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K: I've been talking to the President and we are going to ask for a Security Council meeting

C: For today?

K: No. We'll propose it for tomorrow and we'll not break our backs getting a resolution quickly. We will lean towards a resolution along the lines I described to you.

C: yes, something about stately pace.

K: Stately pace is right. I think by Tuesday a de facto situation may have resumed.

C: Very likely.

K: We will be glad to drop that part of what we disagree on. . we will keep it if the de facto situation turns against the Arabs. . . Perhaps not oppose it too violently. . greater use to obfuscate. .

C: I see.

K: If I could figure out something we could table and if your man could cooperate with us in keeping discussion going . . on the next day we could go over to your side of de facto situation. . . or you go to our side of it. . against the Arabs. By Thursday, can be a totally new situation.

C: Right

K: All this of course is only for the Prime Minister or Foreign Minister.

C: Yes. I'll have to talk to Maitland. We are motivated that its ethically more correct and the Arab world will take offense the other way.

K: I understand your points very well. more problem. . . is that the Arabs will take a licking

C: yes.

K: If that's the case then the problem of our representative cooperating so he doesn't draw the issue . . . that quickly. That gives both the greater possibility.



C: Do you think the other members of the Security Council will come along.?

K: How can they refuse? . . . . a messy debate. A dangerous precedent to have a war going on for 48 hours and for the Security Council not to be seized with it.

C: Quite. I agree with you. Have the Russians expressed a point of view?

K: They have promised to concentrate criticism on Israel and not on us.

C: Won't they try to stir up the debate?

K: I don't object if they draw it out. That doesn't bother us right now, isn't that what I understood you to say yesterday?

C: oh, yes. . .

K: a discussion going. . and a framework. the idea of stopping the Arabs is not going to be our problem on Wednesday. . . this is really. .

C: I agree entirely.

K: If we wait until Israel has won and then come out. . we're in trouble.

C: I agree. I'll get on to London then.

K: We can count on tactics being supported.

C: Yes

K: Good, thank you.