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NIXON MID-EAST

KEY BISCAYNE, FLA. (AP)-- PRESIDENT NIXON WAS AWAKENED EARLY TODAY AT THE FLORIDA WHITE HOUSE WITH WORD OF "A CRITICAL SITUATION" DEVELOPING IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND WAS KEEPING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE REPORTS OF ISRAELI-ARAB FIGHTING, DEPUTY PRESS SECRETARY GERALD WARREN SAID.

THE PRESIDENT WOULD HAVE NO IMMEDIATE COMMENT ON THE FLARE-UP, WARREN SAID.

WARREN SAID NIXON RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL AT ABOUT 6:30 A.M. AT HIS FLORIDA RESIDENCE FROM SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER, WHO "TOLD HIM OF REPORTS THAT A CRITICAL SITUATION WAS DEVELOPING" IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

"THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN FOLLOWING THE SITUATION SINCE EARLY THIS MORNING," WARREN ADDED, WITH A SECOND CALL FROM KISSINGER AROUND 9:30 A.M. AND CABLES AND REPORTS ON DEVELOPMENTS COMING TO HIM AS HE WORKED IN HIS RESIDENCE STUDY OVERLOOKING BISCAYNE BAY.

IT WAS LEARNED THAT KISSINGER, WHO HAS BEEN IN NEW YORK DISCUSSING THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION WITH UNITED NATIONS DIPLOMATS, HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF BOTH EGYPT AND ISRAEL SINCE REPORTS OF THE FIGHTING WERE RELAYED TO HIM.  
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"MILITARY HEADQUARTERS" THIS MORNING. I HAVE AUTHORIZED  
EMBASSY SPOKESMAN TO CONFIRM I HAD VISIT OF 40 MINUTES THIS  
MORNING WITH MRS. MEIR AT HER REQUEST. WE WILL NOT COMMENT  
FURTHER AND WILL REFER INQUIRIES TO GOI.

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