

TELECON

Ambassador Dobrynin/Secretary Kissinger

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6:20 PM.

K: I haven't seen the text of your message yet. . give me your interpretation. What do you think . . . really saying. It will be polemical.

D: My impressions that we don't have information from the Arabs. Tomorrow will be alright. They find it will be polemical session. . a small unit and on first line you and we will be. They don't like this idea.

K: What are you saying?

D: None of the participants are asking for the Security Council so what's really for us to do. . . then this forced you to say old story about our position. . .

K: What we have is a case of a military attack. A difficult position. . a question of negotiation. . . It is one thing for the Soviet Union to take a stand in preliminary negotiation. . . it is another to take a stand after hostilities have started. . . in 3 days you'll be begging us for it.

D: I understand. . our position. . In Moscow don't want to become involved immediately. They will try to get territory back. . .

K: What are you telling them privately?

D: We don't like this idea.

K: Yet -- if you knew of it why didn't you consult with us.

D: Not a question of that --

K: We told Gromyko what ;ur intentions to do. . . we Told. . . .

D: The question is how far do we go or not go. The situation could be some discussion on our. . .

K: If there was evacuation on your part.

D: I don't have that information. . .

K; two conclusions. .

D: Just saying we don't like this idea.

K: I would have though in light of questions. . . you might have given us your view. . . and we did not inform. . . ahead of time. If we had you would have every right to complain. We assume there was an evacuation. . . everything moot on Monday. Then we have to argue in front of 100 people. . . three points: first, public opinion, secondly Congress, and then the special relationship we thought existed between us. If you tell us in debate on Monday. . . we understand. . . you tell us to wait we will have a real donnybrook. . . do you know what that means? We will have a brawl in the General Assembly. and will then make it insoluble. We've been holding up the Israelis on bombing. I don't know if we can keep this up.

D: That's clear to me.

K: Zayyat has asked for the floor on Monday.

D: All I can tell you is that I will talk to Moscow.

K: I'll talk to Key Biscayne and tell you what we are going to do. I'll call you back so don't go to Maryland.

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