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1. IN HIS JULY 23 SPEECH, NASSER COMMEMORATED THE UAR NATIONAL DAY AND SIMULTANEOUSLY INAUGURATED THE ASU NATIONAL CONGRESS. HIS DELIVERY WAS RESTRAINED AND THE AUDIENCE REACTION SUBDUED BUT HIS GENERAL TONE OF QUIET DETERMINATION MAY REFLECT GREATER SINCERITY THAN SOME OF HIS PAST MORE FLAMBOYANT PERFORMANCES.
2. FEW SURPRISES EMERGED ALTHOUGH HIS CRITICISM OF THE UK WAS STRONGER THAN ANTICIPATED. THE US RECEIVED THE USUAL CRITICAL BLASTS AS THE PRINCIPAL SUPPORTER OF ISRAEL AT THE EXPENSE OF THE ARABS. NASSER'S FLAT STATEMENT THAT HE WOULD NOT RESTOR DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE US IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES LEFT LITTLE DOUBT CONCERNING HIS POSITION ON THIS ISSUE. HIS SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO PHANTOM SALES TO ISRAEL, US VOTE ON JERUSALEM RESOLUTIONS (WHICH CONVENIENTLY IGNORE THE MOST RECENT US VOTE ON THIS SUBJECT) AND US ROLE IN KEEPING WITHDRAWAL LANGUAGE OUT OF JUNE, 1967 CEASE FIRE RESOLUTION CONSTITUTED SOMEWHAT MORE SPECIFIC BILL OF INDICTMENT THAN NORMAL IN HIS PAST PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS. HE CONCLUDED ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE FLOWS FROM CONTINUED US-UK SUPPORT AND ARMS DELIVERIES.
3. ON INTER ARAB MATTERS NASSER EMPHASIZED REQUIREMENT FOR JOINT ACTION AND PLANNING BUT ALLEGED THAT NO

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