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of State, 'Israeli Strike on Iraqi Nuclear Facility:  
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**Summary:**

While starting to construct the political strategy of response to the raid, the administration came face to face with what U.S. ambassador to Israel, Sam Lewis called in his cable to Washington a "gap" in the administration's "institutional memory", as assessments regarding Israel's intention to launch a strike were not passed on from the Carter administration.

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