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Secretary General (UN) Waldheim/ HAK  
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K:       Mr. Secretary General, I wanted to report to you about some events that have happened this morning that may conceivably get out of control. I received a call at 6 this morning from our Ambassador in Jerusalem that the Israelis believed that an attack by Egypt and Syrian forces was imminent, and since then I have been on the phone with the Israeli Foreign Minister, with the Egyptian Foreign Minister several times to urge maximum restraint on all parties and I have received word from the Israelis that they would not launch preemptive action. The Egyptians called back and said there was an Israeli naval attack taking place in the Gulf of Suez which was not their usual method of Israeli attack. As soon as I hung up from that I received a message from the Israelis that Egyptian and Syrian air attacks were going on all along the fronts. No troops had yet crossed at least. This is what I know as of this moment and I just wanted to talk to you and express our cooperation that we are attempting to establish.

W:       Thank you very much.

K:       I don't know what action is called for yet. I think we should try to calm the situation as much as possible, but it may get out of hand. What would be helpful if you could contact the Syrians before you contact the Egyptians.

Executive and the Foreign Minister

W:       I was sitting next to the Syrian/Minister/yesterday, but they did not say anything about this.

K:       I was sitting next to the Egyptian Foreign Minister yesterday but he did not say anything.

W:       I will contact you again if there is anything further.

K:       Thank you, and let's stay in touch.

W:       Will you stay here?

K:       I will stay for another couple of hours.

W:       I shall immediately try to contact these two nations, but I don't know whether I shall be able. Thank you very much for your information.

K:       Goodbye.