



CIA Symposium on the Role of Intelligence in the 1973 Arab-Israeli War

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On Wednesday, January 30, 2013, intelligence officials, Middle East experts, and former policymakers discussed the role of intelligence in the US government's understanding of the 1973 Arab-Israeli War at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library in Yorba Linda, CA.

The symposium, entitled "President Nixon and the Role of Intelligence in the 1973 Arab-Israeli War," marked the public release of more than 400 declassified documents—at least half of them released for the first time—in a collection that includes some 100 "Situation Reports" prepared daily during the crisis.

The collection provides unique insight into the role of the CIA Middle East Task Force, which was created as a focal point on the conflict between the intelligence and policy communities. It includes several longer intelligence analyses prepared in response to questions from policymakers.

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