

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

SECRET/SENSITIVE (XGDS)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL SCOWCROFT

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SUBJECT: Golan Situation

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per C02410837

You will have seen the CIA briefing item of this morning (Tab A) drawing from various sources but heavily weighted with [redacted] input, suggesting that Syria might initiate some type of hostility with Israel shortly.

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I have asked CIA [redacted] to recheck their reporting for further activity that would indicate intent as well as preparedness. They report:

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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

--As of about 10:30 Washington time there was nothing available in any channel [redacted] indicating unusual military activity involving Syrian or other forces in the Golan area.

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--As a specific indicator, UNTSO has reported today that the situation appears normal.

--CIA's judgment is that the situation is not rapidly (their emphasis) approaching the danger point. Certain key military figures are out of place and there has been no reflection of

[redacted] At the moment, they do not intend to go on any special alert status or issue reporting at above the normal rate.

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Nevertheless, CIA is edgy about the situation. I attach at Tab B a

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[redacted]  
Syrians are planning some offensive action on or about October 30 (This Thursday). The information may indeed be questionable, but the reasons for any kind of Syrian move at this time--during Sadat's visit here, in order to embarrass him (and us)-- are credible.

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