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WILL TRY TO RESCUE THEM. NO FIRE WAS OBSERVED FROM IT AND THOSE
ON BOARD DID NOT FIRE AT THE ONES ATTACKING." AFTER FURTHER
INSTRUCTIONS AS TO COURSE AND DISTANCE TO THE STRICKEN SHIP,
CONTROL AT HATSOR STATED: "THE SHIP IS NOW IDENTIFIED AS
EGYPTIAN. YOU CAN RETURN HOME NOW." SUBSEQUENT ORDERS FROM
HATSOR RETURNED THE AIRCRAFT TOWARD THE SHIP WITH DIRECTIONS
TO DETERMINE THE NATIONALITY OF THE MEN IN THE WATER.

UNHEARD COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AIRCRAFT APPARENTLY
REPORTED SIGHTING THE AMERICAN FLAG ON THE STRIKEN SHIP. HASTOR
RESPONDED: "REQUESTING THAT YOU MAKE ANOTHER PASS AND CHECK
AGAIN WHETHER IT REALLY IS AN AMERICAN FLAG."

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