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SOURCE US citizen. Source is a staff member of a US newspaper and was in Israel immediately after the outbreak of the Israel-Arab Conflict.

- Around 10-11 Jun 67 while in Tel Aviv I talked with an Israeli who, was formerly in the oil business.
- In our conversation I brought up the attack on the USS LIBERTY by Israeli airplanes and torpedo boats. He said that "you've got to remember that in this campaign there is neither time nor room for mistakes, "which was intended as an obtuse reference that Israel's forces know what flag the LIBERTY was flying and exactly what the vessel was doing off the coast. The Israeli implied that the ship's identity was known at least six hours before the attack but that Israeli headquarters was not sure as to how many people might have access to the information the LIBERTY was intercepting. He also implied that there was no certainty of control as to where the intercepted information was going and again reiterated that Israeli forces did not make mistakes in their campaign. So was emphatic in stating to me that they knew what kind of a ship the USS LIBERTY was and what it was doing offshore.
- Because of his oil background I inquired as to resumption of production facilities. He talked about two fields near the Gulf of Suez on the Sinai Peninsula which had been set afire by the Arabs. Israeli forces extinguished the fires the same day that the fields were captured and were then (10-11 Jun 67) starting to pump oil. Both Egyptian fields were said to have been developed by foreign companies and, according to the Israeli, Israel intends to continue pro-rata payments.

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