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1. ALAN HORTON OF UFS WHO CURRENTLY IN CAIRO, WHO HAS EXCELLENT NETWORK CONTACTS, AND WHOSE JUDGMENT I RESPECT, GAVE ME FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY VIEWS TODAY:

2. EGYPTIAN REVOLUTION OF 1952 HAS RUN ITS COURSE. IT HAS RUN OUT OF LEADERS AND OPTIONS. BASIC CHANGE IS INEVITABLE. LITERALLY NOBODY IS DAZZLED BY SO CALLED MARCH 30 PROGRAM. STUDENTS WELL ORGANIZED BUT NOW BELIEVE (PRESUMABLY AFTER WARSAW EXPERIENCE) THAT MEANS OTHER THAN DEMONSTRATIONS MUST BE FOUND. THERE IS TALK OF NASSER'S RESIGNATION (THIS TIME FOR KEEPS) AT TIME HE FINDS SUITABLE. YUNIS DEPARTURE FROM GOVT WAS NOT VOLUNTARY. YUNIS HAD SIDED WITH MUHYEDDINE AND KAISSOUNI IN OPPOSING SUBSIDY TO WORKERS. SOME INFORMANTS SAY MUHYEDDINE REMAINING IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH NASSER. STATEMENTS OF DOCTORS AND JUDGES TAKING ISSUE WITH MARCH 30

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PROGRAM WERE IN FACT ISSUED (I AGREE). THERE IS SOME TALK AROUND TOWN THAT OFFICERS HAVE NOW REACHED A NEW PLATEAU OF COMPETENCE, MORALE AND PRIDE IN THEIR MISSION (HORTON AND I DISCOUNT THIS). HORTON AND I AGREE 1952 REVOLUTION WILL END NOT WITH A BANG BUT A WHIMPER.

3. COMMENT: ABOVE DRAFTED FEW HOURS BEFORE NASSER APRIL 18 SPEECH. WE'LL SEE WHAT RABBITS HE PULLS OUT OF HAT.

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