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SUBJ: US-SOVIET MIDDLE EAST TALKS

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- 1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO SAQQAF.
- 2. BEGIN MESSAGE.

DEAR OMAR:

I DISCUSSED THE MIDDLE EAST WITH BREZHNEV AND GROMYKO FOR THREE AND ONE-HALF HOURS TODAY AND WANT TO GIVE YOU THIS QUICK REPORT.

WHILE I HAD EXPECTED A DIFFICULT DISCUSSION, THE SOVIETS WERE TOUGHER TODAY THAN ON ANY PREVIOUS OCCASION. THEY ACCUSED ME OF DELIBERATELY SEEKING TO SHUT THEM OUT OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS AND OF ACTING TO CIRCUMVENT THEIR ROLE AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. THEY ARE PRESSING US HARD FOR THE SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT TALKS TO BE MOVED IMMEDIATELY INTO THE MILITARY WORKING GROUP IN GENEVA WITH FULL US AND SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN ALL MEETINGS. I HAVE NOT GIVEN ANY GROUND ON THIS AND INTEND TO PROCEED AS I HAVE PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED TO YOU, SINCE I AM CONVINCED THAT THERE WOULD BE LITTLE CHANCE OF BRINGING ISRAEL ALONG ON A DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH SYRIA IF THE NEGOTIATIONS MOVED TO GENEVA AT THIS STAGE.

SECRET

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