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Ambassador Bennet/HAK

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K: Hello.

B: Yes Mr. Secretary.

K: Were you with Scali at the...

B: Yes I was sir.

K: What happened.

B: We were successful in preventing any statement tonight.

K: Well, did anyone want to make a statement.

B: Yes. The Australian President had a statement already prepared which would have said that tomorrow that we were consulting for meetings that I have it right here in front. I can read it to you if you like.

K: Yes.

B: The President of the Security Council announced on 6 October that he had consulted urgently the members of Council on the fighting which had broken out in the Middle East that day. Paragraph. On the basis of information so far available the members of the Council had expressed serious concern that the situation which has developed and deplored the fact that hostilities had been resumed in breach of the cease fire. Paragraph The President had been authorized by members of the Council as a first step to ask the Secretary General to call on all sides for an immediate cessation of all military activities and to report promptly to Council members on their response. Paragraph. The members of the Council had authorized these provisional measures in accordance with _____ of the junta without prejudice to the rights and claims or positions of the parties concerned. John Scali pointed out that this would be quite unacceptable from our side without a withdrawal at the same time that was coequal with the ceasefire from our point of view.

K: Very good.

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B: And the final upshot of it was consultation with the British, French, Austrians and the Australians and the upshot was they agreed on no statement at all and John said that he would hope to have instructions by 10 in the morning.

K: Good. Perfrdct.

B: The Chinese have taken the position that they will not agree to any statement because neither Syria or Egypt has asked for Security Council action.

K: Would they agree to a meeting tomorrow?

B: I suspect they will oppose it but every member has the right to call for it.

K: But that means they'll veto any action.

B: That may well be the result.

K: OK. Bye.

B: We'll be here and John is making his Columbus Day Speech at the Waldorf.

K: No, you tell him he's doing a great job.

B: Thank you very much.

K: Bye.