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STATE AND DEFENSE.

81. //CUBA: NEW ARTILLERY EMPLACEMENTS NEAR THE US NAVAL
BASE AT GUANTANAMO BAY PROBABLY RESULT FROM NORMAL CUBAN CONTINGENCY
PLANNING RATHER THAN FROM A DECISION TO MOVE AGAINST THE BASE.

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ARTILLERY EMPLACEMENTS AND
SUPPORT REVETMENTS THAT HAD BEEN IN THE INITIAL STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION
IN EARLY JULY. OTHER NEW ONES HAVE BEEN BEGUN SINCE EARLY AUGUST.
THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS SUGGESTS THAT CUBAN CONTINGENCY PLANS CALL
FOR OCCUPATION OF THE SITES BY A MAXIMUM OF TWO BATTALION-SIZED
ARTILLERY UNITS SHOULD THE NEED ARISE. SOME OF THE EMPLACEMENTS
ARE STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION, HOWEVER, AND SOME HAVE WATER STANDING
IN THEM. NO ARTILLERY PIECES, SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, OR OTHER WEAPONS
WERE AT OR NEAR THE EMPLACEMENTS, AND NO BUILDUP WAS EVIDENT AT ANY
OF THE NEARBY MILITARY BASES.

CASTRO CLEARLY IS IRRITATED WITH THE US OVER THE LEGAL ATTACH-
MENT ON 2 OCTOBER OF A CUBAN FREIGHTER IN THE PANAMA CANAL BY US

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AUTHORITIES, THE ARMED ATTACKS ON CUBAN FISHING BOATS THE FOLLOWING DAY BY EXILES APPARENTLY BASED IN MIAMI, AND SUSPECTED US SUPPORT OF THE FORCES THAT OVERTHREW ALLENDE LAST MONTH IN CHILE. THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION, HOWEVER, OF A SHIFT IN CASTRO'S ESTABLISHED POLICY OF ACHIEVING THE RETURN OF THE BASE THROUGH LEGAL MEANS "AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME." HE RECOGNIZES THE RISKS OF A PRECIPITATE MOVE, AND IN RECENT YEARS HE HAS SHOWN AN INCREASING TENDENCY TOWARD POLITICAL PRAGMATISM AND A WILLINGNESS TO LIVE WITH SITUATIONS THAT HE RESENTS BUT CANNOT DO ANYTHING TO REMEDY. THIS ATTITUDE IS LIKELY TO PREVAIL, ALTHOUGH INCREASING INTERNATIONAL PRESSURES AND FURTHER STRAIN IN US-CUBAN RELATIONS WOULD PUT CASTRO'S PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO THE TEST. {SECRET NO FOREIGN DISSEM} //

2. //PANAMA: FRUSTRATED IN ITS ATTEMPT TO PRESSURE THE TORRIJOS REGIME BY HOLDING A 24-HOUR NATIONWIDE BUSINESS SHUTDOWN, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY HAS TURNED TO INDIRECT METHODS OF TRYING TO REVERSE THE ADMINISTRATION'S ECONOMIC DIRECTION. SOME BUSINESSMEN ARE WITHDRAWING FUNDS FROM PANAMANIAN BANKS AND SENDING THEM ABROAD. ACCORDING TO ONE UNCONFIRMED REPORT, BETWEEN FOUR AND SIX MILLION

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DOLLARS LEFT THE COUNTRY DURING THE 13 TO 15 OCTOBER PERIOD. A NATIONAL GUARD OFFICER MAINTAINS THAT TORRIJOS IS DETERMINED NOT TO GIVE IN TO THE BUSINESS GROUPS' PRESSURE AND INTENDS TO PRESS AHEAD WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONTROVERSIAL RENT CONTROL LAW AND OTHER PROPOSED MEASURES. SOME BUSINESSMEN CONCEDE THAT TORRIJOS' CAMPAIGN TO DIVIDE AND INTIMIDATE THEM HAS HIT THE TARGET; THEY WOULD LIKE TO BACK OFF WITHOUT LOSING MORE THAN THEY ALREADY HAVE. NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION IS YET AVAILABLE TO JUDGE THE IMPACT OF THE MOVEMENT OF FUNDS ABROAD ON TORRIJOS' PLANS. SECRET NO FOREIGN DISSEM//

3. BRAZIL: ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS, PETROBRAS, THE BRAZILIAN STATE PETROLEUM ENTERPRISE, HAS LOCATED A LARGE DEPOSIT IN THE CAMPOS SEDIMENTARY BASIN, SOME 70 MILES OFFSHORE IN THE CONTINENTAL SHELF JUST NORTHEAST OF RIO DE JANEIRO. THE OIL BEARING STRATUM REPORTEDLY IS SOME 200-300 METERS THICK, OR MORE THAN THREE TIMES THE ^RSTATUM THICKNESS OF OTHER PRODUCING BRAZILIAN OIL FIELDS.

PETROBRAS OFFICIALS ARE TRYING TO RESTRAIN THEIR EUPHORIA OVER THE FIND, DESCRIBED AS BEING OF "MIDDLE-EAST PROPORTIONS." IF THEIR EXPECTATIONS ARE REALIZED, BRAZIL WILL BE ABLE TO ELIMINATE PETROLEUM

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IMPORTS, CURRENTLY THE WEAKEST LINK IN THE DEVELOPING ECONOMY.

BRAZILIANS HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED BEFORE IN THEIR RELENTLESS SEARCH FOR OIL, BUT THE IMPORTANCE, ECONOMICALLY, POLITICALLY AND PSYCHOLOGICALLY OF A DISCOVERY THE SIZE OF WHAT CAMPOS PURPORTS TO BE, CANNOT BE UNDERESTIMATED. {UNCLASSIFIED}

&4. ARAB STATES-ISRAEL: BATTLE LINES ON BOTH FRONTS REMAIN RELATIVELY UNCHANGED. PRESIDENT SADAT AND PRIME MINISTER MEIR APPEAR UNWILLING TO MAKE CONCESSIONS THAT WOULD LEAD TO A CEASE-FIRE.

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NILE DELTA, IN THE SINAI, AND IN THE GREAT BITTER LAKE AREA.

FIGHTING CONTINUES IN THE CENTRAL SECTOR OF THE SYRIAN FRONT. A COMBINED SYRIAN AND IRAQI FORCE ATTACKED ISRAELI POSITIONS AT DAWN ON 16 OCTOBER, RESULTING IN HEAVY TANK BATTLES NEAR AL HARRAH. ISRAELI ARMORED FORCES SUBSEQUENTLY COUNTERATTACKED TOWARD DAYR AL-ADAS, SOME 15 MILES EAST OF THE CEASE-FIRE LINE. THE ISRAELIS MAY NOW BE WITHIN FIVE MILES OF THE DAR'A-DAMASCUS ROAD. AN ISRAELI SPOKESMAN CLAIMED THAT JORDAN'S ARMORED BRIGADE ADVANCED TOWARD ISRAELI LINES FROM JASIM, BUT PULLED BACK AFTER HAVING SUFFERED SUBSTANTIAL LOSSES, AND THAT AN IRAQI UNIT WAS "BADLY CHEWED UP." TEL AVIS'S ANNOUNCED STRATEGY IS TO DESTROY THE FORCES OF OTHER ARAB STATES "PIECEMEAL" BEFORE THEY CAN JOIN WITH THE SYRIANS IN A UNIFIED COMMAND. SYRIAN FORCES IN THE NORTHERN SECTOR MAY HAVE ADVANCED TWO TO THREE MILES TO TELL ECH CHAAR, OVERLOOKING THE QUNAYTIRAH-DAMASCUS ROAD. SYRIAN AIRCRAFT MOUNTED RELATIVELY HEAVY ATTACKS ON ISRAELI GROUND FORCES.

PRESIDENT SADAT, IN A SPEECH ON 16 OCTOBER TO A JOINT SESSION OF THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY AND THE ARAB SOCIALIST UNION CENTRAL

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COMMITTEE, LAID OUT A TOUGH PEACE PROPOSAL COUPLED WITH SOME HINTS OF FLEXIBILITY. SADAT'S POSITION--PRESENTED AS AN OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT NIXON--IS THAT EGYPT WILL ACCEPT A CEASE-FIRE WHEN ISRAEL HAS AGREED TO A WITHDRAWAL TO THE BOUNDARIES EXISTING PRIOR TO THE 1967 ARAB-ISRAELI WAR, AND THAT UPON COMPLETION OF SUCH A WITHDRAWAL, EGYPT WILL ENTER INTO A UN-SPONSORED INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE. THIS POSITION ON ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL APPEARS TO BE UN-EQUIVOCAL, BUT SADAT'S WILLINGNESS TO ENTER INTO AN INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE AND HIS REPEATED STATEMENTS THAT HE DOES NOT SEEK TO ANNIHILATE ISRAEL SUGGEST THAT HE MAY LATER ACCEPT MINOR COMPROMISES. SADAT MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WILL NOT BACK PALESTINIAN CLAIMS TO THE TERRITORY OF ISRAEL PROPER, ALTHOUGH HE DID CALL FOR SOME RECOGNITION OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. IN A REFERENCE ALMOST CERTAINLY DESIGNED BOTH TO INTIMIDATE ISRAEL AND TO DEMONSTRATE THAT EGYPT IS EXERCISING RESTRAINT, SADAT CLAIMED THAT "EGYPTIAN-ARAB ROCKETS" ARE CAPABLE OF STRIKING AT ANY POINT IN ISRAEL, BUT THAT HE IS "AWARE OF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF USING CERTAIN TYPES OF ARMS."

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IN HER SPEECH TO THE KNESSET ON THE SAME DAY, PRIME MINISTER MEIR SAID THAT TEL AVIV WOULD NEVER AGREE TO A CEASE-FIRE PREDICATED ON AN ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL TO THE 1967 BORDERS. A CEASE-FIRE WILL ONLY COME ABOUT, ACCORDING TO THE PRIME MINISTER, WHEN THE ARABS ARE DEFEATED ON BOTH FRONTS. MEIR VOICED COMPLETE DISBELIEF IN ARAB CLAIMS THAT THEIR GOAL IS LIMITED TO RETAKING TERRITORY LOST DURING THE 1967 HOSTILITIES, CHARGING THAT THE ARAB AIM IS THE DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL. "THIS IS A WAR AGAINST OUR VERY EXISTENCE AS A STATE AND A PEOPLE." IN COMMENTING ON THE MILITARY SITUATION, SHE AVOIDED EXTRAVAGANT CLAIMS, REPORTING ONLY THAT SYRIA'S "STRATEGIC INFRA-STRUCTURE" HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY DAMAGED AND THAT "SIGNS INDICATE THAT EGYPT'S INITIATIVE HAS BEEN DESTROYED."

MORE SOVIET CARGO TRANSPORTS FLEW TO THE MIDDLE EAST ON 16 OCTOBER THAN ON ANY OTHER DAY SINCE THE AIRLIFT BEGAN ON 10 OCTOBER. THE SEVEN-DAY TOTAL OF CARGO TRANSPORT FLIGHTS TO ARAB COMBATANTS IS NOW APPROXIMATELY 360. THE SOVIETS PROBABLY ARE DELIVERING EQUIPMENT AND ORDNANCE SUCH AS SURFACE-TO-AIR AND AIR-TO-AIR MISSILES, AIR DEFENSE RADARS, CRITICAL SPARE PARTS, AND POSSIBLY ANTI-AIRCRAFT

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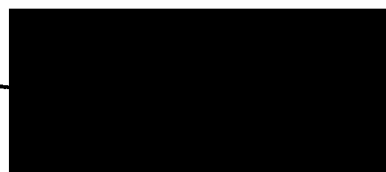
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//SOVIET MEDIA CONTINUE TO ISSUE BRIEF, STRAIGHT-FORWARD
ACCOUNTS OF US ARMS DELIVERIES TO ISRAEL. A MOSCOW RADIO BROADCAST
YESTERDAY REPEATED A WESTERN WIRE SERVICE REPORT THAT US AIR FORCE
TRANSPORTS HAD STARTED ARRIVING IN ISRAEL. ANOTHER MOSCOW BROAD-
CAST, BEAMED TO THE ARAB WORLD, FOCUSED ON THE NEED FOR PEACE,
BUT CHASTISED PRIME MINISTER MEIR FOR HER INSISTENCE THAT PEACE
IS CONTINGENT ON THE RETURN TO THE 6 OCTOBER CEASE-FIRE LINES.//
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81. THAILAND: THE NEW GOVERNMENT IS TAKING STEPS TO
ASSERT ITS AUTHORITY.

PRIME MINISTER SANYA'S NEWLY APPOINTED CABINET
HELD ITS FIRST MEETING ON 16 OCTOBER AND PROMPTLY
ANNOUNCED AMNESTY FOR THOSE WHO TOOK PART IN THE
STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS. THE CABINET ALSO AGREED TO
APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO BEGIN DRAFTING A NEW CONSTI-
TUTION, WHICH WAS ONE OF THE KEY DEMANDS OF THE STU-
DENTS. THE NEW PRIME MINISTER HAS PLEDGED THAT A
NEW CONSTITUTION WILL BE PROMULGATED AND ELECTIONS
HELD WITHIN SIX MONTHS.

AN EFFORT IS ALSO UNDER WAY TO EMPHASIZE THAT
ALL THAI NOW SHARE A COMMON INTEREST IN RETURNING
THE COUNTRY TO NORMALITY AND REPAIRING THE DAMAGE
OF THE PAST FEW DAYS. THE GOVERNMENT, FOR EXAMPLE,

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HAS BROADCAST INTERIOR MINISTRY ORDERS TO THE PROVINCES ASKING FOR AN URGENT ESTIMATE OF THE LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY AND THE COST OF REPAIRING FACILITIES. THE NATIONAL STUDENT CENTER HAS ALSO ISSUED A STATEMENT, CLEARLY AT THE GOVERNMENT'S BEHEST, ASKING THE PEOPLE TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT AS ONE OF THE "PEOPLE." IT ALSO STATES THAT THE STUDENTS ARE COOPERATING WITH THE POLICE; THIS IS PROBABLY AN ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE THE DEMORALIZED METROPOLITAN POLICE TO RETURN TO THEIR POSTS.

//IT APPEARS THAT THE KING IS STILL PLAYING A PIVOTAL ROLE. [REDACTED] REPORTS THAT THE KING IS STILL GIVING INSTRUCTIONS TO ARMY CHIEF KRIT, AND [REDACTED] OF PRIME MINISTER SANYA CLAIMED THAT HE WOULD BE A FAITHFUL SERVANT OF THE KING. THIS ASSESSMENT OF SANYA COINCIDES WITH AMBASSADOR UNGER'S VIEW THAT SANYA IS A MAN WHO HAS LITTLE TASTE FOR PARTICIPATION IN POLITICS. THE AMBASSADOR

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REPORTS THAT SANYA SHARES THE KING'S ANTI-COMMUNIST VIEWS AND IN THE PAST HAD EXPRESSED SYMPATHY WITH US OBJECTIVES IN INDOCHINA.//

//IF THE KING CONTINUES TO PLAY THIS ROLE, IT STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT THERE WILL BE NO MAJOR CHANGE IN THAI POLICY WITH RESPECT TO RELATIONS WITH THE US AND THE PRESENCE OF US FORCES IN THAILAND. THUS FAR THE NEW GOVERNMENT HAS SAID NOTHING PUBLICLY ON THESE ISSUES. THIS MAY REFLECT ITS PREOCCUPATION WITH MORE PRESSING MATTERS.//{SECRET}

2. CAMBODIA: PHNOM PENH'S RICE SITUATION REMAINS PRECARIOUS, DESPITE GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLIES. AS OF 16 OCTOBER, GOVERNMENT RICE STOCKS ARE ESTIMATED AT ROUGHLY AN 11-DAY SUPPLY. GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES HAVE AGREED TO REDUCE FURTHER THE AMOUNT OF RICE DISTRIBUTED DAILY AND TO REJECT THE ARMY'S REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT OF ITS FORMER ALLOTMENT. DAILY DISTRIBUTION IS NOW ALMOST 30 PERCENT BELOW THAT OF A MONTH

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AGO. AIRLIFTING OF RICE FROM BATTAMBANG, KOMPONG CHHNANG, AND SAIGON CONTINUES; THESE OPERATIONS NOW ARE PROVIDING ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF PHNOM PENH'S DAILY REQUIREMENTS. THE NEXT SHIPMENT OF THAI RICE IS STILL SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ON 22 OCTOBER, AND SEVERAL ADDITIONAL SHIPMENTS ARE DUE BEGINNING 27 OCTOBER. SAIGON ~~REPORTEDLY MAY HAVE~~ AVAILABLE 5,000 TONS OF RICE FOR SPECIAL DELIVERY TO CAMBODIA, ~~BUT THERE IS NO FIRM INDICATION YET OF ANY SHIPMENT IN PROGRESS.~~

STOCKS OF CIVILIAN PETROLEUM PRODUCTS REMAIN AMPLE, AND WILL BE ADDED TO BY A MEKONG CONVOY SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN PHNOM PENH ON 16 OCTOBER. {SECRET}

85. ARAB STATES - ISREAL: BATTLE LINES ON BOTH FRONTS REMAIN RELATIVELY UNCHANGED. PRESIDENT SADAT AND PRIME MINISTER MEIR APPEAR UNWILLING TO MAKE CONCESSIONS THAT WOULD LEAD TO A CEASE-FIRE.

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APPARENTLY IN AN EFFORT TO DESTROY EGYPTIAN SAM AND ANTIAIRCRAFT BATTERIES ON THE WEST BANK. THE EGYPTIANS CLAIM TO HAVE ENGAGED THE ISRAELI FORCE WITH ARMOR AND MECHANIZED INFANTRY UNITS, AND TO HAVE INFLICTED HEAVY LOSSES. AN ISRAELI MILITARY SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WHAT HE HAD HEARD ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE CROSS-CANAL OPERATION HE "WOULD NOT WANT TO INTERPRET...AS GOOD TIDINGS." ISRAELI AIR ACTIVITY ON THE EGYPTIAN FRONT WAS MODERATE YESTERDAY, TARGETED AGAINST A VARIETY OF RADAR SITES, AIRFIELDS, AND TROOP CONCENTRATIONS EAST OF CAIRO, IN THE NORTH HERN NILE DELTA, IN THE SINAI, AND IN THE GREAT BITTER LAKE AREA.

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&1. ARAB STATES - ISRAEL: BATTLE LINES ON BOTH
 FRONTS REMAIN RELATIVELY UNCHANGED. PRESIDENT SADAT
 AND PRIME MINISTER MEIR APPEAR UNWILLING TO MAKE
 CONCESSIONS THAT WOULD LEAD TO A CEASE-FIRE.

A SMALL ISRAELI TANK FORCE CROSSED THE SUEZ
 CANAL NORTH OF THE GREAT BITTER LAKE EARLY ON 16 OCTOBER,
 APPARENTLY IN AN EFFORT TO DESTROY EGYPTIAN SAM AND
 ANTIAIRCRAFT BATTERIES ON THE WEST BANK. THE EGYPTIANS
 CLAIM TO HAVE ENGAGED THE ISRAELI FORCE WITH
 ARMOR AND MECHANIZED INFANTRY UNITS, AND TO HAVE IN-
 FLICTED HEAVY LOSSES. AN ISRAELI MILITARY SPOKESMAN
 SAID THAT WHAT HE HAD HEARD ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE
 CROSS-CANAL OPERATION HE "WOULD NOT WANT TO INTERPRET...AS
 GOOD TIDINGS." ISRAELI AIR ACTIVITY ON THE EGYPTIAN FRONT
 WAS MODERATE YESTERDAY, TARGETED AGAINST A VARIETY OF

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RADAR SITES, AIRFIELDS, AND TROOP CONCENTRATIONS EAST OF
 CAIRO, IN THE NORTHERN NILE DELTA, IN THE SINAI, AND IN
 THE GREAT BITTER LAKE AREA.

FIGHTING CONTINUES IN THE CENTRAL SECTOR OF THE
 SYRIAN FRONT. A COMBINED SYRIAN AND IRAQI FORCE AT-
 TACKED ISRAELI POSITIONS AT DAWN ON 16 OCTOBER, RESULTING
 IN HEAVY TANK BATTLES NEAR AL HARRAH. ISRAELI ARMORED
 FORCES SUBSEQUENTLY COUNTERATTACKED TOWARD
 DAYR AL-ADAS, SOME 15 MILES EAST OF THE CEASE-FIRE
 LINE. THE ISRAELIS MAY NOW BE WITHIN FIVE MILES OF
 THE DAMA-DAMASCUS ROAD. AN ISRAELI SPOKESMAN CLAIMED
 THAT JORDAN'S ARMORED BRIGADE ADVANCED TOWARD ISRAELI
 LINES FROM JASIM, BUT PULLED BACK AFTER HAVING SUFFERED
 SUBSTANTIAL LOSSES, AND THAT AN IRAQI UNIT WAS
 "BADLY CHEWED UP." TEL AVIV'S ANNOUNCED STRATEGY
 IS TO DESTROY THE FORCES OF OTHER ARAB STATES "PIECE-
 MEAL" BEFORE THEY CAN JOIN WITH THE SYRIANS IN A
 UNIFIED COMMAND. SYRIAN FORCES IN THE NORTHERN SECTOR MAY HAVE AD-

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VANCED TWO TO THREE MILES TO TELL ECH CHAAR, OVER-
 LOOKING THE QUNAYTIRAH-DAMASCUS ROAD. SYRIAN AIRCRAFT MOUNTED
 RELATIVELY HEAVY ATTACKS ON ISRAELI GROUND FORCES.

PRESIDENT SADAT, IN A SPEECH ON 16 OCTOBER TO A JOINT
 SESSION OF THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY AND THE ARAB SOCIAL-
 IST UNION CENTRAL COMMITTEE, LAID OUT A TOUGH PEACE
 PROPOSAL COUPLED WITH SOME HINTS OF FLEXIBILITY.
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& ■■2. ■TURKEY: THE LEFT OF CENTER REPUBLICAN PEOPLES PARTY WON A PLURALITY IN LAST SUNDAY'S ELECTIONS BUT WILL HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME FORMING A DURABLE GOVERNMENT.

REPUBLICAN LEADER BULENT ECEVIT LED HIS PARTY TO ITS FIRST VICTORY SINCE 1961, WINNING 184 SEATS IN THE 450-MEMBER PARLIAMENT. THE JUSTICE PARTY SUFFERED A SEVERE SETBACK, WITH ONLY 149 SEATS. TWO RIGHT WING PARTIES RUNNING FOR THE FIRST TIME CUT DEEPLY INTO JUSTICE'S STRENGTH: THE ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, WHICH WON 44 SEATS, AND THE ISLAMIC NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY, WITH 49 SEATS. THE LATTER APPEALS TO NATIONALISTIC AND RELIGIOUS SENTIMENTS, AND ADVOCATES A NAIVE

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"SHARE THE WEALTH" SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POLICY.

JUSTICE'S LACKLUSTER CAMPAIGN AND ECEVIT'S SPIRITED
ATTACK AGAINST ITS RECORD ON ALL FRONTS CONTRIBUTED
TO JUSTICE'S DECLINE.

FORMER PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL AND OTHER JUSTICE
PARTY LEADERS HAVE ALREADY RULED OUT JOINING ECEVIT
IN A COALITION. IF THEY PERSIST IN THIS STAND, THE
MODERN, SECULAR, SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY MAY BE
FORCED TO SEEK A FRAGILE COALITION WITH EITHER OF
THE TWO SMALL, RIGHTIST PARTIES THAT NOW HOLD THE
BALANCE OF POWER IN THE PARLIAMENT. A COALITION
WITH EITHER COULD BREAK AT THE FIRST STRAIN. OTHER
POSSIBILITIES ARE A CONSERVATIVE COALITION LED BY
JUSTICE, OR A MINORITY GOVERNMENT LED BY ECEVIT.

NONE OF THESE SOLUTIONS WILL PRODUCE A STABLE,
EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, AND THERE IS SPECU-
LATION THAT NEW ELECTIONS MAY HAVE TO BE CALLED.

THE MILITARY, WHICH FORCED DEMIREL TO RESIGN

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TWO AND A HALF YEARS AGO AND THEN GAVE BACKSTAGE DIRECTIONS TO INTERIM GOVERNMENTS, HAS SO FAR KEPT IN THE BACKGROUND BUT A PROLONGED POLITICAL CRISIS COULD RESULT IN RENEWED MILITARY INTERVENTION. {CONFIDENTIAL}

3. PAKISTAN/AFGHANISTAN: THE POSSIBILITY OF CLASHES WILL INCREASE IF PAKISTAN FOLLOWS THROUGH ON A DECISION TO STATION TROOPS ALONG THE BORDER.

PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO, ON A VISIT TO IRAN, TOLD HIS HOSTS THAT HE INTENDS TO MOVE TROOPS RIGHT UP TO THE FRONTIER WITH AFGHANISTAN. HE NOTED THAT SUCCESSIVE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENTS SINCE INDEPENDENCE IN 1947 HAD KEPT THEIR TROOPS AT A DISTANCE FROM THE BORDER SO AS NOT TO SEEM PROVOCATIVE TO THE AFGHANS. HE CLAIMED HE NO LONGER FELT COMFORTABLE WITH THIS ARRANGEMENT SINCE THE INSTALLATION OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN KABUL FOLLOWING THE COUP LAST JULY.

KABUL HAS NEVER RECOGNIZED THE DURAND LINE,

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ESTABLISHED IN 1893 TO SEPARATE BRITISH INDIA AND AFGHANISTAN, AS ITS BOUNDARY WITH PAKISTAN, AND HAS MEDDLED PERIODICALLY AMONG THE TRIBES ON THE PAKISTANI SIDE OF THE BOUNDARY. RELATIONS WITH ISLAM-ABAD, WHICH HAVE DETERIORATED STEADILY SINCE MOHAMMAD DAUD KHAN TOOK POWER IN JULY, WILL COME UNDER SEVERE STRAIN IF BHUTTO CARRIES THROUGH WITH HIS PLANNED MOVEMENT OF TROOPS. KABUL HAS ALREADY REACTED STRONGLY AGAINST REPORTED PAKISTANI PLANS TO HAVE THE ARMY REACTIVATE AN OLD ROADBUILDING PROJECT CLOSE TO THE BORDER. IF THE AFGHANS SHOULD ALSO MOVE TROOPS TO THE BORDER AREA OR ENCOURAGE FRIENDLY TRIBESMEN TO ACT AGAINST THE PAKISTANIS, ISOLATED ARMED CLASHES COULD OCCUR. {SECRET}

84. INTERNATIONAL OIL: THE PERSIAN GULF MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES {OPEC} HAVE DECIDED TO PRESENT WESTERN OIL COMPANIES WITH A "TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT"

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DEMAND FOR A 70 PERCENT INCREASE IN CRUDE OIL POSTED PRICES. THE COMPANIES--WITH LITTLE LEVERAGE IN THE CURRENT SELLERS' MARKET--PROBABLY WILL BE FORCED TO ACCEPT OPEC'S DEMANDS FOR A PRICE INCREASE, ALTHOUGH FIRST VOICED LAST JUNE, HAVE PROBABLY BEEN STRENGTHENED BY THE CRISIS ATMOSPHERE OF THE CURRENT ARAB-ISRAELI HOSTILITIES.

NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN OPEC AND WESTERN OIL COMPANIES ON THE PRICE ISSUE BECAME DEADLOCKED LAST WEEK WHEN THE PRODUCERS ASKED FOR A 100 PERCENT INCREASE AND THE COMPANIES OFFERED 15 PERCENT. HISTORICALLY, PERSIAN GULF OIL PRICES HAVE BEEN SET EITHER BY THE COMPANIES ALONE OR THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE OIL-PRODUCING GOVERNMENTS. THE PERSIAN GULF COUNTRIES SUPPLY ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THE OIL IN WORLD TRADE. MOREOVER, THE OTHER MEMBERS OF OPEC ARE CERTAIN TO RAISE THEIR PRICES TO REFLECT THE PERSIAN GULF INCREASES.

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IF THE COMPANIES ACCEPT, PERSIAN GULF OIL REVENUES IN 1974 WILL BE INCREASED BY ABOUT \$10 BILLION AND THE REVENUES OF THE OTHER OPEC MEMBERS WILL INCREASE BY ABOUT \$5 BILLION. SKYROCKETING OIL REVENUES WILL ACCELERATE FOREIGN ASSET ACCUMULATION PROBLEMS OF SEVERAL PERSIAN GULF COUNTRIES. THE 1974 OIL REVENUES OF SAUDI ARABIA, ABU DHABI, QATAR, AND KUWAIT--ALL OF WHICH HAVE LIMITED ABILITIES TO ABSORB CAPITAL--WILL APPROACH THE AMOUNTS WHICH WERE ONLY RECENTLY BEING ESTIMATED FOR 1980.

ALMOST ALL OF THE INCREASE WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE OIL IMPORT BILLS OF WESTERN EUROPE, AND JAPAN. THE INCREASED COST IN 1974 WOULD PROBABLY BE ABOUT// \$3 BILLION TO THE US, // NEARLY \$8 BILLION TO WESTERN EUROPE AND ALMOST \$3 BILLION TO JAPAN. SOME OF THE INCREASED COST, HOWEVER, WOULD RETURN TO THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES THROUGH THE SALE OF GOODS AND SERVICES TO THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES AND REPATRIATION

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EUROPEAN BRIEF 057.

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&1. ICELAND-UK: LEADERS OF BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE
ADOPTED A CONDITIONAL AGREEMENT, SUBJECT TO THE AP-
PROVAL OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS, THAT OFFERS SOME HOPE
OF ENDING THE 14-MONTH-OLD COLD WAR.//

//PRIME MINISTER JOHANNESSON MET WITH PRIME MINIS-
TER HEATH IN LONDON: ■■■■ 15-16 OCTOBER. OSTENSIBLY ONLY TO
FORMALIZE THE DE FACTO TRUCE THAT HAS BEEN OBSERVED
BY BOTH SIDES SINCE 3 OCTOBER. JOHANNESSON WAS NOT
ACCOMPANIED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE OTHER TWO
PARTIES IN HIS COALITION--THE COMMUNISTS AND THE
LIBERAL LEFT ORGANIZATION--ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT
THE TALKS WOULD ONLY CONCERN DETAILS OF THE TRUCE.
THE COMMUNISTS, PARTICULARLY FISHERIES MINISTER
JOSEFSSON, ARE LIKELY TO OBJECT TO JOHANNESSON'S UNI-
LATERAL ACTION UNLESS THE AGREEMENT TURNS OUT TO BE

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EXTREMELY FAVORABLE TO ICELAND.//

//DETAILS OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT HAVE NOT BEEN PUBLICIZED, BUT INITIAL PRESS REPORTS FROM REYKJAVIK INDICATE THAT IT INVOLVES LIMITING THE SIZE AND NUMBER OF BRITISH TRAWLERS AND CONFINING THEM TO SPECIFIC FISHING ZONES WITHIN THE DISPUTED 50-MILE LIMIT. THE ANNUAL CATCH LIMIT FOR THE BRITISH, WHO HAD ACCEPTED A REDUCTION TO 145,000 TONS BEFORE NEGOTIATIONS BROKE OFF IN MAY, PROBABLY WAS REDUCED STILL MORE AS A CONCESSION TO REYKJAVIK, WHICH PREVIOUSLY DEMANDED A LIMIT OF 117,000 TONS. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] AGREEMENT, IF APPROVED, WOULD BE AN INTERIM SOLUTION, LASTING ONLY ABOUT TWO YEARS. THE TWO LEADERS EVIDENTLY DID NOT SEEK A MORE DURABLE AGREEMENT BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE THAT PERMANENT LEGISLATION CONCERNING MARITIME JURISDICTION SHOULD AWAIT THE UN LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE THAT BEGINS NEXT YEAR.//

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//UNLESS THE TERMS OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT ARE PARTICULARLY HARSH TO BRITISH FISHERMEN, PARLIAMENT PROBABLY WILL RATIFY THE ARRANGEMENT WITHOUT A FIGHT. THE AGREEMENT MAY FACE TOUGH SLEDDING IN REYKJAVIK, HOWEVER, IF THE COMMUNISTS BELIEVE THEY CAN GENERATE MASSIVE PROTESTS. {CONFIDENTIAL}//

2. ■ ARAB STATES - ISREAL: BATTLE LINES ON BOTH FRONTS REMAIN RELATIVELY UNCHANGED. PRESIDENT SADAT AND PRIME MINISTER MEIR APPEAR UNWILLING TO MAKE CONCESSIONS THAT WOULD LEAD TO A CEASE-FIRE.

A SMALL ISRAELI TANK FORCE CROSSED THE SUEZ CANAL NORTH OF THE GREAT BITTER LAKE EARLY ON 16 OCTOBER, APPARENTLY IN AN EFFORT TO DESTROY EGYPTIAN SAM AND ANTIAIRCRAFT BATTERIES ON THE WEST BANK. THE EGYPTIANS CLAIM TO HAVE ENGAGED THE ISRAELI FORCE WITH ARMOR AND MECHANIZED INFANTRY UNITS, AND TO HAVE INFLICTED HEAVY LOSSES. AN ISRAELI MILITARY SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WHAT HE HAD HEARD ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE

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CROSS-CANAL OPERATION HE "WOULD NOT WANT TO INTERPRET...AS GOOD TIDINGS." ISRAELI AIR ACTIVITY ON THE EGYPTIAN FRONT WAS MODERATE YESTERDAY, TARGETED AGAINST A VARIETY OF RADAR SITES, AIRFIELDS, AND TROOP CONCENTRATIONS EAST OF CAIRO, IN THE NORTH WERN NILE DELTA, IN THE SINAI, AND IN THE GREAT BITTER LAKE AREA.

FIGHTING CONTINUES IN THE CENTRAL SECTOR OF THE SYRIAN FRONT. A COMBINED SYRIAN AND IRAQI FORCE ATTACKED ISRAELI POSITIONS AT DAWN ON 16 OCTOBER, RESULTING IN HEAVY TANK BATTLES NEAR AL HARRAH. ISRAELI ARMORED FORCES SUBSEQUENTLY COUNTERATTACKED TOWARD DAYR AL-ADAS, SOME 15 MILES EAST OF THE CEASE-FIRE LINE. THE ISRAELIS MAY NOW BE WITHIN FIVE MILES OF THE DAR'A-DAMASCUS ROAD. AN ISRAELI SPOKESMAN CLAIMED THAT JORDAN'S ARMORED BRIGADE ADVANCED TOWARD ISRAELI LINES FROM JASIM, BUT PULLED BACK AFTER HAVING SUFFERED SUBSTANTIAL LOSSES, AND THAT AN IRAQI UNIT WAS "BADLY CHEWED UP." TEL AVIV'S ANNOUNCED STRATEGY

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IS TO DESTROY THE FORCES OF OTHER ARAB STATES "PIECE-MEAL" BEFORE THEY CAN JOIN WITH THE SYRIANS IN A UNIFIED COMMAND. SYRIAN FORCES IN THE NORTHERN SECTOR MAY HAVE ADVANCED TWO TO THREE MILES TO TELL ECH CHAAR, OVERLOOKING THE QUNAYTIRAH-DAMASCUS ROAD. SYRIAN AIRCRAFT MOUNTED RELATIVELY HEAVY ATTACKS ON ISRAELI GROUND FORCES.

PRESIDENT SADAT, IN A SPEECH ON 16 OCTOBER TO A JOINT SESSION OF THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY AND THE ARAB SOCIALIST UNION CENTRAL COMMITTEE, LAID OUT A TOUGH PEACE PROPOSAL COUPLED WITH SOME HINTS OF FLEXIBILITY. SADAT'S POSITION--PRESENTED AS AN OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT NIXON--IS THAT EGYPT WILL ACCEPT A CEASE-FIRE WHEN ISRAEL HAS AGREED TO A WITHDRAWAL TO THE BOUNDARIES EXISTING PRIOR TO THE 1967 ARAB-ISRAELI WAR, AND THAT UPON COMPLETION OF SUCH A WITHDRAWAL, EGYPT WILL ENTER INTO A UN-SPONSORED INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE. THIS POSITION ON ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL APPEARS TO BE UNEQUIVOCAL, BUT SADAT'S WILLINGNESS TO

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ENTER INTO AN INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE AND HIS REPEATED STATEMENTS THAT HE DOES NOT SEEK TO ANNIHILATE ISRAEL SUGGEST THAT HE MAY LATER ACCEPT MINOR COMPROMISES. SADAT MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WILL NOT BACK PALESTINIAN CLAIMS TO THE TERRITORY OF ISRAEL PROPER, ALTHOUGH HE DID CALL FOR SOME RECOGNITION OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. IN A REFERENCE ALMOST CERTAINLY DESIGNED BOTH TO INTIMIDATE ISRAEL AND TO DEMONSTRATE THAT EGYPT IS EXERCISING RESTRAINT, SADAT CLAIMED THAT "EGYPTIAN-ARAB ROCKETS" ARE CAPABLE OF STRIKING AT ANY POINT IN ISRAEL, BUT THAT HE IS "AWARE OF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF USING CERTAIN TYPES OF ARMS."

IN HER SPEECH TO THE KNESSET ON THE SAME DAY, PRIME MINISTER MEIR SAID THAT TEL AVIV WOULD NEVER AGREE TO A CEASE-FIRE PREDICATED ON AN ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL TO THE 1967 BORDERS. A CEASE-FIRE WILL ONLY COME ABOUT, ACCORDING TO THE PRIME MINISTER, WHEN THE ARABS ARE DEFEATED ON BOTH FRONTS. MEIR VOICED COM-

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PLETE DISBELIEF IN ARAB CLAIMS THAT THEIR GOAL IS LIMITED TO RETAKING TERRITORY LOST DURING THE 1967 HOSTILITIES, CHARGING THAT THE ARAB AIM IS THE DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL. "THIS IS A WAR AGAINST OUR VERY EXISTENCE AS A STATE AND A PEOPLE." IN COMMENTING ON THE MILITARY SITUATION, SHE AVOIDED EXTRAVAGANT CLAIMS, REPORTING ONLY THAT SYRIA'S "STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE" HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY DAMAGED AND THAT "SIGNS INDICATE THAT EGYPT'S INITIATIVE HAS BEEN DESTROYED."

MORE SOVIET CARGO TRANSPORTS FLEW TO THE MIDDLE EAST ON 16 OCTOBER THAN ON ANY OTHER DAY SINCE THE AIRLIFT BEGAN ON 10 OCTOBER. THE SEVEN-DAY TOTAL OF CARGO TRANSPORT FLIGHTS TO ARAB COMBATANTS IS NOW APPROXIMATELY 360. THE SOVIETS PROBABLY ARE DELIVERING EQUIPMENT AND ORDNANCE SUCH AS SURFACE-TO-AIR AND AIR-TO-AIR MISSILES, AIR DEFENSE RADARS, CRITICAL SPARE PARTS, AND POSSIBLY ANTIAIRCRAFT AMMUNITION.

//SOVIET MEDIA CONTINUE TO ISSUE BRIEF, STRAIGHT-

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FORWARD ACCOUNTS OF US ARMS DELIVERIES TO ISRAEL. A
 MOSCOW RADIO BROADCAST YESTERDAY REPEATED A WESTERN
 WIRE SERVICE REPORT THAT US AIR FORCE TRANSPORTS HAD
 STARTED ARRIVING IN ISRAEL. ANOTHER MOSCOW BROADCAST,
 BEAMED TO THE ARAB WORLD, FOCUSED ON THE NEED FOR
 PEACE, BUT CHASTISED PRIME MINISTER MEIR FOR HER IN-
 SISTENCE THAT PEACE IS CONTINGENT ON THE RETURN TO
 THE 6 OCTOBER CEASE-FIRE LINES.//{SECRET}

3.//WESTERN EUROPE/MIDDLE EAST: THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT
 HAS ONCE MORE IMPRESSED ON THE EUROPEANS THEIR INABILITY TO
 INFLUENCE A SITUATION THAT PRESENTS A POTENTIALLY GRAVE THREAT
 TO BOTH THEIR ENERGY SUPPLIES AND EAST-WEST DETENTE.//

//AFTER HOLDING POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS ON THE MIDDLE
 EAST, THE NINE EC MEMBERS ISSUED A BLAND COMMUNIQUE THAT WAS
 DESCRIBED BY AN INFLUENTIAL GERMAN NEWSPAPER AS "AN APPEAL
 FULL OF PLATITUDES." ALTHOUGH THE EC CLAIMS TO HAVE A WORLD-
 WIDE VIEW, THE NEWSPAPER SAID, THE COMMUNITY'S PRONOUNCEMENTS
 CARRY LITTLE WEIGHT BECAUSE ITS MEMBERS PURSUE DIFFERENT POLICIES.

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THE DECLARATION CALLED FOR A CEASE-FIRE LINKED TO "TRUE NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN AN APPROPRIATE FRAMEWORK" AND AIMED AT A SETTLEMENT CONFORMING TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION 242, WHICH CALLED FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM TERRITORIES OCCUPIED DURING THE SIX-DAY WAR. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS OF THE EC FOREIGN MINISTRIES ALSO AGREED TO SUSPEND ARMS SHIPMENTS TO THE "BELLIGERENTS," BUT LEFT THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM UP TO EACH MEMBER. THE PRACTICAL IMPORT OF BOTH THESE MOVES IS SMALL, BUT THEY ARE INDICATIVE OF THE NINE'S DESIRE TO OVERCOME DIFFERENCES IN THE INTERESTS OF AFFIRMING A "EUROPEAN" POSITION.//

//EVEN BEFORE THE FIGHTING BROKE OUT ON 6 OCTOBER, EUROPEANS WERE FEELING INCREASINGLY NERVOUS ABOUT BEING CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF AN ARAB-US DISPUTE OVER OIL. THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES RAISED FEARS THAT THE ARABS INTEND TO USE THEIR OIL AS A POLITICAL WEAPON AND HAS LED TO HEIGHTENED CONCERN FOR ARAB SENSITIVITIES. THE OFFICIAL EUROPEAN POLICY OF "EVENHANDEDNESS TOWARD THE ARABS AND THE ISRAELIS HAS BEEN AIDED BY A GENERAL DECLINE IN PUBLIC SYMPATHIES FOR ISRAEL SINCE THE 1967 WAR.//

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//STRONG PRO-ISRAELI SENTIMENTS STILL EXIST IN SOME QUARTERS, HOWEVER. AND THE FRENCH AND BRITISH ARMS EMBARGOES TO THE "BATTLE-FRONT" STATES HAVE GIVEN RISE TO DOMESTIC CRITICISM SINCE THE MEASURES PRIMARILY WORK TO ISRAEL'S DISADVANTAGE. IN FRANCE, THE POLITICAL EFFECT OF SUCH CRITICISM ON THE GOVERNMENT IS MINIMIZED BECAUSE BOTH THE GOVERNMENT COALITION AND THE OPPOSITION SOCIALIST-COMMUNIST ALLIANCE ARE SPLIT ON THE ISSUE. ON THE OTHER HAND, BRITISH POLICY IS UNDER HEAVY DOMESTIC CRITICISM AND THERE MAY BE SOME MODIFICATION, SUCH AS PROVIDING AMMUNITION AND SPARE PARTS FOR ARMS OF BRITISH ORIGIN.//

//EUROPEAN CONCERN ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS HAS YET TO MAKE AN IMPACT ON THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, WHICH IS MEETING IN GENEVA, OR THE PRELIMINARIES OF THE FORCE REDUCTION TALKS IN VIENNA. NATO SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS CALLED A RESTRICTED MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL ON 16 OCTOBER TO DISCUSS THE EFFECT ON THE ALLIANCE AND ON DETENTE, IF THE WAR SHOULD ESCALATE. {SECRET}//
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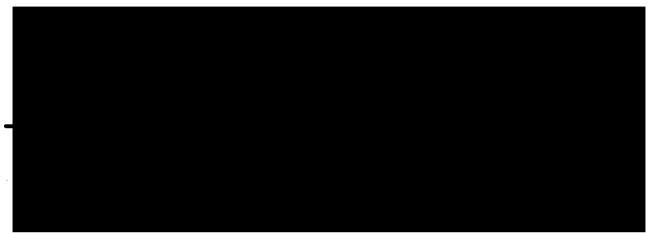
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