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FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON: GOOD MORNING, GENTLEMEN.
I AM SORRY YOU DID NOT SLEEP THE WHOLE NIGHT. WE
WERE PREPARING FOR THE CABINET SESSION WHICH IS GOING
TO TAKE PLACE IN A VERY SHORT WHILE AND THEN WE SHALL
SEE WHAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL DECIDE. ANYWAY, THE
DECISION, THE GROUND, IS READY FOR SUCH A DECISION.

Q: WHAT IS YOUR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CABINET?

FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON: I AM NOT PERMITTED TO SAY
A FEW HOURS AHEAD OF TIME. THANK YOU.

SEC. KISSINGER: WELL, AS YOU CAN GATHER, THERE
WERE A FEW MINOR TECHNICAL PROBLEMS (LAUGHTER) THAT
REQUIRED ATTENTION. WE HAVE BEEN MEETING FOR, ~~THE~~ WELL,

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A FEW HOURS ATTEMPTING TO IRON OUT THE REMAINING TECHNICAL PROBLEMS AND I THINK WE HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY DONE SO. SO NOW THE ISRAELI CABINET IS GOING TO MEET AND WE WILL KNOW LATER DURING THE DAY WHAT THEIR VIEWS ARE.

Q: DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE AN AGREEMENT ALSO?
SEC. KISSINGER: I THINK WE ARE SUBSTANTIALLY THERE.

Q: SPECIAL PROGRESS? (LAUGHTER)

Q: CAN I GET BACK TO THE ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. ALLON? CAN YOU TELL US WHETHER IN FACT THERE IS AN AGREEMENT, SIR?

FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON: THE NEGOTIATING TEAM IS GOING TO REPORT TO THE CABINET, PRESENT THE DOCUMENTS AND EXPLAIN WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT. I THINK WE MADE VERY SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I AM GOING TO USE A WORD WHICH I HAVE AVOIDED THROUGHOUT THE SHUTTLE: WE HAD A VERY CONSTRUCTIVE SESSION LAST NIGHT (LAUGHTER). SERIOUSLY, THIS IS A DAY WHERE AN IMPORTANT DECISION MAY TAKE PLACE.

Q: MR. ALLON, WILL YOU RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNMENT THAT THEY ACCEPT THIS DRAFT?

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FOREIGN MINISTER ALTON: OUT OF LOYALTY TO MY COLLEAGUES, I AM NOT GOING TO SAY WHAT I AM GOING TO RECOMMEND, BUT IF WE BRING THE PAPERS AND THE REPORTS BEFORE THE MINISTERS, OF COURSE, WE SHALL TELL THEM WHAT WE THINK ABOUT IT.

Q: MR. ALTON, IF I MAY BE PERMITTED A PERSONAL JUDGMENT, ALL OF YOU SEEM TO BE EXUDING NOTHING BUT GOOD WILL. ~~THIS MORNING~~ YOU ARE CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO RECOMMEND THAT IT BE TURNED DOWN, ARE YOU? FOREIGN MINISTER ALTON: WELL, LET US KEEP YOU WAITING A LITTLE BIT AND FIND OUT LATER -- LATE AFTER-NOON.

SEC. KISSINGER: THE KEEPERS ARE GOING TO COME FOR US ANY MOMENT ANYWAY.

Q: WILL THE INITIATING FOR BOTH SIDES TAKE PLACE TODAY?

SEC. KISSINGER: WE WILL MAKE AN EFFORT TO DO THAT. YES. DEPENDING ON HOW LONG THE DELIBERATIONS ARE HERE.

Q: AND THE SIGNING, DR. KISSINGER?

SEC. KISSINGER: THAT WILL BE A FEW DAYS AFTERWARDS, AFTER THE KNESSET HAS MET.

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Q: WHERE WILL ~~BE~~ THAT BE, SIR, THE SIGNING?

SEC. KISSINGER: I THINK IT WILL BE IN GENEVA.

Q: WILL IT BE SEPARATELY, OR WILL IT BE TOGETHER?

SEC. KISSINGER: TOGETHER.

Q: ARE YOU JUST TAKING A GIANT LEAP, NOW, DR. KISSINGER? ARE YOU ~~SAID~~ TALKING ABOUT INITIALING?

SEC. KISSINGER: WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

Q: I MEAN BECAUSE IT IS NOW SIX O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING THAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT A GIANT LEAP? I GET THE IMPRESSION YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT INITIALING?

SEC. KISSINGER: YOU ARE RIGHT.

Q: THEN IT WILL HAPPEN TODAY ON BOTH SIDES?

SEC. KISSINGER: NO. WE HAVE TO WAIT NOW FOR THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE ISRAELI CABINET.

FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON: MY GUESS IS THAT THE CABINET WILL SIT UNTIL THE LATE HOURS OF THE AFTERNOON. THERE IS A LOT OF MATERIAL TO READ AND I AM SURE THAT EACH ~~OF~~ ONE OF THE MINISTERS WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS HIMSELF. --

Q: JUST IN TERMS OF THE TECHNICALITIES, NOW, WHAT DOES THE CABINET HAVE TO DO? GO THROUGH EVERY POINT?

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FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON: WELL, IT DEPENDS ON THE DESIRE OF THE MINISTERS TO GO INTO ~~THE~~ DETAILS MORE OR LESS. SOME ARE MORE INTERESTED, SOME A LITTLE LESS. BUT THEY WILL MEET AT 8:30. WE WILL GIVE THEM A LITTLE TIME TO READ SOME OF THE PAPERS. THEN BY TEN WE SHALL BEGIN OUR DELIBERATIONS. USUALLY, IT WILL TAKE A GOOD SIX TO EIGHT HOURS. AND IF THE CABINET DECIDES TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT, THEN IT CAN BE ~~BEING~~ INITIALED TODAY, I ~~MEAN~~ MEAN IN THE LATE AFTERNOON OR EARLY ~~EVENING~~ EVENING. AND WHEN THE EGYPTIANS WILL DO THIS IS FOR THE SECRETARY ~~TO~~ TO SAY. I HAVE NOT MET ~~THEM~~ THEM ~~YET~~ YET.

Q: DR. KISSINGER: DR. KISSINGER, WHILE THE ISRAELI CABINET IS MEETING, WILL YOU REMAIN HERE OR WILL YOU GO TO EGYPT?

SEC. KISSINGER: NO, I WILL BE HERE.

Q: WILL YOU GO TO BED? (LAUGHTER)

SEC. KISSINGER: I AM THINKING OF GOING TO BED NOW. (LAUGHTER)

Q: ARE YOU GETTING A QUICK ROUND OF TENNIS OR SOMETHING TODAY? ~~AND~~ YOU ARE STILL ~~BURNING~~ BURNING WITH ENTHUSIASM AND VIGOR.

SEC. KISSINGER: WELL, --

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FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON: HE WAS WELL-TREATED TONIGHT, YOU SEE. (LAUGHTER)

SEC. KISSINGER: WE HAVE A LOT OF DOCUMENTS TO PREPARE. WE HAVE TO MAKE A LOT OF CONTACTS WITH VARIOUS PEOPLE. SO I WILL BE HERE AND I WILL BE FAIRLY BUSY.

Q: YOU DO NOT REGARD YOUR TASK AS COMPLETED YET?

SEC. KISSINGER: I THINK THE NEGOTIATING TASK IS SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED.

Q: WHAT IS REMAINING THEN?

SEC. KISSINGER: WHAT REMAINS? WELL, THERE IS A LOT OF TECHNICAL WORK TO BE DONE -- CONTACTS WITH VARIOUS PEOPLE AND GROUPS.

Q: ARE ALL ~~THE~~ DETAILS SETTLED -- HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE THERE AND HOW MANY STATIONS...

SEC. KISSINGER: I WOULD THINK SO.

Q: ARE YOU REFERRING TO CONTACTS WITH CONGRESS AND THE SENATE?

SEC. KISSINGER: IN WASHINGTON AND WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

Q: HAVE YOU BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE PRESIDENT YET?

SEC. KISSINGER: I WAS IN TOUCH WITH HIM BEFORE I BEGAN THIS MEETING, AND I WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH

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Q: ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE AGREEMENT THE WAY IT STANDS?

SEC. KISSINGER: YES. I AM.

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Q: GOOD MORNING, MR. SECRETARY, DO YOU HAVE RESULTS ON THE AGREEMENT?

SEC. KISSINGER: AS I TOLD YOU EARLIER, WE HAD A FEW TECHNICAL DETAILS TO WORK OUT.

Q: ARE THEY WORKED OUT NOW, SIR?

SEC. KISSINGER: WE HAD A NUMBER OF ISSUES THAT WE HAD TO EXAMINE. I THINK THAT WE HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY CONCLUDED OUR NEGOTIATIONS. THE ISRAELI CABINET IS NOW GOING TO MEET AND WILL MAKE A DECISION DURING THE COURSE OF THE DAY. AFTERWARDS, WE WILL KNOW WHAT TO DO.

Q: WERE THERE ANY CONTACTS WITH EGYPT DURING THE COURSE OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS TODAY?

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SEC. KISSINGER: WE HAD A PRETTY GOOD IDEA OF THE EGYPTIAN POSITION AND OF COURSE WE HAD PRESENTED THE ISRAELI POSITION IN EGYPT DURING THE DAY. SO IT WAS CLEAR WHAT WAS NEEDED TO MOVE THE PARTIES AND WE KNEW THE SPAN WITHIN WHICH BOTH SIDES WERE WILLING TO MOVE. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH DURING THE COURSE OF THE NIGHT WITH EGYPT, HOWEVER.

Q: HAVE THE NEGOTIATORS, THEN, FROM BOTH SIDES AGREED ON A TEXT AT THE MOMENT?

SEC. KISSINGER: MY IMPRESSION IS YES. WE HAVE TO MAKE ONE MORE CHECK.

Q: ARE THERE ANY LOOSE ENDS REMAINING SIR, OR ARE ALL THE FACTS NOW KNOWN? ARE THE LINES KNOWN, THE NUMBERS OF PERSONNEL...

SEC. KISSINGER: NO, THERE IS NO MORE NEGOTIATING TO BE DONE.

Q: ALL HAS BEEN RESOLVED; ALL THE NUMBERS ARE KNOWN; ALL THE FIGURES, ALL THE DETAILS ARE ALL FINISHED?

SEC. KISSINGER: YES.

Q: WHERE DOES THAT CHECK HAVE TO BE MADE -- YOU SAID ONE MORE CHECK HAS TO BE MADE?

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SEC. KISSINGER: WELL, WE HAVE TO COMPARE TEXTS AND SO FORTH TO MAKE SURE.

Q: IS IT STILL YOUR HOPE TO GO TO ALEXANDRIA TONIGHT OR STAY HERE TONIGHT?

SEC. KISSINGER: IT DEPENDS HOW LONG THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE ISRAELI CABINET WILL LAST. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE I WOULD LIKE TO GO TO ALEXANDRIA BEFORE THE END OF THE EVENING.

Q: ARE ALL THE BILATERAL UNDERSTANDINGS NOW COMPLETELY WORKED OUT AS WELL?

SEC. KISSINGER: WE HAVE COMPLETED. YES, IT IS FINISHED.

Q: HUNDRED PER CENT?

SEC. KISSINGER: I WOULD SAY THE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ARE FINISHED.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, WHEN WILL THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND DIPLOMATIC CONCESSIONS TO ISRAEL BE MADE PUBLIC?

SEC. KISSINGER: WELL, WHY DON'T YOU WAIT UNTIL ALL THE DOCUMENTS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC AND THEN YOU CAN JUDGE FOR YOURSELF WHICH FALL INTO WHICH CATEGORY.

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Q: WILL THEY BE ALL MADE AT THE SAME TIME -- THE MILITARY LINKS AS WELL AS THE POLITICAL ALL AT ONCE?

SEC. KISSINGER: YES.

Q: AS FAR AS YOU ARE CONCERNED NOW, SIR, THIS IS A SUCCESS -- HAVE YOU DONE WHAT YOU CAME TO DO?

SEC. KISSINGER: WELL, WHY DON'T WE WAIT TILL THE END OF THE DAY.

Q: WILL THE ISRAELI-AMERICAN DOCUMENT BE MADE PUBLIC ALSO?

SEC. KISSINGER: I DO NOT THINK SO.

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