

TELCON
Scowcroft/Sec. Kissinger
Saturday, Oct. 6, 1973
8:50 am

S: Do you want me to send a plane there.

K: Yes. It should have been done. They will have to come up and stand-by.

S: All right.

K: Whoever kept these messages from me have a heavy responsibility. It is not often you can get a war started.

S: Have you talked to the President.

K: Yes. Have you gotten the messages to to Dobrynin.

S: Yes. The messages are with him. There is a WSAG meeting in two minutes.

K: Tell them to stay quiet. Any discussion will be from Key Biscayne or McCloskey. Put the fleet into position; if we want them to move they can move; and find out how long to get them together. What reinforcements are available. Get a plan from Moorer by noon, to see what we can move if this gets out of hand and tell DOD to shut-up about military moves or anything. If they need a presidential order, I will get one for them in writing.

S: Right. I have told DOD and CIA that.

K: CIA is no problem but tell the Chiefs also. From Moorer find out what forces are available for movement throughout the Atlantic and how quickly it could be done.

S: These two carriers probably cannot get the troops back since this is a weekend.

K: Find out by noon how long it will take. Also what additional forces are available. No one is to move anything but they should get ready to move. I would not call troops back until noon. They should get themselves in a position to do it if they get the order.

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