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FonMin Eban - Secretary Kissinger

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6:25 p. m.

E: I have a very detailed report on military situation up to this minute. Perhaps I could give it to you now.

K: All right.

E: In the future, perhaps I could give it to your people instead of...

K: Depends on what people. The important thing is to get it to Washington as quickly as possible. If we could do that it would be a help.

E: Syrian advance has been checked because of the nightfall. Garrison surrounded... (place name) but we do not have a report on what has happened to the people in it. We have no communication from them. We have destroyed 60 Syrian tanks. A number of ours have been put out of action. Haven't been given a number. Syrians have fired three missiles of the "frog" type. They fell ... not where they were intended. They were destined for Nazareth, but fell in a small village called (place name) causing civilian casualties. Also kibbutz (place name). There are 10 killed and 30 wounded.

K: How many planes?

E: We don't have that. On the Egyptian side our base described the position on the Egyptian front as difficult. Have managed... to get a foothold on the Eastern bank in a couple of places. Definitely ... got a bridgehead ... air-to-ground missiles aimed toward Tel Aviv. One of our air craft managed to shoot it down from the air while in flight. We have brought down about 15 of their helicopters full of troops and 10 of their aircraft and we have lost three aircraft on the Egyptian front. On the Egyptian front... losses more drastic... 50 killed 100 wounded. Total 60 killed and 140 wounded on this Yom Kippur day.

K: I understand. You don't have any idea... on plans.

E: Defense Minister said it will take some days but we will ... improve position and confident with time we will be able to..... it.

K: Another item. We are considering going to the Security Council... think we should not be too percipitous?

E: I will get a judgment. If it is feasible... but if they enter
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the General Assembly, will be a big. . . .

K: Then we have to do it tomorrow.

E: There is the pre-emptive aspect. There are all sorts of degrees of. . . .even when the debate begins.

K: Right now considering whether to go tonight or tomorrow. Have to go before Monday to avoid General Assembly debate.