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1. NASSER'S INTERVIEW WITH ATTWOOD OF LOOK MAGAZINE BANNER HEADLINED BY MARCH 5 AHAM WHICH STATES IT HAS EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO "OFFICIAL TEXT" IN ARAB EAST.

2. WE ARE TRANSLATING TEXT AS GIVEN IN AHAM FOR COMPARISON WITH LOOK VERSION. WE HAVE THUS FAR NOTED TWO IMPORTANT DISCREPANCIES AS FOLLOWS:

A. ON "BIG LIE" ATTWOOD ASKED, "IN OTHER WORDS YOUR ACCUSATION RESULTED FROM A MISUNDERSTANDING BASED ON SUSPICION AND FAULTY INFORMATION." ACCORDING LOOK NASSER ANSWERED, "YOU COULD SAY THAT, YES." ACCORDING AHAM NASSER ANSWERED, "YOU MAY SAY THAT IF YOU WISH BUT OTHERS MAY SAY SOMETHING ELSE."

B. ON YEMEN ATTWOOD ASKED, "I WAS THINKING TOO, OF EXTERNAL ADVENTURES. LIKE YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE CIVIL WAR IN YEMEN." ACCORDING LOOK NASSER

ANSWERED "YEMEN WAS A MISCALCULATION."

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WE NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD LEAD TO WHAT IT DID. BUT THAT'S OVER."
ACCORDING AHAM NASSER ANSWERED, "WE DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN A CIVIL WAR IN YEMEN BUT WE HELPED A YEMENI GOVERNMENT WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED WITH THE WILL OF THE YEMENI PEOPLE AND I"

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