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Senator Aiken - Secretary Kissinger

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5:00 p.m.

K: I wanted to bring you up to date. We tried to call you earlier but you were on the way back. We received word very early, around 6:00 a. m. that the Israeli's were concerned that an attack was imminent. We got in touch with Egypt, Soviets and the Secretary General of the UN.

A: Yes,

K: We asked the Israelis not to make a pre-emptive move. They agreed. We informed the Arabs of this but war broke out anyway... just not enough time. We are now trying to coordinate action with the Soviets to perhaps get a resolution in the Security Council to return to cease fire line and for a cease fire. The Egyptians don't want ... Security Council, they want ... General Assembly, and that... will turn into a propaganda battle. If we can't get anyone to come along, we will go ahead and call for a cease fire and return to the status quo ante.

A: Are you back in Washington?

K: Yes, Senator. So, the Russians are going to answer us in a couple of hours. I'll let you know what...

A: That will tell the story probably.

K: From the Russian point of view if they go along with an even-handed view, the Arabs will be furious.

A: Can't believe the Russians would do that... wish Scoop would drop his amendment...

K: I can assure you that it doesn't help matters any.

A: Well, it looks like its up to the big ones now.

K: If we and the Russians can get together that might take care of it.

A: If I can do anything, let me know. I was at the Saudi Arabian Embassy last night, incidentally.

K: I will call in the next couple of hours or first thing in the morning.

A: Apparently this came as a complete surprise. I would have gotten wind of it last night... if....



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K: Our intelligence pointed in the other direction.

A: Well, I'll be around if you want to call.

K: Good, thank you Senator.