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K: Our information is that the Egyptians and Syrians have attacked all along their fronts and also...

D: Is it the canal.

K: The Canal and the Golan Heights. Zayyat is claiming the Israelis launched a naval attack on some isolated spot in the Gulf of Suez and that triggered the whole thing.

D: I saw on a ticker they claim that Israel began attack. Zayyat told you.

K: He told me not along the Canal but in the Gulf of Suez. We are all going to have to be taking formal positions. You and I know that is baloney if they are going to attack they will not launch an attack in the Gulf of Suez and noat at the key points . Not their style.

D: I understand.

K: How is it that the Syrians and Egyptians are starting at the same minute -- all along the front. ~~from the start~~ If it started with an Israel naval attack , you and I are having a problem in how to get this stopped. We are using our maximum influence with the Israelis to show restraint. So far they tell me they have kept their response to their side of the line and that they have not made any deep penetration of Arab territory. But you no them as well as I do and it will not last much longer.

D: O.K. I will send additional message to Moscow. Really madness.

K: Total madness. I will probably come back to Washington during the day and we should meet y urgently. We should, I think use this occasion to first not to have everything we have achieved destroyed by maniacs on wither side and after quieting it down to see what can be done const ructively.

D: All right. Thank you very much.

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