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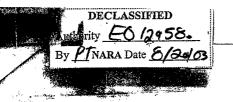
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Minister Shalor called on me at 5:30 p.m. and passed the following informal communication from the Prime Mainter:



- 1. INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN ACCUMULATING OBLIGES US TO TAKE
 INTO CONSIDERATION THAT THE MILITARY PREPARATIONS IN SYRIA
 AND EGYPT, THE BATTLE DEPLOYMENT AND STATE OF ALERT OF THEIR
 ARMED FORCES, AND IN PARTICULAR THE INCREASED MILITARY CONCENTRATIONS AT THEIR FRONT LINES WITH US, MAY BE MOTIVATED
 BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TWO POSSIBILITIES:
 - A. A BONA FIDE ASSESSMENT BY BOTH OR ONE OF THESE COUNTRIES,
 FOR WHATEVER REASON, THAT ISRAEL INTENDS TO CARRY OUT
 AN OFFENSIVE MILITARY OPERATION AGAINST THEM OR AGAINST
 ONE OF THEM:
 - B. THE INTENTION ON THEIR PART OR ON THE PART OF ONE OF THEM TO INITIATE AN OFFENSIVE MILITARY OPERATION AGAINST ISRAEL.
- 2. IN CASE, HOWEVER, THIS DEVELOPMENT STEMS FROM THEIR APPREHENSIONS ABOUT AN OFFENSIVE MILITARY OPERATION PROMNEND SIDE OF ISRAEL, SUCH APPREHENSIONS ARE COMPLETELY WITHOUT FOUNDATION. WE WISH TO ASSURE YOU PERSONALLY THAT ISRAEL HAS NO INTENTION WHATEVER TO INITIATE OFFENSIVE MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST SYRIA OR EGYPT. WE ARE, ON THE CONTRARY, MOST EAGER TO CONTRIBUTETOWARDS AN EASING OF THE MILITARY TENSION IN THE AREA. ON THESE GROUNDS WE WISH, THROUGH YOUR GOOD OFFICE, TO INFORM THE ARABS AND THE SOVIETS OF OUR ATTITUDE, WITH THE VIEW OF ALLAYING THEIR SUSPICIONS AND THE AIM OF RESTORING CALM TO THE AREA.
- 3. SHOULD SYRIA OR EGYPT INTEND TO LAUNCH OFFENSIVE MILITARY
 OPERATIONS, IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO THEM
 * IN ADVANCE THAT ISRAEL WILL REACT MILITARILY, WITH FIRMNESS
 AND IN GREAT STRENGTH. WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO BRING THIS TO THE
 KNOWLEDGE OF THE ARABS AND SOVIETS THROUGH THE CHANNELS AT
 YOUR DISPOSAL.