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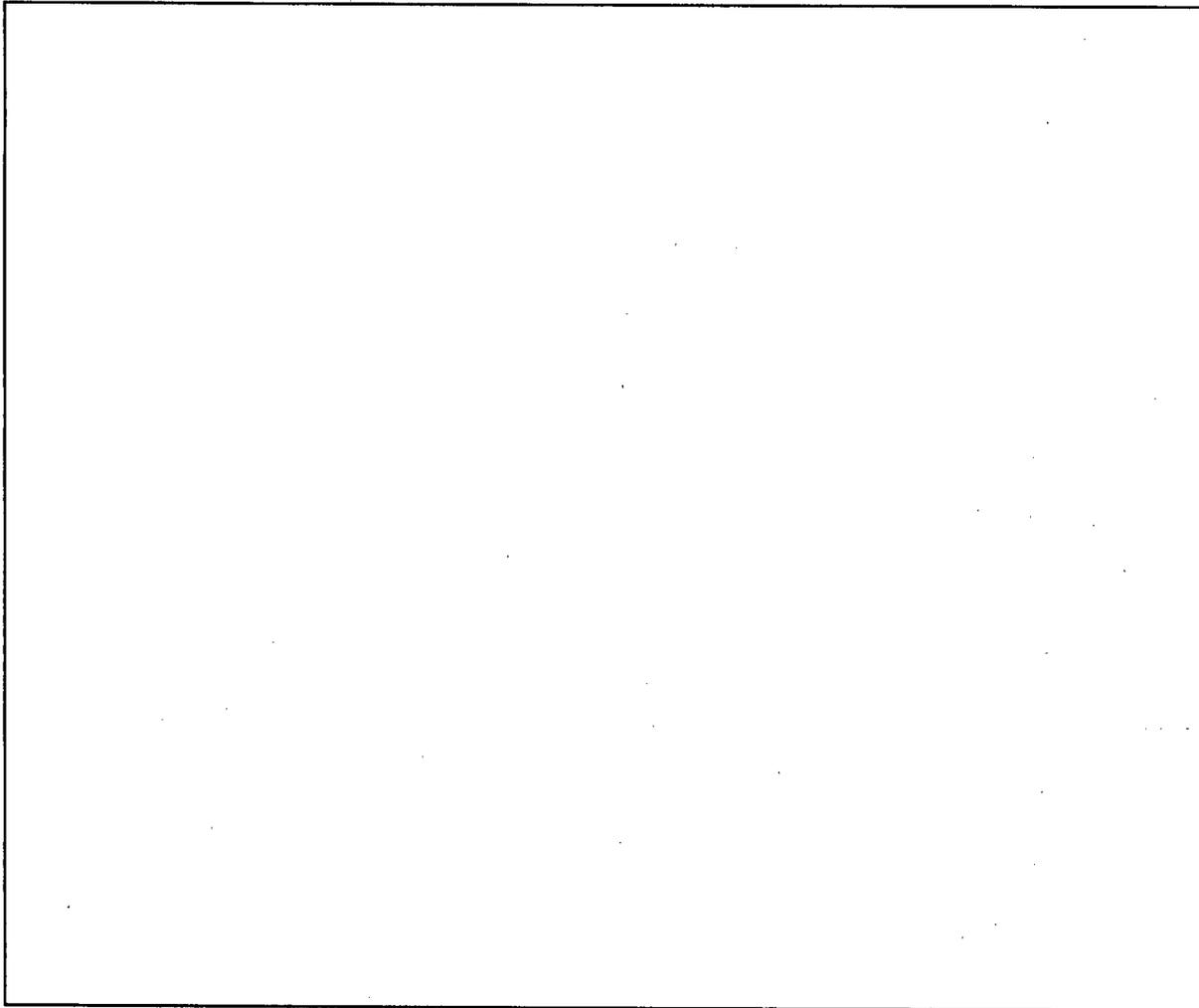
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Arab States

 //The second summit of hard-line Arab states opposed to Egyptian President Sadat's peace initiative begins today in Algiers. Algerian President Boumediene, Syrian President Asad, South Yemeni party chief Abd al-Fattah Ismail, and probably Libyan President Qadhafi will attend. The Palestinian delegation will represent all shades of opinion and may include Yasir Arafat as well as radical leader George Habbash.//

[redacted] //Iraq's refusal to attend the summit means that chances for producing a meaningful front against Sadat are slim and that prospects for a Syrian-Iraqi reconciliation are slight. [redacted]

[redacted] Iraq's announcement last weekend that it would not attend the Algiers summit apparently caught Syria by surprise. The Syrians had hoped to send a high-level delegation to Algiers to continue the bilateral talks but canceled these plans after hearing of Iraq's decision. [redacted]