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TO:

General Scowcroft

FROM:

Peter Rodman MC

This message from King Hussein to Prime Minister Meir was read to HAK by Dinitz May 3, 1973.

"A major military fiasco in the area is inevitable.

Algerian ground units will soon be in Egypt. Sudanese units will also be in Egypt. Morocco will send units to Syria. Libyan Mirages are already in Egypt. Considerable Iraqi forces will be in Iraq very close to our borders under the unified command. If Jordan's fate were in the hands of the Iraqi commander Iraqi Lightnings would be in Jordan now, but they will probably end up in another theater. This is the alarming outline of what I see."

The Israelis have confirmation of this general situation—though not every detail—from other sources, and want to know if we do.

(They are reporting this on their own to Schlesinger.) HAK told

Dinitz he would have you check and give Dinitz our answer.

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