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Senator Mansfield - Secretary Kissinger

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8:15 p. m.

K: I just called you earlier in the day to tell you what we had decided to do. Now, we have already taken it to the Security Council. We have been in consultation all day with the British, Israelis, Arabs and we think conditions are right now to start discussions in....

M: What's the attitude of the Russians?

K: Their attitude.. My impression quite honestly is that they were taken aback by what the Arabs did this time. This is confidential information, but they have informed us they pulled out all advisors against the wishes of the countries before the fighting began.

M: Since the fighting broke out?

K: Before the fighting broke out, they knew about it about two days in advance. So, there are no Russians involved.

M: That's good. The position we are going to take tomorrow is to request a return to the situation to what it was before the fighting started. Our estimate is with the Israelis succeeding, now that will look increasingly attractive.

M: Right down the middle?

K: Exactly. We will keep you informed if anything else happens.

M: Good, thank you Henry.