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**DIA SITUATION REPORT  
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TIME: 1225**

**SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST HOSTILITIES**

**REFERENCE: DIA Analysis**

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completed.

**1. GENERAL**

a. (S/NFD) Egypt and Israel have accepted the cease-fire resolution of the UN Security Council, scheduled to take effect shortly before 1700Z. No major clashes have been reported in recent hours to suggest significant last-minute jockeying for position on the Egyptian front. Tel Aviv claims to control an area almost 800 square kilometers to the west of the Suez Canal, but Egyptian units continue to operate in some parts of this area. Their forces continue to hold two major areas on the East Bank.

b. (S/NFD) Syria has not yet accepted the cease-fire

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resolution, but Iraq has rejected it, while Jordan has agreed to it. Should Damascus eventually accept the resolution and Iraq continue to reject it, the large Iraqi forces in Syria could be a serious problem for the Syrian Government. Clashes took place on the 21st -- and into the night -- between Israeli and Syrian troops on the slopes of Mt Hermon, as Israel claims to have secured the northern Golan Heights area captured by the Syrians early in the fighting. Israel claims to control some 480 square kilometers of Syrian territory in addition to the Golan Heights.

2. EGYPTIAN FRONT

a. (C) No major clashes have been reported on the front on the 22d.

b. (S/NFD) Israeli forces claim to control the West Bank of the Suez Canal from near Ismailia to the southern end of the Little Bitter Lake and out some 30 kilometers (18 nautical miles) to about 32°-00'E. Israeli control of this area is not believed to be total, since some Egyptian units were bypassed in the Israeli sweep through the area.

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3. SYRIAN FRONT

a. (C) The Israelis have apparently cleared the northern Golan Heights area -- near the base of Mt. Hermon -- of Syrian forces that moved into the area early in the current hostilities. Paratroops and the Golani Brigade, with extensive air support, are said to have secured the area.

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b. (C) Tel Aviv claims to have destroyed a railroad bridge leading from the port of Latakia to Damascus. Meanwhile, the northern sector of the Syrian front has remained generally quiet.

4. OTHER ARAB ACTIVITY

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a. EGYPT-USSR

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Soviet aircraft have been detected flying into Egypt since 13 Oct.

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5. SOVIET ACTIVITY

(1) GROUND

(U) Nothing new to report.

(2) NAVY

(S) The force level of the Mediterranean Squadron has increased to 80 ships with the addition of a naval-associated merchant tanker from the Black Sea.

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