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TO : SHARETT PERSONAL HAMISRAD JERUSALEM
FROM: RAFAEL MEMISRAEL PARIS

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Begins. Dear Mr Rafael. I have received the report in which you transmitted the message from the P.M. of Egypt sent by him through his special emissary.

I have noted with keen interest that it is his intention to bring about a solution of the problems outstanding between his country and Israel by peaceful means and without resort to force. I welcome particularly Col. Nassers readiness to consider means for the improvement of the present situation and with the purpose of reducing the prevailing tension.

I herewith instruct you to convey to the P.M. of Egypt my assurance that he will find readiness on my part to cooperate with him in the endeavours towards this end.

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These suggestions

(16/11)
Suggestion to Col.
Nasser's emissary