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1. FOLLOWING RECEIVED OCTOBER 6 FROM LA TIMES CORRESPONDENT OSGOOD CARRUTHERS WHO ASKS THAT IT BE CLOSELY HELD AND THAT ABOVE ALL, IT NOT BE DRAWN UPON TO BRIEF COMPETING NEWS CORRESPONDENTS. IN THE THREE MONTHS I HAVE KNOWN CARRUTHERS I HAVE DEVELOPED GREAT RESPECT FOR HIS RESPONSIBILITY, ACCURACY AND INTEGRITY.

2. MIRGHANI OF SUDAN BRIEFED CARRUTHERS OCTOBER 4 RE CONVERSATIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE EARLY OCTOBER BETWEEN NASSER AND VISITING IMAM AL-MAHDIM

3. SALIENT POINTS OF BRIEFING:

A. NASSER SAID HE IS REALLY SICK. HIS DOCTORS HAVE WARNED HIM AGAINST "DIABETIC DEGENERATION." HE NEEDS THREE MONTHS' LEAVE. BUT WHERE COULD HE GO? EUROPE WILL NOT TAKE HIM.

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THE SOVIET UNION IS NO PLACE TO SPEND VACATION DURING 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS. NASSER TOYED WITH IDEA OF LEAVE IN SUDAN RESORT TOWN OF KUWAIT BUT THEN SAID HE COULD NOT LEAVE UAR FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME. NASSER SAID HE SIMPLY GOT

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