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TAGS: PBOR, XX
SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI CEASEFIRE SITUATION

1. SITUATION WITH REGARD TO SUPPLIES FOR EGYPTIAN THIRD ARMY ON SOUTHERN SUEZ FRONT, WHICH ENCIRCLED AND CUT OFF BY ISRAELIS, HAS POSED PRINCIPAL OBSTACLE TO STABILIZING CEASEFIRE CALLED FOR IN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 338 OF OCTOBER 22 AND REAFFIRMED IN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 339. WE HAVE HAD INTENSIVE EXCHANGES, INCLUDING THROUGHOUT LAST NIGHT, WITH EGYPTIANS, ISRAELIS AND SOVIETS REGARDING QUESTION OF NON-MILITARY SUPPLY (FOOD, WATER, MEDICAL SUPPLIES) OF THIRD ARMY.
2. AS RESULT OF OUR EFFORTS, ISRAELIS HAVE OFFERED TO SEND SENIOR MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE TO MEET WITH EGYPTIAN-COUNTERPART WITH VIEW TO WORKING OUT DETAILS ON HOW MILITARY PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS 338 AND 339 CAN BE WORKED OUT.
3. AS PART OF ABOVE, ISRAELIS HAVE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW ONE CONVOY OF NON-MILITARY SUPPLIES THROUGH TO THIRD ARMY UNDER UN AND RED CROSS AUSPICES.
4. EGYPT HAS AGREED TO FOREGOING PROPOSAL, AND MEETING

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OF MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES NOW SCHEDULED FOR MIDNIGHT
 CAIRO TIME TODAY, OCTOBER 27.

5. FOR US MISSION NATO: AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD SHOULD
 BRIEF NAC ON FOREGOING.

6. FOR WESTERN EUROPEAN POSTS: YOU SHOULD ALSO BRIEF
 GOVERNMENTS TO WHICH YOU ARE ACCREDITED. IN ADDITION,
 WE ARE BRIEFING FRENCH, BRITISH, JAPANESE AND GERMANS
 HERE.

7. OTHER ADDRESSEES ARE AUTHORIZED TO DRAW ON
 FOREGOING IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES FROM HOST GOVERNMENTS.

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