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K. Hello.

N. Henry, what's new today?

K. Well, we are beginning to navigate. The Israelis are 20K inside Syria.

N. That's good. That is about as far...as Egypt. You have been up there haven't you. You can look across the desert.

K. I had Dobrynin in today. I felt we had to do something. I told him during the course of our conversation that I would try to work up a ceasefire arrangement and that I would try to get something by tomorrow, but I can probably stall for another day, and I told him on a simple ceasefire we would abstain if they would abstain. He thought that would be agreeable.

N. What is the line in the Post and the Times? Are they advocating a ceasefire?

K. They do not approve of the detente. Let's be realistic. The Soviets in the case of India...have not done a hell of a lot in the case of the Middle East and....The Soviet press has not said one word against us. If we are the Israelis...for them to do nothing is inconceivable.

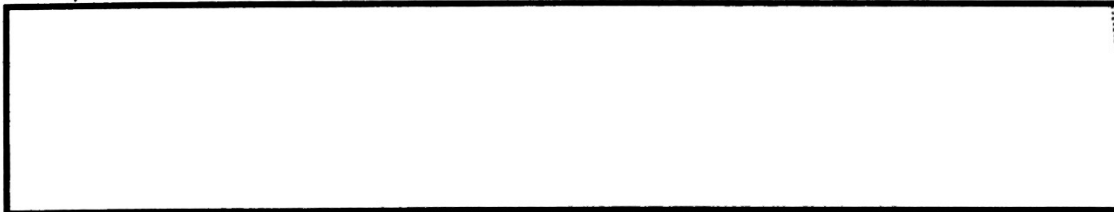
N. Of course, What are they saying?

K. Under these conditions there cannot be any NFN.

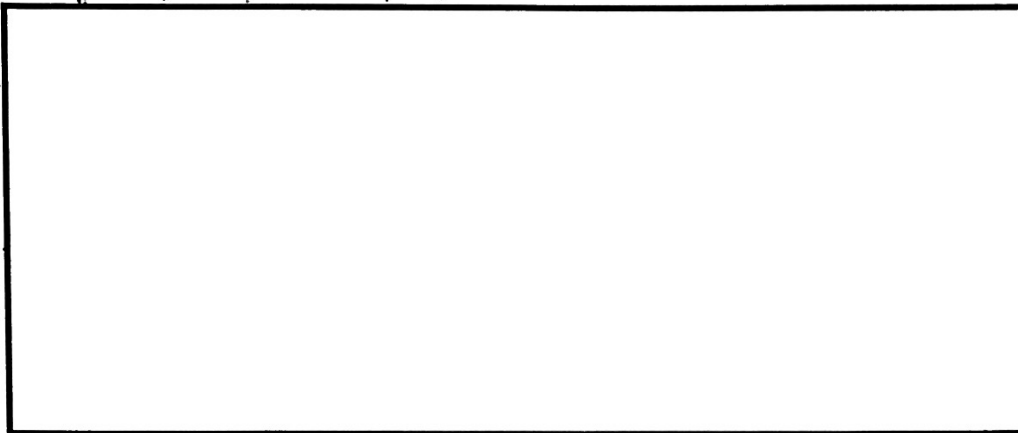
N. I just wanted to be sure.

K. Dobrynin says the problem of the second line people is taken care of. "I have told them on the pain of death not to tell the public what we are doing." That is where the difficulty of the.... Dinitz and Mrs. Mier are very grateful.

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K. After you called me in the morning I was giving a lunch for Lon Tran who has been wanting to come to the State Department. I invited Mansfield who said that whoever you nominate for the Vice President the Senate will take weeks to approve.

N. He is just threatening. They won't take weeks, you watch. He is just a sour bastard. Did you tell him about thething. naming him....

K. He said the President is very thoughtful. I am just passing this information on. I thought it might be interesting for you to know what he said.

N. Sure. Bill Rogers has been suggested as a possible Vice President. It would be impossible.

K. He would drive you crazy....

N. There have also been suggestions for Rockefeller and certainly Connolly, maybe Reagan and Ford.

K. Of that list I would certainly drop Reagan.

N. There have been over a thousand requests for Reagan. While I don't back...

K. Any of the other three you mention could do the job with....

N. Even Dan Ford?

K. Ford to me has the advantage over the other two....If you pick Connolly or Rockefeller they will be the presidential candidate in the next election.

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N. That is one of the reasons people want Ford.

K. I don't think he is a possible candidate for President.

N. He will be safe. He is basically a bright Truman.

K. I believe it is important that you maintain a position after '74 where some of the candidates need you and by withholding your support until the last minute you can maintain the maximum leadership position.

N. I just want to know about the PR side. I just want it to come out in the end. As far as the American people are concerned they don't want us to get involved. I want to see that Israel doesn't lose. It is going to be one terrible blow to the people around the world.

K. I will not come down hard on the Soviets ever...Our response will be as touch...I will not comment on military supplies or anything like that. Beyond a certain point it is clearly...

N. I know we have managed this right.

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N. I am not making this on the basis....

[Redacted]

That was the principal in India, Pakistan, Korea and Viet-Nam. We are single centered.

K. We have already pursued the same policy.

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N. Are they doing well in decimating the Syrian army?

K. It looks as though the Syrian army is broken.

N. But the Egyptian army holds. What is that?

K. They haven't launched an all out attack.

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N. They are marvelous fighters.

K. They have knocked out 900 Syrian tanks.

N. Israel lost 500 themselves?

K. About 400 to 500.

N. We are doing the right thing giving all the private assurances to Mrs. Mier.

K. Defense is dragging its feet about supplies.

N. Give them...that's all that she wants. OK.



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