

TELCON

Mr. Sisco/Secretary Kissinger

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- K: I just called Zayyat to take his temperature, and the guy is in a panic--he says he doesn't insist on having an assembly debate and if I tell him not to have one, he'll cancel it, and all he wanted to do is to read his letter and if I tell him that's no good, he won't do it, and I said why don't you go to the statusquo ante--he said if I proposed that they'd kill me--
- S: That's understandable from his point of view.
- K: But he said if I had any proposal at all, he would get on the next plane to Cairo, ^{he} said, could I say that we stand for the territorial integrity of Egypt, probably not, can we?
- S: Well, territorial integrity of Egypt well no, I don't think you should get yourself in that at the moment. You have told him what you can, namely, we're for the restoration of the statusquo ante--
- K: No, no, no, no, no. I mean for the ultimate negotiation
- S: I know he is referring to the ultimate negotiation and they will interpret that as you having given a commitment in terms of total sovereignty. I think you have to stick to the formulas you have stuck to thus far, namely, reconciling sovereignty and security on the ultimate settlement.
- K: Look Joe can you think up, he pleaded with me to give him anything tomorrow morning and I think he is looking for a face-saving thing but you think of something I can say to him
- S: Right, that will at least be encouraging
- K: If he wants to claim as a new initiative, even if it doesn't mean anything.
- S: Just a--yes
- K: Just a paragraph. Can you think of?
- S: Sure, let me focus on it, I'll come up with something.
- K: I'll be back in 45 minutes.
- S: At the moment I'm organizing a few of the long-going studies that we need to do as a result of WSAG.
- K: What I need you to do is think up that one paragraph