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1. AN ASSOCIATED PRESS STORY DATE LINE "ABOARD THE CARRIER AMERICA, JUNE 9 BY BOB HORTON SAYS IN PART:

" THE OFFICAL EXPLANATION FOR THIS NONCOMBAT SHIP BEING SO NEAR THE FRONT OF ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN FIGHTING WAS THAT THE LIBERTY WAS TO (QUOTE) HEPL PROTECT AMERICAN NATIONALS AS THE POSSIBLE NEED TO EVACUATE BECAME APPARENT (UNQUOTE).

THE LIBERTY WAS ONLY 15 MILES OFF THE SINAI COAST.

"BUT AN OFFICER SAID: (QUOTE) TO PUT IT BLUNTLY, SHE WAS IN THERE TO SPY FOR US. RUSSIA DOES THE SAME THING. WE MOVEF8, CLOSED MONITOR THE COMMUNICATION OF BOTH EGYPT AND IRAELW WE HAVE TO. WE MUST BE INFORMED OF WHAT'S GOING ON IN MATTER OF MINUTED. (UNQUOTE).

"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."

2. THE ALLEGED OFFICER'S STATEMENT QUOTED BY MR. HORTON IS NOT BASED ON ANY CONTACT WITH AN OFFICAL SPOKESMAN, NOR IS IT ATTRIBUTABLE TO ANY KNOWN OFFICER IN AMERICA. SECURITY AT THE SOURCE HAS BEEN STRESSED. DISCRETE INVESTIGATION BEGUN.

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