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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: The Situation Room

SUBJECT: Noon Notes

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

Mideast Situation: Israeli ground forces with strong air support continue to make some progress against Syrian forces in the Golan Heights area. [redacted] Egyptian forces are making some advances in the Sinai. Cairo also is continuing to send more reinforcements across the Canal. The Egyptians may be planning an amphibious attack on the Sinai coast south of Suez City to link up with armored units advancing from the north. An Israeli armored brigade battled the advancing Egyptian tanks early this morning. King Hussein's desire to make a contribution to protecting the Syrian Army's flank is reflected in the redeployment of the 3rd Armored Division along his northern border, somewhat west of the area of fighting. He has moved the 5th Armored Division from its base area just north of Amman to a position just south and west of the capital, nearer the route to Jerusalem. It may have been this movement which drew a reported Israeli air attack somewhere west of Amman this morning. Baghdad apparently is becoming increasingly involved in the Middle East hostilities. Large elements of the Iraqi Army are reported to be deploying from their home garrisons to unknown destinations.

Soviet Activity in Middle East:

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[redacted] Two additional Soviet arms carriers have departed the Black Sea. One transited the Bosphorus on October 8 declaring for Alexandria with 1,100 tons and the other departed on October 9 declaring for an unspecified port with 3,000 tons.

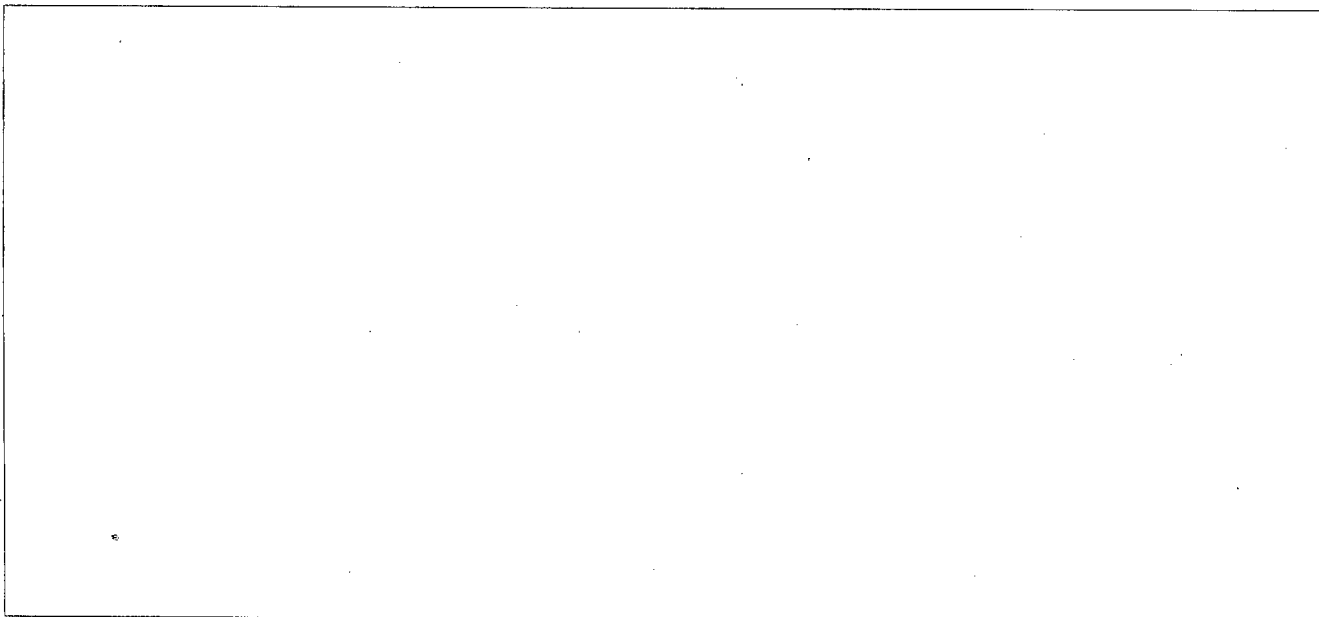
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Moscow has, for the first time, begun making claims of U.S. support for Israel, perhaps in an attempt to justify its own resupply efforts on behalf of the Arabs. TASS this morning quoted a Norfolk, Virginia newspaper to the effect that an Israeli Boeing 707 departed a local naval airfield with bombs and anti-aircraft missiles. TASS has also reported that a U.S. helicopter carrier with 2,000 marines aboard is to join U.S. forces 500 miles off the Israeli coast.

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North Vietnamese Extend POL Pipeline: The North Vietnamese may have extended the DMZ POL pipeline from Ba Long into the A Shau Valley. Further analysis of [redacted] photographs shows a new 25X1 pipeline segment that parallels Route 548 to a point just north of the junction of Routes 9222 and 616, where it disappears in dense jungle canopy. Detection of two probable pumping stations and connection of the southern terminus to the A Luoi POL storage depot may mean the line has been completed. Such a pipeline would be a more direct and efficient means of providing fuel to the A Shau Valley. Insurgents in this area were previously believed to have been supplied with POL via a branch pipeline from the main north-south line in Laos. (See map attached)

Canada Raises Wheat Crop Estimates: Ottawa has raised its wheat crop estimate to 16.9 million tons, 400,000 tons above

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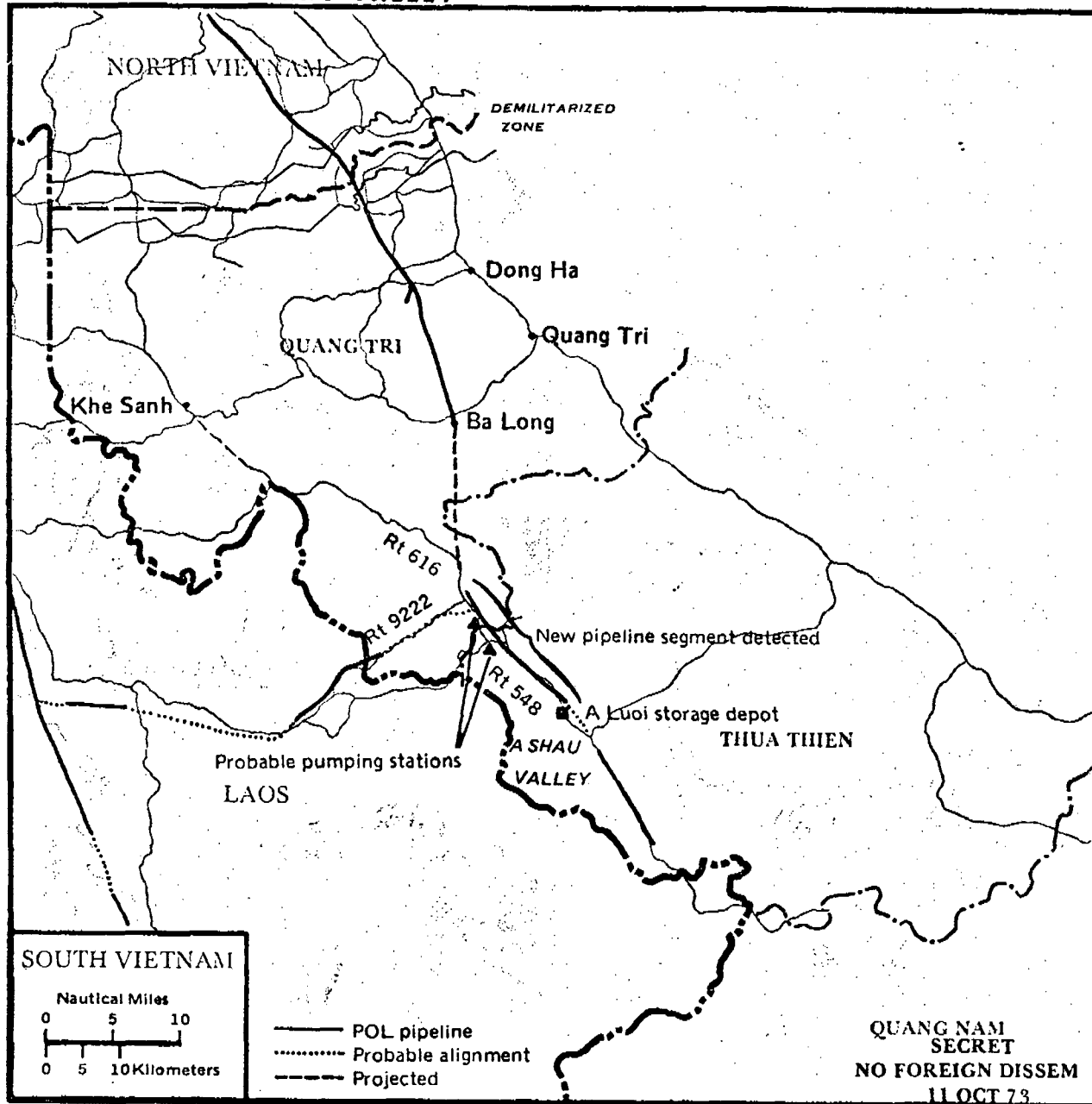
its August forecast. At the same time, the Wheat Board has resumed accepting export contracts; a recent contract calls for delivery of one million tons to China during the first half of 1974. If Canada honors its promise to USDA to draw down stocks by 2.7 million tons, exports in the year ending next June could reach 14.7 million tons, compared with 15.7 million tons last year.

Brazil Bans Soybean Exports: On October 8, Brasilia banned the export of soybeans and soybean products to assure domestic supplies in the face of heavy foreign demand. The ban probably will continue until the new crop begins to be harvested next March. By early October, Brazil probably had sold close to 3.5 million tons, compared with 2.8 million tons in all of 1972. These exports had begun to encroach on domestic consumption, including seed requirements for the 1974 crop, which is expected to reach about 7.0 million tons, compared with 4.8 million tons in 1973. Shortages already have appeared and some farmers are being forced to purchase poor-quality seed.

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