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**Cable from Israeli Foreign Ministry, Jerusalem
(Lvavi), to Israeli Embassy, Moscow**

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Summary:

Israeli officials discuss the Cuban Missile Crisis (U.S. blockade of Soviet ships) and say that "Israel's influence in the current circumstances was limited. Nevertheless, Israel would do whatever it can as a U.N. member to encourage negotiations and avoid military confrontation."

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[Soviet ambassador to Israel Mikhail] Bodrov met with the [Israeli] Foreign Minister [Golda Meir] and submitted to her the Soviet announcement on Cuba from the 23rd. During the ensuing conversation, he said that Soviet ships were ordered not to get into the crisis zone. But Khrushchev in his last letter to Kennedy pointed to the need to end the quarantine within a month at the latest... the Soviet government, [said Bodrov] appealed to the Israeli government to use its influence to forestall a military holocaust. The minister said that Israel had a well-known position that supported peace negotiations. Israel's influence in the current circumstances was limited. Nevertheless, Israel would do whatever it can as a U.N. member to encourage negotiations and avoid military confrontation...

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