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NODIS CHEROKEE

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PFOR EG US

SUBJECT: SOVIET DELIVERY OF ARMS TO EGYPT DURING OCTOBER 1973.

REF: CAIRO 1773, PARA 3 AND CAIRO 2030.

1. AS I PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, QUESTION AROSE DURING RECENT HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE VISIT OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH EGYPT HAS RECEIVED REPLACEMENTS FOR WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT LOST IN THE OCTOBER, 1973 WAR, DURING AND IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONFLICT. SADAT, BOTH PRIVATELY AND PUBLICLY, HAS CONTENDED THE SOVIETS DID NOT REPLACE EGYPTIAN LOSSES. HE HAS PILLORIED THEM PUBLICLY FOR FAILING TO DO SO. EGYPTIANS CLAIM THAT SUCH OBLIGATION EXISTED, ACCORDING TO FAHMY, CLAIM IS BASED ON ONE INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE VIII OF THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN EGYPT AND USSR OF MAY 27, 1971.

2. SADAT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THERE WAS AN ACCELERATED DELIVERY OF SOVIET MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER, 1973 TO APRIL, 1974, BUT MAINTAINS THIS REPRESENTS MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR WHICH CONTRACTS HAD BEEN SIGNED WITH SOVIETS IN 1972 AND IN MARCH, 1973, RATHER THAN REPLACEMENT OF LOST WEAPONS. SIMILARLY, SADAT CONTENDS THAT RECENTLY RESUMED SOVIET ARMS SHIPMENTS FALL INTO THE CATEGORY OF FULFILLMENT OF THESE EARLIER CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS.

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IN HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, WHEN HERE, HEARD MUCH OF THE DETAILS FROM SADAT. THE PRESIDENT CLAIMED THAT ONLY ONE-TENTH OF HIS LOSSES HAD BEEN REPLACED. (CONTEXT IN WHICH HE MADE THIS RE-MARK SUGGESTS HE WAS TALKING ABOUT AIRCRAFT.) CODEL REMAINED CONFUSED ABOUT FACTS, ESPECIALLY SINCE DIA REPRESENTATIVE GOT UP DURING EMBASSY BRIEFING SESSION AND STATED HIS ORGANIZATION'S ASSESSMENT THAT VIRTUALLY ALL EGYPTIAN LOSSES REPLACED. THIS IS ALSO WHAT ISRAELIS TOLD CODEL. AS A RESULT, CHAIRMAN PRICE, PRIOR TO LEAVING, ASKED THAT I SPECIFICALLY PUT THE QUESTION TO THE PRESIDENT ON HOW HIS STATEMENT ON ARMS CAN BE RECONCILED WITH ISRAELI CLAIMS, SUPPORTED BY DIA, THAT ALL EGYPTIAN ARMS LOST IN OCTOBER, 1973, WERE REPLACED DURING AND IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS. I DID SO THROUGH MARWAN, WHO PUT THE QUESTION TO THE PRESIDENT. A FEW DAYS AGO, MARWAN, AT THE PRESIDENT'S EXPRESS DIRECTION, SENT ME A LONG TOP SECRET LIST OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT RECEIVED FROM THE SOVIET UNION BY AIR AND BY SEA IN OCTOBER, 1973. THIS INCLUDES DATES, AMOUNTS, TYPES AND TONNAGES. NO DATA WAS PROVIDED FOR NOVEMBER, 1973 THROUGH APRIL, 1974.

4. IN VIEW HIGH CLASSIFICATION, I ASKED MARWAN TODAY FOR CLARIFICATION AS TO WHETHER PRESIDENT REALLY WISHED THIS LIST TO BE GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE. MARWAN EXPLAINED THAT PRESIDENT WANTED YOU TO HAVE IT TO REFUTE ISRAELI AND DIA CLAIMS. HE SUGGESTED YOU MIGHT WISH TO PASS A COPY TO SECRETARY SCHLESINGER ON A STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS FOR HIS INFORMATION. MARWAN AFFIRMED THAT THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT WANT THE ENTIRE LIST TO GO TO THE COMMITTEE. HOWEVER, MARWAN HAS NO OBJECTION IF WE PASS THE COMMITTEE NUMBERS OF FLIGHTS, SHIPS AND TONNAGES.

5. QUOTED BELOW IS A TRANSLATION OF MARWAN'S LIST. WE WILL BY SEPTEL SEND A LOWER CLASSIFICATION MESSAGE WITH INFORMATION OF FLIGHTS AND TONNAGES FOR USE WITH THE COMMITTEE.

ITEM OF EQUIPMENT	AMOUNT
AIR DEFENSE	
KUADRAT MISSILE	392
STREELA LAUNCHERS, M-2	400
SIRELLA MISSILES, M-2	1300
25MM ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN (TWIN)	13
EQUIPMENT & AMMUNITION	"

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P-15 RADARS	2	
P-12 RADARS	2	
ESD POWER GENERATOR	6	
MISSILE STORAGE UNIT (REGIMENTAL)	3	
ANTENNA UNIT (RESERVE)	9	
MODEL 2 ANNEGAA POLE (ANTENNA)	2	
100MM GUN BARKELS	50	
TONS OF ROCKET FUEL	800	
THOUSANDS OF ROUNDS, 23 MM	48	
AIR FORCE		
AN-12 AIRCRAFT	4	
SU-7 ENGINES, AIRCRAFT	9	
S-24 AIRCRAFT MISSILES	162	
S-5M AIRCRAFT MISSILES	5188	
250 KG BOMB	92	
BEACON, LIGHT SIGNAL	1	
APA-46 AIRCRAFT TAIL UNIT	1	
30MM AIRCRAFT CANNON	124	
GROUND FORCES		
ARMORED CAR (BMP-1)	71	
ARMORED RECONNAISSANCE CAR (BRDM-2)	40	
#MALYUTKA LAUNCHER UNIT (CARRIED ON BRDM-2)	24	#SAGGER
#MALYUTKA LAUNCHER (MAN-CARRIED)	20	
#MALYUTKA MISSILES	1390	
#MALYUTKA TRAINER	2	
R-17 ROCKET LAUNCHER	6	
R-17 MISSILES	30	
BH-21 ROCKET LAUNCHER (MULTIPLE)	4	
BH-21 MISSILES	3400	
D-30 122 MM HOWITZER	40	
130MM FIELD GUN	6	
PPH HEAVY BRIDGE	1	
PIPELINE, REGIMENTAL	2	
R-359 DIRECTION FINDING STATION	2	
WIRELESS SETS	59	
255B KRAZ 7 1/2 TON TRUCK	21	
76MM AMMUNITION (ROUNDS)	3500	
122MM AMMUNITION (ROUNDS)	2000	
250 MM MORTAR ROUNDS	1440	
THOUSANDS OF 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS	25	
THOUSANDS OF 7.62 ROUNDS	700	

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T O P S E C R E T FINAL SECTION OF 2 CAIRO 2397

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NAVAL FORCES

SET OF SUBMARINE BATTERIES

1

TOTAL WEIGHT

TONS OF GOODS RECEIVED BY SEA
TONS OF GOODS RECEIVED BY AIR

7341
3530

TOTAL:

10,872 (

(TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: ERROR IN ADDITION, TRANSLATED AS PRINTED)

DATE	ITEM	AMOUNT	TOTAL TONNAGE
8/10/73	BMP-1 ARMORED CAR	20	
SHIP	BM-21 ROCKET LAUNCHER (MULTIPLE)	4	
(KONSUL)	KUADRAT MISSILES	192	
	MALYUTKA (SAGGER) LAUNCHERS (CARRIED ON BKDM-2)	14	
	D-30 122MM HOWITZER	40	
	WIRELESS SETS	52	
	APA-46 AIRCRAFT TAIL UNIT	1	
	SUBMARINE BATTERY SET	1	
	255B KRAZ 7 1/2 TON TRUCK	3	1445
10/10/73	130MM FIELD GUN	6	

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SHIP	23MM ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN (TWIN)	13	
SHAANTYU	S-24 AIRCRAFT MISSILES	162	
	S-50 AIRCRAFT MISSILES	5188	
	250 KG BOMB	92	
	100MM GUN BARRELS	50	
	THOUSANDS OF 23MM ROUNDS	700	
	MALYUTKA TRAINERS (SAGGER)	2	
	P-15 RADAR	2	
	P-12 RADAR	2	
	R-118 BM-3 WIRELESS SET	7	
	MODEL 2 ANNEGAA		
	POLE ANTENNA	2	
	SU-7 AIRCRAFT ENGINES	5	
	255B KRAZ 7 1/2 TON TRUCK	6	
	PIPELINE, REGIMENTAL	2	824
12/10/73	BMP-1 ARMORED CAR	51	
SHIP	BRDM-2 RECCO ARMORED CAR	40	
(KURTSHAANUF)	30MM AIRCRAFT CANNON	124	
	SU-7 AIRCRAFT ENGINE	4	
	BEACON, LIGHT SIGNAL	1	
	R-359 DIRECTION FINDING STATION	2	
	ANTENNA UNITS	3	
	255B KRAZ 7 1/2 TON TRUCK	12	1417
15/10/73	PMP HEAVY BRIDGE	1	
SHIP	EQUIP. AND AMMUNITION	-	
(MIZDWRSHANAK)			844
17/10/73	EQUIPMENT AND AMMUNITION		
SHIP			
(SUTIS)			1503
21/10/75 (T.N. UNDOUBTEDLY SHOULD BE 73)	R-17 ROCKET LAUNCHER	3	
SHIP	R-17 ROCKETS	15	
(MAARNULI)	76MM AMMO. ROUNDS	3500	
	122MM ROUNDS	20000	509

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SHIP	ROCKET FUEL (1N TONS)	800
(SAMINAA)		TOTAL TUNNAGE: 800

TOTAL SEA SHIPMENT: 7342 TONS

AIR FROM 11/10/73 TO 21/10/73

	EQUIPMENT AND AMMO.	-	
	R-17 ROCKET LAUNCHER	3	
	R-17 RUCKETS	15	
	AN-12 AIRCRAFT	4	
	STRELLA LAUNCHER	400	
	STRELLA MISSILES	1300	
	KUADRAT MISSILE	200	
#	MALYUTKA LAUNCHER		
	(CARRIED BY PER)	20	
#	MALYUTKA LAUNCHERS		
	(CARRIED ON BRDM-2)	10	
#	MALYUTKA MISSILES	1390	
# SAGGER	BM-21 MISSILES	3400	
		TOTAL: AN-12 189 FLTS	
	23MM ANTI-AIRCRAFT ROUNDS	48000	AN-22--36 FLTS
	240MM MORTAR ROUNDS	1440	
	82MM MORTAR ROUNDS	25000	3330 TONS

AIR 22/10/73 FOR AIR DEFENSE		
BSD POWER GENERATOR	6	
MISSILE STORAGE UNITS		
(REGIMENTAL)	3	AN-22-5 FLTS
ANTENNA UNIT	6	200 TONS

TOTAL BY AIR 3530 TONS

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