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Secretary Schesinger - Secretary Kissinger

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1:30 p. m.

K: I have been talking to the President all morning on where we stand. We have had another very urgent request from the Israelis for some ammunition and various items from that list, including 40 Phantoms which of course is out of the question, but the President's inclination is that if the Israelis will be able to pick it up, to give them some other stuff, laying claim for diplomatic....

S: They are most interested in sidewinders at the moment, Henry.

K: Do you think you could handle it at defense so that it doesn't leak?

S: I think we can do it.

K: We did it in '67.

S: They have indicated they would pick it up, and not have to get our transport involved.

K: Could you let me know by the time of the WSAG?

S: Yes, sir.

K: Perhaps you could go through the list of things you think we could give them.

S: Sidewinders are what they are most interested in now, in fact they are sort of quietly desperate about that.

K: They have made three separate appeals to the President now. They say their losses have been very heavy.

S: Well, their aircraft losses have been substantial because of the SAMs. There is something very peculiar about the Egyptian front. They seem to want Egypt to come in.... Egyptians didn't move their forces heavily across the Canal last night. The Israelis seem to be lying back. The forces they moved across were relatively small. The Syrian front is much more problematical. In both cases they may be subtle game of attempting this time to show they really are vulnerable in view of the feeling around the world that they are just bullies.



K: We intend to get paid for whatever support we give them now. Don't want to have screams ...could get the Jewish community to think ...support now makes it a little harder to scream in six weeks.

S: They can too.

K: They will do it, too. I'm not so worried about the Jewish community.
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S: The fact that they have been deterred from pre-empting may lead them to hold back in response just to gain sympathy, to show they have made themselves vulnerable.

K: I don't think that's what they are doing. I think they really were surprised this time.

S: Then why haven't they moved in vigorously in the South?

K: Well, I don't know.....OK, goodbye.