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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: NOON NOTES

MIDDLE EAST SITUATION: AN ISRAELI MILITARY SPOKESMAN SAID THIS MORNING THAT FIGHTING CONTINUED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE SUEZ CANAL AND CLAIMED THAT ISRAELI FORCES WERE EXPANDING THEIR AREAS OF OPERATION. THE SYRIAN FRONT IS DESCRIBED AS RELATIVELY QUIET BY TEL AVIV. ACCORDING TO THE U.S. INTERESTS SECTION IN CAIRO, HIGH EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS HAVE GIVEN NO INDICATION THAT THEY BELIEVE THE MILITARY SITUATION IS DETERIORATING.

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AND PRESS REPORTS FROM ISRAEL INDICATE THAT THE ISRAELIS SHOT DOWN ONE OF TWO SYRIAN MIGS OBSERVED OVER THE HAIFA AREA. A SYRIAN SPOKESMAN STATED THAT THE RAID ON THE REFINERY WAS IN RETALIATION FOR THE ISRAELI ATTACKS ON SYRIAN ECONOMIC TARGETS LAST WEEK. BAHRAIN CANCELS U.S. BASE RIGHTS: BAHRAIN TODAY UNILATERALLY CANCELED OUR MIDEAST STATIONING AGREEMENT GIVING THE U.S. NAVY DOCKING FACILITIES, SAYING IT HAD GIVEN WASHINGTON A WEEK'S WARNING THIS WOULD HAPPEN IF IT CONTINUED ITS "HOSTILE STAND AGAINST THE ARAB NATION." THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE INDICATION IN THE GOVERNMENT STATEMENT AS TO HOW LONG U.S. NAVAL PERSONNEL

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WERE GIVEN TO COMPLETE THE PULLOUT.
 PATHET LAO MOVE TO VIENTIANE. DURING THE PAST WEEK, ABOUT 370
 PATHET LAO SECURITY PERSONNEL WERE SHUTTLED TO VIENTIANE FROM
 HANOI ON SOVIET AN-12 MEDIUM TRANSPORTS. SIMILARLY, A CHINESE
 IL-14 LIGHT TRANSPORT AIRLIFTED THE FIRST PATHET LAO CONTINGENT
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 OF 19 INDIVIDUALS TO LUANG PRABANG ON OCTOBER 18. NEXT WEEK,
 AN ADDITIONAL 700 PERSONS AND 200 TONS OF UNIDENTIFIED EQUIPMENT
 ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN VIENTIANE.
 RIGHTISTS ARE DISMAYED BY THE NUMBER OF PATHET LAO ARRIVALS AND
 BY THE QUANTITY OF WEAPONRY AND SUPPLIES THAT HAS ACCOMPANIED
 THEM. THE RIGHTISTS ARGUE THAT THE PATHET LAO HAVE VIOLATED
 THE SEPTEMBER AGREEMENT, BUT PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA
 DENIES THIS AND SAYS HE WILL NOT ORDER THE PATHET LAO TO HALT
 THEIR AIRLIFT. SIMILAR RIGHTIST GRUNBLINGS PRECEDED THE SIGN-
 ING OF THE SEPTEMBER AGREEMENT, AND THE MOST RECENT ROUND OF
 PROTESTS WILL FURTHER DELAY THE POLITICAL RECONCILIATION PRO-
 CESS. HOWEVER, RIGHTIST DISPLEASURE WILL PROBABLY NOT PREVENT
 THE ULTIMATE FORMATION OF A COALITION GOVERNMENT IN LAOS.

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WASHINGTON STAR-NEWS: OSWALD JOHNSTON REPORTS THE ISRAELI COUN-
 TEROFFENSIVE ACROSS THE SUEZ CANAL HAS SUCCEEDED IN KNOCKING OUT
 AT LEAST ONE-FIFTH OF THE EGYPTIAN ANTIAIRCRAFT MISSILE SITES
 WHICH HAVE BEEN PROTECTING THE EGYPTIAN BRIDGEHEAD IN THE SINAI
 FROM AIR ATTACK.

L. CARL BROWN REPORTS THE KOSYGIN VISIT TO CAIRO WAS FINALLY
 ACKNOWLEDGED LAST NIGHT AND GIVEN FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE IN TODAY'S
 CAIRO PRESS. LITTLE INFORMATION OR EVEN SPECULATION ABOUT THE
 PURPOSE OF THE SOVIET PREMIER'S MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT SADAT
 HAVE EMERGED.

THE STAR GIVES FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE TO YOUR SPECIAL MISSION TO
 MOSCOW AND STATES INDICATIONS WERE THAT WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW
 MAY NOW BE CLOSE TO A FORMULA FOR ENDING THE ARAB-ISRAELI WAR.

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