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1. THE FOLLOWING QUOTE FROM AP PRESS RELEASE 0613 (SIXTH FLEET-
MD EAST 3RD) BY BOB HORTON, AP WRITER, IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFO.
THIS SSO FEELS POSSIBLE COMINT SECURITY VIOLATION HAS OCCURRED:
QUOTE " THE OFFICIAL EXPLANATION FOR THIS NONCOMBAT SHIP BEING SO
NEAR THE FRONT OF ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN FIGHTING WAS THAT THE LIBERTY
WAS TO " HELP PROTECT AMERICAN NATIONALS AS THE POSSIBLE NEED
TO EVACUATE BECAME APPARENT." THE LIBERTY WAS ONLY 15 MILES OFF
THE SINAI COAST.

BUT AN OFFICER SAID:

" TO PUT IT BLUNTLY, SHE WAS THERE TO SPY FOR US. RUSSIA DOES
THE SAME THING. WE MOVED IN CLOSE TO MONITOR THE COMMUNICATIONS
OF BOTH EGYPT AND ISRAEL. WE HAVE TO. WE MUST BE INFORMED
OF WHAT'S GOING ON IN MATTER OF MINUTES."

THE LIBERTY, THIS OFFICER SAID, WAS LOADED WITH ELECTRONIC
EQUIPMENT CAPABLE OF RAPIDLY ACQUIRING DATA AND TRANSMITTING INTELLIGENCE

REPORTS TO POSTS THROUGHOUT THE MIDDLE EAST.

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2. ABOVE RELEASE TRANSMITTED OVER AP CIRCUITS APPROXIMATELY
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