INDICATIONS WAR WOULD BREAK OUT

(HANDOUT #1)

1. Egyptian President Anwar Sadat had repeatedly said he was prepared to go to war to get the Sinai Peninsula back.
2. U.S. Intelligence had Egypt’s war plans as early as April 1973.
3. State Department’s Intelligence and Research Bureau (INR) warned in the spring of 1973 that Egypt was getting ready to go to war to regain the Sinai.
4. Egypt began large-scale, extensive military maneuvers in September 1973.
5. Egypt’s September military maneuvers involved the forward deployment of air defenses.
6. On September 28, 1973, all Egyptian military leave was cancelled.
7. An Israeli lieutenant, on October 3rd, looking at the evidence, concluded that Egypt is ready to go to war. His report was blocked from going forward.
8. The USSR launched an extra reconnaissance satellite on October aimed at the Red Sea and Sinai Peninsula. (The Soviet Union was Egypt’s principle military trainer and supplier.)
9. On October 4, 1973, NASA warned that hostilities are imminent.

10.The Soviet Union evacuated all dependents from Egypt on

October 4, 1973.

11.All Egyptian civilian aircraft were grounded and the airports at Cairo and Alexandria were closed October 4th.

12. Egyptian forces were deployed for offensive action on

October 5th.

13. An Israeli human source in Egypt went to a pay phone and broke

his cover; he called a predetermined emergency, number to

warn Egypt is ready to strike. That was at 0400 on October 6th.

14. Egypt launches an attack on the Sinai at 1400 on October 6th,

established and held a beach head on the peninsula.