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Reconnaissance

11 October

(U) [redacted] The JCS directed SAC to deploy SR-71 aircraft, equipment, and personnel to Griffiss AFB, N.Y., to await tasking for photo-reconnaissance missions in the Middle East. Two SR-71As assigned to the 91st Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, Beale AFB, Calif., were sent.¹

(A Middle East reconnaissance fragmentary order called GIANT REACH already existed. It called for an SR-71 sortie to launch from Beale AFB, California, and to recover after the mission at [redacted] (b)(1)

[redacted] (b)(1) The plan also called for refueling by KC-135 tankers from [redacted] (b)(1)

[redacted] although they could recover there after the mission. This made it necessary for SAC to plan round-robin missions from the U.S. and doubled the size of the refueling force required for the recon missions.)²

13 October

(U) [redacted] SAC executed the first GIANT REACH photo reconnaissance mission in the Middle East. Targets designated for photography were [redacted] (b)(1)

[redacted] An SR-71 of the 91st SRW left Griffiss AFB at 0600Z. The crew consisted of [Lt Col J. H. Shelton, Jr.] (pilot) and [Lt Col G. L. Coleran] (Reconnaissance Systems Officer). Flying to the target required three refuelings (in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, [redacted], and south of Crete). [redacted] in the target area.

Three more refuelings were required on the homeward leg (again south of Crete, off the coast of Portugal, and in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence). The SR-71 landed back at Griffiss at 1713Z. Total flight time was 11 hours and 13 minutes and surpassed the previous record of 10 hours and 30 minutes set in April 1971. Fourteen KC-135 tankers supported this mission. Extensive ferrying operations were required to move the special JP-7 fuel used by the SR-71 from storage areas [redacted] and Little Rock AFB.³

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16/1400Z Oct

(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] with information he had sent to Secretary of State 15 October. Sixteenth Air Force passed it along to CINCUSAFB.

(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] the [redacted]
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(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted]
[redacted]
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(U) ~~(S)~~ The commander of 16th Air Force added that to date [redacted] had been helpful and courteous in their relations with USAF.⁴

25 October

(U) ~~(S)~~ SAC executed the second GIANT REACH photo reconnaissance mission in the Middle East. Major targets designated for high resolution photography were [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

(U) ~~(S)~~ The SR-71 left Griffiss AFB, N.Y., at 0600Z. Crew members were Capt E. W. Joersz (pilot) and Capt J. T. Fuller (reconnaissance systems officer). En route to the target area the airplane received three refuelings (south of Nova Scotia, north of the Azores, and south of Crete). The airplane spent [redacted] over the target and returned home. Three more refuelings were required (south of Crete, [redacted] and south of Nova Scotia). The SR-71 landed back at Griffiss 1713Z. Thus the launch and recovery time for the first two SR-71 sorties were identical.

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(U) [redacted] the first SR-71 mission prompted an alteration of refueling tracks on the 25 October mission. During the first GIANT REACH mission [redacted]

4 November (U) [redacted] SAC flew its third GIANT REACH photo reconnaissance mission in the Middle East. The JCS had asked the mission be flown on 2 November but poor weather in the target area necessitated that it be postponed two days. Highest priority targets for the cameras [redacted]

(U) [redacted] The SR-71 left Griffiss AFB, N.Y., at 0600Z. The crew consisted of Capt R. C. Helf (pilot) and Capt L. A. Elliot (reconnaissance systems officer). Refueling areas outbound and inbound were the same as those used in the 25 October mission. The SR-71 spent [redacted] over the target. It landed back at Griffiss 1722Z. This exceeded by nine minutes the two flights of 13 and 25 October and thus became the longest SR-71 flight to date.

Refueling of Fighters Being Ferried to Israel

12 October (U) [redacted] Two KC-135s from Pease AFB, N. H., provided "Coronet East 35" refueling for the flight of two F-4 "Phantom" fighters to Lajes AB, Azores. This marked the beginning of SAC refueling support [redacted]

13 October (U) [redacted] Second Air Force formed a tanker task force (TTF) at Pease AFB, N. H., under the command of Colonel Donald B. Shea, 45th Air Division Director of Operations. It consisted of 11 KC-135s of the 34th and 509th Air Refueling Squadrons.

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14 October (U) ~~(S)~~ Eight F-4s flew from Seymour-Johnson AFB to "Coronet East 47" [redacted] non-stop. At the same time, four F-4s flew from Seymour-Johnson to Lajes Field, Azores. The mission was supported by 12 tankers from the Peace [redacted] and eight SAC tankers [redacted]

15 October (U) ~~(S)~~ Six F-4s deployed from Lajes Field to [redacted] "Coronet East 35A" [redacted]. These were the two Coronet East 35 aircraft and the four Coronet East 47 aircraft. These were refueled by 2 KC-135 tankers flying out of Lajes and four tankers [redacted]

15 October (U) ~~(S)~~ Eight F-4s flew from Seymour-Johnson, North Carolina, to Lajes Field, Azores, supported by 8 KC-135s of the 301st Air Refueling Wing and four Lajes based tankers.¹¹

16/13522 Oct (U) ~~(S)~~ CINCEUR said that due to heavy airlift and aircraft transfer operations [redacted] and the political sensitivity of some allies and neutrals in the Mediterranean area, it was essential that unscheduled or unusual aircraft movements (aborts, diversions, incidents) be reported to CINCEUR and appropriate MAAG as soon as possible. Information was needed by the U.S. Embassy and/or MAAG personnel in order to explain circumstances to host country if queried.¹²

16 October (U) ~~(S)~~ Four more F-4s deployed from McDonnell Douglas Corporation, Saint Louis, to Lajes Field, Azores, supported by four KC-135s of the 41st Air Refueling Squadron, Griffiss AFB, New York.¹³

16 October (U) ~~(S)~~ Eight F-4s deployed from Lajes Field, Azores, to [redacted]. They were supported by four tankers of the Lajes TTF and six KC-135s [redacted]

16 October (U) ~~(S)~~ Ten F-4s were flown from Eglin AFB, Fla., to "Coronet East 53" Lajes Field, Azores, supported by 13 KC-135s from several Second Air Force units.¹⁵

17 October (U) ~~(S)~~ Four F-4s moved from Lajes Field, Azores, to "Coronet East 45A" [redacted] supported by two KC-135s from Lajes and three [redacted]¹⁶

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17/0344Z Oct

(S) JCS provided guidance for aircrews delivering aircraft to Israel regarding selection of emergency or alternate landing fields.

(S) In the event an aircraft had to divert to an airfield outside Israel, Lajes or military and civilian fields in Portugal were acceptable alternatives. If Portugal was not feasible, Sigonella AB, Sicily, or other U.S. air bases in Italy could be selected.

(S) JCS provided a priority list to aid aircraft commanders in making emergency base selection.

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18/0337Z Oct

(S) The Chief of Staff, USAF said:

"Coronet East" (series of aircraft to Israel) deployments within range of _____ the COFS noted that if _____ Coronet East

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(S) SAC was requested to prepare a plan that would continue the same general refueling area and routes enroute to Israel but one which would put refueling areas

18 October
"Coronet East 53A"

(S) Two F-4s ferried from Lajes Field to _____ supported by two Lajes tankers and two _____

19 October

(S) Responding to objections raised by the

Such flights were not handicapped and refuelings were still accomplished by tankers flying from Lajes and

19 October
"Coronet East 59"

(S) Ten Navy A-4 "Skyhawk" aircraft ferried from Norfolk NAS to Lajes supported by 6 tankers of the Pease TTF. 21

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- 20 October AF (S) The 10 A-4 Skyhawk fighters which had deployed to Lajes under "Coronet East 59" flew to the carrier U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt in the Mediterranean. The next day they continued on to Israel.²²
(b)(1) 1.42
- 20 October (S) Twelve Navy A-4s deployed from Norfolk NAS to "Coronet East 61" Lajes supported by six KC-135s of the Pease TTF.²³
- 21 October (S) The 12 Navy A-4s ferried to Lajes under "Coronet East 61" flew to the carrier F.D.R. in the Mediterranean. The next day they continued on to Israel.²⁴
AF (b)(1)
- 23 October AF (S) Four F-4s deployed from Lajes to Hatzer, Israel, supported by 5 Lajes and tankers.²⁵
(b)(1) 1.42
- 21 October (S) Sixteen A-4s deployed to Lajes Field supported "Coronet East 63" by 9 tankers of the Pease TTF.²⁶
- 21 October (S) Four F-4 Phantoms deployed to Lajes Field from Eglin AFB, Fla., supported by two tankers from Lockbourne and four from Plattsburgh AFBs.²⁷
- 22 October (S) Three F-4s ferried to Israel supported by two KC-135s of the Lajes TTF and three tankers of the "Coronet East 57A" One F-4 aborted and had to return to Lajes.²⁸
AF (b)(1)
- 22 October (S) Twelve A-4s originally ferried to Lajes under "Coronet East 63" flew to the carrier Roosevelt. The next day they flew on to Israel.²⁹
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- 23 October (S) One F-4 (the aircraft which had aborted during "Coronet East 57A") flown to Israel from the Azores supported by two tankers each from the Lajes and 3.³⁰
AF (b)(1)
- 23 October (S) Last four A-4s ferried to Lajes under "Coronet East 63" flew from Lajes to the carrier Roosevelt in the Mediterranean. The following day they continued on to Israel. This ended the resupply of fighters to the Israeli Air Force by the United States. In all 40 F-4s and 38 A-4s were ferried to Israel during the so-called "Peace Echo/Coronet East" operation.³¹
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* (U) See addendum at end of chronology.

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Increase of Alert Strategic Forces

24/0900Z Oct (U) ~~(S)~~ Status of SAC alert aircraft and missile forces at this time prior to the declaration of the alert in connection with the Middle East Crisis was as follows:³²

B-52 F3-111 KC-135 Minuteman Titan

[Redacted]

25/0430Z Oct (U) ~~(S)~~ JCS declared worldwide [Redacted] with no exceptions. SAC alerted its units via the Primary Alerting System (PAS) at 0442Z. SAC aircraft units automatically assumed [Redacted]

[Redacted]

25/0655Z Oct (U) ~~(S)~~ [Redacted]

[Redacted]

25/0715Z Oct (U) ~~(S)~~ SAC told numbered air forces and unit command posts that when [Redacted] aircraft positioning had been completed, crews were to return to the alert facility.³³

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25/0737Z Oct (U) ~~(S)~~ The JCS reported on the current situation. The most recent communication from the Soviets contained a request that the U.S. join them in more forceful enforcement of the Israel/Arab ceasefire by the introduction of forces from both countries. The Soviets also stated intentions to consider unilateral action if the U.S. declined to join them in bilateral action.

(U) ~~(S)~~ Chairman JCS said that U.S. reply was not yet firm, but U.S. response included signal of elevation in force readiness-

25/0825Z Oct (U) ~~(S)~~

25/0907Z Oct (U) ~~(S)~~ SAC directed that five SAC owned missile launch facilities belonging to the 90th SMW, F. E. Warren AFB, Wyo., then departed in preparation for turnover to civilian contractors for modernization, would not be generated to alert. No additional facilities would be prepared for turnover, however, until further notice.³⁰

25/0910Z Oct (U) ~~(S)~~ Reconnaissance personnel will not be recalled from leave or TDY (exception to SACM 55-7, Vol I, par 5-6A directive).³⁹

25/0915Z Oct (U) Headquarters SAC notified its numbered air forces that SAC aircraft units should not stop or delay sending aircraft into Modification/Periodic Depot Maintenance (MOD/PDM) unless they were advised otherwise.⁴⁰

25/1000Z Oct (U) ~~(S)~~

25/1000Z Oct (U) ~~(S)~~ Press guidance during the ~~(S)~~ was that no comment would be made. Further guidance would be provided as soon as received from CSAD/PA. All news queries would be reported to Hq SAC OI. All commanders were to brief all personnel on the ~~(S)~~ comment guidance.⁴²

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25/1012Z Oct (U) ~~(S)~~ Status of SAC Forces on Ground Alert at 25/1012Z was as follows:

B-52 FH-111 KC-135⁴³ Minuteman Titan⁴⁴

25/1100Z Oct (U)



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25/1135Z Oct

(U) Hq SAC directed following units to deploy NCO controllers as indicated to First Strategic Aerospace Division, Vandenberg AFB, California, as soon as possible:

Whiteman AFB	2 NCOs	emergency actions certified
Little Rock AFB	1 NCO	emergency actions certified
Minot AFB	1 NCO	force status certified
Grand Forks AFB	1 NCO	force status certified
Lewis-Monthan AFB	1 NCO	force status certified

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25/1200Z Oct (U)

~~(S)~~ [Redacted]

25/1213Z Oct (U)

~~(S)~~ Status of SAC Ground Alert at 25/1213Z Oct 73 was as follows:

B-52 FB-111 KC-135⁴⁸ Minuteman Titan⁴⁹

[Redacted]

25/1220Z Oct (U)

~~(S)~~ Reentry vehicle maintenance teams would be deployed to [Redacted] as soon as possible from the following locations:

- Minot AFB send one MK12 certified team
- Grand Forks send one MK12 certified team
- Malmstrom AFB send two MK11C teams

Teams would deploy with tool boxes and personal clothing.⁵⁰

25/1228Z Oct (U)

~~(S)~~ The Chief of Staff, USAF, designated Major General E. T. Cragg, Major General L. C. Lewis, and Brigadier General R. L. Haupt as alternate Airborne Emergency Action officers at Ellsworth AFB. No movement of above officers to be undertaken at this time.⁵¹

25/1230Z Oct (U)

~~(S)~~ [Redacted]
See JJ0083, 25/1100Z Oct 73.⁵²

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(U) [Redacted]

25/1440Z Oct (U)

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25/1455Z Oct (U)

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25/1524Z Oct (U)

25/1535Z Oct (U)

For 90SMW: send six WS-133A-M/CDB (G missile) crews. All must be qualified in LCEB (Launch Control Equipment Building) procedures.

For 321st SMW: send six WS-133B (G missile) crews

For 341st SMW: send six 133B (F missile) crews and six WS-133A-M (F missile) crews.

All WS-133A/M crews must be qualified in RWC procedures.

25/1901Z Oct (U)

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25/1915Z Oct (U)

(S) Headquarters SAC emphasized to all units receiving B-52Gs redeploying [redacted] to the United States that the first priority objective was to attain an alert posture with these aircraft with subsequent training; to be completed as the reconstitution of other unit resources permitted.⁵⁹

25/1943Z Oct (U)

(S) SAC directed 509th BW (Pense AFB), the 335th ABW (Grissom AFB), and the 384th ABW (McConnell AFB) to send KC-135s committed to support [redacted]

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25/2048Z Oct

(U) Klaxon horns in bomber alert facility at Kinchloe AFB, Michigan, sounded for no apparent reason. Crews responded by proceeding to aircraft and starting engines. The command post then recalled them to proper alert status.⁶¹

(U) Alert facility klaxon was accidentally activated by workmen working on another klaxon at the base softball field.⁶²

25/2211Z and
25/2300Z Oct

(U) [Redacted]

25/2327Z Oct

(U) SAC cancelled all missile shipments from OOA/VA Hill AFB, as requested in its message 25/1333Z Oct.⁶⁵

26 October

(U) ~~(S)~~ In accordance with SAC Continuity of Operations Plan 198 following general officers designated as additional Airborne Emergency Actions Officers:⁶⁶
Major General A. B. Anderson, Jr., SAC DDO
Major General E. W. Steffes, Dir of Operations Plans
Brigadier General R. R. Scott, DCS/Personnel
Brigadier General J. R. Hinton, SAC Inspector General

26/0012Z Oct

(U) All deployments of reentry vehicle maintenance teams directed in msg 25/1220 cancelled.⁶⁷

26/0124Z Oct

(U) ~~(S)~~ SAC Headquarters directed that the dispatch of all ADVON teams to dispersal bases be stopped.⁶⁸

26/0215Z Oct

(U) Reference SAC JOPREP JIFFY 0084, requirement to deploy NCO controllers cancelled. Terminate departure plans for personnel.⁶⁹

26/0219Z Oct

(U) [Redacted]

26/1317Z Oct

(U) ~~(S)~~ Status of SAC Missile Alert Forces was as follows:⁷¹

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	Bombers	Tankers
Main Operating Base		
Satellite Base		
Total		

The total alert force consisted of [redacted] 72

26/1704Z Oct (U) ~~(S)~~ JCS directed [redacted]

26/1900Z Oct (U) ~~(S)~~ CINCSAC told JCS that he had completed all [redacted] actions at 26/1900Z. (SAC alert force returned to normal [redacted] status.) 74

26/1900Z Oct (U) ~~(S)~~ Hq SAC Command Post Battle Staff functions would terminate at 26/2200Z. After that time all questions and/or problems would be directed to numbered air force or SAC headquarters office of primary responsibility. 75

26/1948Z Oct (U) [redacted]

26/2024Z Oct (U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] sorties generated during [redacted] will be retained on alert in [redacted] status until released by Hq SAC. 77

26/2041Z Oct (U) ~~(S)~~ Hq SAC directed that all B-52 units retain on alert all [redacted] sorties which were on alert at 26/1900Z. [redacted] sorties off alert at 26/1900Z would assume alert. [redacted] sorties which were generated would be assigned against this requirement [redacted] sorties programmed to satellite (move to satellite bases) would assume alert at the main operating base. 78

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26/2111Z Oct (U) ~~(S)~~ Status of SAC Alert Missile Force was as follows:

Minuteman Titan

At this point in time, just after the return of SAC [redacted] posture, of the [redacted] missile launchers possessed by SAC [redacted] were on alert. [redacted] other launchers were in the hands of contractors and not available for alert.¹²

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26/2316Z Oct (U) ~~(S)~~ Following information regarding [redacted] sortie alert was furnished for necessary action and information.

(U) ~~(S)~~ All [redacted] sorties which had been generated were authorized off alert at this time. Units were to insure that all [redacted] sorties were generated to alert status. Aircraft at satellite bases would remain there. Tanker units supporting Tanker Task Force would continue to support task force. Upon completion of task force commitment units would generate [redacted] sorties to alert. [redacted] tanker sorties would be generated to alert status regardless of rated bomber status.⁸⁰

Redeployment of B-52s From the Pacific

12/0200Z Oct (U) ~~(S)~~ General Meyer recommended to Admiral Moorer that about 100 B-52s and their supporting tankers be returned from the Western Pacific and used to reconstitute combat ready strategic units in the Continental United States. He recommended this action because of the "Current situation in the Middle East and the inherent uncertainty of future developments"

(U) ~~(S)~~ With the departure of the above aircraft about 63 B-52s would be left in the Western Pacific. Forty-two of the 63 would be located at U-Tapao for contingency operations in the area. These aircraft could be augmented by redeployment from the Continental United States, with the first aircraft arriving not later than 72 hours after notification.³¹

25/0455Z Oct (U) ~~(S)~~ JCS ordered all B-52Gs on Guam to be deployed to Continental United States bases as soon as possible.³²

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- 25/0450Z to 25/1706Z Oct (U) Following are significant actions relative to redeployment of B-52 forces from Guam to the United States:⁸³
 - 25/0458Z JCS deployment order received in SAC Communications Center via Teletype
 - 25/0503Z Deployment order received in SAC Command Post
 - 25/0538Z Deployment order retransmitted to 8AF
 - 25/1706Z First cell launched from Andersen AFB
- 25/0830Z Oct (U) ~~(S)~~ SAC ordered all B-52G aircraft and G crews from Guam to deploy to the Continental United States. Twenty-six Gs would redeploy to Barksdale AFB and 15 each to Fairchild, Mather, and Robins AFBs.⁸⁴ Seven KC-135s would redeploy from to the CONUS. B-52G redeployment would begin as soon as possible.
- 25/1706Z Oct (U) ~~(S)~~ First cell of B-52G aircraft launched from Guam as part of the BULLET SHOT redeployment of B-52s to the United States.⁸⁵
- 26/0130Z Oct (U) ~~(S)~~ SAC reported that redeployment of 71 B-52Gs and 7 KC-135s from Andersen AFB to CONUS bases began 25/1706Z and redeployment continued.⁸⁶
- 28/1600Z Oct (U) Statement was to be released to the press by CINCSAC that SAC had now completed the redeployment of about 70 B-52s from the Western Pacific to four bases in the United States. The redeployment of associated support equipment and personnel would be completed within the next two weeks. He said that the B-52 forces remaining in the Western Pacific were adequate to meet current requirements, but if required the above B-52s could be returned to the Pacific on short notice. Above was released to press at 28/1600Z Oct 73.⁸⁷
- 29/0330Z Oct (U) ~~(S)~~ CINCSAC dispatched to Eighth Air Force, Guam, a warning order for the deployment from Andersen AFB to the United States of 16 B-52D aircraft. Eight would go to Dyess AFB, Texas, and 8 to March AFB, California.⁸⁸
- 29/2258Z Oct (U) At 30/1700Z CINCSAC would announce the redeployment of 16 additional B-52s previously stationed at Andersen AFB, Guam, to the United States. About 25 B-52s remained on Guam and 50 in Thailand. These were adequate to meet current level of preparedness in the Western Pacific.⁸⁹

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Footnotes

1. Mag (TS), JCS to CINCSAC, 11/1952 Oct 73. (73-SRC-0141)
2. SAC BRAG OPORD (S), SAC(DOR), "Giant Reach," 15 Feb 73; Mag (TS), SACRECONCN(DOR) to 9CRW(DO), 9CRW(DO), et al, 11/0010Z Oct 73 (73-SRC-0134); Mag (TS), JCS to CINCSAC, 09/2156Z Oct 73 (73-SRC-0130); Mag (TS), STRATRECONCN(DOR) to JCS(JRC), 14/2306Z Oct 73 (73-DOR-0043); Mag (TS), CINCSAC to USCINCPAC, 18/0408Z Oct 73 (73-DOR-16); Mag (S), STRATRECONCN(DOR) to 9CRW(DO), 9CRW(DO) et al, 13/0015Z Oct 73.
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Addendum

(U) The estimated amount of fuel offloaded by KC-135s to 40 F-4Es and 39 A-4Es ferried to Israel was 2,882,000 pounds.

Source: From statistics maintained by Single Manager Tanker Division, Director of Ops and Training.

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