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SUBJECT: (U) CURRENT SITUATION

1. (SNF) GRIM IS TOO STRONG A WORD TO DESCRIBE THE CURRENT SITUATION, BUT IT IS CLEARLY NOT TO THE IDF'S LIKING. IDF IS CLEARLY ON DEFENSIVE ON BOTH FRONTS AND IS TRYING TO BUY TIME UNTIL MOBILIZATION IS COMPLETE. [REDACTED] 25x1 MOST OF INFO WILL BE SUBMITTED IN SUBSEQUENT IMMEDIATE MSGS.

2. (SNF) BASIC PROBLEMS ARE TWO: A. IDF MOBILIZATION WILL NOT BE COMPLETE UNTIL APPROX 1000Z, 8 OCT 73, AND B. EGY AND SYR NOT ACTING AS ARABS ARE SUPPOSED TO ACT -- IN FACT, EGYPTIAN TACTICS HAVE ISRAELIS TALKING TO THEMSELVES.

3. (SNF) EGYPT, INEXPLICABLY DID NOT PUT ARMOR INTO SINAI OVER NIGHT AS EXPECTED, BUT AT DAWN THEY STARTED TO MOVE. IAF ATTACKED 8 EGYPTIAN

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are clearly on defensive on both fronts. IDF faces two basic problems: mobilization will not be completed until tomorrow; & Egyptians & Syrians not acting like Arabs. Bulk of IDF air effort has been shifted to Golan area to try to stop Syrian advance.  
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ARIFIELDS AT 0530A, 7 OCT. DETERIORATING SITUATION ON GOLAN HTS CAUSE  
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IDF TO SHIFT BULK OF AIR EFFORT TO GOLAN TO TRY AND CONTAIN  
SYRIAN ADVNACE.

4. (SNF) DURING LATE NIGHT 6-7 OCT 73, SYRIAN 9TH INF DIV BROKE THRU  
SOUTH OF QUNEITRA AND TURNED NORTH. 7TH INF DIV, BROKE THROUGH NORTH  
OF  
QUNEITRA AND TURNED SOUTH. QUNEITRA NOW HELD BY SYRIAN. 5TH INF DIV  
BROKE  
THROUGH SOUTH OF RAFID. ONE ID FOUTPOST CAPTURED BY SYRIANS.

5. (SNF) IDF ARMOR ON GOLAN IS DISENGAGING TO LEVE ROOM FOR IAF TO  
TRY AND CONTAIN SYR ADVANCE.

6. (SNF) RESULT OF DIVERSION OF AIR POWER IS THAT EGY ARMOR FREE TO  
CROSS BRIDGES RELATIVELY UNOPPOSED. TODAY WAS SUPPOSED TO BE DAY OF  
DECISION, BUT I WILL NOW BE NOON LOCAL TOMORROW AT EARLIEST  
BEFORE IDF CAN LAUNCH COUNTER ATTACK ON EITHER FRONT.  
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