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FOR AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD FROM THE SECRETARY

PLEASE URGENTLY INFORM LUNS AND PERMREPS ON COMPLETELY  
CONFIDENTIAL BASIS AS FOLLOWS.

1. AS THEY ARE AWARE THE EGYPTIANS HAVE PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF US AND SOVIET FORCES IN THE AREA OF THE CONFLICT. THE SOVIETS HAVE SUPPORTED THIS PROPOSAL. IN ADDITION WE HAVE RECEIVED INDICATIONS THAT SOVIETS MAY BE CONSIDERING UNILATERAL INTERVENTION.
2. WE ARE INFORMING SOVIETS THAT INTRODUCTION OF US AND SOVIET MILITARY CONTINGENTS IS INAPPROPRIATE BUT THAT WE ARE READY TO SUPPORT INCREASE IN SUPERVISORY FORCE, INCLUDING, AS AN EXTRAORDINARY AND TEMPORARY MEASURE, SOME US AND SOVIET PERSONNEL. FUNCTION WOULD BE SOLELY SUPERVISORY AND ACQUISITION OF ACCURATE INFORMATION REGARDING COMPLIANCE OF THE TWO SIDES WITH THE CEASEFIRE.
3. AT THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE MADE CLEAR THAT ANY UNILATERAL INTERVENTION BY THE SOVIETS IS WHOLLY UNACCEPTABLE TO US.
4. AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN CERTAIN ALERT MEASURES IN OUR MILITARY FORCES AROUND THE WORLD, INCLUDING EUROPE.
5. WE ARE OF COURSE IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH ISRAELIS TO ENSURE THEIR COMPLIANCE WITH THE CEASEFIRE AND ARE CONFIDENT THAT OUR POSITION WILL BRING THE FIGHTING TO A CONCLUSION.

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6. WE HOPE WE CAN COUNT ON FULL NATO SUPPORT FOR OUR ACTIONS IN THIS SITUATION. OUR SOLE PURPOSE IS TO END THE FIGHTING AND LAY THE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO A SETTLEMENT AND PREVENT UNILATERAL SOVIET ACTIONS WHICH WOULD REPRESENT GRAVE THREAT TO PEACE.

7. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR COLLEAGUES UNDERSTAND THAT WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT WANT A PUBLIC CONFRONTATION WITH THE SOVIETS AND THAT THEREFORE THE INFORMATION YOU HAVE CONVEYED MUST BE KEPT TOTALLY CONFIDENTIAL.

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