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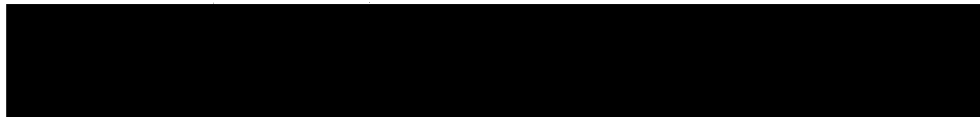
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SUBJECT: SYRIAN OFFICIALS PESSIMISTIC BUT STILL DESIRE
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SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS ARE PESSIMISTIC ABOUT REACHING A DISENGAGEMENT ACCORD WITH TEL AVIV VERY SOON BECAUSE OF THE ISRAELI CABINET CRISIS. NEVERTHELESS, PRESIDENT ASAF IS LIKELY TO AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S CURRENT EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT AN AGREEMENT BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER TO INCREASE OR RELAX MILITARY TENSIONS ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS.

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SEVERAL PANKING
SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS BELIEVE THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT COULD HAVE DELAYED THE PUBLICATION OF THE AGRANAT REPORT AND THAT MRS. MEIR COULD HAVE RESHUFFLED HER CABINET INSTEAD OF

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RESIGNING. THEY STRONGLY SUSPECT, THEREFORE, THAT THE ISRAELIS ARE DELIBERATELY TRYING TO DELAY MATTERS AND EXPECT MANY ISRAELI POLITICIANS TO INTERJECT NEW DEMANDS AND UNRELATED ISSUES TO TRY TO DELAY AND POSSIBLY SABOTAGE THE NEGOTIATIONS.

IF ISRAELI LEADERS ARE UNABLE TO PUT TOGETHER A NEW GOVERNMENT, THESE SYRIAN OFFICIALS FEAR THAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE PUT OFF UNTIL AFTER ISRAELI ELECTIONS THIS FALL AND THAT BY THEN US PRESSURE ON TEL AVIV TO SIGN A DISENGAGEMENT ACCORD WILL HAVE WANED OR DISAPPEARED ALTOGETHER BECAUSE OF CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS IN THE US. A MINORITY IN THE MINISTRY, ON THE OTHER HAND, THINKS THE CRISIS IN ISRAEL WILL HAVE NO AFFECT ON THE TALKS.

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DESPITE THIS GENERALLY SOMBER SYRIAN ASSESSMENT, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT WANT THE PRESENT FIGHTING TO ERUPT INTO A FULL SCALE WAR. ASAD IS SAID TO HAVE ORDERED THE RECENT INTENSIFICATION OF THE FIGHTING PARTLY FOR "INTERNAL PURPOSES" AND IN ORDER TO SPEED UP DISENGAGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS. E-2 IMPDET.H

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