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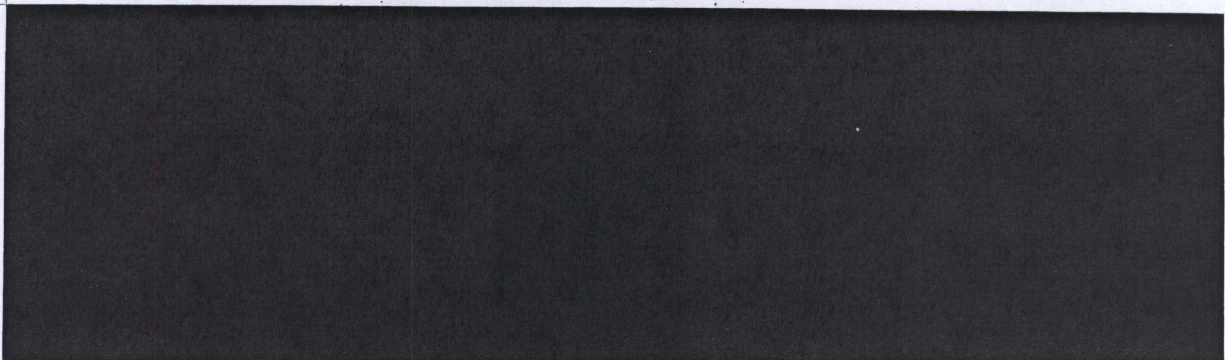
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SUBJECT: Middle East Hostilities

REFERENCE: DIA Analysis

GENERAL

(S/NPD) Hostilities subsided on both fronts at nightfall. A Soviet officer in Cairo reportedly said on 7 October that Egypt's objective was to establish multiple positions along the Bar-Lev Line in the Sinai and hold them until there is a cease-fire, possibly within two days. He also stated that Egypt had enough ammunition for seven to 10 days, and that there will be no Soviet airlift to resupply Egypt during the hostilities. President Sadat, however, was much more optimistic in his assessment of the situation. He claims that Egyptian forces would continue fighting until they reach the June 1967 boundaries.



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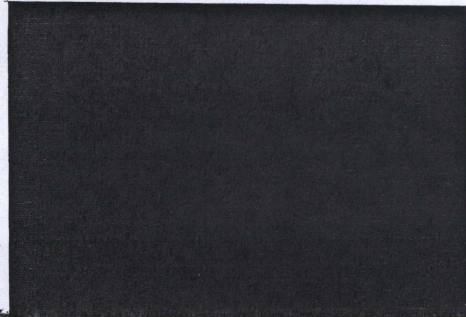
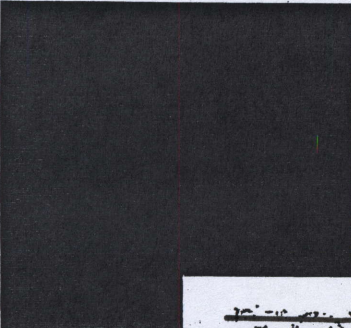
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(S) [REDACTED] Syrian Forces used the SA-7/GRAIL against the Israeli Air Force on 7 October. The missile was described as a "hand-held SAM-9". The Soviets provided Syria with the SA-7 last year, and it is believed to be the weapon mentioned. In addition, the [REDACTED] indicated that an unknown number of Israeli pilots were overheard claiming they were "hit". He believes that Israeli aircraft losses over the Golan Heights are higher than Israel has admitted.

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OTHER ARAB STATES-ACTIVITY

JORDAN

(S) King Hussein placed the Jordanian Armed Forces on alert sometime prior to 1900Z on 7 October. The 3d Armored Division and 1st Infantry Division were observed in battle dress, on alert status, and tactically deployed. Military vehicles were tactically dispersed north of Zarqa (3205N3606E), a platoon of M-48 tanks was dug in at 3232N3557E, halfway between Irbid and Hawara, and the movement of numerous support vehicles was noted between Zarqa and Mafrag.

FEDAYEEN

(U) A Baghdad radio broadcast at 1907Z on 7 October contained a plea from the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) executive committee for a general strike and civil disobedience

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in the Israeli-occupied territories and a halt of oil shipments.

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YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC (YAR)

(U) At 2040Z, the YAR armed forces were reportedly on alert.

SOVIET AIR

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Other than transport activity, there has been no apparent reaction by the Soviet Air Forces to the Middle East situation.

SOVIET NAVAL ACTIVITY

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MERCHANT SHIPPING

(S/NPD) The Soviet merchant cargo ship, KLIM VOROSHILOV, with five KHIMIK ZELINSKIY aircraft crates and six canvas covered probable PMP truck-mounted heavy-folding pontoon bridge units, transited the Bosphorus at 1205Z on 7 October and declared for Yugoslavia. However, this could be a false declaration and she may be en route to Egypt. If true, then she could arrive at Alexandria by the afternoon of the 9th.

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