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הרפ"מ. טה"ח.

לחלק נוסח האגרה ש רוח"מ פטר הבוקר לברבור. נכחו בפנייה גם אבן לוברני וארד.

I am grateful for your letter of October 3 on Israel's security problems. I appreciate your assurance that U.S. has a national commitment to deter ^K halt swiftly any aggression against Israel. This commitment has always been an important element of the U.S. - Israel relationship, and we attach great value to the fact that under your personal leadership it has been so emphatically underlined. On the other hand I note that, at this time, you do not see your way to giving it more formal expression. We, on our part, believe that this commitment needs to be strengthened in the light of the evolving situation on our region. On this question I will take the liberty of communicating with you again in due course.

At this stage I would like to refer to your estimate that " Israel's own military capabilities continue to provide it with a substantial deterrent advantage". Our ~~own~~ ^A anxiety refers not so much to the immediate situation as to the near future. The information at my disposal leads me to believe that we may well be approaching a point of danger which can only be avoided by due preparation now. There is strong evidence that Egypt is advancing towards the possession of an effective missile force. Moreover, with the aid of

