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King Faysal makes public his reply
to Secretary Kissinger.

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FAYSAL REPLIES TO KISSINGER PLEA FOR HELP IN MIDDLE EAST

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(TEXT) HIS MAJESTY KING FAYSAL RECEIVED A CABLED MESSAGE FROM MR. HENRY KISSINGER, U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, IN WHICH HE ASKED HIS MAJESTY TO USE HIS GOOD OFFICES (LITERALLY 'INTERVENE'--FBIS) WITH PRESIDENT ANWAR AS-SADAT OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT AND LT GEN HAFIZ AL-ASAD, PRESIDENT OF THE SYRIAN ARABIC REPUBLIC, TO STOP THE CURRENT FIGHTING BETWEEN EGYPT AND SYRIA ON THE ONE HAND AND ISRAEL ON THE OTHER. HIS MAJESTY REPLIED BY THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM:

YOUR EXCELLENCY, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES, HENRY KISSINGER: I HAVE RECEIVED THE MESSAGE SENT BY YOUR EXCELLENCY WHICH SAYS THAT ON THE STRENGTH OF A REPORT EMANATING FROM ISRAEL TO THE EFFECT THAT THE EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN FORCES HAD BEEN PLANNING TO LAUNCH A COORDINATED ATTACK ON THE ISRAELI FORCES, YOUR EXCELLENCY BECAME CERTAIN WHEN LAND AND AIR CLASHES ACTUALLY TOOK PLACE BETWEEN THE EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN FORCES ON THE ONE HAND AND THE ISRAELI FORCES ON THE OTHER, THAT IT WAS (THE EGYPTIANS AND SYRIANS) WHO STARTED THE ATTACK ON ISRAEL.

I BELIEVE THAT THIS ATTACK IS A LINK IN THE CHAIN OF THE ISRAELI POLICY DESIGNED TO IMPLEMENT THE EXPANSIONIST PLAN AS PART OF HER AGGRESSIVE POLICY AGAINST THE ARAB COUNTRIES. THE ARABS HAVE NEVER COMMITTED ANY AGGRESSION AGAINST ISRAEL. SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN ISRAEL WHICH HAS BEGUN THE AGGRESSION, AND EACH TIME IT HAS WON A CERTAIN AREA OF LAND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS OPEN PLANS.

IF THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT ACT TO DETER ISRAEL (WORDS INDISTINCT), THE VOLCANO WHICH HAS SO FAR BEEN QUIET IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL BE ACTIVE AGAIN AND ITS HOLOCAUST WILL NOT BE CONFINED TO THIS REGION ALONE, BUT WILL DEVELOP INTO AN ALL-OUT THIRD WORLD WAR (ENGULFING ALL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD) (WORDS INDISTINCT) (CONTRARY TO?) THE AGREEMENTS OF NONCONFRONTATION BETWEEN BIG POWERS.

THEREFORE, ISRAEL BEARS THE MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS CURRENT CONFLICT IN THE REGION. THE UNITED STATES SHOULD FORCE ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ARAB TERRITORIES AND TO GRANT THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE THEIR RIGHTS IN THEIR TERRITORY AND HOMELAND.

(SIGNED) FAYSAL

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