

TELECON

Minister Shalev/Secretary Kissinger

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4:00 pm

K: How are you ?

S: Hungry.

K: Well that I can appreciate. Can't you get dispensation to eat on a crisis.

S: I have passed it on and they are preparing something.

K: What about the pilots? I hope they are eating.

S: Don't you worry. Special rations for thing of this sort.

K: Do you have anything more for me?

S: I hope I'll have it at some later point. I just have some information based on some phone conversations.

K: Since we talked?

S: Yes. . . They are slowly pulling them out. . two bridgeheads. . we are able to establish. I think the number of planes we downed is about 20 on the Egyptian side and half of that on the Syrian side.

K: OK. In terms of strategy, please pass this on to Mrs. Meir, doesn't go any further, not the whole cabinet.

S: It will. . . nobody here.

K: You know that the Egyptians have asked for a special meeting of the General Assembly. It will go into a debate on Monday. Our judgment is the General Assembly is a bad forum for you. . . extremely bad. Officially Waldheim and Benites. . . in order to make effective we must call a Security Council meeting .

S: Yah.

K: We have had a response from the Soviets about the proposal. . . they are non-committal at this point. Saying they are studying the matter and they are trying to find out. May use it. Must keep it . . ours in which case we will effect hard. . . 600 for the meeting of the Security Council for some time. Afterwards in order to have platform from which we can operate.

K: I understand... Force Soviets into that.. a position and that is our general strategy. If I have already told the Soviet s if the General Assembly turns nasty into a propaganda battlefield, we will become very tough.

S: Yah.

K: I will be glad to have any.. current information, but this is what we have decided to do.

S: I will pass on to Mrs. Meir. I know from earlier conversation Soviet reply was not quite..

K: We don't know exactly what the Soviet reply is..

S: ...

K: What I have told you is the Soviet's reply is friendly at this point but non-committal. We would like some expression as to your strategy.

S: I will pass this on right away.

K: I know they have other things to do in Jerusalem, but if they could give us as frequent as possible a report as to.. help us from looking foolish. When is Dinitz coming back?

S: Day after tomorrow, or tomorrow, not sure.

K: Keep us closely informed.