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REF USDAO TEL AVIV SECRET 0845 JUN 67.
1. USAF PLANT REP AT ISRAEL AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIES (IAI) (PROTECT) WAS TOLD BY SENIOR IAI OFFICIAL THAT ON MORNING OF 8 JUN HE HEARD TRANSMISSIONS ON IDF AF AIR-TO-GROUND CONTROL FREQUENCIES AS FOLLOWS:
A. AIRCRAFT REPORTED SIHTING A SHIP.
B. AIRCRAFT TOLD TO INVESTIGATE.
C. AIRCRAFT REPORTED MAKING PASS OVER SHIP AND SAID SHIP HAD U.S. FLAG BUT NO PERSONNEL SEEN ON DECK.
D. AIRCRAFT TOLD TO LOOK AGAIN.

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E. AIRCRAFT REPORTED SECOND PASS AND SAME REPORT.
F. AIRCRAFT TOLD TO MAKE THIRD CHECK.
G. AIRCRAFT REPORTED THIRD PASS AND SAME REPORT.
SECONDARY SOURCE SAID AFTER THAT HE HEARD NOTHING UNTIL NEWS BROADCAST OF ERRONEOUS ATTACK ON U.S. SHIP
COMMNET:
1. ON QUESTIONING, SECONDARY SOURCE LESS CERTAIN ABOUT THIRD PASS BY AIRCRAFT BUT POSITIVE AT LEAST TWO ATEEMPTS TO IDENTIFY SHIP AND TWO REPORTS OF U.S. FLAG WERE MADE.
2. PRIMARY SOURCE REQUESTS STRINGENT PROTECTION THIS MATTER IN ORDER NOT TO PREJUDICE HIS POSITION AND MISSION AT ISRAELI INSTALLATION.
3. USDAO TEL AVIV HAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED INFO RECEIVED FROM SECONDARY SOURCE WHEN HE MONITORED SAME IDF AF FREQUENCY DURING NOV 11 SAMUA INCIDENT. THIS INFORMATION WAS LATER VERIFIED.
4. COORDINATED WITH EMBASSY.
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