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Our latest Dimona inspection (30 January '65) is reassuring. Nothing new, although the weapons potential is still there. Indeed morale seemed low and there's some question as to Dimona's future.

Apparently the Israeli govt feels that the future lies in nuclear desalting, and this program has been given to Israeli water authority not their AEC (under which Dimona team comes).

But this is all too pat, and we remain suspicious. Knowing we're zeroed in on Dimona Israelis could be planning weapons fabrication somewhere else. Evil thought--I hope that they don't now use US arms aid to Jordan as an excuse.

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