



WITH RESPECT TO THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE, I BELIEVE THAT BOTH OUR COUNTRIES ARE OF THE VIEW THAT IT SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO A CONCLUSION AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE AND THAT BOTH OUR DELEGATIONS ARE WORKING IN THAT SENSE AT GENEVA.

Q. WHAT DID YOU TELL THE PRESIDENT ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR ANOTHER SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST, MR. SECRETARY?

A. WE HAD A FULL DISCUSSION OF THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND I TOLD HIM WE CANNOT REALLY JUDGE UNTIL I HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO TALK WITH THE ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER AND UNTIL THE VIEWS OF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WILL THEN HAVE BEEN FORMALLY COMMUNICATED TO THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT FOR THEIR REACTION.

Q. ABOUT PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING'S PROPOSAL FOR A MONETARY CONFERENCE NEXT AUTUM?

A. WELL, WE HAVE NOT HAD A FORMAL SUGGESTION TO THAT EFFECT BUT WE TAKE THE VIEWS OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT ON THE MONETARY SITUATION SERIOUSLY AND WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE BIG OUTSTANDING ISSUES ABOUT WHICH WE WILL REMAIN IN VERY CLOSE CONTACT.

Q. HAVE YOU AGREED ON A TENTATIVE DATE FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THE OIL DIALOGUE?

A. WE HAVEN'T AGREED ON A DATE BUT I THINK WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS TOWARDS ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK WHICH SHOULD ENABLE US TO PROPOSE DATES WITHIN A REASONABLE FUTURE.

Q. ABOUT THE RENEWAL OF THE DIALOGUE BEFORE THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN?

A. WE ARE WORKING IN THAT DIRECTION.

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