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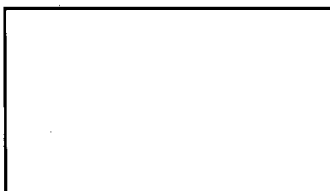
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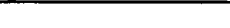

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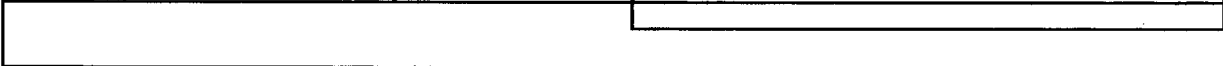
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 //Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud has urged the US to find a way to open direct contact with the Palestine Liberation Organization and to link an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty with progress on resolving the status of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.  



 In reviewing the Middle East situation with US Ambassador West on Sunday, Prince Saud argued that peace efforts are doomed to failure if the US attempts to open a dialogue with West Bank Palestinians and bypass the PLO. He also commented that it appeared that the only result of the summit at Camp David was a separate Egyptian-Israeli peace that would leave Egyptian President Sadat isolated in the Arab world, which was neither in Saudi nor US interests. The Foreign Minister urged that the US slow Sadat's rush toward a separate peace and speed the talks concerning the West Bank and Gaza by linking the two.

 Saud reiterated the three deficiencies the Saudis see in the Camp David agreements--their failure to meet Arab conditions on Jerusalem and their lack of provisions concerning Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territory and self-determination for all Palestinians.

