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SUBJ: INDIAN AMBASSADOR ON NASSER'S HEALTH

1. INDIAN AMB A.K. DAR (PROTECT), WHO SERVED FOR SEVERAL YEARS IN CAIRO AND KNOWS NASSER PERSONALLY, MADE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS ON NASSER'S HEALTH BASED ON HIS OWN ACQUAINTANCE WITH NASSER AND CURRENT REPORTS FROM INDIAN AMB IN CAIRO.
2. HE SAID NASSER'S CURRENT TROUBLE IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE LATE INDIAN PRIN AND IS A CHRONIC KIDNEY CONDITION THAT HAS HAD SERIOUS EFFECTS ON THE PROSTATE. ACCORDING TO DAR, NASSER'S PRESENT TROUBLE IS LARGELY A RESULT OF THE PROSTATIC INVOLVEMENT AND HE BELIEVES NASSER MIGHT HAVE A PROSTATE OPERATION WHILE HE IS IN THE SOVIET UNION. WITH REGARD TO NASSER'S PRESENT CONDITION, HE SAID THAT SOME THOUGHT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO NASSER'S GOING TO THE US OR BRINGING MOBILE MEDICAL-SURGICAL TEAMS TO CAIRO. GOING TO THE US HAD BEEN TURNED DOWN " FOR OBVIOUS REASONS" AND IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT MOBILE MEDICAL-SURGICAL TEAMS WERE IMPRACTICAL EVEN IF COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THE US WERE ABLE TO PRODUCE THEM. SINCE SOVIET DOCTORS HAD ALREADY EXAMINED NASSER ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, IT WAS DECIDED HE SHOULD GO TO THE SOVIET UNION FOR HIS PRESENT TREATMENTS. SYMMES.

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