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1. Egyptian Interpretation of President Carter's Message: Ambassador Eilts reports that the Egyptians (Fahmi and Riad) interpreted the President's oral message to Sadat concerning the Soviet message on Egyptian/-Libyan intentions as urging Egypt to mend its fences with the Soviets. It was used to help convince Sadat to allow Fahmi to go to Moscow. Eilts pointed out that any such suggestion is far-fetched. He also reports that Fahmi continues to be reticent to tell us about his dealings with the Soviets. (Cairo 10528)

2. Belgrade CSCE: Letter from Congressmen on Shcharansky: Our delegation in Belgrade has received a letter from Congressman Lester Wolff requesting that we distribute to all delegations copies of a letter signed by 71 members of the House which attacks the Soviets for the arrest of Shcharansky and persecution of the Orlov CSCE monitoring group and urges delegations to "insist upon a formal discussion of efforts to monitor governmental compliance with the provisions of Helsinki." The embassy requests State's guidance and cautions that the introduction of the letter at this point could produce negative complications. (Belgrade 4239)

3. Yugoslav Transfer of M-47 Tanks to Ethiopia: Ambassador Eagleburger recommends that he be instructed to raise the matter of the Yugoslav transfer of M-47 tanks to Ethiopia with Foreign Secretary Minic on an urgent basis with sufficient proof of our charges that he will not be able to deny our claims. (Belgrade 4238)

4. Consultation with Gromyko on the Middle East: Ambassador Toon has been instructed to initiate the regular monthly consultations with Gromyko on the Middle East. (State 147102)

State Department review completed

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June 9, 1977

1. Namibia Talks: Ambassador Bowdler reports that the second half of today's discussion was limited to the subject of withdrawal of South Africa from Namibia. During the discussion, Botha again raised the question of who would assume the financial burden shouldered by South Africa, and who would compensate the South Africans for the assets it would leave behind in Namibia. (Cape Town 0946)

2. Allied Patrols in East Berlin: U.S. Mission Berlin provides a summary of allied mission practices regarding flag tours of East Berlin. (U.S. Berlin 1543)

3. GDR Foreign Ministry Protest Against CSCE Report: The GDR foreign ministry delivered an oral protest to Charge Polansky yesterday against the current CSCE report. The protest asserted that attempts were being made to interfere in GDR internal affairs and to depart from the "realities" of the quadripartite agreement. Polansky comments that the East German's, through the use of an oral rather than a written protest, appear to be trying to keep the report from becoming too much of an issue in U.S./GDR relations. (Berlin 6251)

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