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INSTRUCTIONS
APPLY

SUBJECT: Diplomatic Relations in the Middle East

The peculiar Soviet approach to the Israelis suggests a possible avenue of "theater". If you are looking for forms of activity to help keep things going through the year, you might suggest to the Soviets that they (1) reestablish diplomatic relations with Israel and (2) encourage their Arab friends to reestablish full relations with the United States. If accomplished, this could be portrayed as an outgrowth of the Summit.

What the chances are, I can't judge. For Brezhnev, it would demonstrate that the Soviets are still actively participating in Mideast diplomacy. For Sadat, it would be a sign of "visible movement". (It would also give Rogers something to occupy himself with.)

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