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**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**  
**6 November 1973**

**INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM**

**MIDDLE EAST**

**Situation Report Number 107**  
**(as of 0630 EST)**

**THE MILITARY SITUATION**

**GENERAL**

(All times cited in military paragraphs are Cairo/Tel Aviv time, unless otherwise specified.)

1. Little activity was noted on either the Egyptian or Syrian fronts during the night. Israeli aircraft were active early this morning over Sinai and along the Suez Canal. Egyptian fighters conducted defensive patrols near Al Birijat, As Salihyah, and Bilbays. No combat activity was observed, however.

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Israeli aircraft were active over the Golan Heights. No combat activity was reported.

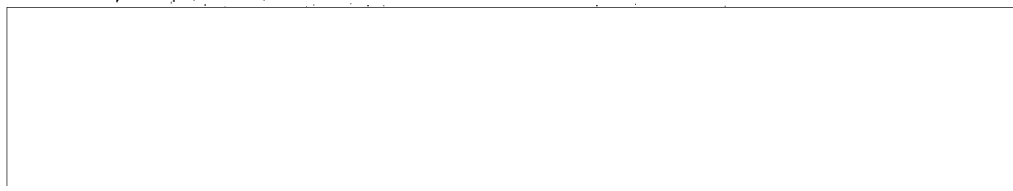
**SOVIET AIRLIFT**

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Soviet transport



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activity into Egypt is taking place, but is related to support of the movement of Finnish troops of the United Nations Emergency Force.

#### SOVIET SEALIFT

4. No new ships have entered the sealift. Since 7 October the total is 38 ships

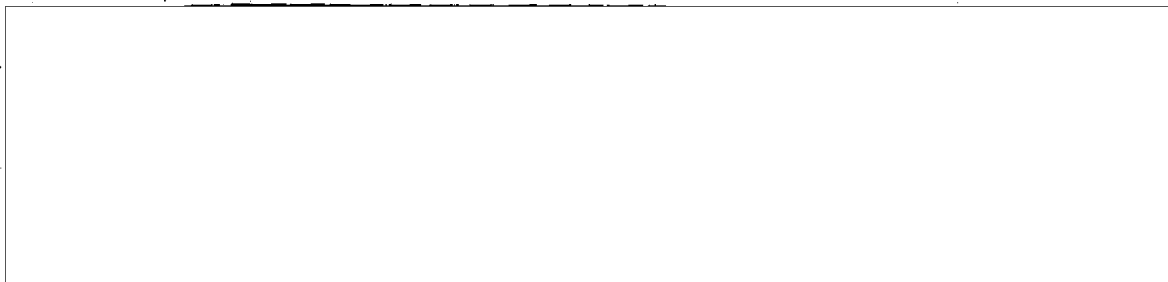
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#### STATUS OF SOVIET FORCES

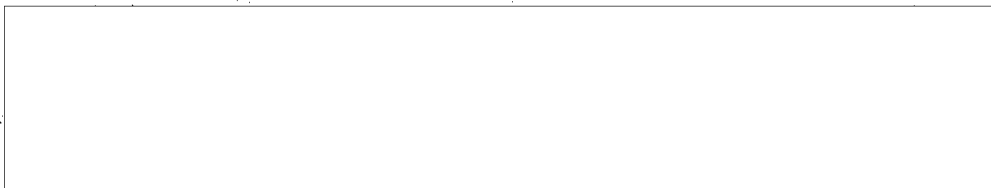


#### EGYPT

6. (US OFFICIALS ONLY) Egyptian Foreign Minister Fahmi has told UN officials, including Secretary General Waldheim, that his negotiations in Washington were conducted in a "constructive spirit" and that he appreciates Secretary Kissinger's sincere efforts to obtain concessions from Israel on the question of a withdrawal to the cease-fire lines of 22 October. He does not believe, however, according to a sensitive State Department cable, that the Israelis have been budged from their position, and Egypt itself will make no concessions on the prisoner exchange issue until the cease-fire lines have been restored.

7. Fahmi urged that the UN involve itself not only in the withdrawal issue, but also in the subsequent negotiating process. This should be under UN auspices, Fahmi told Waldheim, and Egypt expects that a peace conference will be attended by the Big Four--excluding China, which Fahmi

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expects to opt out--as well as by Israel, Egypt, and Syria. Waldheim has the impression that Fahmi would prefer New York as the site of the peace conference because this would allow the nonaligned states at the UN to exert pressure for an outcome favorable to the Arabs.

#### HUSAYN'S TRAVELS

8. King Husayn of Jordan departed unannounced this morning on a one-day trip to Jidda, Kuwait, Abu Dhabi and Syria, the US Embassy in Amman reports. The King, accompanied by his Prime Minister and Chief of Staff, is expected to return to Amman this evening. This trip may be a reaction to Jordan's exclusion from recent pan-Arab consultations.