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SUBJ: ISRAELI REACTION TO NASSER'S SPEECH

1. FONMIN EBAN RESPONDED TO NASSER'S NOV 6 SPEECH IN STATEMENT ISSUED IN JERUSALEM SHORTLY AFTER CLOSE OF SPEECH. EBAN SAID SPEECH REFLECTED EGYPT'S TRADITIONAL POLICY OF AGGRESSION TOWARD ISRAEL UNDER NASSER'S RULE WHICH HAS BROUGHT TRAGEDY ON EGYPTIAN PEOPLE AND ON MIDDLE EAST AS WHOLE. EBAN SAID SPEECH WAS AGGRESSIVE, FULL OF THREATS AND SHOWED NASSER AS HE REALLY WAS. ONCE AGAIN NASSER REVEALED TRUE AIM WHICH IS DESTRUCTION OF ALL OF ISRAEL, INCLUDING PRE-JUNE 1967 ISRAEL. NASSER'S SPEECH WILL ONLY STRENGTHEN ISRAELI RESOLVE TO REPULSE EGYPTIAN AGGRESSION AND MAKE CLEAR TO WORLD OPINION DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WARLIKE AIMS OF UAR AND ISRAEL'S PEACE POLICY. SPEECH CAN LEAVE NO DOUBT IN HEART OF ANY RESPONSIBLE AND HONEST MAN THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR UNSTABLE SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST LIES WITH EGYPT'S AGGRESSIVE POLICY, EBAN SAID.
2. NASSER'S SPEECH IS TOP ITEM IN ALL MAJOR ISRAELI PAPERS MORNING NOV 7 WITH ALMOST ALL HEADLINING NASSER'S STATEMENT THAT WAR INEVITABLE. HAARETZ NOTES SPEECH LASTED ONLY 40 MINUTES AND COMMENTS NASSER'S VOICE WAS SHAKY, HIS DELIVERY WEAK AND FACE SHOWED SIGNS OF RECENT ILLNESS. PAPER SAYS UAR LEADER ATTEMPTED TO COMPENSATE FOR HIS OWN PERSONAL WEAKNESS BY SABRE-RATTLING,

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