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SUBJECT: TALK WITH JUAN CARLOS: MIDDLE EAST

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1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH PRINCE JUAN CARLOS MORNING APR 18 I TOLD HIM THAT THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO TRUTH TO REPORT OF US-EGYPTIAN CONNIVANCE IN CONNECTION WITH SUSPENSION OF SECRETARY'S TALKS IN MIDDLE EAST. I SAID THAT THE JORDANIANS WERE CONCERNED THAT OTHER ARABS MIGHT HAVE ERRONEOUSLY REACHED THIS CONCLUSION, BUT THAT THEY THEMSELVES FULLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO TRUTH TO SUCH ASSERTIONS. I SAID THAT WE WERE ANXIOUS THAT THIS ERRONEOUS STORY BE KILLED.

2. JUAN CARLOS THANKED ME FOR THIS INFORMATION AND SAID THAT, ON REFLECTION, IT WAS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT HUSSEIN HAD MENTIONED THAT OTHER ARABS COUNTRIES HAD REACHED THIS CONCLUSION AND THAT HE (JUAN CARLOS) MIGHT HAVE MISTAKENLY ATTRIBUTED THE STORY TO HUSSEIN HIMSELF. HE UNDERSTOOD THE DANGERS INVOLVED IN A STORY OF THIS SORT AND HE SAID THAT HE WAS GLAD TO HAVE THE MATTER CLARIFIED BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR IRAN ON APR 20.

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