

TELECON

Senator Masnfield/Kissinger

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4:45 pm

K: Refused to communicate. We did... got the Israelis not to launch a preemptive attack, despite our efforts it started at 9:00 and both with... now engaged in lining up Soviets to join our approach to call Security Council meeting without condemning either party, return to the status quo ante, formalization of cease-fire.

M: Good , I think that's right.

K: A non-committal reply. Giving them another two hours until 6:00 to see whether they will join us. If no, we will have to go to the Security Council on our own, , ask for a cease-fire and status quo ante, we don't want to do that, it will go on Monday into a fight in the General Assembly debates will be.... Right now the Arabs are across the Suez Canal. They started with 5 bridgeheads and now are down to 2. By tomorrow evening none, then into Arab position .. have to be an even-handed position. no change in cease-fire lines.

M: Only course is to pursue ... work down the middle line.

K: Ask for a simple resolution hope to get it tonight.

M: Where are you? In New York?

K: No, I returned to Washington to start planning. I will talk to Senator Fulbright later tonight. Out of touch right now. If he thinks it desirable I'll tell him I will be glad to meet with the committee in Executive Session on Tuesday.

M: I suggest you contact George Aiken and Morgan in the House. Incidentally, on my way out yesterday before I came back, I paid a courtesy call on Chio Quang Hua.

K: Isn't that nice.

M: Much better than last time.

K: Didn't you have an impression of more warmth?

M: Oh yes. Much, much better than when I saw Quan Hua. . a couple of weeks ago.

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