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INFO ROUTINE CAIRO, TEL AVIV, AMMAN, DAMASCUS, JERUSALEM

TEL AVIV TELNO 263: TABA

1. STATE TELL US THAT JUDGE SOFAER IS RESUMING HIS SHUTTLE AND WILL BE IN CAIRO BY 30 JUNE. THIS DECISION WAS CLINCHED BY EGYPTIAN ASSURANCES THAT THEIR PROPOSED TEXT FOR THE ANNEX TO THE COMPROMISE WOULD BE AVAILABLE EARLY NEXT WEEK, AND BY INDIRECT POSITIVE SIGNALS (IE VIA THE ISRAELIS) THAT EGYPT MAYBE PREPARED TO DROP FROM THE COMPROMISE THE TROUBLESOME LANGUAGE BY WHICH THEY HAD SOUGHT TO GUARANTEE A RESULT IN THEIR FAVOUR.

2. STATE ARE NOT (NOT) CONVINCED THAT THE EGYPTIANS HAVE ENTIRELY DROPPED THIS CONCEPT AND ARE NOT UNDERESTIMATING THE HURDLES STILL TO BE NEGOTIATED. BUT SHULTZ IS KEEN TO VISIT THE REGION AND CANNOT DO SO UNLESS TABA IS PRE-COOKED. THERE WAS PRESSURE, THEREFORE, FOR SOFAER TO REACT TO THE SLIGHTEST SUGGESTION THAT INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE RESUMED.

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