

Report of Russ Threat To Israel

Tel Aviv

Israel agreed to allow the encircled Third Corps of the Egyptian army to be resupplied after the U.S. told Israel that the Soviet Union had threatened to save the Egyptian force, well-placed official sources said yesterday.

Israeli censors would not allow correspondents to file information on the exact nature of the Soviet threat or details of the Soviet plan.

The sources said the U.S. told Israel on Friday night that such direct involvement by a great power raised the risk of war between the Soviet Union and the U.S. The Israelis reportedly were told that it was in their interest to allow food, water and medical supplies to cross through Israeli-held territory on the west bank of the canal to the Egyptians on the east bank.

Speaking bluntly about how the arrangement to resupply the trapped Egyp-

tians came about, Lieutenant General David Elazar, the Israeli chief of staff, said in an interview on government television: "We were compelled to agree." He added: "It was imposed on us to arrange the convoy."

Time magazine reported, meanwhile, that it has learned that the note sent by Soviet party chief Leonid Brezhnev to President Nixon "threatened the destruction

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of the state of Israel" by Soviet forces if Israel "did not stop violating the cease-fire."

Text of the note from Brezhnev, which preceded Mr. Nixon's action in placing U.S. armed forces in a state of alert last week, has not been revealed. Mr. Nixon, in his news conference Friday, said that Brezhnev "left very little to the imagination what he intended." The note has been characterized by Senator Henry Jackson (Dem-Wash.) as "brutal."

Time said it also has learned that the note began "Mr. Nixon" instead of the usual diplomatic "Dear Mr. Nixon."

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