

TELCON

General Haig - Secretary Kissinger

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3:10 p. m.

K: I am beginning to think those sons of bitches in Moscow are schnookering us. I think we should go at 5:00.

H: Yes, we can do it at 5:00. We're not going to be leaving until 7:30 so they can do it.

K: I have to make some phone calls. Get Ziegler positioned for it.

H: I told him to get in touch with McCloskey.

K: No, get in touch with me. Has to call me for the language. McCloskey doesn't know beans about the substance.

H: I told him to make a simple statement. I will have him call though.

K: We are getting frantic appeals for Sidewinders ~~XXX~~ from the Israelis and the Defense Department is giving them the run around.

H: You can tell them the President said to do it.

K: The idea was to have the stuff delivered to an air base and have them come out in El Al and pick them up. This is money in the bank. Now whatever happens in negotiations, if the Arabs come out ahead they will be totally unmanageable. This way, if we don't help them they won't come out ahead and we will wind up with nothing.

H: I've discussed it with the President and he is in full agreement.