

TELECON
Dobrynin/Kissinger
October 13, 1973
7:14 p. m.

D. Hello.

K. Anatolyi.

D. Hello, Henry.

K. You don't keep in touch with your old friends.

D. On the contrary. I was afraid to bother you. You have been winning too many awards. I am just reading your correspondence with the Egyptians. Your last message about you going to Egypt later on.

K. It was consistent with what we told you.

D. I am not complaining. It is marked on the 16th. Is anything new?

K. No. I am just assuming that Kosygin will be returning soon.

D. Yes, his home is still Moscow, not Cairo.

K. The only thing I have a slight worry about is maybe he failed in his mission. Or supposing he didn't fail and suggests something. You will understand we will need some time to consider it. Don't ask us for an answer in two hours. We have not discussed this with the Israelis. We have been more frank with the Arabs on this than with the Israelis. It is my judgment that Israel will refuse any linkage on a peace settlement. We didn't want any liberals yelling that Kosygin is probably in Cairo selling. You know what I mean.

D. Yes.

K. We are in a difficult position.

D. You make it clear that you need 24 hours.

K. Please keep in mind if you have any contacts with the Israelis that we have not discussed this formula with them. I was so upset with what they did with the ceasefire and that... would be screaming that Soviets would be sailing through the Canal. I want to confine

it to Jackson. First of all it depends of course on the verdict, something on the line of 242. It is my judgment they will go along with it. For all I know they may say thank you. It depends on the military situation. What is your impression?

D. It is very quiet. We are waiting for the results from Kosygin. He should get a very straight talk with Sadat.

K. I have told my associates the Arabs are lying as Arabs and the Israelis are lying as the Arabs and it is hard to tell what is going on.

D. Don't say that to an American correspondent. . . . You know how the things go in these cases.

K. The Israelis said they knocked out on Sunday 250 tanks. Now that is a big order.

D. We have to. . . someone.

K. I quite frankly don't know. Our impression is that it is fairly stable.

D. It is my impression it is a stalemate on both fronts.

K. My nightmare is a victory for either side.

D. It is not only your nightmare. Are you speaking from the point of view. . . . if you are not here who will handle this?

K. I was going on the 22nd. I may put it off for a few days. I will almost certainly be here until the 23rd and maybe the 24th.

D. Who will handle it?

K. Scowcroft.

D. Scowcroft, and not Rush? For the time being until the 23rd you will still be here and we will be in contact with you.

K. I expect if Kosygin comes back tomorrow. By Saturday we should hear something. The only thing was I wanted to call you at a quiet moment to remind you that in all honesty we have not discussed this with the Israelis.

D. . . . they presumed that the Americans would consult us, at least the hope that is so when it comes to something important. He would like to show that he is not worried about it. I will be in touch with you.

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