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FOR ANDERSON FROM KING

THE SECRETARY AND GROMYKO -- GENEVA

1. MARVIN KALB -- CBS-TV FROM GENEVA -- KISSINGER WELCOMED GROMYKO IN THE HOTEL LOBBY AND AFTER POSING FOR PICTURES THE TWO DIPLOMATS RETREATED TO THE SECRETARY'S SUITE WHERE THEY RESUMED THEIR TALKS ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST AND STRATEGIC ARMS. THEY CONFERRED LAST NIGHT FOR ALMOST TWO HOURS. ALTHOUGH THE SUBJECT OF STRATEGIC ARMS IS TOUGH, NO CONCEPTUAL BREAKTHROUGH HAS YET BEEN REGISTERED. THE MIDDLE EAST IS THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM. KISSINGER IS EAGER TO GET A DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL BEFORE A FEARED ERUPTION OF ALL-OUT WAR RATHER THAN THE ATTRITION UNDERWAY NOW FOR A MONTH AND A HALF. THE AMERICAN DELEGATION THINKS ISRAEL IS GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE THE FIRST STEP, AND TROUBLE IN JERUSALEM IS ANTICIPATED. GROMYKO WANTS PART OF THE ACTION. RUSSIA IS UNHAPPY ABOUT KISSINGER'S SOLO STYLE DIPLOMACY WHICH HAS ROBBED RUSSIA OF INFLUENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN RECENT MONTHS. IT IS THE COMMON ASSUMPTION AMONG U.S. OFFICIALS THAT IF GROMYKO WANTED KISSINGER TO SUCCEED IN GETTING A DISENGAGEMENT DEAL HE WOULD, AND IF GROMYKO WANTED TO FRUSTRATE SUCCESS HE WOULD. KISSINGER'S JOB HERE IS TO WIN SOVIET COOPERATION

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IF NOT THAT, AT LEAST SOVIET ACQUIESCENCE, IN HIS CONTINUING EFFORTS. KISSINGER LEAVES FOR ALGERIA TONIGHT.

CARVIN KALB -- CBS RADIO FROM GENEVA -- "GENTLEMEN, THE HEAT IS ALMOST OFF AGAIN." THAT WAS GROMYKO'S COMMENT AS DOZENS OF CAMERAMEN WITH LIGHTS TOOK PICTURES OF HIM AND KISSINGER. THE SECRETARY TOOK THE HINT; THE CAMERAMEN WERE SHOED OUT; AND BOTH DIPLOMATS RESUMED THEIR DISCUSSIONS OF LAST NIGHT, BASICALLY ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST AND STRATEGIC ARMS. THE SEARCH FOR A NEW SALT AGREEMENT, PUTTING LIMITS ON THE DEPLOYMENT OF MIRV'S, IS INTENSELY COMPLEX. A DEAL IS POSSIBLE BEFORE THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULED VISIT TO MOSCOW IN LATE JUNE. BUT THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS MORE IMMEDIATE. KISSINGER FEELS THAT GROMYKO WANTS PART OF THE ACTION IN HIS EFFORT TO GET A DISENGAGEMENT DEAL ON THE GOLAN FRONT BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL. THE RUSSIAN DIPLOMAT MAY EVEN JOURNEY TO DAMASCUS THIS WEEK, A BIT OF SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY OF HIS OWN. KISSINGER WANTS THE RUSSIAN'S HELP BUT NOT HIS HINDRANCE. AT THE MOMENT THE SECRETARY IS NOT SURE WHAT HE IS GOING TO GET. HIS ENTOURAGE SEEMS TO FEEL THAT ISRAEL MUST MAKE THE FIRST STEP AND STIFF RESISTANCE IS EXPECTED WHEN THE SECRETARY GETS TO JERUSALEM LATER THIS WEEK.

SIN ANDERSON -- GROUP W NEWS -- RADIO FROM GENEVA -- THE MIDDLE EAST PORTION OF THIS TRIP IS DESCRIBED BY ONE AMERICAN OFFICIAL AS MORE DELICATE, MORE COMPLICATED AND MORE UNCERTAIN THAN ANY OF THE PREVIOUS ONES. YET, ACCORDING TO THIS OFFICIAL, KISSINGER WOULD NOT HAVE UNDERTAKEN IT IF THERE HAD NOT BEEN A REALISTIC CHANCE OF SUCCESS. THERE WILL BE ONE EXTERNAL SIGN OF SUCCESS OR FAILURE -- IF IT IS A SHORT TRIP, A WEEK OR TEN DAYS, THEN THE NEGOTIATING EFFORT WOULD HAVE FAILED AND THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY OF A GENERAL OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IF THE TRIP STRETCHES ON FOR MORE THAN TWO WEEKS, THAT WILL MEAN KISSINGER HAS ARRIVED AT WHAT HE LIKES TO CALL A CONCEPTUAL BREAKTHROUGH AND HE IS DISCUSSING THE DETAILS OF AN AGREEMENT. BEFORE HE ARRIVES AT THE ACTUAL NEGOTIATING PART OF THE TRIP BETWEEN JERUSALEM AND DAMASCUS, HE IS GOING TO TRY TO PAVE THE WAY WITH STOPS IN GENEVA TO TALK TO THE RUSSIANS AND IN ALGERIA AND IN EGYPT. THE OBJECT IS TO GET ALL OF THESE PARTIES TO USE THEIR GOOD OFFICES ON THE SYRIANS OR AT LEAST TO STAY NEUTRAL. IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT KISSINGER WILL FINISH THIS TRIP WITH A FULL SOLUTION. IT IS THE AMERICAN AIM TO STOP THE DAILY ARTILLERY DUELS BY THE PHYSICAL SEPARATION OF THE FORCES, TO BRING A UN PRESENCE INTO THE SITUATION, AND TO BRING THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS BACK INTO THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. RUSH UNQUOTE RUS

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FOR ANDERSON FROM HARE

SUMMARY: MODERATE TO HEAVY WIRE AND NEWSPAPER COVERAGE OF SECRETARY'S TRIP TO GENEVA. EMPHASIS PLACED ON U.S. SEEKING SOVIET SUPPORT IN M.E. EFFORT AND FURTHER WORK ON SALT. ALL NOTE U.S. OFFICIAL SAYING MID-EAST CONFLICT COULD RESUME IF U.S. EFFORT FAILS.

1. UNDER HEAD "KISSINGER MEETS GROMYKO TO SEEK MID-EAST BACKING" GWERTZMAN STORY ON NYT FRONT PAGE LEFT LEAD ABOVE FOLD (PIX OF HAK AND GROMYKO PAGE 3) HAS KISSINGER MEETING GROMYKO TO ASSURE SOVIET COOPERATION IN MID-EAST AND TO DISCUSS BILATERAL ISSUES RELATED TO MOSCOW VISIT. GWERTZMAN REPORTS THAT KISSINGER CONSIDERS THIS HIS MOST DIFFICULT TRIP, THAT BREAKDOWN OF NEGOTIATION COULD LEAD TO RENEWAL OF HOSTILITIES AND THAT INITIAL BRUNT OF DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY WILL FALL ON ISRAEL. NO DETAILED MENTION MADE OF SALT OR OTHER BILATERAL ISSUES.
2. ON FRONT PAGE ABOVE FOLD (PIX OF HAK AND MRS. KISSINGER PAGE 20), BERGER OF POST GIVES EQUAL WEIGHT TO MID-EAST AND SALT UNDER HEAD "KISSINGER SEEKS SOVIET MID-EAST AID." QUOTES SENIOR OFFICIAL ON KISSINGER PLANE TO EFFECT THAT BREAKDOWN IN NEGOTIATIONS COULD LEAD TO RESUMPTION OF HOSTILITIES. IMPLIES U.S. OFFICIALS FEEL ISRAEL MUST MAKE THE FIRST MOVE AND THAT KISSINGER BELIEVES SOVIETS WILL ASSUME A NEUTRAL POSITION IF GIVEN A ROLE IN DISENGAGEMENT. BERGER REFERS TO CONTRADICTION BETWEEN COMMENTS OF U.S. SENIOR OFFICIAL WHO SAYS KISSINGER HAS WORKED OUT NONE OF THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT AS HE DEPARTS FOR MIDDLE EAST AND THOSE OF ISRAELI SOURCES IN WASHINGTON WHO REPORT THE DEAL 80 PERCENT COMPLETED.

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4. JHABVALA ON PAGE 9 WITH GLOBE STORY EMPHASIZING POSSIBILITY OF RENEWED CONFLICT UNDER HEAD "OFFICIAL ON KISSINGER TRIP SAYS MID-EAST CONFLICT MAY RESUME IF U.S. BID FAILS" (NO PIX). SAME OFFICIAL REPORTED VIEWING CURRENT TRIP AS MOST DELICATE AND UNCERTAIN DUE TO ISRAELI DOMESTIC SITUATION, SYRIAN RADICALISM AND SOVIET AMBIVALENCE. JHABVALA FEELS OFFICIAL'S REMARKS MEAN KISSINGER WILL LEAN ON ISRAEL TO "BUDGE" IT TOWARD COMPROMISE. REPORTS KISSINGER DEPENDING ON SUPPORT FROM SADAT, FEISAL AND BOUNEDIENNE.

5. HAIKOWSKI (OSM) FILES PAGE ONE BELOW FOLD ARTICLE EMPHATIC PRIOR DEPARTURE AND NOT BASED ON PLANE BACKGROUND. STRESSES INTERACTION WITH SOVIETS OVER M.E. PEACE SETTLEMENT. SECRETARY, SHE STATES, STARTS THIS TRIP "WITH A BOW IN THE DIRECTION OF THE RUSSIANS." GENEVA CONFERENCE HAS BEEN IN RECESS EVER SINCE IT FIRST MET . . . AND THE RUSSIANS FEEL THEY HAVE BEEN LEFT OUT IN THE COLD. SO TO REASSURE THEM, KISSINGER IS MEETING GROMYKO IN GENEVA.

6. FRONT PAGE BELOW FOLD, O'LEARY (WASHSTAR) LEAPS ALMOST IMMEDIATELY INTO U.S. CHARACTERIZATION OF THE SOVIET ROLE IN THE SYRIAN-ISRAELI CONFRONTATION. NOTING SECRETARY TERMED THIS ROLE AS "NOT UNHELPFUL" LAST WEEK, HE STATES THAT PRESSED FOR AN EXPLANATION OF THAT PHRASE, A SENIOR OFFICIAL IN THE KISSINGER PARTY SAID "NOT UNHELPFUL" MEANS "A SHADE SHORT OF HELPFUL." THIS OFFICIAL SAID THE SOVIET UNION, ANXIOUS TO RETAIN INFLUENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, IS ACTING IN A WAY THAT FALLS SHORT OF COOPERATION. O'LEARY ADDS THE BELIEF OF "THE SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL" THAT "IF KISSINGER'S CURRENT MEDIATION EFFORT FAILS, THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY OF RESUMPTION OF HOSTILITIES . . . (AND THAT KISSINGER) . . . CONSIDERS THAT ISRAEL WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE FIRST MOVE WITH SOME FORM OF WITHDRAWAL FROM ITS FORWARD POSITIONS. . .

STAR'S PICKUP PAGE INCLUDES UPI DEPARTURE PHOTO OF SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER AT ANDREWS.

7. NEWSWEEK LEADS INTERNATIONAL SECTION WITH PORTUGUESE UPSET AND FOLLOWS WITH 600 WORDS ON SECRETARY'S TRIP HEADLINED "ONCE MORE UNTO THE BREACH." THIS UNDER A TOP HEAD SPREAD OF AN OLIPHANT CARTOON SHOWING HAK IN ARABIAN TENT WITH A GROUP OF BORED SHEIKS SHOUTING INTO A TELEPHONE: "GOLDA, I'VE GOT THEM ALL LINED UP RIGHT HERE . . . YOU'RE NOT??? -- WELL, WHO THE HELL IS IN CHARGE? . . . WAIT, GUYS, DON'T RUN OFF . . . GOLDA? . . ." PIECE A GOOD BASIC EXPLAINER OF SITUATION SECRETARY FACES AS HE SETS FORTH, BUT IS OTHERWISE UNREMARKABLE.

8. TIME HAS SOMEWHAT SHORTER STORY ALSO FOLLOWING PORTUGUESE LEAD IN FOREIGN SECTION, ACCOMPANIED BY PIX OF BARRAGE SUEZ AND U.S. FROGMEN DIVING THEREINTO. IT OUTLINES SITUATION IN TERMS SIMILAR TO NEWSWEEK ACCOUNT: THE

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 HAK - BOOMING U.S.-EGYPTIAN FRIENDSHIP; PROSPECTIVE U.S.  
 POLICY IN EGYPT; RELAXED WASHINGTON-DAMASCUS RELATIONS WHILE  
 SYRIA DOES BOOMING ARMS BUSINESS WITH SOVIETS; UNCERTAIN-  
 TY IN ISRAEL; AND FINAL JUDGMENT, ACCORDING HAK, THAT  
 IF THE MOMENTUM FOR PEACE IS LOST THE PROSPECTS OF WAR  
 GAIN.

A. SCHWEID (AP) EX GENEVA STRESSED U.S. SEEKING SOVIET  
 COOPERATION IN ACHIEVING M.E. PEACE AND ARMS LIMITATIONS.  
 QUOTES SENIOR U.S. OFFICIALS THAT HAK UNDERSTANDS SOVIET  
 NEED FOR "A VISIBLE POSITION OF INFLUENCE" BUT THAT KEY  
 TO DISENGAGEMENT RESTS WITH ISRAELIS AND SYRIANS -- NOT  
 SOVIETS. ALSO, ACCORDING HIGH-RANKING OFFICIAL, BURDEN IS  
 ON ISRAEL TO MAKE THE "FIRST MOVE." ON SALT, OFFICIALS  
 NOTED HAK CARRYING "MODIFICATIONS" WHICH WERE NOT FURTHER  
 DEFINED. SCHWEID ALSO FILED ON MCCLOSKEY BRIEFING SUNDAY  
 NIGHT AND GROMYKO-KISSINGER EXCHANGE MONDAY, PARTICULARLY  
 WITH RESPECT GROMYKO EMPHASIS ON FACT THAT M.E. AND SALT  
 MUST BE DISCUSSED AT HIGHEST LEVEL AND HAK COMMENT THAT  
 M.E. "CAN BE HANDLED THIS WEEK."

B. UPI (NO BYLINE ON CITY WIRE, BUT PRESUMABLY LANDRY)  
 HIGHLIGHTING WITH FACT OF SEVEN HOURS OF HAK-GROMYKO MEET-  
 ING, LED WITH PARAPHRASE OF AP LEAD. UPI REPORTS HAK'S  
 ANTICIPATION OF SOVIET COOPERATION IN EFFORTS TO ARRANGE  
 DISENGAGEMENT. ENTWINED IN UPI REPORT ARE REFERENCES TO  
 LONDON DISPATCHES REPORTING ADDITIONAL SOVIET MILITARY  
 ADVISERS BEING SENT TO SYRIA AND TO CONTINUED FIGHTING  
 AROUND MOUNT HERMON. IN SUMMARIZING JOINT COMMUNIQUE,  
 UPI STRESSES HAK-GROMYKO AGREEMENT "TO EXERCISE THEIR IN-  
 FLUENCE TOWARD A POSITIVE OUTCOME" IN M.E.

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FOR ANDERSON FROM HARE

1. ALL THREE NETWORK TRAVELERS APPEARED ON FILM FROM GENEVA ON MONDAY EVENING NEWS PROGRAMS, DESCRIBING HAX MEETINGS WITH GROMYKO. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THEIR PIECES:

(A) KALB (CBS) -- GROMYKO WANTS PART OF THE ACTION, BALKING AT KISSINGER'S STYLE OF SOLO DIPLOMACY. THE RUSSIANS SUPPORT SYRIA. THE ASSUMPTION IS THAT IF RUSSIA WANTS A DEAL BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL GROMYKO CAN EASE KISSINGER'S WAY. . . WHILE THE SECRETARY ENGAGED IN PRE-SUMMIT DIPLOMACY WITH GROMYKO, MRS. NANCY KISSINGER ENGAGED IN SOME DIPLOMACY OF HER OWN. AFTER LUNCHING WITH MRS. FRANCIS DALE, WIFE OF THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR HERE, THE SECRETARY'S LADY DROVE TO THE SOVIET MISSION FOR AN AFTERNOON OF VODKA AND CAVIAR WITH MRS. GROMYKO. (FILM CLIP OF MMES. KISSINGER AND GROMYKO) . . . KISSINGER IS STILL SUSPICIOUS OF THE RUSSIANS, EVEN AFTER HIS LONG TALKS HERE WITH GROMYKO. HE FEELS AN ACUTE SENSE OF URGENCY ABOUT THIS DISENGAGEMENT EFFORT. HE BELIEVES THAT IF HE DOES NOT GET A DISENGAGEMENT DEAL SOON BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL THERE IS A STRONG PROBABILITY FOR RESUMPTION OF ALL-OUT WAR IN THE M.E. AND HIS AIDES CLAIM THAT THIS IS NOT JUST SCARE TALK.

(B) VALERIANI (NBC) -- KISSINGER CAME DOWN TO THE ENTRANCE OF HIS HOTEL TO ESCORT GROMYKO UP TO HIS PENTHOUSE SUITE. ONE PRINCIPAL REASON FOR THIS MEETING WAS TO MAKE THE RUSSIANS MORE VISIBLE IN THE M.E. PEACE TALKS. . . ANOTHER REASON WAS TO ADVANCE THE PREPARATIONS FOR PRESIDENT NIXON'S PLANNED VISIT TO MOSCOW IN JUNE, AND TO TRY TO ACCELERATE THE NEGOTIATIONS ON LIMITING OFFENSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS. . .

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GROMYKO (ON FILM): "OUR CONVERSATION WAS USEFUL AND IT TOOK PLACE IN AN ATMOSPHERE FRIENDLY AND BUSINESSLIKE."

KISSINGER THEN FLEW OFF TO ALGERIA HOPING THAT ARAB RADICAL COUNTRY WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT HIS EFFORTS TO ARRANGE A SEPARATION OF FORCES AGREEMENT BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL. KISSINGER EXPECTS HIS MISSION TO BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT BUT IF IT GOES WELL HE HOPES TO BE BACK HERE IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS FOR A SIGNING CEREMONY.

(C) KOPPEL (ABC) -- WHEN SECRETARY KISSINGER ARRIVED IN GENEVA LAST NIGHT, HE WENT ALMOST IMMEDIATELY INTO TALKS WITH F.M. GROMYKO. AMERICAN OFFICIALS WERE SAYING PRIVATELY THAT THE BEST KISSINGER COULD HOPE FOR WAS SOVIET CO-OPERATION IN BRINGING ABOUT THE DISENGAGEMENT OF SYRIAN AND ISRAELI FORCES. THE LEAST KISSINGER WAS WILLING TO SETTLE FOR WAS A SOVIET PLEDGE NOT TO INTERFERE. IF THE RUSSIANS SABOTAGE DISENGAGEMENT, ONE SENIOR OFFICIAL WARNED, THE EFFECT WILL BE FELT IN US-SOVIET DETENTE. APPARENTLY THE RUSSIANS ARE NO MORE INTERESTED IN HAVING THAT HAPPEN THAN IS THE U.S. TODAY KISSINGER AND GROMYKO MET FOR SEVEN HOURS AND THEN PUBLICLY AGREED TO EXERCISE THEIR INFLUENCE TOWARD A POSITIVE OUTCOME IN THE M.E. . . WHILE SECRETARY KISSINGER DISCUSSED THE M.E. AND THEN NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROL WITH MR. GROMYKO, NANCY KISSINGER HAD LUNCH WITH THE WIFE OF THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AND THEN PAID A COURTESY CALL ON MRS. GROMYKO. THIS EVENING KISSINGER IS IN ALGERIA. ALGERIA'S PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENNE IS KNOWN TO BE INFLUENTIAL AMONG ARAB RADICALS; KISSINGER WANTS HIS HELP IN MOVING SYRIA TOWARD A DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS. IF THAT AGREEMENT IS NOT REACHED SOON, ONE SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL HAS SAID, THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY OF WAR BREAKING OUT AGAIN.

2. FOLLOWING TWO KALB RADIO REPORTS WERE CARRIED THIS MORNING; ANDERSON'S WAS ON RADIO LAST NIGHT:

(A) KALB (CBS) "FIRST-LINE REPORT" -- THE WANDERING MISTRAL IS OFF AND WANDERING ONCE AGAIN -- THE M.E. HIS TERRAIN, DISENGAGEMENT HIS PREY. LET'S SEE, IT STARTED IN

GENEVA AND IT WAS ONLY SUNDAY. GENEVA WAS BOTH SYMBOLIC AND PRACTICAL, A PLACE TO REFUEL BEFORE PLUNGING INTO THE ARAB WORLD AND ISRAEL, BUT ALSO A PLACE THAT RECALLS THE BIG CONFERENCE OF LAST DECEMBER WHEN THE F.M.S OF RUSSIA, AMERICA, EGYPT, JORDAN AND ISRAEL GATHERED IN THE SAME ROOM TO PLEDGE THEMSELVES TO THE NOTIONS OF A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE ARAB-ISRAEL CRISIS. GENEVA IS WHERE RUSSIA WOULD LIKE THE ENTIRE M.E. ISSUE TO BE RESOLVED.

BUT KISSINGER HAS BEEN OPERATING IN SOLO STYLE DIPLOMACY. THAT STYLE HAS ALREADY WON A DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT LAST JANUARY AND IT HAS WON A NEW POSITION OF RESPECTABILITY FOR THE U.S. AMONGMANY OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES AND IT HAS LOST INFLUENCE FOR THE SOVIET UNION. KISSINGER THUS LIKES THE ODDS AND HE HAS COME BACK INTO THIS AREA TO GET A DISENGAGEMENT DEAL BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA ALONG THE GOLAN FRONT WHICH HAS BEEN HOT, DESPITE FREQUENT AND RECENT APPEALS FROM THE SECRETARY THAT IT BE COOLED.

BECAUSE KISSINGER LIKES THE ODDS, GROMYKO DOES NOT. THE RUSSIANS NOW WANT PART OF THE ACTION. BECAUSE KISSINGER APPRECIATES THEIR IMPORTANCE TO SYRIA -- THE RUSSIANS SUPPLY THE ARMS AND THE INSPIRATION FOR WAR AND BELLIGERENCY -- HE HAD TO PAY HIS RESPECTS TO THE RUSSIANS. GROMYKO FLEW INTO GENEVA ON SUNDAY, SEVERAL HOURS BEFORE KISSINGER DID. THE TWO DIPLOMATS MET FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS ON SUNDAY EVENING, SEVEN HOURS ON MONDAY. THAT ALONE SUGGESTED THAT RUSSIA WAS INVOLVED, BUT IT WAS NOT ENOUGH. THE TWO DIPLOMATS ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE SAYING THAT THEY WOULD STRIVE TO COORDINATE THEIR ACTIVITIES. THE WORDS PROBABLY CONCEALED AS MUCH AS THEY REVEALED, BUT A PATTERN SEEMS TO BE EMERGING.

KISSINGER GIVES GROMYKO A FULL RUNDOWN ON HIS PLANS AND EXPECTATIONS, INCLUDING WHAT HE THINKS ISRAEL MUST DO AND WHAT HE HOPES SYRIA WILL DO. HE SUSPECTS GROMYKO MAY GO TO DAMASCUS LATER THIS WEEK. HE DOES NOT ASK THE RUSSIAN DIPLOMAT TO DO ANYTHING SPECIFIC; HE MERELY SUGGESTS WHAT WILL BE HELPFUL AND WHAT WOULD NOT. HE THEN BROADENS THE DISCUSSION TO INCLUDE SUBJECTS HE KNOWS THE RUSSIANS ARE INTERESTED IN -- A NIXON VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION IN LATE JUNE, AN EAST-WEST SUMMIT MEETING IN HELSINKI IN JULY. IT IS A FACT THAT BREZHNEV IS AS EAGER FOR EAST-WEST SUMMITRY NOW TO SOLIDIFY HIS OWN DOMESTIC POSITION AS THE PRESIDENT IS TO SOLIDIFY HIS. KISSINGER DANGLES BAIT AND BIG HEADLINES. HE KNOWS THAT GROMYKO KNOWS WHAT IS EXPECTED OF HIM IF HIS PATTERN OF IMPROVING SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS IS TO BE CONTINUED. SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS IN ARMS CONTROL, FOR EXAMPLE, PERHAPS AN AGREEMENT READY FOR PRESIDENTIAL SIGNATURE AT THE MOSCOW SUMMIT ON THE LIMITED DEPLOYMENT OF MIRV'S.

SUCH AGREEMENTS ARE IMPORTANT TO BREZHNEV AND THEY ARE IMPORTANT TO THE PRESIDENT, BUT THEIR IMPORTANCE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE M.E. IS THAT THEY WEAVE AN OVERALL DIPLOMATIC PATTERN IN WHICH SOVIET COOPERATION ON THE M.E. IS SEEN AS ONLY ONE SMALL PART. KISSINGER WANTS SOVIET COOPERATION, IF NOT THAT, SOVIET UNDERSTANDING, OF HIS



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EFFORTS. BUT HE IS STILL SUSPICIOUS. TODAY, ALGERIA; TONIGHT, EGYPT; THURSDAY, ISRAEL; ETC. ETC.

(B) KALB (CBS RADIO) -- KISSINGER CONTINUED HIS TALKS THIS MORNING WITH BOUMEDIENNE BEFORE DEPARTING FOR ALEXANDRIA . . . THERE FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF PREPARATORY TALKS FOR HIS DISENGAGEMENT EFFORT ON THE GOLAN FRONT. PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER IS THE WAY ONE AMERICAN OFFICIAL DESCRIBED THE SECRETARY'S DIPLOMATIC PROCESS. FIRST IT WAS NINE HOURS OF TALKS IN GENEVA WITH GRONYKO. KISSINGER MADE SURE THAT AT A MINIMUM THE RUSSIANS WERE NOT GOING TO BLOCK HIS EFFORTS; AT A MAXIMUM THEY MIGHT BE A HELP. BUT THAT IS FAR FROM CLEAR. THEN KISSINGER FLEW INTO ALGIERS LAST NIGHT, MET WITH THE ALGERIAN LEADER FOR THREE AND A HALF HOURS. ANOTHER MEETING THIS MORNING. BOUMEDIENNE, WHO IS CONSIDERED AN ARAB RADICAL AT LEAST BY HIS RHETORIC, HAS GOOD RELATIONS WITH SYRIA. KISSINGER OPERATES ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT A WORD FROM HIM MIGHT HELP. TONIGHT KISSINGER WILL CONFER WITH EGYPT'S PRESIDENT SADAT, THE FIRST TO SUCCEED TO HIS DIPLOMATIC CHARMS LAST NOVEMBER AND SINCE THEN HAS REACHED A DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL, NOW FAVORS A SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL.

(C) ANDERSON (GROUP W NEWS) -- HENRY KISSINGER IS MAKING HIS WAY SLOWLY TOWARD THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HE HOPES WILL BRING AN END TO THE FIGHTING ON THE SYRIAN-ISRAELI FRONT . . . HIS NEXT STOP IS ALGERIA . . . AFTER ALGERIA KISSINGER GOES TO ALEXANDRIA . . . MEANWHILE, THE FIGHTING GOES ON IN THE GOLAN HEIGHTS AREA AND SENIOR OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL FULL-SCALE FIGHTING ERUPTS AGAIN. SO WHY IS KISSINGER MAKING SUCH A LEISURELY PACE TOWARD THE NEGOTIATIONS? TWO REASONS BASICALLY -- ONE IS TO PAVE THE WAY WITH AS MANY FRIENDLY INFLUENCES AS HE CAN; AND SECOND, ALSO TO GIVE THE ISRAELI OFFICIALS TIME TO SORT OUT THEIR POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES SO THAT THE CARE-TAKER GOVERNMENT WILL BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE WHEN HE DOES ARRIVE.

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