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**File Folder** ISRAELI AIRSTRIKE ON PLO CAMPS IN TUNISIA (09/30/1985): 10/01/1985-10/02/1985 **FOIA** M11-397/2

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(EXCERPT) BEIRUT, OCT 1 (AFP) -- A CALLER CLAIMING TO REPRESENT ISLAMIC JIHAD SAID TODAY THAT TWO OF FOUR SOVIET HOSTAGES KIDNAPPED YESTERDAY IN WEST BEIRUT HAD BEEN KILLED. "WE HAVE EXECUTED THE COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATIVE, MR VALERIY MIRNAKOV, AND THE EMBASSY DOCTOR, MR NIKOLAY SVIRSKY (NAMES AS RECEIVED). THAT WILL BE ALL FOR TODAY", THE ANONYMOUS PERSON SAID IN A PHONE CALL TO A FOREIGN PRESS AGENCY HERE.

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- As the President said, linking those who commit crime to those who are punished is also ~~clear~~ *essential*.
- But in this case, we do not yet know the full story. We have no independent source of information on the location and nature of targets and casualties.

IF ASKED:

- We will take further steps to determine the facts of the situation.
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- Let me add, that as a matter of principle it is our view it is legitimate self-defense to respond appropriately to acts of terrorism.
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EGYPT: PRESIDENT MUBARAK COMMENTS ON ISRAELI RAID ON TUNISIA

TAKE 1 OF 2 -- MUBARAK ON ISRAELI RAID

NC012116 CAIRO DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC 2000 GMT 1 OCT 85

(TEXT) PRESIDENT HUSNI MUBARAK HAS STRONGLY DENOUNCED THE OPERATION WHICH ISRAEL CARRIED OUT AGAINST TUNISIA AND THE PALESTINIANS. FOLLOWING A 2-HOUR PLENARY AND URGENT MEETING WHICH HE HELD WITH HIS POLITICAL AIDES AT THE AL-'URUBAH PALACE THIS EVENING, PRESIDENT MUBARAK MADE A STATEMENT TO EGYPTIAN AND FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.

THE PRESIDENT FIRST ANSWERED A QUESTION ON WHAT EGYPT WILL DO FOLLOWING THE ISRAELI ATTACK ON THE PLO HEADQUARTERS IN TUNIS. HE SAID:

(BEGIN MUBARAK RECORDING) I SENT A MESSAGE TO THE U.S. PRESIDENT TODAY ASKING HIM HOW THIS COULD HAPPEN. IN THE UNITED STATES, WE TALKED ABOUT GIVING AN IMPETUS TO THE PEACE PROCESS. WE TALKED ABOUT THE ISSUE OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND THE JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN DELEGATION. WE SAID THAT YASIR 'ARAFAT IS THE MOST MODERATE OF PEOPLE AND THAT WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE HIM. WHY DID THEY GO TO KILL HIM TODAY WHILE KING HUSAYN IS IN THE UNITED STATES DISCUSSING THE PEACE PROCESS? WHY THE AGGRESSION AGAINST 'ARAFAT'S COMMAND TODAY? IT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD THAT IF 'ARAFAT IS KILLED, WHETHER BY ISRAEL OR BY SOME ARAB COUNTRY, THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE WILL BE FINISHED. WE WILL ONLY BE TURNING ALL PALESTINIANS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD INTO TERRORISTS. THE ENTIRE WORLD WILL SUFFER FROM THE RESULTS OF THIS. (END RECORDING)

THE PRESIDENT ANSWERED ANOTHER QUESTION ON WHETHER HE THOUGHT ISRAEL HAD RECEIVED A GREEN LIGHT FROM THE UNITED STATES BEFORE CARRYING OUT THIS ATTACK. HE SAID:

(BEGIN MUBARAK RECORDING) THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT APPROVE OF ANY TYPE OF TERRORISM. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD INFORMATION ABOUT THIS OPERATION.

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TUNISIA REQUESTS MEETING OF SECURITY COUNCIL ON RAID

UNITED NATIONS, OCT 1, REUTER - TUNISIA REQUESTED AN URGENT MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TODAY FOLLOWING AN ATTACK BY THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE THIS MORNING ON TARGETS IN THE SOUTH OF THE COUNTRY.

IN A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, JAIME DE PINIES, TUNISIA'S AMBASSADOR AT THE UNITED NATIONS, NEJIB BOUZIRI, SAID:

"THE TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT REQUESTS THE COUNCIL TO CONDEMN FORCEFULLY THIS DELIBERATE ACT OF AGGRESSION, TO DEMAND FROM ITS PERPETRATORS JUST AND FULL REPARATION FOR THE DAMAGE CAUSED AND TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO PREVENT THE REPETITION OF SUCH ACTS."

THE LETTER SAID 50 PEOPLE DIED AND MORE THAN 100 WERE INJURED IN THE ISRAELI BOMBING, AND THAT CONTRARY TO WHAT THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES CLAIMED, IT WAS DIRECTED AT AN URBAN AREA INHABITED MAINLY BY TUNISIAN FAMILIES AND ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF PALESTINIAN CIVILIANS.

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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN REACTION TO ISRAELI ATTACK AGAINST  
PLO HEADQUARTERS

1. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY REPORT OF CAIRO RADIO REPORT FIVE P M LOCAL TIME REGARDING THE ISRAELI ATTACK AGAINST PLO HEADQUARTERS IN TUNISIA.

2. BEGIN TEXT: PRESIDENT MUBARAK SENT A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN REGARDING THE ISRAELI ATTACK AGAINST THE PLO HEADQUARTERS IN TUNIS. FOREIGN MINISTER ABDEL MEGUID DELIVERED THE SUBSTANCE TO AMBASSADOR VELIOTES TODAY. ABDEL MEGUID SAID QUOTE THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT STRONGLY CONDEMNS THIS THOUGHTLESS ATTACK... SUCH A CRIMINAL ACT AGAINST THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE ONLY INCREASES VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM AND REDUCES THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEACE. THIS NEW AGGRESSION AGAINST THE PLO HEADQUARTERS IN TUNIS IS A BLATANT VIOLATION OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF A BROTHERLY ARAB COUNTRY. BECAUSE OF THIS CRIMINAL ACT, THE GOE WILL NOT RECEIVE THE ISRAELI DELEGATION COMING FOR TALKS ON TABA. EGYPT HOLDS THE GOI RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS CRIMINAL ACT. END TEXT.

3. FOLLOW-UP ITEM SAID REPORTS FROM TUNIS ARE THAT THE NUMBER OF KILLED AND WOUNDED ARE ABOUT ONE HUNDRED.

4. REPORT FROM LEBANON SAID THE FOUR KIDNAPPED SOVIET DIPLOMATS HAVE (ALL) BEEN EXECUTED.  
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<SUBJ> SUBJECT: U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL: TUNISIA REQUESTS  
 IMMEDIATE MEETING ON ISRAELI ATTACK

<TEXT> 1. USUN RECEIVED FROM THE UN SECRETARIAT A LETTER FROM TUNISIAN AMBASSADOR BOUZIRI OCTOBER 1 ADDRESSED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT (U.S.) REQUESTING AN IMMEDIATE MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON THE ISRAELI ATTACK OUTSIDE TUNIS. THE LETTER CLAIMS THE ATTACK CAUSED MORE THAN 50 DEATHS AND NEARLY 100 INJURED. IT LABELLED THE INCIDENT "A COWARDLY ATTACK ON AN EXCLUSIVELY URBAN RESIDENTIAL AREA TRADITIONALLY INHABITED BY TUNISIAN FAMILIES AND A LIMITED NUMBER OF PALESTINIAN CIVILIANS." THE LETTER INVITES THE COUNCIL TO VIGOROUSLY CONDEMN THIS ACT, TO DEMAND FAIR AND FULL REPARATIONS AND TO TAKE THE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO PREVENT THEIR RECURRENCE.

2. AFTER MEETING WITH UN SECRETARY GENERAL PEREZ DE CUELLAR MORNING OF OCTOBER 1, TUNISIAN FOREIGN MINISTER CAID ESSEBSI STATED THAT THERE IS HERE A CASE OF "STATE TERRORISM CONDEMNED BY THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND PARTICULARLY BY THE U.S. WHICH HAS JUST DENOUNCED IT AGAIN FROM THE U.N. TRIBUNE AND AFFIRMED ITS DETERMINATION TO COMBAT IT." HIS DECLARATION CONTINUED THAT ISRAEL'S REAL OBJECTIVE WAS TO "SABOTAGE" A JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. ESSEBSI CONCLUDED THAT TUNISIA TURNS IN PARTICULAR TO ISRAEL'S FRIENDS TO CORRECT THIS SITUATION.

3. THE UN SPOKESMAN MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT OCTOBER 1 ON BEHALF OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL. BEGIN TEXT: THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS ALREADY COMMENTED ON THE ASSASSINATION OF THREE ISRAELIS IN LARNACA ON 25 SEPTEMBER. HE IS GRAVELY CONCERNED TO LEARN OF THE REPRISAL RAID OF THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE ON TARGETS IN TUNISIA. SUCH ACTS OF REPRISAL IN THE CURRENT SITUATION, WITH THE RESULTING CASUALTIES AND THE VIOLATION OF THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF A MEMBER STATE, CANNOT BE ACCEPTED. THEY SERVE TO PERPETUATE THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE



AND FURTHER HAMPER THE SEARCH FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS.

END TEXT.

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 RAID ON TUNIS

<TEXT> 1. FOLLOWING RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT HERE THAT ISRAELI  
 AIRCRAFT CARRIED OUT THE BOMBING OF PLO HEADQUARTERS  
 IN TUNIS, PLO REPRESENTATIVE ABOU MAROUANE,  
 SPEAKING ON MOROCCO RADIO, HAS CLAIMED THAT  
 ISRAEL WOULD NEVER HAVE CARRIED OUT SUCH AN  
 ATTACK WITHOUT U.S. SUPPORT. EMBASSY REQUESTS,  
 AS SOON AS AVAILABLE, WASHINGTON GUIDANCE OR  
 PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THIS INCIDENT FOR USE WITH  
 MOROCCAN OFFICIALS AND PRESS TO COUNTER PLO  
 ALLEGATIONS.  
 NASSIF

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<SUBJ> SUBJECT: INITIAL REACTIONS TO ISRAELI BOMBING

<TEXT> OF TUNIS PLO HEADQUARTERS

1. THE REPORTS OF AN ISRAELI ATTACK ON PLO HEADQUARTERS IN TUNIS HAVE SHOCKED MANY HERE, BUT THERE IS LITTLE IN THE WAY OF COMMENT FROM GOJ OR PLO SOURCES. A JOURNALIST CONTACT OF OURS SPOKE WITH ABU JIHAD AFTER THE NEWS BECAME PUBLIC. ABU JIHAD REPORTED THAT HE HAD TALKED TO ARAFAT IN TUNIS SUBSEQUENT TO THE ATTACK. ARAFAT SAID HE WAS OUTSIDE THE BUILDING AT THE TIME OF THE ATTACK, BUT NOTED THAT SOME 20 25 PLO CADRE HAD BEEN KILLED ALONG WITH SEVERAL TUNISIANS. ARAFAT CLAIMED THAT 8 ISRAELI PLANES HAD TAKEN PART IN THE ATTACK. ABU JIHAD TOLD THE JOURNALIST HE HAD NO COMMENT ON THE ATTACK OR ITS IMPLICATIONS.

2. NAJEEB AL AHMED, THE DIRECTOR OF THE PLO OFFICE IN AMMAN, REPORTEDLY TOLD A LOCAL JOURNALIST THAT HE, TOO, HAD NO OFFICIAL COMMENT ON THE ATTACK. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT THE ISRAELIS WERE USING THE LARNACA YACHT ATTACK AS THE RATIONALE FOR THE BOMBING IN TUNIS AND SAID THAT THE PLO WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE LARNACA ATTACK. AL AHMED SUGGESTED THE REAL REASON FOR THE ISRAELI ACTION WAS TO UNDERMINE HUSSEIN'S EFFORTS TO REINVIGORATE THE PEACE PROCESS DURING HIS TRIP TO THE U.S.

3. THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION HAS TOLD SEVERAL JOURNALISTS THAT THE GOJ HAS NO COMMENT ON THE INCIDENT IN TUNIS AT THIS TIME.

4. COMMENT: WE EXPECT BOTH THE PLO AND GOJ ARE AWAITING PRESS GUIDANCE BEFORE COMMENTING THE PLO FROM ITS HEADQUARTERS IN TUNIS AND THE GOJ FROM HUSSEIN'S PARTY IN WASHINGTON.  
GNEHM

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<SUBJ> SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN REACTION TO ISRAELI ATTACK AGAINST

<TEXT> PLO HEADQUARTERS

1. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY REPORT OF CAIRO RADIO REPORT FIVE P M LOCAL TIME REGARDING THE ISRAELI ATTACK AGAINST PLO HEADQUARTERS IN TUNISIA.

2. BEGIN TEXT: PRESIDENT MUBARAK SENT A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN REGARDING THE ISRAELI ATTACK AGAINST THE PLO HEADQUARTERS IN TUNIS. FOREIGN MINISTER ABDEL MEGUID DELIVERED THE SUBSTANCE TO AMBASSADOR VELIOTES TODAY.

ABDEL MEGUID SAID QUOTE THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT STRONGLY CONDEMNS THIS THOUGHTLESS ATTACK...SUCH A CRIMINAL ACT AGAINST THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE ONLY INCREASES VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM AND REDUCES THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEACE. THIS NEW AGGRESSION AGAINST THE PLO HEADQUARTERS IN TUNIS IS A BLATANT VIOLATION OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF A BROTHERLY ARAB COUNTRY. BECAUSE OF THIS CRIMINAL ACT, THE GOE WILL NOT RECEIVE THE ISRAELI DELEGATION COMING FOR TALKS ON TABA. EGYPT HOLDS THE GOI RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS CRIMINAL ACT. END TEXT.

3. FOLLOW UP ITEM SAID REPORTS FROM TUNIS ARE THAT THE NUMBER OF KILLED AND WOUNDED ARE ABOUT ONE HUNDRED.

4. REPORT FROM LEBANON SAID THE FOUR KIDNAPPED SOVIET DIPLOMATS HAVE (ALL) BEEN EXECUTED.  
VELIOTES

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<SUBJ> SUBJECT: GOF STATEMENTS ON ISRAELI ATTACK

<TEXT> 1. QUAI D'ORSAY SPOKESMAN ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT  
EARLY AFTERNOON OCTOBER 1 ON ISRAELI ATTACK IN TUNIS:  
"FRANCE STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE AGGRESSION, OF WHICH  
TUNISIA, A COUNTRY WHICH IS A GREAT FRIEND OF FRANCE,  
HAS BEEN THE VICTIM."

2. FURTHER STATEMENT WAS ISSUED LATE AFTERNOON: "THE  
FRENCH GOVERNMENT CAN ONLY CONDEMN THIS MILITARY ACTION  
CARRIED OUT BY THE ISRAELI ARMED FORCES ON THE TERRITORY  
OF A SOVEREIGN AND PEACEFUL STATE, AND A FRIEND OF FRANCE.  
IT (THE GOVERNMENT) DEPLORES AN ACTION WHICH WILL  
AGGRAVATE TENSIONS IN THE REGION. IT HAS IMMEDIATELY  
UNDERTAKEN CONTACT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF TUNISIA AND  
ITS EUROPEAN PARTNERS."  
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<SUBJ> SUBJECT: ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER'S COMMENT ON  
 ISRAELI RAID ON TUNIS

<TEXT> 1. (C ENTIRE TEXT.)  
 2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN TELEPHONED MANY TIMES BY PRIME  
 MINISTER'S OFFICE RE U.S. POSITION ON ISRAELI RAID.  
 THE TEXT OF THE PRESS GUIDANCE, READ TO THE PM'S  
 DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR, HELPED TO TEMPER EXAGGERATED  
 REPORTS.  
 3. PM CRAXI HIMSELF HAS SENT TUNISIAN PM MZALI A  
 MESSAGE, AND HAS EVIDENTLY MADE IT PUBLIC. ACCORD  
 ING TO CRAXI'S DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR, THE MESSAGE TALKS  
 OF THE ISRAELI ACTION AS AN ILLEGITIMATE ACT, A VERY  
 SERIOUS VIOLATION OF TUNISIA'S SOVEREIGNTY. ISRAEL  
 IS SAID TO BE GUILTY OF A TERRORISTIC ATTACK ON A  
 FRIENDLY STATE.  
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<SUBJ> SUBJECT: EC STATEMENT ON ISRAELI RAID

<TEXT> 1. AFTER MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG OCTOBER 1, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY FOREIGN MINISTERS ISSUED A STATEMENT (PARA 2) CONDEMNING THAT MORNING'S ISRAELI AIR RAID IN TUNIS. THE STATEMENT DERIVED FROM A FRENCH DRAFT PROPOSED BY DUMAS, THE ONLY SENIOR MINISTER ACTUALLY PRESENT IN LUXEMBOURG, AND WAS VETTED IN MEMBER STATE CAPITALS BEFORE BEING PUBLISHED. CURRENT EC COUNCIL CHAIRMAN POOS, UK JUNIOR MINISTER RIFKIND AND OTHER OFFICIALS CONFIRMED TO THE PRESS THAT THE EC STATEMENT HAD BEEN PREPARED "IN FULL KNOWLEDGE" OF THE US REACTION. POOS ALSO CONFIRMED TO JOURNALISTS THAT HIS FELLOW MINISTERS HAD AUTHORIZED HIM AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO MEET THE JOINT JORDANIAN PALESTINIAN DELEGATION THAT WOULD BE RECEIVED IN LONDON. ANOTHER COUNCIL OFFICIAL TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT THE MINISTERS HAD ALSO DECIDED TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY THE EC ISRAEL JOINT COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 21.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

THE MINISTERS FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE TEN AND OF SPAIN AND PORTUGAL, MEETING WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF EUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION, VIGOROUSLY CONDEMN THE BOMBING BY THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE OF THE PLO HEAD QUARTERS IN TUNIS, WHICH VIOLATES THE SOVEREIGNTY OF A FRIENDLY, PEACEFUL AND MODERATE COUNTRY AND REPRESENTS A FURTHER STAGE IN THE CONTINUING VIOLENCE AND COUNTER VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

WHILE CONDEMNING AT THE SAME TIME ACTS OF TERRORISM COMMITTED AGAINST ISRAELI CITIZENS, THE MINISTERS DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THEY JUSTIFY SUCH ACTION.

THE MINISTERS FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE TEN AND OF SPAIN AND PORTUGAL HOPE THAT THIS NEW ESCALATION OF VIOLENCE WILL NOT COMPROMISE EFFORTS BEING MADE TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE ISRAELI ARAB CONFLICT.

3. THIS MESSAGE PREPARED BY USEC.

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Q: Administration's position on the Israeli raid in Tunisia?

A: -- We first want to extend the sincere condolences of the USG to the Government of Tunisia over the loss of life of its citizens in the raid. Our sympathies are with the people of Tunisia.

-- Yesterday we noted, and the Secretary of State reiterated at the Gulf Cooperation Council luncheon in New York, that we deeply deplore the rising pattern of violence in the region including the latest incident of the attack on PLO headquarters in Tunis.

*While resort to violence is deplorable,*

-- It is useful to recall the antecedents to this attack, which included repeated attempts to infiltrate terrorists into Israel and the outrageous murder of three Israeli civilians at Larnaca. Against this background, the air strike is understandable as an expression of self-defense.

~~Attack on the PLO in Tunisia~~

-- Our distress is especially acute, <sup>however</sup> since one act of violence touches off another and a pattern of escalation is established. Such acts of violence are contrary to our overall objective of a peaceful, stable Middle East, ~~and cannot be condoned.~~

-- The Secretary of State also reaffirmed that we are clear in our opposition to acts of violence from whatever quarter they come. ~~Violence in and of itself is not acceptable.~~

-- Of equal importance, our opposition to terrorism is well-known and unswerving and the international community must be able to defend against such acts. Without such defense, the practitioners of terrorism in the Middle East will move closer to their goal of stopping efforts toward peace in the region.

-- We must not allow this violence to harm or hinder the efforts we and other parties are exerting to bring peace to the Middle East.

Q: Is this attack on Tunis "appropriate"?

A: I am not going to comment further on this specific action. As I said previously, however, as a general principle, those who practice terrorism cannot assume they are immune from retaliation for specific terrorist acts.

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*while we deplore resort to violence,*

Q. What is the Administration's position today on the Tunis raid?

A. --I first want to extend the sincere condolences of the USG to the Government of Tunisia over the loss of life of its citizens in the raid. Our sympathies are with the people of Tunisia.

--Yesterday we noted, and the Secretary reiterated at the Gulf Cooperation Council luncheon in New York, that we deeply deplore the rising pattern of violence in the region including the latest incident of the attack on PLO headquarters in Tunis.

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The Secretary also reaffirmed that we are clear in our opposition to acts of violence from whatever quarter they come.

--Of equal importance, our opposition to terrorism is well-known and unswerving and one must be able to defend against such acts. Without such defense, the practitioners of terrorism will move closer to their goal of stopping efforts toward peace in the region.

--We therefore believe that, as a matter of principle, it is an understandable exercise of self-defense to respond appropriately to acts of terrorism.

<sup>so</sup> <sub>1</sub> Q. Is this attack on Tunis "appropriate"?

A. I am not going to comment further on this specific action. As I said previously, however, as a general principle, those who practice terrorism cannot assume they are immune from retaliation for specific terrorist acts.

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TUNISIAN FOREIGN MINISTER STATEMENT ON ISRAELI AIR RAID

LD020513 TUNIS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC 2300 GMT 1 OCT 85

(STATEMENT BY TUNISIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BEJI CAID ES-SEBSI ON 1 OCT ISRAELI AIR RAID; DATE AND PLACE NOT GIVEN -- RECORDED)

(TEXT) THE CRIMINAL ACT COMMITTED THIS MORNING AT HAMMAN ELCHATT, 20 KM FROM TUNIS, AND WHICH WAS ADOPTED BY THE ISRAELI CHIEF OF STAFF, CONSTITUTES A (WORD INDISTINCT) AGGRESSION BY ISRAEL AGAINST MY COUNTRY. WE ARE FACING INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM WHICH IS CONDEMNED BY THE WHOLE UNITED NATIONS.

TUNISIA IS CRYING AT THIS MOMENT FOR THE SCORES OF THE INNOCENT VICTIMS WHO WERE REACHED BY ISRAELI BESTIALITY, AND YET IT WILL NOT DEVIATE FROM ITS SUPPORT FOR THE JUST CAUSE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

THE ISRAELIS, WHO HAVE COMMITTED THEIR CRIME, UNDERSTAND VERY WELL THAT THEIR OBJECTIVE WAS DIFFERENT. AT A TIME WHEN TUNISIA STRIVES WITH THE WHOLE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO FIND A JUST AND LASTING SOLUTION TO THE PALESTINE PROBLEM, AND AT A TIME WHEN THE ISRAELI PEACE EFFORTS WERE PLACED IN A CRITICAL POSITION, THEY FOUND NO OTHER REACTION THAN THE UNDERMINING OF THESE EFFORTS, A MATTER WHICH IS NOT STRANGE, COMING FROM THEM. THEIR TERRORIST ACTION FALLS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THEIR POLICY OF ALWAYS REJECTING ANY PEACEFUL SOLUTION AND ABORTING ALL PEACE EFFORTS.

THEREFORE, WE APPEAL TO THE UNITED NATIONS, ESPECIALLY TO THE FRIENDS OF ISRAEL WHO BACK THAT COUNTRY, AND ASK THEM, HOW LONG WILL THEY REMAIN LENIENT WITH THE ISRAELI POLICY, WHICH CONTRADICTS INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. AT ANY RATE, TUNISIA WILL NOT ACCEPT THE VIOLATION OF ITS TERRITORY AND THE ENDANGERING OF ITS SECURITY AND THE LIVES OF ITS CITIZENS, AND IT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO USE ALL MEANS TO REPULSE THE AGGRESSORS, NO MATTER WHO THEY ARE.

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HUSSEIN CONDEMNS ISRAELI ATTACK AS ORGANIZED TERRORISM

WASHINGTON, OCT 1, REUTER - JORDAN'S KING HUSSEIN TODAY TWICE CONDEMNED THE ISRAELI ATTACK AGAINST PLO LEADER YASSER ARAFAT'S HEADQUARTERS IN TUNISIA.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS HERE AFTER A MEETING WITH CONGRESSMEN, HUSSEIN SAID: "IT IS AN ACTION TAKEN AGAINST A FREE MODERATE ARAB STATE, AGAINST PEOPLE WHO WERE EVICTED FROM LEBANON."

EARLIER, IN A TELEPHONE CALL TO HIS BROTHER, CROWN PRINCE HASSAN, IN AMMAN, HE DESCRIBED THE RAID AS ORGANIZED TERRORISM AIMED AT WEAKENING CHANCES FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE.

JORDAN'S PETRA NEWS AGENCY SAID HUSSEIN TOLD HASSAN: "JORDAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN AGAINST INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, WHATEVER ITS SOURCE.

"TODAY'S ISRAELI AGGRESSION ON SISTERLY TUNISIA IS ANOTHER LINK IN A CHAIN OF ORGANIZED TERRORISM BY ISRAEL ... THE AIM OF TODAY'S AGGRESSION BY ISRAEL WAS TO WEAKEN THE CHANCES OF REAL AND COMPREHENSIVE PEACE IN THE REGION."

IN WASHINGTON, HUSSEIN SAID THE RAID "SHOULD RECEIVE NOT ONLY MY CONDEMNATION BUT HOPEFULLY THAT OF MANY IN THE WORLD."

HE ADDED: "WHAT WE NEED NOW IS TO BE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT VIOLENCE BREEDS VIOLENCE, THAT THERE ARE MANY WHO OPPOSE PEACE - AND WHO WOULD SEEK THE DESTRUCTION OF THIS LAST CHANCE TO ESTABLISH PEACE."

HUSSEIN SAID HE HOPED THAT "FUTURE ACTIONS BY RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENTS WILL NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE FURTHER DETERIORATION OF THE SITUATION."

THE KING MET ABOUT 75 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS IN AN EFFORT TO GARNER SUPPORT FOR THE SALE OF AS MUCH AS \$1.9 BILLION WORTH OF ADVANCED U.S. WEAPONRY TO HIS COUNTRY.

IN NEW YORK, A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE ARAB LEAGUE, OF WHICH JORDAN IS A MEMBER, NOT ONLY CONDEMNED THE ISRAELI RAID BUT ALSO THE REACTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

"THE UNITED STATES HAS SHOCKED THE ARAB WORLD BY AN ATTEMPT TO CONDONE THIS ISRAELI ACT OF AGGRESSION IN TUNIS," SAID CLOVIS MAKSOUD, THE LEAGUE'S U.S. REPRESENTATIVE.

"THE U.S. REACTION CONSTITUTES A LICENSE TO ISRAEL TO FURTHER ESCALATE TENSIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND TO STRIKE AT WILL IN EVERY DIRECTION," MAKSOUD SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE ISRAELI RAID HAD "PRE-EMPTED ANY OPTIONS TO PEACE," COMING ONE DAY AFTER PRESIDENT REAGAN HELD TALKS WITH HUSSEIN ON MIDDLE EAST PEACE ISSUES.

MAKSOUD SAID THE LEAGUE SUPPORTED TUNISIA'S REQUEST FOR AN URGENT SESSION OF THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL TO CALL FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL.

THE PLO, TARGET OF THE ISRAELI ATTACK, IS A FULL MEMBER OF THE LEAGUE, ALTHOUGH IT HAS ONLY OBSERVER STATUS AT THE UNITED NATIONS.

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- IMMEDIATE MEETING ON ISRAELI ATTACK

1. USUN RECEIVED FROM THE UN SECRETARIAT A LETTER FROM TUNISIAN AMBASSADOR BOUZIRI OCTOBER 1 ADDRESSED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT (U.S.) REQUESTING AN IMMEDIATE MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON THE ISRAELI ATTACK OUTSIDE TUNIS. THE LETTER CLAIMS THE ATTACK CAUSED MORE THAN 50 DEATHS AND NEARLY 100 INJURED. IT LABELLED THE INCIDENT "A COWARDLY ATTACK ON AN EXCLUSIVELY URBAN RESIDENTIAL AREA TRADITIONALLY INHABITED BY TUNISIAN FAMILIES AND A LIMITED NUMBER OF PALESTINIAN CIVILIANS." THE LETTER INVITES THE COUNCIL TO VIGOROUSLY CONDEMN THIS ACT, TO DEMAND FAIR AND FULL REPARATIONS AND TO TAKE THE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO PREVENT THEIR RECURRENCE.

2. AFTER MEETING WITH UN SECRETARY GENERAL PEREZ DE GUELLAR MORNING OF OCTOBER 1, TUNISIAN FOREIGN MINISTER CAID ESSEBSI STATED THAT THERE IS HERE A CASE OF "STATE TERRORISM CONDEMNED BY THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND PARTICULARLY BY THE U.S. WHICH HAS JUST DENOUNCED IT AGAIN FROM THE U.N. TRIBUNE AND AFFIRMED ITS DETERMINATION TO COMBAT IT." HIS DECLARATION CONTINUED THAT ISRAEL'S REAL OBJECTIVE WAS TO "SABOTAGE" A JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. ESSEBSI

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1. ON 2 OCTOBER ALL DELHI ENGLISH DAILIES CARRIED SIMILAR FRONT-PAGE STORIES ANNOUNCING THE ISRAELI ATTACK ON PLO HEADQUARTERS IN TUNIS. THE 1 OCTOBER EVENING TELEVISION NEWS ALSO BROADCAST A BULLETIN ON THE ATTACK BEFORE CONCLUDING ITS PROGRAM AT 2200 HOURS. THE INDIAN PRESS HAS ALSO REPORTED THE GOI REACTION CONDEMNING THE ATTACK, WHICH WE TRANSMIT BELOW:

2. NEW DELHI (PRESS TRUST OF INDIA) 1 OCTOBER: INDIA TODAY STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE ISRAELI BOMBING OF THE PLO HEADQUARTERS DESCRIBING IT AS A QUOTE HEINOUS ATTACK WHICH IS IN FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF ALL NORMS OF CIVILIZED BEHAVIOUR. INDIA, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND ON ITS OWN BEHALF NOT ONLY DEPLORES BUT ALSO STRONGLY CONDMNS THE BLATANT ACT OF ISRAELI AGGRESSION

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3. SO FAR, THE INDIAN PRESS HAS MADE NO MENTION OR ACCUSATION OF POSMEMENT, REPORTING ONLY THE US STATEMENT DESCRIBING THE ISRAELI BOMBING AS A QUOTE LEGITIMATE RESPONSE TO TERRORISM. UNQUOTE.  
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SUBJECT: IRAQI REACTION TO ISRAELI RAID AGAINST TUNISIA

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. IRAQ SAYS IT DEPLORES THE ISRAELI RAID ON TUNISIA AND IS DISCOMFORTED BY USG STATEMENTS, WHICH IT FEARS WILL ASSOCIATE THE U.S. WITH THE ISRAELI ATTACK IN ARAB EYES. THE AMBASSADOR IN RESPONSE PROVIDED OUR STATED REACTION IN FULL, IN WHICH INTER ALIA WE INCLUDED THE RAID IN THE CURRENT CYCLE OF VIOLENCE. HE ALSO ASKED WHY PLO/FATAH, WHILE CLAIMING TO BE EDGING TOWARD PEACE, IS AGAIN ENGAGING IN TERRORISM. WE CAN EXPECT MEDIA COVERAGE CRITICAL OF THE USG. THE RAID HAS NOT ONLY EMBARRASSED IRAQ, A LEADING SUPPORTER OF MAINSTREAM PLO/FATAH, ELEMENTS, BUT HAS EVOKED PAINFUL MEMORIES OF THE ISRAELI DEEP PENETRATION RAID ON BAGHDAD. END SUMMARY.

3. DURING THE AMBASSADOR'S CALL OCTOBER 2 ON MFA FIRST INTERNATIONAL DIVISION HEAD HADDAWI, SENIOR UNDERSECRETARY AL-WAYIS (UNTIL RECENTLY AMBASSADOR TO TUNISIA) CONVEYED BY TELEPHONE GOI'S VIEW THAT IT "DEPLORED AND VIEWED WITH DISMAY" THE ISRAELI ATTACK AGAINST PLO FACILITIES IN TUNISIA. HADDAWI ADDED THAT THE RAID WAS CAUSING DEEP CONCERN TO HIS GOVERNMENT, NOTING IRAQ'S POLICY OF STRONG SUPPORT FOR ARAFAT'S MAINSTREAM PLO/FATAH. IN PARTICULARLY REGRETTED A MILITARY ACTION AGAINST PEACEFUL TUNISIA, CAUSING ACCORDING TO IRAQI INFORMATION, INNOCENT TUNISIAN CASUALTIES. THE GOI WAS ALSO CONCERNED THAT ARAB ANGER WOULD BE DIRECTED EQUALLY AGAINST ISRAEL AND THE U.S., PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF USG STATEMENTS "FAVORABLE TO THE ISRAELI ACTION" (WHICH HE CONTRASTED TO THE NEGATIVE EUROPEAN REACTION).

4. THE AMBASSADOR IN RESPONSE AND DRAWING ON DEPARTMENT

GUIDANCE, PROVIDED HADDAWI WITH THE FULL VERSION OF THE USG REACTION, NOTING INTER ALIA THAT WE HAD INCLUDED THE RAID IN THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE WHICH WE DEPLORE AND THAT, WHILE WE HAD STATED THAT AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO TERRORISM IS LEGITIMATE SELF-DEFENSE, WE ALSO SAID THAT WE DID NOT AT THE TIME YET HAVE A FULL STORY ON THE RAID. THE AMBASSADOR ALSO NOTED THE CONNECTION TO ABORTIVE PLO SEAGOING TERRORISM AND THE KILLING OF ISRAELI CIVILIANS IN CYPRUS AND SAID HE FAILED TO UNDERSTAND TOTALLY HOW THE PLO/FATAH LEADERSHIP, AT A TIME WHEN IT PORTRAYS ITSELF AS MOVING TOWARD PEACE, COULD VIEW IT AS BEING IN THE PALESTINIAN INTEREST TO ENGAGE IN TERRORISM AND TAKE EVEN QUIETLY CREDIT FOR SUCH ACTS. THE USUAL FRIENDLY BUT UNPRODUCTIVE CIRCULAR DISCUSSION ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST/PALESTINIAN ISSUE FOLLOWED.

5. HADDAWI ALSO NOTED THAT THE GOI WOULD HAVE TO ALLOW SOME CRITICISM OF THE U.S. IN THE IRAQI MEDIA ON THIS ISSUE, INCLUDING SOME IN THE INSIGNIFICANT KURDISH ARABIC-LANGUAGE PAPER AL-IRAQ. HE ASKED THAT THE USG NOT OVERREACT TO THIS TEMPORARY PHENOMENON. HE NOTED THE STRONG CONDEMNATION BY FOMIN TARIQ AZIZ FROM THE U.S. (IN WHICH THE U.S. WAS NOT MENTIONED) AND THOUGHT THAT THE GOVERNMENT MIGHT MAKE A FORMAL STATEMENT ALONG THE SAME LINES.

6. COMMENT. THE IRAQI REGIME, WHICH HAS BECOME A LEADING ARAB POLITICAL SUPPORTER OF THE MAINSTREAM PLO/FATAH (IT JUST HOSTED A PLO/FATAH/PCC MEETING) IS OBVIOUSLY VERY DISTRESSED AND DISCOMFORTED BY THE RAID. THE RAID ALSO RECALLS PAINFULLY THE SIMILAR ISRAELI DEEP PENETRATION RAID ON BAGHDAD IN 1982 AGAINST IRAQ'S NUCLEAR REACTOR. MUCH OF THE DISCOMFORT IS DUE TO THE INCREASED VISIBILITY OF IRAQ'S NEWLY-FOUND GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE U.S., WHICH IT DOES NOT WANT DAMAGED. ANY MEDIA CRITICISM WILL, IN OUR VIEW, NOT BE SO MUCH A CONCESSION TO IRAQI PUBLIC OPINION, WHICH IS CAREFULLY CONTROLLED AND MONITORED BY THE REGIME, BUT RATHER TO OPINION AMONG BAATH PARTY MEMBERS, MANY OF WHOM ARE NOT FOR IDEOLOGICAL REASONS AS ENTHUSIASTIC AS THE LEADERSHIP ABOUT THE U.S.-IRAQI RELATIONSHIP.

6. WE ARE PROVIDING IRAQI MEDIA REACTION BY SEPTTEL. NEWTON BT

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ON TUNIS PLO HEADQUARTERS  
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1. THE ROYAL COURT RELEASED A STATEMENT TO THE OFFICIAL SAUDI PRESS AGENCY OCTOBER 1, TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: THE KINGDOM STRONGLY CONDEMNS AND DENOUNCES THE CRIMINAL AGGRESSION LAUNCHED BY ISRAEL AGAINST THE PLO HEADQUARTERS IN SISTERLY TUNISIA. WHILE THE KINGDOM CONDEMNS AND DENOUNCES THIS AGGRESSION, WHICH IS DEEMED TO BE A FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE UN CHARTER AND INTERNATIONAL NORMS, THE KINGDOM CONFIRMS ITS SOLIDARITY WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF TUNISIA AND THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE. THE KINGDOM CALLS UPON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO CONDEMN THIS AGGRESSION WHICH CONSTITUTES A THREAT TO WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY. END TEXT.  
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2. SAUDI PRESS AGENCY ALSO REPORTS THAT FAHD DESCRIBED THE ISRAELI ATTACK IN A CABLE TO PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA AS A CLEAR VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND HUMANITARIAN (SIC) VALUES. HE SENT A SIMILAR MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER MZALI.  
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3. IN A CABLE TO PLO CHAIRMAN ARAFAT, THE KING EXPRESSED HIS DEEP CONCERN AND PLEDGED CONTINUED SAUDI SUPPORT TO THE PALESTINIANS UNTIL THEIR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS ARE RESTORED TO THEM. CUTLER  
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Q: Administration's position on the Israeli raid in Tunisia?

A: -- We first want to extend the sincere condolences of the USG to the Government of Tunisia over the loss of life of its citizens in the raid. Our sympathies are with the people of Tunisia.

-- Yesterday we noted, and the Secretary of State reiterated at the Gulf Cooperation Council luncheon in New York, that we deeply deplore the rising pattern of violence in the region including the latest incident of the attack on PLO headquarters in Tunis.

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to violence  
is deplorable,

-- It is useful to recall the antecedents to this attack, which included repeated attempts to infiltrate terrorists into Israel and the outrageous murder of three Israeli civilians at Larnaca. Against this background, the air strike is understandable as an expression of self-defense.

~~Although the resort to violence~~

-- Our distress is especially acute, since one act of violence touches off another and a pattern of escalation is established. Such acts of violence are contrary to our overall objective of a peaceful, stable Middle East, and cannot be condoned.

however

-- The Secretary of State also reaffirmed that we are clear in our opposition to acts of violence from whatever quarter they come. ~~Violence in and of itself is not acceptable.~~

-- Of equal importance, our opposition to terrorism is well-known and unswerving and the international community must be able to defend against such acts. Without such defense, the practitioners of terrorism in the Middle East will move closer to their goal of stopping efforts toward peace in the region.

-- We must not allow this violence to harm or hinder the efforts we and other parties are exerting to bring peace to the Middle East.

Q: Is this attack on Tunis "appropriate"?

A: I am not going to comment further on this specific action. As I said previously, however, as a general principle, those who practice terrorism cannot assume they are immune from retaliation for specific terrorist acts.

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