

TELCON
Zayat/Sec. Kissinger
Oct. 6, 1973
8:15 a. m.

K: I am getting to be your good friend.

Z: Hope you will stay such.

K: No question about it.

Z: I could not get the President. He is in operation room. I got this following information. At 6:00 this mornign there was some navy units and airplane units -- Israelis took some provocation on the Egyptian borders. We have actually tried to repel them and are doing so.

K: Did they try to cross the Canan?

Z: In the Gulf of Suez; a maritime action supported by planes. This is in our territory. It is far way from the Syrian borders and the Suez Canal. There is a first communique which has been published.

K: Are these Israeli naval units.

Z: He said naval action supported by plans. I don't know exactly. I have asked for more information. Apparently this military contact is happening in Egyptian waters in Zafara and Sukhna. Far from the Suez Canal. South of Canal.

K: O.K.

Z: I see from the Israelis here are calling a meeting of For. Ministers.

K: As I told you we will oppose any Israeli offensive action by anyone else.

Z: I got your message.

K: I will work on this immediately. I would urge in the meantime to show restraint as much as possible and to confine any action to the place where it has started.

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Z: Inside Egypt is a bit difficult.

K: If inside Egypt, of course you will want to repel and we are not urging not to defend your territory but to try to confine and we will get to Israelis immediately. We will set up if you want to we will arrange communications to Cairo if you want to get in touch immediately.

Z: I have told them. What kind of communications?

K: Commander Howe will call you or call one of your assistants and tell you how to have very quick communications.

Z: He should call our Ambassador Meguid.

K: We will contact him and tell him how to get fast communications. Give my warm regards and we will do what we can.

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