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THE HONORABLE HENRY A. KISSINGER
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PRIME MINISTER RIFAI
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SECRETARY KISSINGER: It is always a great joy for me to visit our friends in Jordan. I am here to report about the negotiations that have just concluded and the step toward peace that has been taken which we all recognize and which the agreement states is only one of a series that will need to be taken before a just and lasting peace is achieved. I look forward to exchanging ideas with His Majesty and with the Prime Minister about the prospects of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East and also to discuss whatever bilateral problems need solutions in the excellent relations between our two countries. I look forward with a very great pleasure to talking with my friends in Jordan.

PRIME MINISTER: I wish to welcome Dr. Kissinger once again to Jordan. It has always been a pleasure to have him visit with us particularly this time. We are anxiously awaiting our discussions with him to learn first hand of what the Egyptian-Israeli agreement that has been recently signed fully entails to discuss the prospects of further steps towards the creation and the establishment of a just and durable peace in the Middle East and to discuss as well a number of bilateral issues which are still pending between the United States and Jordan. We certainly wish Dr. Kissinger a very pleasant stay here and we hope his future efforts towards a just and durable peace in the Middle East towards securing further Israeli withdrawals from occupied Arab territories will be as successful as his recent mission has been.

QUESTION: Dr. Kissinger, something very surprising happened during your talks this time and that is the West Bank of Jordan was never mentioned. Would you like to comment on that?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: Well, this was the negotiation between Egypt and Israel and it dealt with specific problems. Therefore, there was no occasion to mention the West Bank of Jordan, but our view on that subject has been frequently stated. We had always favored negotiations between Jordan and Israel on that subject until the Rabat Conference made it impossible for these negotiations to take place.

QUESTION: Mr. Prime Minister, King Hussein said that he would go to the Soviet Union for missiles if he did not get them from the United States. Would he also accept Soviet technicians in Jordan?

PRIME MINISTER: Miss Berger, I have been following your articles on the whole issue and I thought you were a friend, but I have learned differently so I will not answer that question.

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