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DIST 14 FEBRUARY 1968

COUNTRY ARAB STATES/ISRAEL/USSR

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SUBJECT COMMENTS BY SOVIET OFFICIAL ON THE POSSIBLE RENEWAL OF ARAB-ISRAELI HOSTILITIES AND SOVIET INTENTIONS

ACQ [REDACTED]

SOURCE [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS

THE FIRST INFORMATION RECEIVED [REDACTED]

REGARDING SOVIET PLANS TO PARTICIPATE IN A LIMITED ARAB

OFFENSIVE AGAINST ISRAEL. [REDACTED]

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SOVIETS NOW BELIEVE A RENEWAL OF ARAB-ISRAELI HOSTILITIES WILL

OCCUR IN LATE SPRING. [REDACTED] HOSTILITIES

ARE INEVITABLE SINCE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ARRANGE A VEHICLE FOR

NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE ISRAELIS AND THE ARABS. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: A SIMILAR REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BEIRUT

WAS RECEIVED IN LATE JANUARY [REDACTED]

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ING TO THIS REPORT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EGYPT WAS PREPARING A LIMITED ATTACK AGAINST

ISRAELI FORCES IN LATE FEBRUARY TO DRIVE THE ISRAELI FORCES

BACK "THREE OR FOUR MILES" FROM THE SUEZ CANAL. [REDACTED]

SEE BEIRUT EMBASSY

AIRGRAM A-639 DATED 31 JANUARY 1968. ANOTHER REPORT ON THE

POSSIBLE RENEWAL OF HOSTILITIES [REDACTED] RECEIVED IN LATE JANUARY

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[REDACTED] STATED THAT THE UAR IS PLANNING TO RESUME HOSTILITIES BECAUSE OF THE EXTREME PESSIMISM OVER THE SUCCESS OF THE MISSION OF UN SPECIAL ENVOY GUNNAR JARRING. MINISTER OF WAR FAWZI REPORTEDLY FAVORS AN ATTACK ON 5 JUNE 1968 WHILE PRESIDENT NASIR PREFERS AN EARLIER DATE, LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL, IF POSSIBLE. IN VIEW OF THE LACK OF IDENTIFICATION OF THE [REDACTED] INFORMANTS, THE REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO THE UAR LEADERS SHOULD BE TREATED WITH CIRCUMSPECTION.)

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3. [REDACTED] WHEREAS PREVIOUSLY SOVIET ADVISORS [REDACTED] STAYED IN THE BACKGROUND AND [REDACTED] PLAYED A LIMITED ROLE IN SHAPING AND ORGANIZING ARAB ARMIES, THEY ARE NOW ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN REORGANIZING ARAB FORCES AND ENGAGING IN SOME COMMAND FUNCTIONS. [REDACTED] WHEN THE FIGHTING IS RENEWED, THE SOVIETS WILL ACTIVELY AID THE ARABS IN GAINING BACK THE TERRITORY LOST IN THE JUNE 1967 WAR. [REDACTED]

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THE "PUEBLO"

INCIDENT [REDACTED] DRAMATICALLY DEMONSTRATED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE IT CLEAR IT WILL AVOID A COMMITMENT OF ITS FORCES ELSEWHERE. [REDACTED] THE SOVIETS BELIEVE THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT INTERVENE ON ISRAEL'S BEHALF UNLESS THE PRE-JUNE 1967 BORDERS ARE CROSSED. IN VIEW OF THIS, [REDACTED]

THE ARABS SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION TO REGAIN THEIR LOST LANDS. [REDACTED]

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A REASSESSMENT OF SOVIET AND AMERICAN POWER POSITIONS [REDACTED] MAY RESULT IN A MAJOR ARAB MILITARY OFFENSIVE AGAINST ISRAEL BY JUNE 1968.)

5. [REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE ARMY NAVY AIR CINCSOUTH (PERSONAL)

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