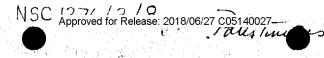


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	THE SOVIET COMMENTED TO A FRIEND
THAT THE SOVIET UNION DOES	NOT REALLY HAVE A SET POLICY ON THE
PALESTINIAN QUESTION, AND	THIS DEFICIENCY HAS HARMED AND WILL
CONTINUE TO HARM THE GENER	AL POLICY OF THE SOVIETS IN THE MIDDLE
EAST. HE SAID THE PALESTI	NIAN QUESTION IS REALLY THE PRINCIPAL
QUESTION OF THE WHOLE ARAB	LIBERATION MOVEMENT; WITHOUT A SOLUTION
TO IT. THE MOVEMENT REMAINS	
]	THE SOVIET (b)(1)
	(b)(3) TION SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE FOLLOWING:
	HE FIGHTING IN JORDAN AND WHICH
FORCES WERE USED;	
(B) THE NUMBER OF PAI	LESTINIAN RESISTANCE FORCES REMAINING
IN JORDAN;	
	HE PLO/EC DISCUSSIONS AND THE

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A. FOR TWO MONTHS, THE JAA HAD BEEN PREPARING FOR
BATTLE BY SURROUNDING THE FEDAYEEN AND HOLDING MANEUVERS IN ORDER
TO FORCE THE FEDAYEEN TO REPLY AND WASTE THEIR AMMUNITION. THE
ATTACK WAS BEGUN BY THE SECOND DIVISION, SUPPORTED BY TWO BRIGADES
OF ARMORED CARS, EIGHTEEN BATTERIES OF ARTILLERY, AND
TWO COMPANIES OF THE ROYAL GUARD, PLUS A NUMBER OF PARACHUTISTS,
LED BY A PAKISTANI OFFICER.

- B. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FIGHTING, THERE WERE 3,500

  FEDAYEEN AS FOLLOWS: 470 SA'IQA; 200 POPULAR FRONT FOR THE

  LIBERATION OF PALESTINE (PFLP); 100 PFLP/GENERAL COMMAND; 80

  POPULAR DEMOCRATIC FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE (PDFLP);

  300 PALESTINE LIBERATION ARMY (PLA); THE REMAINDER (2,350) FROM

  FATAH. THE JAA WAS UNABLE TO BREAK THROUGH THE FEDAYEEN LINES

  UNTIL THE SECOND DAY OF FIGHTING, AFTER SUFFERING LOSSES OF

  500 SOLDIERS KILLED AND WOUNDED AND 30 TANKS DESTROYED. THE

  FEDAYEEN SUFFERED LOSSES OF ONE THOUSAND KILLED AND WOUNDED,

  PRIMARILY AS A RESULT OF THE CONCENTRATED ARTILLERY FIRE, WHICH

  CAME AT A RATE OF ONE SHELL PER SQUARE METER. IN ADDITION, 2,300

  FEDAYEEN WERE TAKEN PRISONER, AND 200 ARE MISSING.
- C. AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE FEDAYEEN HAVE BUT ONE BASE,
  AT GHOR, WITH 200 FEDAYEEN WHO HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO LAY DOWN THEIR

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WEAPONS. THEY HAVE REFUSED, DEMANDING TO GO TO SYRIA WITH THEIR WEAPONS, TO REMAIN WHERE THEY ARE, OR TO SURRENDER TO ISRAEL, RATHER THAN SURRENDER TO THE JAA. A FEW MEN CONTINUE TO HIDE IN THE MOUNTAINS, AND SECRET CELLS EXIST IN AMMAN, AWAITING ORDERS

3. CONCERNING	THE PLO/EC	MEETINGS,	TWO POINTS	OF VIEW	EMERGED,	
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- A. THE FIRST, PUT FORTH BY THE PFLP REPRESENTATIVE ON THE PLO/EC, WAS THAT THE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE SHOULD PROCLAIM THE OVERTHROW OF KING HUSAYN'S REGIME BY DECLARING WAR ON HIM AND ENGAGING IN A SCORCHED-EARTH POLICY; MILITARILY, POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY AND BY URGING ALL THE ARAB COUNTRIES TO BREAK WITH HIM, IN SUCH A WAY AS TO MAKE HIM SUBMIT OR MAKE A PACT WITH ISRAEL.
- B. THE OTHER, PUT FORTH BY FATAH AND THE PDFLP, WAS THAT KING HUSAYN HAS
  NO AUTHORITY OVER THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. THUS A PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE MUST
  BE FORMED AS A PRELUDE TO A CLAIM FOR A PALESTINIAN STATE ON WEST BANK TERRITORY NOW
  OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL. THIS PLAN IS SUPPOSED TO BE FAVORED BY UAR PRESIDENT ANWAR
  S A D A T AND KING F A Y S A L.
- 4. THE FATAH REPRESENTATIVES, ESPECIALLY KHALID H A S A N'S WING, WERE FRANKLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE IDEA THAT THE PLO/EC SHOULD OPT FOR A PALESTINIAN HOWEVER, AFTER PLO/EC CHAIRMAN AND FATAH LEADER STATE AND A GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE. 5YASIR A R A F A T MET WITH SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFIZ A S A D, THE SYRIAN POSITION WAS CLEAR5 3AND PRECISE AND DID NOT ENCOURAGE FATAH TO CONTINUE ALONG THOSE LINES. ASAD ARGUED 3 THAT SUCH A STATE, BETWEEN ISRAEL AND A SOLD-OUT HASHEMITE REGIME, COULD NOT 2 LINLESS IT PLACED ITSELF AT THE DISPOSITION OF ISRAEL AND THE JORDANIAN NO FOREIGN DISSEMA BCKGROUND USE ONLY (b)(1)(classification) (dissem controls) (b)(3)

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	REGIME. BECAUSE OF SYRIA'S POSITION, THE ISS		N
	STATE WAS LEFT UNRESOLVED, AND THE PLO/EC DEC		*
	OTHER POLITICAL MEASURES IN ORDER TO EXERT PR		
	AND THE VARIOUS ARAB COUNTRIES. AMONG THESE	WERE:	
	A. THE PLO/EC DECIDED TO HOLD AN INTERNA	ATIONAL MEETING	
	IN BEIRUT, LEBANON, OF ALL THE NATIONAL AND F	PROGRESSIVE PARTIES	•
	INCLUDING FRIENDLY EUROPEAN AND ASIATIC SOCIA	ALIST PARTIES,	
	IN AN EFFORT TO HELP THE PALESTINIAN RESISTAN	NCE FIND A VIABLE	
	AND RADICAL SOLUTION TO THE PALESTINIAN-JORDA	ANIAN AND PALESTINIA	AN/
	ISRAELI PROBLEMS.		
	B. IN ADDITION, THE UNION OF PALESTINIA	AN WORKERS, IN	
•	AGREEMENT WITH THE SYRIAN WORKERS FEDERATION,	WILL HOLD A CONGRE	ESS
	IN DAMASCUS IN WHICH REPRESENTATIVES OF WORLD	TRADE UNIONS WILL	
	BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE, WITH THE SAME AIM	OF MAKING THE	
	PALESTINIAN QUESTION BETTER KNOWN TO THE WORL	.D.	
	C. MOREOVER, IT WAS DECIDED THAT DELEGA	ATIONS FROM	

TO EXPLAIN TO THEM THE PALESTINIAN VIEWPOINT, WHICH MUST DOMINATE
ANY SOLUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST QUESTION.

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THE PLO/EC WOULD CONTACT ARAB COUNTRIES DIRECTLY IN ORDER

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