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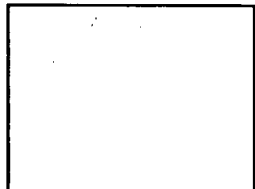
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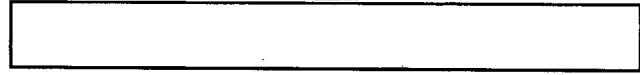


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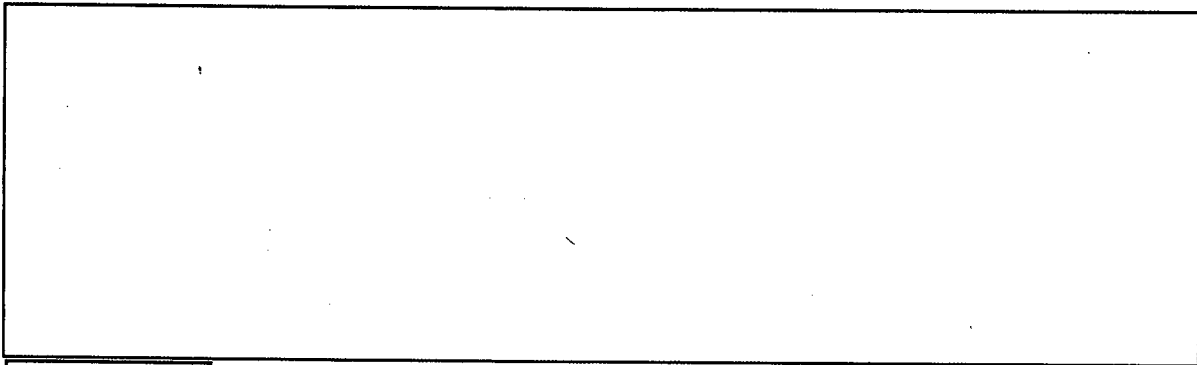
USSR - MIDDLE EAST: Response

[redacted] *The USSR has responded negatively to the current Egyptian-Israeli dialogue* [redacted]

[redacted] *Moscow is clearly concerned that recent developments will enable the US to resume its role as the major participant in step-by-step talks from which the Soviets would be excluded.*

[redacted] *Pravda* yesterday accused the Israelis of trying to "divorce" Egypt from the rest of the Arab world and of trying to prevent a solution of the Palestinian problem. Soviet broadcasts in Arabic for the past several days have been critical of President Sadat and have warned of a possible sellout of the Palestinians.

[redacted] The Soviets appear particularly concerned with Sadat's willingness to ignore procedural problems connected with a resumption of the Geneva conference in order to get the talks started. At the heart of these procedural issues has been the question of Palestinian representation at Geneva, which the Soviets will presumably exploit if their views are not taken into consideration.



[redacted] The Soviets presumably fear more than anything else the achievement, or even the illusion, of some stabilization in the area through negotiations from which they have been deliberately excluded. The Soviets apparently realize that they have little genuine leverage over the course of negotiations in the Middle East and are particularly concerned with regional and international perceptions of the Soviet role. [redacted]