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WASHINGTON (UPI) --THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION HAVE EXCHANGED IDEAS "ON THE NATURE OF A POSSIBLE RESOLUTION" TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN AN EFFORT TO HALT THE MIDEAST WAR, IT WAS DISCLOSED TODAY.

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ADD 1 MIDEAST, WASHINGTON (UPI-101)

THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S SPOKESMAN ON THE CRISIS, AMBASSADOR ROBERT MCCLOSKEY, SAID THAT THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS SO FAR BETWEEN THE SUPERPOWERS ON THIS SUBJECT HAD BEEN MORE OF A GENERAL NATURE THAN IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC LANGUAGE.

MCCLOSKEY MADE THE STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION WHETHER THE RUSSIANS HAD PUT FORWARD ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSAL FOR SETTLING THE WAR.

THE DISCLOSURE OF THE FIRST KNOWN U.S.-SOVIET EXCHANGES ON PEACE INITIATIVES CAME THIS AFTERNOON FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT A SHORT TIME EARLIER THAT THE U.S. AIRLIFT OF ARMS TO ISRAEL WAS NOW MATCHING THE TONNAGE BEING DELIVERED TO EGYPT AND SYRIA BY THE RUSSIANS.

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ADD 2 MIDEAST, WASHINGTON

MCCLOSKEY HAS SAID SEVERAL TIMES OVER THE PAST WEEK THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS IN CLOSE AND CONTINUING CONTACT WITH RUSSIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE BATTLE AREA.

SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER IS KNOWN TO HAVE CONFERRED ALMOST DAILY WITH THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON, ANATOLI DOBRYNIN.

MCCLOSKEY'S REMARKS TODAY CONSTITUTED THE FIRST WORD THAT MOSCOW AND THE UNITED STATES WERE TRYING TO REACH AN AGREEMENT ON A SPECIFIC RESOLUTION FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL.

IT WAS CLEAR FROM MCCLOSKEY'S COMMENTS THAT THEY WERE NOT YET CLOSE ENOUGH TO AGREEMENT TO WARRANT UNDUE OPTIMISM. MCCLOSKEY SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES IN ITS CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES HAD NOT FOUND SUFFICIENT CONSENSUS TO WARRANT AN IMMEDIATE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON POSSIBLE PEACE PROPOSALS.

THE U.S. SPOKESMAN SAID THE UNITED STATES WAS UNDERTAKING CERTAIN "PEACE INITIATIVES" BUT SAID THERE WAS NOTHING HE COULD TELL ABOUT THEM "OTHER THAN TO SAY WE ARE MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT WITH ALL PARTIES."

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ADD 3 MIDEAST, WASHINGTON

U.S. OFFICIALS, WHO ASKED NOT TO BE IDENTIFIED SAID BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION WERE NOW SUPPLYING 700 TO 800 TONS OF REPLACEMENT ARMAMENTS A DAY TO ISRAEL AND THE ARABS, RESPECTIVELY.

THEY REPORTED INDICATIONS THE RUSSIANS MAY BE INCLUDING REPLACEMENT WARPLANES IN THEIR SHIPMENTS TO THE ARABS.

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