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Sec. Gen. Waldheim/ Sec. Kissinger

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W: I want to keep you informed of the developments here. Zahed (?) came to see the President and saw him in my presence. He asked him to convene an urgent meeting of the General Assembly. I mentioned this to you that he had already suggested that to me. He came then personally to the President requesting him to convene the meeting. The President reacted as I did. He said it was not technically possible. He cannot do it so quickly. After a lengthy conversation El Zahed agreed to send him a letter which he had prepared and signed in the office of the President and instead of having a special meeting of the GA he asked to circulate this letter. It is a two page letter which accuses the Israelis to have started the aggression and that they had to react and they accused the Israelis for having launched this aggression along the Egyptian-Syrian border and continues the Israeli's policy of occupation of the Arab territory and the increasing of the utilization of the Arab territories.

K: I guess we will see it eventually.

W: It is an accusation of Israel for not having accepted the UN resolution etc. This is the situation and this letter will be circulated as a GA document on request of El Zahed, and to speak on Monday morning in the GA. He came to my office and told me that he had still no request for any Security Council debate. Is that right? I can imagine they don't want it.

K: We feel there should be a Security Council debate sometime later this afternoon and we will oppose any GA debate of the subject.

W: It is a case for the Security Council.

K: We do not think the GA competent.

W: It has been declined to have a GA meeting. We don't have this problem at least over the weekend. If El-Zahed asks for the floor, the President has to give him the floor. When I asked him, he said he would ask for the floor only when he sees how things develop. I think he wants to see how the military operations develop.

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K: Yes. We will almost certainly support or call for a Security Council meeting this afternoon.

W: I have been contacted by some of the permanent members. Sir Donald ~~Macklin~~ Macklin suggested to convene the Council but I tol him the best way is to consult with the other members and I assume he has done it in the meantime. That he contacted you.

K: We will be in touch within about an hour or two and probably then call for a meeting.

W: In my talk with Macklin this morning after talking to you, he told me he has no instructions whatsoever on this subject and that he does not know whether they will do something in this matter. . He avoided any discussion of the substance.

K: Good. Mr. Sec. Gen., we will be in the closest touch with you. I am returning to Washington and I will call you from there to establish contact.

W: Thank you. I thought it important for you to know.

K: Very, and extremely helpful. Goodbye and I appreciate your cooperation.

W: Of course. We have gotten a series of cables now from our ceasefire observation groups. One think I wanted to add -- our Chairman there has made an appeal. He says, he has conveyed my appeal to the Governments of Egypt, Israel and Syria to adhere to the ceasefire agreement.

K: Thank you.

W: I wish you a good trip to Washington.

K: Goodbye.

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