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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: White House Request

1. Hal Saunders has relayed a request from Walt Rostow for CIA's best judgment on whether the hardening of the Arab position toward a settlement with Israel represents a real shift in their thinking, or is simply a bargaining tactic. If it does represent a shift, he wonders what might have brought it about, and whether the Soviets had a hand in it.

2. Rostow set no deadline, but the questions beg an early response. Saunders is available for consultation on any questions about the scope of the paper.

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3. I have alerted to this request.

cc: DDI
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[Handwritten note:] expects to have this done on 3 Nov. Will double-check with Saunders for best guidance possible.

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