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Waldheim/Sec. Kissinger
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W: I wanted to tell you the following. We got confirmation from our observers in the Middle East saying about what you told me that there is heavy fighting along the Egyptian and Syrian lines. There is no fighting along the Jordanian lines. They indicated they would send more detailed reports as soon as they get more information from our observers. I had a conversation with Zayyat and he is asking for a General Assembly meeting to be convened. I told him that I doubted if it could be technically be done. I doubt if we could convene so quickly. I asked him about requesting a meeting of the Security Council. For the time being he has no instructions but will send a document to us and ask for circulating of these documents.

K: Our view is that it should go to the Security Council first.

W: Exactly. I don't think the Gen. Assembly has a chance. It is not technically possible before Monday. I do feel it is a matter for the SC. I asked him this question and he said he had no instructions with this regard. I expressed my deep concern and told him they should do everything to calm down the situation. He got rather angry and said "We don't attack. The others do and so on."

K: Our information -- our impression is the opposite. For your personal information and do not share it with others we are talking with the Soviets to see if we can develop a common approach in the SC. Until we have that I think if there could be a slight delay if anyone pushes for a meeting which has not been the case yet, until we get the Soviet reaction if we are dragging our feet a little bit it is to get the Soviet reaction. I understand no one has asked.

W: Nobody.

K: Our point is peace and security issue and it belongs in the SC and a Gen. Assembly meeting would be frivolous and we would oppose it.

W: I rather discouraged Zayyat.

K: We would oppose it even on Monday. I want to make that clear.

W: I'm glad you are telling me.

K: We are trying to come up with a constructive SC meeting and for your personal information what we are trying to do is to see if a common approach could be developed with the Soviets for restoration

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of a ceasefire and the ceasefire lines. If that can be done someone would call a SC meeting.

W: That would be the best approach. Hope it works. If there is any question I will call you.

K: If you call me and this would give the two governments a chance to concert their action.

W: Right. I think it important to keep in close contact. Don't you think the Soviets would be afraid to do that because of their relations with the Arabs.

K: They also have to worry if they are afraid of their relations with us.

W: I think the approach very good and I hope for the common approach.

K: Again speaking privately my estimate is the same as yours -- that they will not agree to it.

W: I know from my experience they are very much interested in not doing anything which would create the impression that they are working against the Arabs; or doing anything that would make their relations with the Arabs negative.

K: I think it so important to try that we should give it a chance. So far no one has asked for a meeting and we will not ask for one until we have the Soviet reply. If you can avoid it -- I know your position. If you can delay a meeting until we have had a Soviet reply; if anyone should ask...

W: You mean a meeting of the Security Council?

K: Call me when you get a request and we will discuss.

W: If I get a request, I will contact you. I tried very hard to get the Syrians information number. The Deputy PM left for London. El Zayyat said he tried to get the Deputy but he left for London. El Zayyat is trying to reach him in London. The Ambassador cannot be reached because they do not answer the telephone. I have tried repeatedly and there is no answer.

K: Thank you. END