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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

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5. In a battle yesterday morning, the Israelis claim to have defeated the initial Iraqi units that were committed to battle on the flank of the salient and were following up with continued pressure to prevent the Iraqis from falling back to regroup or join any additional Iraqi units moving to the battle area. The Syrian units at the base of the salient--near the cease-fire line--may have attacked in this area yesterday driving back some Israeli units. The Syrians had announced that they had forced Israeli units to retreat yesterday.

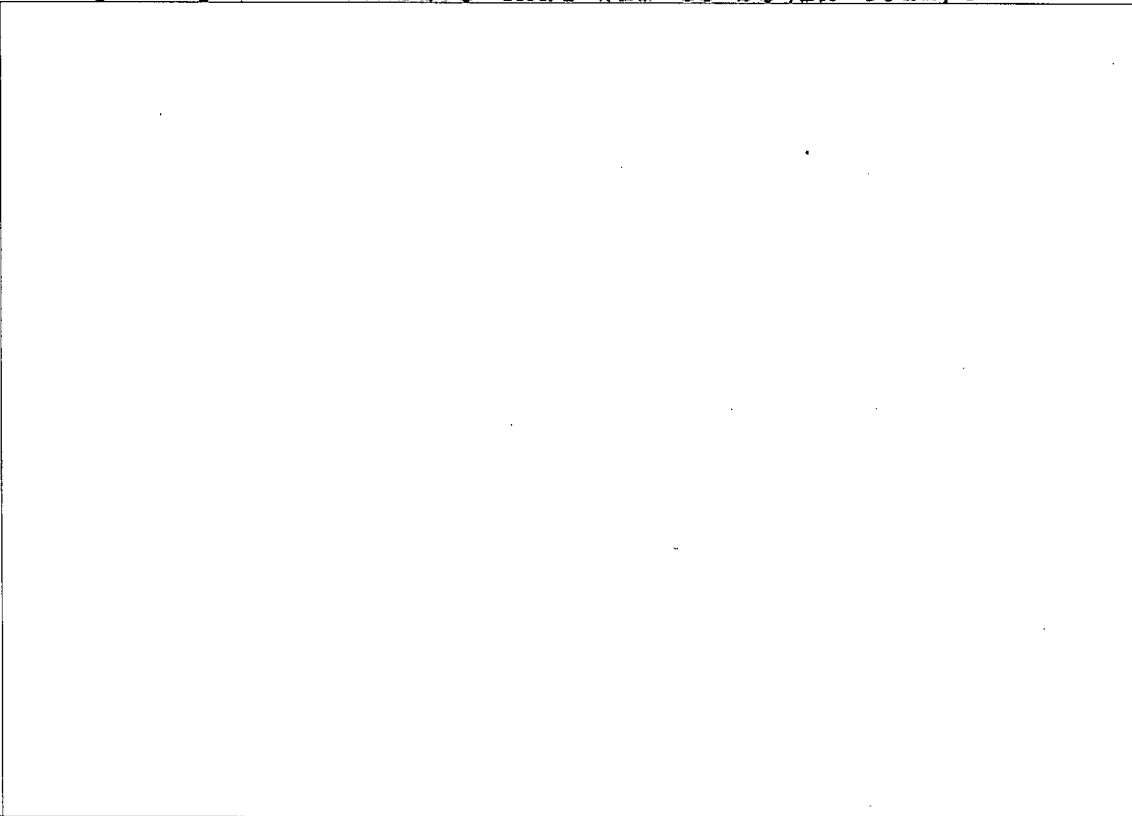
6. A continuation of the Israeli enveloping maneuver to the south would bring them into the Da'ra-Shaukh Meskin area where the Jordanian forces are to be deployed.

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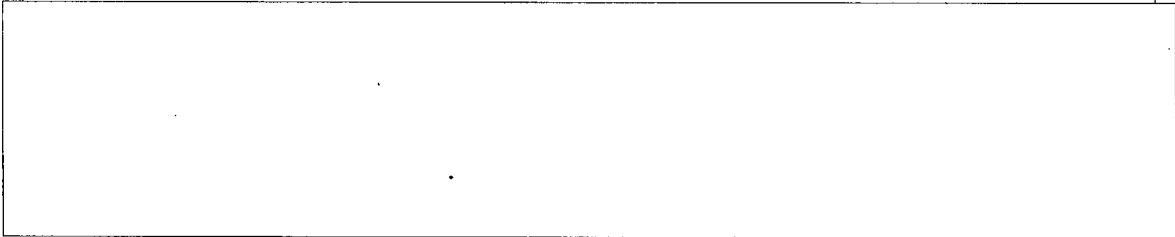
EGYPTIAN FRONT

7. Egyptian forces launched a general attack along the entire canal front at dawn today, according to both Israeli and Egyptian military spokesmen. The Israelis stated that Egyptian armored units tried to advance in many areas following artillery and air strikes but were repulsed by Israeli forces which destroyed 30 Arab tanks. The Israelis had been anticipating an offensive that was to begin today.

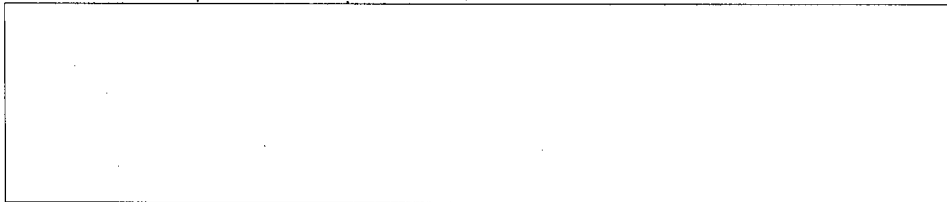


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11. The pressure applied on Husayn by Saudi Arabian King Faysal was perhaps the most decisive and may have included a threat to cut off Saudi aid to Jordan. Although Jordan's military force is being bolstered by a brigade from Saudi Arabia and may be further reinforced within a day by the deployment in Jordan of the Saudi Air Force, Jordanian military leaders are very fearful of Israel's response.

12. The Jordanians expect that if the Israeli Air Force launches raids against Jordan it will attempt to knock out the Jordanian air force and to destroy Jordan economically. The Jordanian reaction to Israeli raids will be limited to antiaircraft fire and attempted interception by the understrength, obsolete Jordanian air force. Jordanian ground forces will probably not leave their defensive positions along the Jordan river.

SOVIET MILITARY FORCES

13. There have been no significant developments in Soviet military force posture since last reported on in yesterday's situation report.

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KUWAIT

18. The atmosphere in Kuwait remains generally calm according to a US Embassy report, but the local press is stepping up its criticism of the United States with charges that a massive US resupply effort is underway, including 300 fighter planes. Kuwait's support for the combatant Arab states, however, is still quite limited.

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MISGIVINGS OF TUNISIAN SOLDIERS

19. The US Defense Attache in Tunis reports that although the Tunisian military contingent destined for Cairo has departed for Egypt by truck, the mood of the soldiers is far from eager or optimistic. [redacted] when a request was made for volunteers, there were none. As a result, the 8th Battalion, perhaps the best trained Tunisian infantry battalion [redacted] was picked. [redacted] when the trucks departed some of the young soldiers were wringing their hands and had tears streaming down their cheeks--probably not from joy. The 8th Battalion's arrival time in Cairo is unknown but it was preceded by an advance party which was airlifted by Libyan C-130 transports.

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