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VIA [REDACTED] EO 12958 OCTOBER 15, 1973

TO: AMBASSADOR BRUCE *usawarded*
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

I MET WITH HAN HSU SUNDAY EVENING TO INFORM THE CHINESE ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS THAT IN LIGHT OF MASSIVE SOVIET AIRLIFT OF WAR MATERIALS TO SYRIA AND IRAQ WE WERE STARTING U.S. AIRLIFT TO ISRAEL, CONSISTING PRIMARILY OF CONSUMABLES. I EMPHASIZED OUR DESIRE TO COUNTERACT SOVIET EFFORTS TO GAIN PREDOMINANT INFLUENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND POINTED OUT THAT WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO BRING AN END TO THE FIGHTING IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT CONTRIBUTES TO A PEACE SETTLEMENT IN THE AREA.

HAN RESPONDED BY REFERRING TO THE CHINESE POSITION ON THE MIDDLE EAST AS EXPRESSED IN SPEECHES BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ALSO NOTED THAT CHOU EN-LAI HAD MET WITH ARAB AMBASSADORS AND SENT CABLES OF SUPPORT TO ASAD AND SADAT.

WARM REGARDS.

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***** HSR COMMENT *****

CYS TO: RODMAN, MCFARLANE, HOWE, LARO