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1. Following is NEA assessment current developments in Cairo.

A. In spite of speculative reports which continue emanate from Beirut, we believe it doubtful there are earth-shaking events transpiring in Cairo. USINT Cairo believes Nasser's illness genuine. We believe trip to Moscow was cancelled because Nasser did not want appear be running off to USSR when he should be at Rabat summit.

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New York who says Soviets very disturbed by poor Egyptian performance [redacted] during Israeli raid. It possible that Vinagradov could have expressed this concern to Nasser in terms which latter found unacceptable, but this mere speculation.

E. Reports also coming from Beirut that Nasser sent us secret message in August expressing his concern about being too close to Soviets and his desire correct imbalance are without foundation. Indeed, although we have heard of occasional UAR complaints that Soviets not supplying military equipment in sufficient quantities, Nasser's reported remarks to his Arab brothers in recent weeks indicate he satisfied, or at least not unhappy, with degree of cooperation he receiving from Soviets.

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