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TELEGRAM NUMBER 3825 OF 25 NOVEMBER

INFO IMMEDIATE MIDDLE EAST POSTS, UKMIS NEW YORK, PARIS.

YOUR TELEGRAM NO. 851 TO RABAT: VISIT BY ARAB LEAGUE DELEGATION:
PLO REPRESENTATION.

WE BELIEVE THAT THE AMERICANS SHOULD WELCOME THIS GENERAL
APPROACH. IF THE ARAB GOVERNMENTS AND P.L.O. REPRESENTATIVES COULD
BE BROUGHT TO MAKE THE KIND OF STATEMENT YOU ARE PROPOSING,
ENTAILING ACCEPTANCE OF ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST, THIS WOULD BE
REGARDED HERE AS A MAJOR STEP FORWARD AND, POSSIBLY, AS OPENING
THE WAY FOR A U.S. DIALOGUE WITH THE P.L.O. THE PALESTINIANS
HAVE NOT HITHERTO BEEN PREPARED TO MAKE SUCH A DECLARATION:
AND IT IS BOUND TO BE REGARDED AS PROBLEMATICAL WHETHER THEY WILL
DO SO NOW. BUT THE AMERICANS SHOULD WELCOME ANY MOVES BY US TO
BRING THEM TOWARDS SUCH A COMMITMENT. WE WOULD RECOMMEND
INFORMING THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE ACTION WE ARE TAKING.
WE WILL THEN BE ABLE TO LET YOU HAVE MORE AUTHORITATIVE REACTIONS.

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