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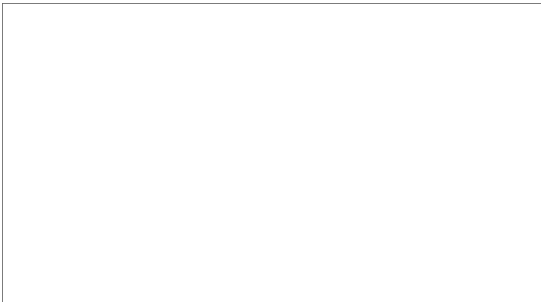
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LEBANON: *Talks that had been scheduled to resume today toward negotiation of another cease-fire apparently have been canceled because of renewed fighting.*

Syrian Foreign Minister Khaddam and Phalanges officials met Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat Sunday at Ayn Sawfar. 25X1



Fighting continued yesterday in several other areas, particularly just south of Tripoli where the Palestinians have opened up a new front. Syrian forces are maintaining their blockade of Sidon and of towns in the northern Bekaa Valley.

USSR-SYRIA: *Syrian Foreign Minister Khaddam arrived in Moscow yesterday for a four-day visit.*

His trip, which had not been announced beforehand by either side, is the first high level Syrian-Soviet contact since Premier Kosygin's visit to Damascus early last month.

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CUBA: *Two Cuban merchant ships carrying troops from Angola docked Saturday at Mariel.*

We do not know how many troops were aboard, but the two ships could accommodate 1,000 to 1,500 men.

A convoy from Angola that included at least one troop transport arrived in Mariel on June 9. A Western press correspondent, who saw busloads of troops in Havana shortly after the ship's arrival, put the number at "about 600." A third convoy of three Cuban ships is now in southern African waters and may be returning to Cuba soon.

We still lack information about whether the returning troops are simply being rotated home or if Havana is reducing its troop level in Angola.

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