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SUBJECT: KING'S LATEST MESSAGE

1. I DO NOT KNOW WHAT KING MEANS WHEN HE TALKS ABOUT BREAKDOWN. I IMAGINE THAT GOING THROUGH HIS MIND IS POSSIBILITY THAT DEFEAT OF HIS NORTHERN ARMY BY OVERWHELMING SYRIAN FORCE WOULD SO DEMORALIZE HIS TIRED AND CONFUSED TROOPS HERE IN AMMAN THAT THEY WOULD CEASE TO FUNCTION AS AN EFFECTIVE FORCE. I SIMPLY CANNOT MAKE A JUDGMENT AS TO WHETHER THAT COULD OR WOULD HAPPEN.

2. AS BACKGROUND TO ABOVE IS FACT THAT FIGHTING CONTINUES IN AMMAN. IT WAS QUIET LIGHT DURING NIGHT BUT RESUMED AT DAWN ON A LESS INTENSE LEVEL THAN PAST FEW DAYS. AT PRESENT MOMENT (0800 LOCAL) ARTILLERY FIRE IS PICKING UP IN INTENSITY. BROWN

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