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MESSAGE ANNOTATIONS:

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SYRIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN SUGGESTS THAT HIS GOVERNMENT REJECT SUBSTANCE OF NOTE DELIVERED NOV. 4 BY STATE DEPT.

MESSAGE:

PRIDRITY DE RUEHF8 #0313 3090115 P 050100Z NOV 73 FM DIRECTOR, FBI

TO WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM ATT.: DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER SECRETARY OF STATE

S E C R E T - NOFORN DISSEM ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT, OCTOBER, 1973; INTERNAL SECURITY-MIDDLE EAST.

AT 5:00PM, ON SUNDAY, 11-4-73, A CONDIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MOHAMED ZAKARIA ISMAIL COMMENTED TO STAFF MEMBERS OF THE SYRAIN DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE SUGGESTION TRANSMITTED THAT AFTERNOON BY THE US STATE DEPARTMENT, AS FOLLOWS:

ISMAIL ADVISED HIS ASSOCIATE, DIA EL-FATTAL, THAT IT WAS ISMAIL'S OPINION THAT SYRIA SHOULD REJECT THE SUGGESTION FOR HE FELT THAT "THEY ARE READY TO PAY MORE."

ISMAIL INSTRUCTED SECOND SECRETARY ELIAS ARIS OF THE SYRIAN DELEGATION TO CABLE THE SUGGESTION, IN PLAIN TEXT, TO THE SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER IN DAMASCUS. HE FURTHER INSTRUCTED THAT A SECOND ENCODED CABLE SHOULD BE SENT TO DAMASCUS, REFERRING TO THE SUGGESTION. THIS SECOND CABLE WOULD ADVISE DAMASCUS THAT THE US STATE DEPARTMENT RELATED TO ISMAIL THE ISRAELI SUGGESTION, AS SET FORTH IN PLAIN TEXT, AND "WHICH APPEARS FOR CERTAIN TO HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO THE US STATE DEPARTMENT BEFORE IT RECEIVED OUR REPLY TO THE THREE QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY KISSINGER."

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