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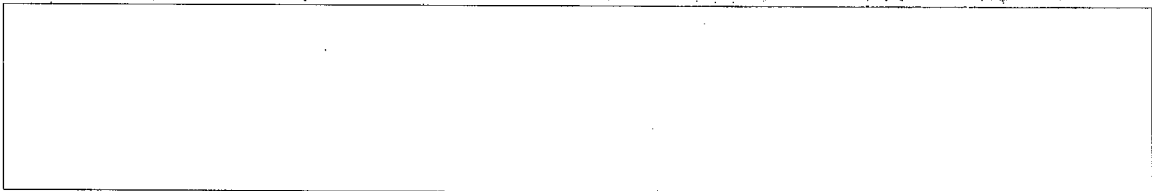
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HW MIDDLE EAST SITUATION REPORT AS OF 1130 EDT 6 OCTOBER 1973.  
EGYPTIAN FRONT: EGYPTIAN ARMORED FORCES ARE REPORTED TO HAVE  
CROSSED THE CANAL AT FIVE POINTS AT AROUND 1500 CAIRO TIME (0900  
EDT). THE ISRAELI LIAISON OFFICER WHO REPORTED THIS SAID THAT  
NONE OF THE ISRAELI POSITIONS AT THESE POINTS HAD BEEN TAKEN AT

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[REDACTED] AP SAYS THAT EGYPT HAS WARNED OTHER NATIONS TO STAY CLEAR OF ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS ZONES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND RED SEAS. CAIRO RADIO EARLIER REPORTED ISRAELI AIRCRAFT AND MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT ATTACKS ON ITS NAVAL BASES IN THE GULF OF SUEZ, SYRIAN FRONT: THE ISRAELI LIAISON OFFICER STATED THAT SYRIAN TANKS WERE ATTACKING ALL ALONG THE GOLAN FRONT BUT HAD NOT PENETRATED THE ISRAELI ANTI-TANK BARRIER. THIS APPEARS TO CONTRADICT AN EARLIER UN OBSERVER REPORT THAT THE SYRIANS HAD BROKEN THROUGH INTO ISRAELI TERRITORY." DAMASCUS RADIO CLAIMS SYRIAN FORCES HAD "LIBERATED" A POSITION IN THE MOUNT HERMON AREA AND THAT FIGHTING WAS TAKING PLACE WEST OF THE CEASE-FIRE LINE. AT LEAST 100 ISRAELI AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN ACTIVE OVER SYRIA AND SOUTHERN LEBANON. THE ISRAELI OFFICER SAID THAT THE SYRIAN AIR FORCE IS ALSO INACTIVE AS A RESULT OF LOSSES.

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RADIO REPORT CITING AN ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCES (IDF) SPOKESMAN SAID EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN ATTACKS BEGAN "ABOUT 1400" (1200Z); THIS IS THE TIME DAMASCUS RADIO SAYS ISRAELI ATTACKS BEGAN, ACCORDING TO UPI, CAIRO RADIO SAID ISRAELI ATTACKS BEGAN AT 1330 IN THE GULF OF SUEZ. SUBSEQUENT ISRAELI REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS PLACE THE BEGINNING OF ARAB HOSTILITIES AT ABOUT 1415. CAIRO RADIO SAID ISRAEL HAD COMMITTED "OVERT AGGRESSION," URGED ALL ARAB COUNTRIES TO MOBILIZE TO "STOP THE ISRAELI AGGRESSION," AND CALLED ON THE UNITED NATIONS TO INTERCEDE.

SOVIET ACTIVITY: SOVIET MEDIA WERE QUICK TO REPORT THAT ISRAELI TROOPS HAD ATTACKED SYRIAN POSITIONS IN GOLAN BUT HAVE LIMITED THEIR COVERAGE TO DESCRIPTIONS OF THE FIGHTING. THERE

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