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1. LAST NIGHT AP CARRIED FOLLOWING REPORT, BY-LINE TO FRED HOFFMAN IN WASHINGTON AND ATTRIBUTED TO US INTELLIGENCE SPECIALISTS:

QUOTE: WASHINGTON - MEADEAT-INTELLIGENCE

"ONE REPORT, APPARENTLY BASED ON INFORMATION FROM EGYPTIAN SOURCES, SAID THAT THE EGYPTIAN ARMY'S FIRST OBJECTIVE WAS TO GRAB TERRITORY AS FAR AS ABOUT 20 MILES DEEP IN THE SINAI, POSSIBLY INCLUDING THE VITAL MOONTAIR PASSES, AND TO HOLD THIS GROUND UNTIL THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL OR PRESSURE FROM THE BIG POWERS COULD BRING A CEASEFIRE.

"BUT THE SAME SOURCES SAID THE EGYPTIAN GOAL NOW HAS BEEN BROADENED BECAUSE OF WHAT IS DESCRIBED AS EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT'S VIEW THAT HIS ARMIES ARE CAPABLE OF TAKING ALL THE SINAI. END QUOTE.

2. SEE PARA 9 REFTL.

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