

TELCON
Ron Ziegler - The Secretary
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4:15 p. m.

K: Sure you want to talk to me? ... you insist on dealing with McCloskey now.

Z: Don't want to bother you

K: He's right here, he want to give you some instructions.

Z: Thanks alot.

K: Are you going at 5:00

Z: Yah. Not right on the nose, but around that time. 5 is about right, or 5 mintues on either side, all right?

K: Don't go before 5 because we have ...

Z: Okay, 5 or shortly after.

K: Let me read to you, it's very simple: At the President's direction, the Secretary of State has been in extensive consultation yesterday and today, with the fighting in the Middle East still continuing. The President has now instructed the Secretary to take the matter to the UN and to request a meeting of the Security Council. Now, if you get a question ~~q~~ when will that meeting of the Security Council take place, we are now consulting other members as to the best time. If you on guidance want to say tomorrow, ok, but don't want to look like we are delaying it overnight. Not going to get in a lot of trouble...no one else wants it.

Z: Say Amb. Scali now consulting, effort would be to get a cease fire.

K: No, shouldn't go into that becuase its a big issue - the cease fire and return to the previous lines before fighting started. Don't mention cease fire without returning to preiouv's lines. Don't want to tie the President to...

Z: What I would like to do ~~xxxx~~ is have Jerry, say the White House down here say you have been in constant contact with the President as you were yesterday.

K: Two or three times a day.

Z: Then give to the press what you just gave me and say Bob McCloskey at State can give further details.



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K: Perfect. Then

Z: Then Bob, who is there with you can

K: Bob will brief after the WSAG, or at least after you have

Z: Is McCloskey there now?

K: I will put him on, just a second

Z: defers any question to you

M: That will be fine. You can't handle the cease fire return to previous lines you will have to start from the origin... with the press in Miami Beach

Z: Okay, is Henry still there. You know we are coming back at 7:30

K: Leaving at 7:30&

Z: Right home by about 10. You know, the departure, combined with this announcement will hyper this quite a bit.

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K: Not so eager to have that. Don't make any impression. Will come down now and drive for solution, only I will explain when you get back. Don't want to discuss it on the phone.