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MAY 10, 1974

TO: JERRY BREMER/PETER RODMAN  
FOR: HENRY A. KISSINGER  
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

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QUOTE

IN THE EVENT THAT THE DISENGAGEMENT TALKS BREAK DOWN, WE BELIEVE THE SYRIANS WOULD STEP UP THEIR WAR OF ATTRITION. AT A MINIMUM, THEY WOULD SEEK TO INFLICT HEAVY CASUALTIES ON THE ISRAELI FORCES AND TRY TO SEIZE LIMITED OBJECTIVES WITHIN THE ISRAELI SALIENT, EVEN AT CONSIDERABLE COST TO THEIR FORCES. SOMEWHAT LESS LIKELY, BUT STILL QUITE PROBABLE, WOULD BE AN ALL-OUT ASSAULT AIMED AT ROLLING BACK THE ISRAELI FORCES AND PENETRATING AS FAR AS POSSIBLE TOWARD THE PRE-1967 CEASE-FIRE LINE. IN EITHER CASE, PROTRACTED WARFARE WOULD ENSUE. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT SYRIAN SHOCK TROOPS ARE TRAINING FOR ASSAULTS ON HILLTOP OBJECTIVES, AND MIDDLE-LEVEL SYRIAN OFFICERS REPORTEDLY EXPECT THAT SUCH ASSAULTS WOULD BE MADE AT MANY POINTS ALONG THE FRONT IF THE TALKS BREAK DOWN. THE SYRIANS REPORTEDLY ALSO HAVE PLANS FOR A GENERAL OFFENSIVE WHICH COULD BE PUT INTO EFFECT WITH LITTLE ADDITIONAL PREPARATION.

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