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Telcon **NYC**
Abba Eban, Israeli Minister for Foreign Affairs / Sec. Kissinger
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E: I got a message a quarter of an hour ago at least that the Syrians attacked at 2 o'clock with artillery and bombs in Golan and Schmona from Syria then, and the next news was that the Egyptians also an air attack ~~from xxx Golan~~ at a place called in Sinai, and attempts on their part to cross ~~at~~ the Canal.

K: Do you have any reports on your reactions yet?

E: No, This was the first news I got.

K: I have a report from the Egyptians alleging that you started everything with a naval attack near Syria near some oil fields.

E: We have nothing on that.

K: I don't myself believe that you would start a general war with a naval attack in one place, but you always do surprising things. Could you get me the facts?

E: They said the first move was a naval attack?

K: They claim the first move...

E: South of the Suez.

K: South of the Canal. The Egyptian Foreign Minister called me and gave me a name but it was an Arabic name. If you were attacking some place you presumably knew where it was.

E: Yes. That is not at all convincing. The news preceding this - there was a very wild exodus of Soviets from _____. Do you have that?

K: I have my news and I have called it to the attention of the Soviets.

E: And couldn't do so and are just leaving headlong in Syria. I have just ascertained that much.

K: The only other thing I have done since we talked is to call the Secretary General and tell him what we have done.



E: Yes, I will call him as well and we will probably convene the Security Council ourselves, but I am waiting for instructions on that.

K: All right, and we will be in close touch.

E: Thank you.