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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Zbigniew Brzezinski  
Assistant to the President for  
National Security Affairs  
FROM : E. H. Knoche  
Acting Director  
SUBJECT : Interest of PLO Chairman Yasir  
'Arafat in Establishing a Dialogue  
with the United States Government

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1. The following information was obtained on 2 February 1977 [redacted] Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Chairman Yasir 'Arafat is seeking ways of establishing a dialogue with United States Government officials but is uncertain about how to accomplish this. On [redacted] January 1977, 'Arafat discussed the problem in Beirut [redacted]

[redacted]

'Arafat expressed interest in having [redacted] contact you to discuss ways in which a dialogue could be established. 'Arafat indicated that the idea for a dialogue originated with Egyptian President Anwar Al-Sadat.

2. This information is also being provided to the Secretary of State, The Honorable Cyrus R. Vance. No other dissemination is being made.

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