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29 October 1973

INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

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State Dept. review completed

MIDDLE EAST

Situation Report Number 91  
(as of 0630 EDT)

DIA  
review(s)  
completed.

THE MILITARY SITUATION

GENERAL

(All times cited in military paragraphs are Cairo/Tel Aviv time, unless otherwise specified.)

1. According to Israeli spokesmen, three Egyptian helicopters were shot down by Israeli aircraft and ground fire over the east coast of the Gulf of Suez early this morning. They apparently had flown from Egyptian territory west of the canal and were attempting to reach the Egyptian Third Army trapped on the east bank when they strayed over Israeli lines.

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[Redacted] The Israelis apparently continue to interdict any direct attempts by the Egyptians to resupply the Third Army. UN convoys appear to be getting through, but only under strict Israeli supervision.

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3. UN observer reports just in suggest that fighting may have resumed at an undisclosed location along the Suez Canal at mid-day local time; numerous explosions had been observed. A 200-man Finnish contingent of the UN emergency force is in the vicinity of Suez City. According to UN observers, the city is still in ~~Egyptian~~ <sup>Israeli</sup> hands. A Swedish contingent reached Ismailia late yesterday afternoon.

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SOVIET AIRLIFT

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STATUS OF SOVIET NAVAL UNITS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

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ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

8. A UPI story this morning outlines some of the economic effects of the war for Israel. Tough times are expected, in contrast to the economic boom that followed the 1967 war. The middle and upper classes have been told to prepare for a drop in the standard of living to help pay for the fighting which Finance Minister Sapir says cost \$1.92 billion in the first week alone.

9. Some officials think that the \$7 billion GNP this year will continue to grow, but at a declining rate. Other experts fear a drop in GNP. One estimate says Israel loses \$14 million in output each day that the citizen army stays mobilized.

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IRAQ-EGYPT

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SENEGAL

13. Senegal yesterday became the fifteenth African state to break relations with Israel since the outbreak of fighting on 6 October.

LATE ITEM

14. UN observers located southwest of Abu Suwayr observed several heavy explosions far to the east of their positions early this morning. A patrol reportedly is on the way to investigate.

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NOTICE

1. As of 29 October, the 1130 Situation Report will be discontinued. In addition, the deadline for the 1630 Situation Report has been moved up to 1500.

2. Henceforth, Situation Reports will appear at 0630 and 1500 daily.