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**Report for the HSWP Politburo on weapons exports  
to the UAR and Syria by Minister of Defense Lajos  
Czinege**

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**Summary:**

This report by Hungarian defense minister Lajos Czinege outlines the tensions between Hungary and the UAR over military aid.

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complete batteries in 1969 and begin continuous supply in 1970 on the basis of domestic production.

We re-evaluated the situation and asked the Soviet Union for help regarding the radars, to which we received a positive answer on 18 October. As a temporary solution, they will give us 22 overhauled radars in 1970/71. They will provide us with the documentation of the new, modernized RPK-1 radar in order to launch its manufacturing in the Hungarian People's Republic with the purpose of meeting the needs of both the member states of the Warsaw Treaty Organization and the developing countries.

In view of the above our position negotiated with the Ministry of Transport and Economy, for which I request the approval of the Politburo, is the following:

1. We should provide 4 complete batteries /24 guns with 1000 pcs of ammunition for each/ from the supply of the people's army - to be returned later.
2. The Hungarian industry should begin to manufacture 73 batteries /a total of 414 guns with 1000 pcs of ammunition for each/ - with gradual increase in quantity - in 1970 so that the requested quantity can be delivered by 1974 /if the UAR can agree with the schedule/.
3. The Hungarian and the UAR's economic and foreign trade organizations should carry out the necessary negotiations and sign the agreements for the equipment to be delivered in the amount of about 35-40 million US dollars.
4. The Hungarian foreign trade organizations should make an agreement with the Soviet bodies on the radars and other items to be imported from the Soviet Union.

After the Politburo has given its consent

- I will inform the defense minister of the UAR on our position in a letter sent to our embassy in Cairo;
- in collaboration with the affected state, economic and foreign trade bodies we will complete the exploration of the situation and submit a proposal for making the necessary state resolution.

Budapest, 20 October 1969.

Lajos Czinege