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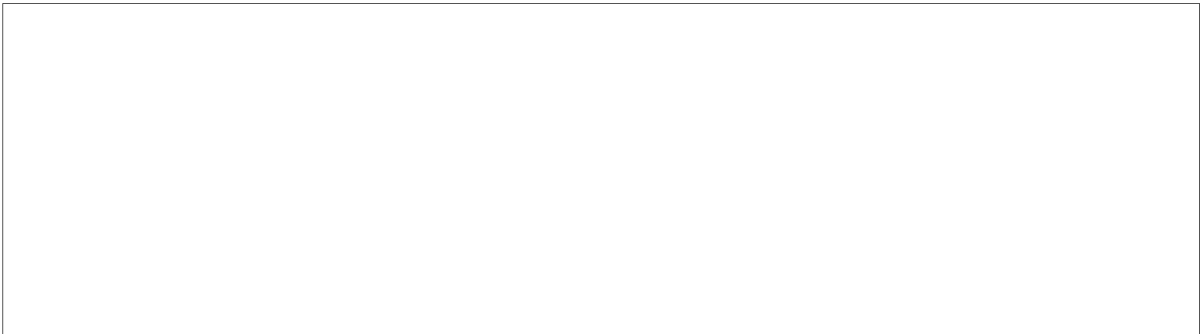
November 6, 1973

TALKING POINTS

1. --[To Colby] Would you brief on how the ceasefire is holding up.

--We have had numerous reports that both sides expect hostilities to resume. Do we see signs of this today? If fighting were to break out on a large-scale, how would it be likely to go? What would our choices be?

*How about 10-15 min*



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2. --Last Friday the Secretary made it clear that the President's energy speech should be low-key and not spotlight the Middle East situation. We have revised early drafts to make them conform with this approach, but we should be satisfied here that the speech is acceptable on foreign policy grounds. [See Oil Issues tab for points you might raise on the speech.]

3. --[To Rush and Clements]. What was the Congressional reactions to your presentations in support of aid to Israel? Is there any chance of action on the bill during this session?

4. --[To Clements.] Do we have reports from the team in Israel on the magnitude of Israel's losses? Are the Israelis being cooperative?

--How is our resupply effort going? When will the airlift begin to drop off? When will the sealift peak and when will it begin to drop off?

*Is there a blockade?*

*Oil prices?*

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