DECLASSIFIED

Authority

By

SECRET

Department of State

CONTROL: 82642
RECD: 27 OCT 73
8:25 PM

D 2710152 OCT 73 ZFFA
FM-SECSTATE WASHDC
TO ALL DIPLOMATIC POSTS IMMEDIATE
RUEHCR/AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT IMMEDIATE 2771
BT
SECRET STATE 212588

NODIS

E.O. 11652 - XGDS
TAGS: PBOR, XX
SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI CEASEFIRE SITUATION

1. SITUATION WITH REGARD TO SUPPLIES FOR EGYPTIAN THIRD
ARMY ON SOUTHERN SUEZ FRONT, WHICH ENCLOSED AND CUT OFF
BY ISRAELIS, HAS POSED PRINCIPAL OBSTACLE TO STABILIZING
CEASEFIRE CALLED FOR IN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 338
OF OCTOBER 22 AND REAFFIRMED IN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLU-
TION 339. WE HAVE HAD INTENSIVE EXCHANGES, INCLUDING
THROUGHOUT LAST NIGHT, WITH EGYPTIANS, ISRAELIS AND
SOVIETS REGARDING QUESTION OF NON-MILITARY SUPPLY (FOOD,
WATER, MEDICAL SUPPLIES) OF THIRD ARMY.

2. AS RESULT OF OUR EFFORTS, ISRAELIS HAVE OFFERED TO
SEND SENIOR MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE TO MEET WITH EGYPTIAN-
COUNTERPART WITH VIEW TO WORKING OUT DETAILS ON HOW
MILITARY PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS 338 AND 339 CAN BE WORKED
OUT.

3. AS PART OF ABOVE, ISRAELIS HAVE INDICATED WILLINGNESS
TO ALLOW ONE CONVOY OF NON-MILITARY SUPPLIES THROUGH TO
THIRD ARMY UNDER UN AND RED CROSS AUSPICES.

4. EGYPT HAS AGREED TO FOREGOING PROPOSAL, AND MEETING
OF MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES NOW SCHEDULED FOR MIDNIGHT CAIRO TIME TODAY, OCTOBER 27.

5. FOR US MISSION NATO: AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD SHOULD BRIEF NAC ON FOREGOING.

6. FOR WESTERN EUROPEAN POSTS: YOU SHOULD ALSO BRIEF GOVERNMENTS TO WHICH YOU ARE ACCREDITED. IN ADDITION, WE ARE BRIEFING FRENCH, BRITISH, JAPANESE AND GERMANS HERE.

7. OTHER ADDRESSEES ARE AUTHORIZED TO DRAW ON FOREGOING IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES FROM HOST GOVERNMENTS.

KISSINGER
BT
£2588

DRAFTED BY: NEA ALATHERTON, JR/HLK
APPROVED BY: THE SECRETARY
CLEARANCES: NEA MR. SISCO S/S TRPICKERING