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1. LAST NIGHT AP CARRIED FOLLOWING REPORT, BY-LINES TO
FRED HOFFMAN IN WASHINGTON AND ATTRIBUTED TO US INTELLIGENCE
SPECIALISTS:

QUOTE: WASHINGTON - MEADEAT-INTELLIGENCE

"ONE REPORT, APPARENTLY BASED ON INFORMATION FROM EGYPTIAN
SOURCES, SAID THAT THE EGYPTIAN ARMY'S FIRST OBJECTIVE
WAS TO GRAB TERRITORY AS FAR AS ABOUT 20 MILES DEEP IN
THE SINAI, POSSIBLY INCLUDING THE VITAL MOUNTAIN Passes,
AND TO HOLD THIS GROUND UNTIL THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL
OR PRESSURE FROM THE BIG POWERS COULD BRING A CEASEFIRE.

"BUT THE SAME SOURCES SAID THE EGYPTIAN GOAL NOW HAS
BEEN BROADENED BECAUSE OF WHAT IS DESCRIBED AS EGYPTIAN
PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT'S VIEW THAT HIS ARMIES ARE CAPABLE
OF TAKING ALL THE SINAI. END QUOTE.

2. SEE PARA 9 REFRE.

3. IF THIS CONTINUES, SOURCE CANNOT CONTINUE TO
PRODUCE.

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