

TELCON ^{ll} ~~MacLean~~ ⁱⁿ / Sec. Kissinger
Sir Don ~~MacLean~~ / Sec. Kissinger
Saturday, Oct. 6, 1973
11:35 am

[Handwritten mark: a checkmark and a star]

K: I just received your message about your views on the Security Council. I wanted you to know that we have approached the Soviets to take with us a joint position asking them to return to the ceasefire line and a ceasefire ant to take a neutral position.

M: Absolutely.

K: We wonder if you would agree until we have heard from the Soviets that we try to defer a meeting.

M: I see the argument.

K: There is one problem in our mind. As we do establish the facts it may be more difficult to get that kind of resolution. There seems to be no question in our mind that the Arabs started this one.

M: Quite likely. Our government without cutting across any consultations or any bilaterals outside...

K: Our proposal is to do it in the Security Council.

M: Our feeling is while we are doing this if we could show ourselves in business and call for a ceasefire and return to the original line and go into recess to allow our real work to go on.

M: I am not sure the Soviets will go along with that. But when were you thinking of doing this?

K: We felt we should not let today pass.

M: I agree on this.

K: We are not rushing into anything this morning. I was thinking about something in the course of the afternoon.

M: I am in agreement with you on that if you could say...

K: I am trying to get back to Washington and I am trying to get a quiet two hours in which to do it. As a general proposition if you felt inclined say two or three o'clock to call for a meeting would not sound unreasonable to us.

M: That is what we had in mind.

-2-

MacLean

Oct. 6

K: We wanted a couple more hours today.

M: I would not interfere with that. We felt it would be wrong for the world to know these large scale operations to go on and we have not shown our heads.

K: No problem with us on that.

M: Thank you very much and I will keep in touch with your people.

K: You do that and let us know ahead of time what you do.

M: I will.

K: If we hear from the Soviets before that we will let you know. If you would lean on the Soviets in that sense Sir Donald we would favor that. You don't have to wait until then to tell them what your view is.

M: I am about half way through in my consultations and with that knowledge I see no problem with that.

K: Thank you.

M: Good bye.

END