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4. NASSER THEN MUSED ON LONELINESS OF HIGH OFFICE, STATING THAT SINCE 1952 AMER HAD BEEN THE ONLY REAL FRIEND HE HAD. AS PRESIDENT OF THE UAR HE COULD NOT AFFORD TO HAVE ANY OTHER FRIENDS. THEREFORE AMER DISAPPEARANCE CAME AS AN EXTREMELY HEAVY BLOW.

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SUBJECT: BLACK-NASSER INTERVIEW/ ATMOSPHERICS

1. BLACK FOUND NASSER IN GOOD HEALTH AND SPIRITS. THEY MET IN ASWAN WHERE NASSER WAS TAKING A FEW DAYS OF COMPLETE REST AND SAID HE WAS NOT ANSWERING TELEPHONE AND MAKING NO DECISIONS.
2. NASSER EXPRESSED USUAL REMARKS ABOUT U.S. BIAS TOWARDS ISRAEL AND SO FORTH BUT BLACK REPORTS THESE WERE MADE MORE IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER. BLACK SAID BOTH SHEIKH OF KUWAIT AND FEYSAL HAD BEEN MUCH MORE BITTER ON SUBJECT.
3. NASSER WENT INTO SOME LENGTH RE AMER AFFAIR. NASSER SAID HE HAD TOLD AMER AFTER JUNE DEBACLE THAT DESPITE MILITARY BACKGROUNDS OF BOTH OF THEM, BOTH HAD BECOME CIVILIANS IN FIFTEEN YEARS SINCE 1952. IT THEREFORE ESSENTIAL CONTROL

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OF UAR ARMED FORCES BE PUT INTO THE HANDS OF PROFESSIONAL MILITARY. AMER HAD NOT ACCEPTED THIS.

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