

TELCON
Zayat/Sec. Kissinger
Oct. 6, 1973
7:35 a.m.

K: Sorry to bother you again. I want to keep you informed. I have had a reply from the Israelis to my request not to initiate any military operations. They have given formal assurance they will not launch attack nor initiate military operations. I want to tell you if they break this promise to us we will take the most serious view.

Z: Thank you. This seems like what happened in 1967. Because Russians were telling us there was a concentration on the frontier.

K: Are the Russians telling of this concentration?

Z: Yesterday someone from the Delegation told us that there was concentration on the Syrian front.

K: That is why we should learn from 1967. We now have an Israeli promise they will not launch a pre-emptive attack and we are giving you all the information we have. We are doing the utmost to get restraint by them.

Z: I am sending this by cable and by phone.

K: If you need any more let us know.

Z: We have good communications.

K: We will tell people to get your calls through immediately.

Z: Thank you.

K: I appreciate the spirit with which you are dealing with us on this. You can be sure we are doing our utmost to prevent a repetition of 1967. If Israel takes pre-emptive attack after this assurance from them we would oppose them.

Z: May I ask how you are contacting. Is Eban here?

K: The Israeli Ambassador in Washington. His communications are better. I am now going to contact Eban. Between you and me connections between the Ambassador and Meir are better than between Eban. We think speed is more important than protocol.

Z: I see.

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K: We will keep you informed if we learn anything else.
We have approached the Soviets.

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