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In Gaza the warring Palestinian factions continue to 'one up' one another by shelling Israeli towns across the border. So far Hamas is unable to impose an agreement among them.

Gaza is on the brink of a humanitarian crisis with shortages of fuel, basic daily products and medicine. Israel has agreed to a schedule for allowing supplies to enter but Hamas leaders are reluctant to accept the Israeli offer which would mean, to them, cooperation with an occupying force.

The United States finds the status quo untenable. It is determined to act decisively to reduce the likelihood of another round of fighting across the Gaza-Israel border. It seeks to advance Israeli security and to ensure the well-being and peace of Israeli and Palestinian civilians.

US President Obama believes that restraint and mediation can break the current deadlock, achieve Palestinian statehood and bring positive change to the region.

Fig. 5.5. Scenario format: U.S. Intelligence Report