

TELCON

Amb. Scali - Secretary Kissinger

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6:40 p. m.

S: Security Council now holding meeting... shall we stay where we are?

K: I heard they are not going to call a formal meeting, but have informal consultations. Same position...to be forea cease fire and return to the status wuo ante, and you should not call attention to.....following points:

If we call only for a cease fire, we would be using the UN to sanctify aggression.....can grab territory, ask the UN to call a cease fire and then if the victim.....creates a dangerous precedent.

If the military situation takes a turn and Israeli starts beating up on the Arabs, it should be kept in mind that we are prepared to stick, even ifwith the resolution for a status quo ante.

It would be unbecoming for the UN to turn itself into a that is our position and we will maintain it throughout the crises.

As Popper pointed out we did not follow it in '67 but in '73 we will.

S: We are following it in '73 is the main point.

K: Yes, the main point, but I think we should stay calm and not go around discussing it too much. I will let you know whether we decide to go directly for a Security Council tonight, when we've got more information.