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FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN KING HASSAN AND
SECY PRECEDING LUNCHEON AT GUEST PALACE MON, FEB 9.

1. KING RECALLED HIS LONG ACQUAINTANCE WITH PRES. NIXON SAYING
THEY FIRST MET WHEN BOTH HAD SERVED AS, IN EFFECT, VP'S OF THEIR
RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. KING HOPED RELATIONSHIP WOULD
CONTINUE NOW THAT THEY WERE BOTH CHIEFS OF STATE. SECY EXTENDED
INVITATION TO KING TO VISIT WASHINGTON SAYING THAT WHILE THE SECY
VISIT TO RABAT WAS USEFUL THERE NO SUBSTITUTE FOR DIRECT MEETINGS
BETWEEN CHIEFS OF STATE.

2. IN DISCUSSING MIDDLE EAST AND MEDITERRANEAN, KING SAID US SIXTH
FLEET HAD ALWAYS BEEN IN MEDITERRANEAN BUT ISRAELI-ARAB WAR
FURNISHED USSIANS WITH THE ALIBI THEY NEEDED TO PUT IN THEIR OWN
SHIPS. HASSAN SAID IF THERE WERE NO WAR RUSSIAN PRESENCE
COULD BE REMOVED. IN FURTHER COMMENTS ON PALESTINIAN PROBLEM, KING
CHARACTERIZED ARAB CHIEFS OF STATE AS HAVING ACTED LIKE "BOOKMAKERS"
EACH PLAYING PALESTINIAN "HORSES". NOW PALESTINIANS HAVE SAID
ISRAEL-PALESTINIAN ISSUE FOR PALESTINIANS TO RESOLVE, NOT NASSER, HUS
SEIN

OR SYRIA. PALESTINIANS SAY THIS IS NOT WAR OF 100 MILLION ARABS
AGAINST 2 1/2 MILLION JEWS BUT 1 1/2 MILLION PALESTINIANS WHO
WANT RETURN TO THEIR COUNTRY AND ENJOR EQUAL RIGHTS WITH PALESTINIANS
OF JEWISH FAITH. YASSER ARAFAT HAD SAID AT ARAB SUMMIT THERE 1 1/2
MILLION MOSLEM PALESTINIANS AND 2 1/2

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