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leaders of the Moslem world in a constructive fashion at the Islamic Conference. Morocco can in the future play a significant role.

The King wished by his mission to show that his only concern was a constructive relationship with the United States and the internal strength of Morocco. Military strength was not a problem. The primary problem was economic.

At a level to be decided by the President, the King hoped that a new basis for cooperation "outside normal paperwork" could be established. This would involve new procedures and a new policy.

In reply the President said he would welcome concrete suggestions from Mr. Tahiri as to what procedures needed changing. The U.S. considers Morocco a strong anchor in the Mediterranean and wants to keep it that way.

(In a subsequent conversation with Mr. Newsom, Minister Tahiri was more specific about what the King had in mind. He said the King wished to lay this groundwork for a possible visit in the future at which time he and the President could map out the level of cooperation. Mr. Newsom told Mr. Tahiri that the Department would consider the approach made to the President and would send further comments to the Moroccan Government.)

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