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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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ORAL MESSAGE

FROM PRESIDENT MUBARAK

TO PRIME MINISTER THATCHER

to the Prime Minister

1. PRESIDENT MUBARAK SENDS HIS GREETINGS/AND WISHES HER SUCCESS IN ALL HER ENDEAVOURS.
2. IN VIEW OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S IMMINENT VISIT TO MOSCOW, THE PRESIDENT DEEMED IT FIT TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND VIEWS WITH HER ON DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE PEACE PROCESS.
3. THE PRESIDENT IS CERTAIN THAT PRIME MINISTER THATCHER AGREES WITH HIM THAT THE PEACE PROCESS IS NOW AT A CROSSROADS. WHATEVER THE PARTIES DO, OR FAIL TO DO, AT THIS POINT IS LIKELY TO AFFECT THE PEACE PROCESS GREATLY DURING THE MONTHS AHEAD. THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL TO ADVISE THE SOVIET LEADERS TO BE POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE.

4. THE PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE PRIME MINISTER THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
 - a. EGYPT AND JORDAN ARE COORDINATING THEIR EFFORTS IN ORDER TO PERSUADE THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT THE IDEA OF HOLDING AN INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE. WE ARE MAKING IT CRYSTAL CLEAR THAT SUCH A CONFERENCE WOULD NEITHER PRECLUDE NOR SUBSTITUTE FOR DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES CONCERNED.
 - b. ON THE OTHER HAND, EGYPT IS TRYING TO REVIVE THE SUSPENDED COORDINATION BETWEEN JORDAN AND THE P.L.O. THE PRESIDENT BELIEVES THAT A JOINT AND UNIFIED JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN STAND IS INDISPENSIBLE FOR ACHIEVING MEANINGFUL PROGRESS. BOTH PARTIES HAVE REESTABLISHED CONTACTS, BUT MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE IN THIS RESPECT.

c. SPECIFICALLY, EGYPT BELIEVES THAT IT IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO KEEP THE JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN AGREEMENT OF FEBRUARY 1985 ALIVE AND VALID. IF THAT AGREEMENT IS ABROGATED, IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO RESTORE THE COORDINATION OR ESTABLISH A NEW FOUNDATION FOR JOINT ACTION BETWEEN JORDAN AND THE P.L.O. SOME CIRCLES ARE EXERTING HEAVY PRESSURE ON P.L.O. CHAIRMAN ARAFAT AND OTHER MODERATES AMONG THE PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT IN ORDER TO ANNOUNCE THE ABROGATION OF THAT AGREEMENT WHEN THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETS IN ALGIERS ON APRIL 20. THE SOVIET UNION SEEMS TO FAVOR SUCH MOVE. THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE PRIME MINISTER EXPLAINS TO MR. GORBACHEV AND HIS COLLEAGUES THAT SUCH STEP WOULD CONSTITUTE AN OBSTACLE ON THE ROAD TO CONVENING THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

- d. TOGETHER WITH JORDAN, WE ARE ENGAGED IN A DIALOGUE WITH THE UNITED STATES ON CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, E.G., THE LINK BETWEEN THE CONFERENCE AND THE BILATERAL COMMITTEES, THE QUESTION OF REFERRAL FROM COMMITTEES TO THE PLENARY AND THE ISSUE OF PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION. DESPITE THE APPARENT LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR THE CONFERENCE ON THE PART OF THE U.S., ONE DETECTS SOME MOVEMENT IN THE AMERICAN POSITION.
- e. WE HAVE FOLLOWED WITH INTEREST THE CONTACTS THE SOVIET UNION HAS HAD LATELY WITH THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL RESPECTIVELY. WE HOPE THAT THESE CONTACTS WOULD RESULT IN NARROWING THE GAP BETWEEN THE POSITIONS OF THESE PARTIES, FOR THAT DEVELOPMENT WOULD PUT US CLOSER TO HAVING AGREEMENT ON HOLDING THE CONFERENCE.

5. THE PRESIDENT HAS NO DOUBT THAT THE PRIME
MINISTER WILL DO ALL WHAT SHE CAN TO PERSUADE
THE SOVIETS TO BE POSITIVE. HE WOULD BE GRATEFUL
IF HE HEARS FROM HER UPON HER RETURN HOME.

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