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Gen. Haig - Secretary Kissinger
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H: Just talked to the President. He feels that we possibly should not wait too much longer for the Soviet answer before moving with the resolution.

K: Exactly right. First, though, a Soviet answer is coming in now. Second, my recommendation is to move tonight, whatever is in the answer we move into the Security Council as soon.... We will put forward a call for a cease fire and return to the status quo ante before the fighting started. The reason is we have to do that is we will be rewarding the attacker....once the Israelis start beating up on the Arabsisraelis grab Arab territory. I feel we must recommend cease fire and return to status quo ante if it gets voted down...best position with the Chinese. ' Can't have precedents set in which ... can grab territory and then call for a cease fire.

H: Henry, what do you think about our announcing here, first on that thing.

K: That's fine. Just say that the President has instructed Dr. Kissinger to move immediatelyWait for the Soviet answer. Its coming in now but I will let you make the announcement down there. I'll call you as soon as I have got the answer