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Recording Said to Be of Phone Call to Hussein Gives Plan to Accuse U.S. and Britain

TEL AVIV, June 8 (AP)—The Israelis made public today what they said was a recording of a radio-telephone conversation in which Egypt's President, Gamal Abdel Nasser, talked with King Hussein of Jordan making charges that United States and British planes were supporting the Israelis in combat.

The Israelis said they had monitored the talk early Tuesday, after most of the Arab air forces had been disabled by Israeli attacks.

"When the extent of the military defeat was finally clear to Nasser, he began to act to save his prestige," an Israeli announcement declared.

"Nasser decided to save his prestige by claiming that Egyptian forces in the Sinai retreated not as a result of a clear and sharp military defeat in his war with Israel but because of imaginary foreign forces," it said.

Tape Recording Played

The Defense Ministry played tape recordings in Arabic, for correspondents and then issued texts in English.

The spokesman, Col. Moshe Pearlman, said the Israelis had not made the evidence public immediately because there was so much other news.

The translation provided by the Israeli authorities was under the heading: "Conversation between Cairo and Amman by radiotelephone link June 6, 0450 A.M." It went as follows:

Hello — His Majesty is ready? The President is coming.

Hello Amman, is His Majesty ready?

Hello, his honor the President is ready.

How are you? I hear His Majesty, the brother wants to know if the fighting is going on along all the front.

Yes. Shall we include also the United States? Do you know of this, shall we announce that the U.S. is cooperating with Israel?

Hello, I do not hear, the connection is the worst—the line between you and the palace of the King from which the King is speaking is bad.

Nasser: Hello, will we say the U.S. and England or just the U.S.?

Hussein: The U.S. and England.

Nasser: Does Britain have aircraft carriers?

Hussein: (Answer unintelligible).

Nasser: Good. King Hussein will make an announcement and I will make an announcement. Thank you. Do not give up. Yes. Hello, good morning brother. Never mind, be strong. Yes, I hear.

Hussein: Mr. President, if you have something or any idea at all . . . at any time.

Nasser: We are fighting with all our strength and we have battles going on on every front all night and if we had any trouble in the fighting it does not matter, we will overcome despite this. God is with us. Will His Majesty make an announcement on the participation of Americans and the British?

Hussein: (Answer not intelligible).

Nasser: By God, I say that I will make an announcement and you will make an announcement and we will see to it that the Syrians will make an announcement that American and British airplanes are taking part against us from aircraft carriers. We will issue an announcement, we will stress the matter and we will drive the point home.

Hussein: Good, all right.

Nasser: Your Majesty, do you agree?

Hussein: (Answer not clear).

Nasser: A thousand thanks. Do not give up. We are with you with all our hearts and we are flying our planes over Israel today, our planes are striking at Israel's air fields since morning.

Hussein: A thousand thanks. Be well.

Both Britain and the United States have denied the Arab charges and the Israelis have said they were fighting alone.

Later Tuesday, the Cairo radio broadcast a report that King Hussein had telephoned President Nasser that morning and had said he personally had seen on radar British planes take off from carriers.

In London, a Foreign Office spokesman said that Jordan was equipped with British-made radar that was technically incapable of detecting aircraft taking off from the British carriers, which at the time were more than 1,000 miles from Jordan.

Authenticity Is Debated

Officials at the United Nations, in Washington and London gave varying opinions when asked about the authenticity of the purported transcript of the telephone conversation between King Hussein and President Nasser published by the Israeli government.

Muhammad H. el-Farra, the representative of Jordan at the United Nations, said: "The Israelis are known to fabricate. I leave this to your judgment."

The Egyptian delegation to the United Nations declined to comment.

Western experts on the Middle East said they had no evidence to confirm or deny that such a conversation had taken place or the accuracy of the text distributed in Tel Aviv.

One expert in London said he was inclined to accept the Israeli report of the conversation. He said that the Israelis do monitor Arab radiotelephone traffic and that the Hussein-Nasser call could have been made over an ordinary radiotelephone circuit.

The expert added that he doubted that the Israelis would fake such a conversation in the delicate situation that now obtains in the Middle East.

In Washington, one expert questioned the authenticity of the text of the conversation because he felt that the reported phrases were "too noble from Nasser and sound manufactured, too pat."

An Egyptian expert on the Arabic language, after reading the Israeli-distributed English text of the purported conversation in New York, said: "It looks to me like a complete fabrication."

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