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SUBJECT: RADIO ISRAEL BROADCAST RE US AID

1. DURING MY MEETING WITH FAHMY TODAY, HE HAD SIERRI READ ME A RADIO ISRAEL BROADCAST OF PAST FEW DAYS THAT EBAN, IN HIS MEETING WITH YOU, HAD DISCUSSED US ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL. ACCORDING TO THE BROADCAST YOU HAD GIVEN A POSITIVE REPLY FOR US ECONOMIC AID AND ALSO ON THE CONDITIONS OF THE MILITARY AID COVERED BY THE DOLLARS 2.2 BILLION APPROPRIATED FOR THIS PURPOSE. IF THIS AID SHOULD PROVE INADEQUATE, THE BROADCAST HAD CONTINUED, THERE WILL BE FURTHER TALKS IN WASHINGTON FOR ADDITIONAL HELP.

2. FAHMY DEPLORED THIS TYPE OF BROADCAST. HE CALLED IT ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF ISRAELI INSENSITIVITY. SUCH A BROADCAST ONLY CAUSES EMBARRASSMENT FOR SADAT AND FOR HIM. SOVIETS AND RADICAL ARAB STATES WILL POINT TO IT AS EVIDENCE OF CONTINUED USG PARTIALITY FOR ISRAEL.

3. I AGREED THAT THE STATEMENT, IF MADE AS HIS REPORT INDICATED, WAS UNHELPFUL. I SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT HE SHOULD VIEW IT AS AIMED PRIMARILY AT REASSURING ISRAELI PUBLIC. HE AGREED THAT THIS MIGHT BE SO, BUT STILL THOUGHT YOU OUGHT TO TELL THE ISRAELIS ONCE AGAIN TO AVOID SUCH STATEMENTS. EILTS

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