit meeting in Cairo has been ~~postponed~~ postponed eight hours, ~~xxxx~~ and is now scheduled to convene at 1900 hours Cairo time ~~xx~~ (Moon EDT). ~~xxxxxxx~~~~

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9. The opening of the Arab summit in Cairo has been postponed eight hours, apparently because ~~xxx~~ some of the delegates did not arrive in time for the session schedlued for this^h morning. It will now convene at 1900 hours Cairo time (Noon EDT). It is still not clear just who will attend. Nasir confered with Syria's Atasi late last night, but the results are unknown and there is no indication ^{of it} whether he will stay around for the summit. ~~xxxxxxx~~ King Husayn, as expected, sent his premier, Brig. Daud.