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1. GENERAL

a. (SS) The entire Egyptian front remained relatively quiet this morning as UN observers began their duties.

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b. (TSU) The UN cease-fire headquarters in Jerusalem reported no ground or air activity late last night.

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c. (U) The UN Security Council adjourned early this morning without discussing a Middle East cease-fire supervision plan. Eight nonaligned nations -- Guinea, Kenya, Sudan, India, Indonesia, Panama, Peru, and Yugoslavia -- proposed sending an armed UN military force to police the truce and to increase the overall observer force on both fronts. Cairo has claimed that Tel Aviv was waging a "new and treacherous war" against its forces; however, Israel said the shooting has died down on the Suez Canal and that the Syrian front is also quiet.

2. EGYPTIAN FRONT

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3. SYRIAN FRONT

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The Lebanese complained of Israeli mortar and artillery fire on several of their villages at 241400Z. UN observers were unable to confirm the complaint.

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c. (S/NFD/NDA/CD) Syrian Minister of War Maj Gen Talas said a new Syrian armored brigade was being formed to replace the Jordanian 40th and 92d Armored Brigades. These units will move to positions closer to the Jordanian border as reserves for the Syrian 5th and 9th Infantry Divisions.

4. OTHER ARAB ACTIVITY

a. JORDAN (S/NFD/NDA/CD) At a briefing on armor tactics given by the commander of the JAA 40th Armored Brigade, a Soviet general commented that he could find no fault with Jordanian tactics used in the recent fighting. The Jordanian commander replied that perhaps the Soviets could have trained the Syrians better.

b. [redacted] at least 100 trucks have been observed transiting Jidda during the last 24 hours. These trucks are carrying equipment supposedly destined for the units either in Syria or for the battalions that replaced the 20th Brigade in Tabuk, Saudi Arabia.

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5. SOVIET ACTIVITY

a. (SS) GROUND FORCES

No unusual activity by Soviet ground forces has been detected. [redacted]

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b. (S) NAVY

The force level in the Soviet Mediterranean Squadron has risen to an all-time high of 84 with the addition of two minesweepers that entered the Mediterranean from the Black Sea.

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