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NEAR EAST SITUATION

I. Israel - adamant on further withdrawal without guarantees.

A. Resigned to UN condemnation, even imposition sanctions; recognize this may be end of reliance on "benevolent friendship" of US.

II. Egypt - attitudes hardening as Israelis hold fast.

A. No talks on any matter until Israelis out.

B. "Egyptianization" laws spell end Western capital in Egypt.

III. Nasr's hand strengthened by ESS "solidarity agreements" on subsidy to Jordan.

A. Only Saudis have cash, but Soys might foot bill indirectly.

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V. Other areas quiet, except Yemen-Aden border. 25X1

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B. Iraq still restless under Nuri Said.

C. Small chance settlement in Yemen at present.

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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