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Foreign Minister El-Zayyat - Secretary Kissinger

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4:55 p. m.

K: Television star here. I can't retaliate. If you put me on Egyptian radio, no one would understand me, what I was saying.

Z: Of course of course, but if you came to my country....

K: I hope to be able to come...

Z: Have you got.....letter ?

K: Was it substantive or personal?

Z: I think it's important.. It speaks about our continual searching for peace.

K: Oh, that's very constructive and I am delighted. You can be sure we will respond in a positive way. I want to tell you what we are planning to do.way you have handled the situation. As I understand, you will make a statement but not ask for debate....very much in the spirit of our conversation.

Z: Of course, well I promised you that...

K: We are going to ask in the next hour for a Security Council meeting tomorrow. We have not really made up our mind whether we will come forward with a resolution,thought it not possible not to have key discussion in the UN. Our.... will be the same, as it will be low key and decided to permit constructive conditions of our relationship. Only reason I wanted to explain to you that we are doing it as a matter of principal of not having a war go on which isn't even discussed in the UN. We will conduct the debate on our side without criticism of any country. We haven't yet decided yet whether we will put forward a resolution. If we do I will let you know.

Z: This would be very embarrassing.

K: I understand that andwe will take a new look at the situation.

Z: Of course, our reaction would beto object... you understand we cannot ...

K: We are not asking for support. I assure you, thought, that whatever happens tactically in the next week, our strategy will be the one I



discussed with you.. continuing the atmosphere from our side....

Z:get the letter....

K; Certainly, when I get the letter I may call you after I have seen it.