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**Telegram from the Romanian Embassy in Tunis, to
the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 074.388,
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Summary:

Romanian embassy in Tunis reporting that Henry Kissinger and Yasir Arafat did not meet due to a disagreement between the PLO and the United States about how official or secret the meeting would be.

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To the Second Directorate - Liaison,

With respect to your telegram 02/024257 we would like to report the following:

According to Tunisian and diplomatic sources, [we gathered] that efforts were undertaken with a view to arranging a meeting between Kissinger and Arafat, but [such a meeting] did not occur, because the PLO did not admit that such a meeting took place secretly, which is the wish of the Americans.

Tunisian political circles support PLO's intransigent position and insistently demand that the US publicly recognizes the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people. A secret meeting between Kissinger and Arafat, after the Palestinian leader had met, in his position as PLO leader, Foreign Minister Sauvagnargue, would imply, according to the aforementioned circles, a renunciation to [something] the PLO had earned [thanks to its efforts].

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