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IN CAIRO ALERT (R13) INSERT AFTER THIRD PARA X X X AGAINST SYRIA.

CAIRO RADIO'S "VOICE OF THE ARABS" TOLD ISRAEL IN A BROADCAST TODAY THAT THE U.A.R. WAS READY TO ENTER "THE DECISIVE BATTLE" FOR PALESTINE.

THE RADIO SAID THE ARMED FORCES OF THE U.A.R. WOULD "STRIKE AND POUNCE AND SMASH" UNTIL ISRAEL WAS FINISHED.

REMINING ISRAEL THAT SHE NOW WAS BETWEEN THE PINNERS OF TWO ARMIES BASED IN SYRIA AND EGYPT AND OPERATING UNDER ONE COMMAND, THE RADIO SAID: "WE ARE READY TO ENTER THE DECISIVE BATTLE. WE ARE READY TO REGAIN OUR LAND AND OUR RIGHTS IN PALESTINE."

LAST NIGHT'S X X X PICKING UP FOURTH PARA

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JERUSALEM--EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES IN GREAT STRENGTH WERE REPORTED TODAY TO HAVE STREAMED ACROSS THE SINAI PENINSULA AND TAKEN UP POSITIONS ALONG THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE ISRAEL-EGYPT TRUCE DEMARCATION LINE.

THE REPORT FROM CAIRO CAME HOURS AFTER MACHINEGUN FIRE CRACKLED ACROSS THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE ON ISRAEL'S NORTHEASTERN BORDER WITH SYRIA. THE SYRIAN GUNFIRE EARLY TODAY, THE LATEST INCIDENT OF ITS KIND IN THE PAST SIX DAYS, WAS NOT RETURNED BY THE ISRAELIS.

THE CRISIS OVER FARMING RIGHTS IN THE DISPUTED DEMILITARIZED ZONE WORSENERD WITH REPORTS THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC HAD SENT TROOPS RUSHING TO POINTS ALONG THE BORDER FAR TO THE SOUTH OF CURRENT TROUBLE AREA.

UAR PRESIDENT NASSER IN CAIRO KEPT IN CONSTANT TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH ABDEL HAKIM AMER, HIS VICE PRESIDENT AND MILITARY COMMANDER IN CHIEF IN THE NORTHERN (SYRIAN) REGION OF THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC. EGYPT IS SEPARATED FROM THE SYRIAN REGION BY JORDAN.

THE CAIRO NEWSPAPER AL AHRAM SAID EGYPTIAN FORCES HAD BEEN MOVING UP TO ISRAEL'S SOUTHEASTERN BORDERS FOR THE PAST THREE DAYS.

THE TROUBLE ON THE SYRIAN BORDER COMBINED WITH THE EGYPTIAN TROOP MOVEMENTS THREATENED TO PLUNGE THE MIDDLE EAST INTO WAR.

(THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN LONDON SAID IT WAS INFORMED OFFICIALLY THAT A CEASE-FIRE WAS ESTABLISHED EARLY TODAY ON THE BORDER WHERE FIGHTING HAS BEEN TAKING PLACE. THE FOREIGN OFFICE SAID IT GOT THE INFORMATION FROM THE UNITED NATIONS.)

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ALERT

CAIRO, EGYPT, FEB. 2-(REUTERS)-UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC FORCES TODAY WERE REPORTED MOVING INTO THE SINAI PENINSULA TOWARD THE ISRAELI BORDER IN A SEVERE FLAREUP OF TENSION BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS.

ARMED FORCES IN THE U.A.R.'S EGYPTIAN REGION WERE ALERTED LAST NIGHT AND TROOPS IN ITS SYRIAN REGION ALREADY WERE ON THE SAME FOOTING FOLLOWING SYRIAN-ISRAELI BORDER CLASHES OVER THE LAST FOUR DAYS.

ONE CAIRO NEWSPAPER SAID EGYPTIAN TROOPS HAD BEEN TOLD TO "HIT STRONGLY" IN THE EVENT OF MORE BORDER "AGGRESSION" AGAINST SYRIA.

LAST NIGHT'S DECLARATION OF A STATE OF ALERT WAS THE FIRST SINCE THE 1956 SUEZ CAMPAIGN THAT SAW ISRAELI FORCES INVADE THE SINAI. A MIDDLE EAST NEWS AGENCY REPORT THAT EGYPTIAN FORCES WERE SEEN MOVING TOWARD THE EASTERN (SINAI) BORDER WITH ISRAEL MARKED THE FIRST ANNOUNCED ENTRY OF EGYPTIAN TROOPS INTO THE PENINSULA SINCE ISRAELI FORCES WITHDREW EARLY IN 1957.

A U.A.R. FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID PRESIDENT GAMAL ABDEL NASSER'S GOVERNMENT HAS SENT A NOTE TO THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL CHARGING ISRAEL WITH AGGRESSION ON THE SYRIAN-ISRAELI BORDER.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THE NOTE WAS "INFORMATIVE." NO OTHER U.N. MOVE HAS BEEN MADE, HE SAID.

THE EGYPTIAN ALERT WAS DECLARED AFTER SYRIA AND ISRAEL REPORTED A LENGTHY ARTILLERY DUEL BETWEEN THEIR FORCES YESTERDAY IN THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE SOUTHEAST OF THE SEA OF GALILEE WHERE A DISPUTE OVER LAND CULTIVATION RIGHTS ERUPTED LAST WEEK.

REPORTS FROM THE TWO SIDES ADDED UP TO FIVE SOLDIERS KILLED AND 11 WOUNDED DURING A FOUR-HOUR BATTLE.

UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY FORCE SOURCES SAID TODAY QUIET PREVAILED ON THE GAZA BORDER OF ISRAEL. U.N.E.F. UNITS ALONG THE DEMARC

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ON THE GAZA BORDER OF ISRAEL. U.N.E.F. UNITS ALONG THE DEMARCATION LINE WERE KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH, BUT NO EXCEPTIONAL TROOP MOVEMENTS WERE REPORTED.

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FIRST ADD CAIRO ALERT X X X REPORTED.

THE EASTERN (SINAI) BORDER WAS BEING PATROLLED BY ARMORED CAR UNITS AND SPOTTER PLANES OF THE U.N. EMERGENCY FORCE, WHICH HAS ITS MAIN HEADQUARTERS IN THE GAZA STRIP. THE MAIN UNEF FORCES THERE ARE ON HAND TO PREVENT CLASHES BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI FORCES STATIONED ALONG THE STRIP'S DEMARCATION LINE.

YESTERDAY'S FOUR-HOUR BATTLE OVER THE DESERTED VILLAGE OF KHIRBET EL TWAFFIK FINALLY WAS ENDED BY U.N. OFFICIALS. IT WAS THE WORST OUTBREAK SINCE THE 1956 ISRAELI INVASION.

(THE ISRAELIS SAID THEY DYNAMITED THE VILLAGE, CLAIMING THE SYRIANS WERE USING IT AS A MILITARY BASE. ISRAEL REPORTED THREE ISRAELIS KILLED AND SEVEN INJURED.)

ACCORDING TO THE SYRIANS, ISRAELI FORCES OCCUPIED BUT LATER LOST THE VILLAGE DURING THE ARTILLERY BATTLE THAT PRODUCED "HEAVY" ISRAELI LOSSES, PLUS TWO SYRIAN DEAD AND FOUR WOUNDED.

CAIRO RADIO SAID THE ISRAELI ATTACK'S MAIN OBJECTIVE WAS NOT THE VILLAGE BUT THE FRONTAL POSITIONS OF THE SYRIAN FIRST ARMY.

SYRIA ALSO CLAIMED THAT TWO OUT OF FOUR ISRAELI JET FIGHTERS WERE DAMAGED BY INTERCEPTORS WHEN THEY INVADED SYRIAN AIR SPACE.

(THE ISRAELIS COUNTERED THAT FOUR SYRIAN FIGHTERS WERE DRIVEN OFF AFTER A "BRIEF ENCOUNTER" WITH TWO ISRAELI PLANES OVER AN ISRAELI BORDER VILLAGE.)

THIS MORNING'S EDITION OF THE AUTHORITATIVE CAIRO NEWSPAPER AL AHAM SAID CONSIDERABLE FORCES OF THE U.A.R. SECOND ARMY WERE MASSING ON SINAI DESERT ARMISTICE LINES. IT QUOTED ORDERS TO THE U.A.R. ARMY AS SAYING:

"HIT RAPIDLY AND STRONGLY IN CASE AGGRESSION IS REPEATED ON THE BORDERS OF THE NORTHERN (SYRIAN) REGION."

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