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3. 'Israel thought Egypt was planning to attack'
4. 'The blockade of the straits of Tiran by Egypt was an act of war'
5. 'Israel exploited every opportunity to avoid war'
6. 'The Israeli army adhered to the highest ethical standards'
7. 'The refugees left the occupied territories of their own free will'
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