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MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: WILLIAM B. QUANDT
DONALD STUKEL

SUBJECT: WSAG on Middle East--November 6, 1973,
2:00 p. m.

One of your objectives in today's meeting will be to review the President's energy speech on foreign policy grounds. Beyond that,



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On our resupply effort, you may want to ask Mr. Rush and Mr. Clements to describe the Congressional reaction to their statements yesterday in support of aid for Israel. Mr. Clements may also be able to give some idea of the results of the survey of Israeli losses now underway. One issue that will be with us for some time is the cost of the war to Israel and our role in meeting the cost. [redacted] preliminary estimate that places 25X1 the direct military costs of the war at \$325 million, whereas Israeli officials are speaking of \$2.5 - \$3.0 billion to replace losses and rebuild the armed forces. We have already delivered about \$1 billion in equipment and consumables to Israel, and Mr. Clements yesterday said publicly that the total would probably exceed \$2 billion. At some point it will be necessary to get a better grip on the magnitude and purposes of our resupply effort.

[At the tab on Resupply, you will find a paper prepared by the Israeli Embassy on the economic effects of the war.]

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TALKING POINTS

1. --[To Colby] Would you brief on how the ceasefire is holding up.

--We have had numerous reports that both sides expect hostilities to resume. Do we see signs of this today? If fighting were to break out on a large-scale, how would it be likely to go? What would our choices be?



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--Both the Egyptians and Chinese have reported that Soviet combat forces have arrived in Syria. Do we have any confirmation of that?

--Some intelligence reports have suggested that the Egyptian Third Army is not in such bad shape and is still capable of limited combat. What is CIA's best judgment?

2. --Last Friday the Secretary made it clear that the President's energy speech should be low-key and not spotlight the Middle East situation. We have revised early drafts to make them conform with this approach, but we should be satisfied here that the speech is acceptable on foreign policy grounds. [See Oil Issues tab for points you might raise on the speech.]

3. --[To Rush and Clements]. What was the Congressional reactions to your presentations in support of aid to Israel? Is there any chance of action on the bill during this session?

4. --[To Clements.] Do we have reports from the team in Israel on the magnitude of Israel's losses? Are the Israelis being cooperative?

--How is our resupply effort going? When will the airlift begin to drop off? When will the sealift peak and when will it begin to drop off?

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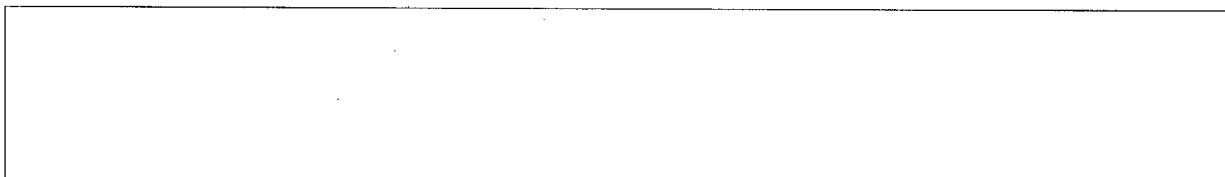
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SITUATION REPORT

The ceasefire appears to be holding today, despite some sustained fighting on the Egyptian front yesterday. The Third Army is still being resupplied, but no arrangements have yet been revealed for resupply after the scheduled 125 trucks have been allowed through by the Israelis.



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Several reports have indicated that Soviet military units have arrived in Syria, presumably in air defense roles in the Latakia port area.

The Soviet airlift has been suspended for the last few days; the seallift shows nothing new, and the Soviet Mediterranean Squadron remains at 95 units, according to DIA.

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