

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

MIDDLE EAST

Situation Report Number 82
(As of 0630 EDT)

THE MILITARY SITUATION

GENERAL

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

1. Fighting began before dawn near Suez City at the southern end of the canal. The Israelis claimed that the Egyptian forces on the east bank began the firing; subsequently air attacks were detected on the Egyptian positions.

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2. Israeli spokesmen also claimed that the Egyptians damaged the tanker Serius (Siris) near the entrance to the Gulf of Suez and it was in danger of sinking.

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3. Except for one Israeli helicopter reported to have been destroyed by fedayeen forces in Lebanon, no activity was reported along the Syrian front over the night.

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