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FOR ANDERSON FROM HARE

1. TV -- ONLY VALERIANI APPEARED ON CAMERA LAST NIGHT ON THE NETWORK NEWS SHOWS. CRONKITE OMITTED TRIP ALTOGETHER WHILE HOWARD K. SMITH MADE BRIEF REFERENCE TO KOPPEL REPORT FROM ALEXANDRIA THAT SECRETARY "WAS FURIOUS EARLIER TODAY ABOUT HINTS FROM EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS THAT AN ISRAELI-SYRIAN SETTLEMENT WAS ALMOST IN THE BAG."

VALERIANI NOTED SADAT'S WARM WELCOME, STATED "ALEXANDRIA... WAS FAVORED BECAUSE THE TWO MEN SHARE A COMMON VIEW THAT THE SECRETARY SHOULD SEE AS MUCH OF THIS COUNTRY AS HE CAN," AND CONCLUDED: "THE SECRETARY CAME HERE TO FIND OUT WHAT SADAT REGARDS AS REASONABLE TERMS FOR AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL ON SEPARATING THEIR FORCES ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS. EGYPTIAN SOURCES CLAIM AN AGREEMENT IS ALREADY 50 PERCENT WRAPPED UP, BUT KISSINGER FLATLY DENIES THAT. SADAT ADMITTED HE HAS RAISED THE QUESTION OF GETTING AMERICAN ARMS BUT ONLY IN THE BROADEST WAY. KISSINGER PLANS TO RETURN HERE ON SATURDAY FOR MORE CONSULTATIONS FOLLOWING HIS FIRST ROUND OF SHUTTLE TRIPS BETWEEN JERUSALEM AND DAMASCUS."

2. RADIO -- KALB'S FIRST LINE REPORT (THURSDAY MORNING) IS ESSENTIALLY A LONG MOOD PIECE ON SADAT'S CHANGING POLICY "AWAY FROM A TOTAL DEPENDENCE UPON THE SOVIET UNION TOWARDS A MORE FLEXIBLE POLICY THAT THAT ALLOWS FOR FRIENDSHIP WITH THE U.S. AS LONG AS THE U.S. CONTINUES TO PURSUE A MORE EVEN-HANDED POLICY IN THE ME -- A POLICY THAT RESULTS IN THE GRADUAL RETURN OF OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS." KALB TOUCHES ON SHIFTING EGYPTIAN ATTITUDES TOWARDS ISRAEL AND CONCLUDES THAT HAK "SPENDS A LOT OF TIME (IN EGYPT), THE PLACE OF HIS FIRST DIPLOMATIC TRIUMPH IN THE ARAB WORLD CULTIVATING AN APPRECIATION OF THE ARAB VIEW STRENGTHENING SADAT'S POSITION AMONG THE ARAB MODERATES AND ANGLING FOR THE PROPER COMPROMISE BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL

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THAT MAY TURN DISENGAGEMENT INTO A PROBLEM.

FOLLOWING IS PORTION OF ANDERSON (GROUP W) REPORT, WEDNESDAY EVENING, FROM ALEXANDRIA ON SECRETARY'S NEGOTIATING PHILOSOPHY AT THIS JUNCTURE OF THE TRIP: VISITS TO ISRAEL AND SYRIA.

"... DISENGAGEMENT ON THE SYRIAN-ISRAELI FRONT, A SET OF NEGOTIATIONS DESCRIBED BY A SENIOR OFFICIAL AS MURDEROUS AND COMPLEX, HAS CREATED A SOMEWHAT SOMBER MOOD ABOARD THE KISSINGER PLANE. IT IS THE SORT OF SITUATION THAT BRINGS OUT THE GLOOMY SIDE OF KISSINGER'S CHARACTER. HIS PHILOSOPHY THAT COMES OUT AT TIMES LIKE THIS IS THAT LIFE IS A SERIES OF MORE OR LESS UNSATISFACTORY COMPROMISES AND THAT THE MOST FULFILLING LIFE IS ONE THAT MAKES THE BEST OF THE ALTERNATIVES. AND SO IT IS WITH DIPLOMACY, NO NEGOTIATION IS EVER TOTALLY SATISFACTORY TO BOTH SIDES, OTHERWISE IT WOULDN'T BE A COMPROMISE. KISSINGER'S MOOD IS TELEGRAPHED TO BOTH SIDES, PARTICULARLY TO THE ISRAELIS; THEY MUST BE PREPARED TO MAKE REAL CONCESSIONS TO THE OTHER SIDE. SENIOR OFFICIALS ABOARD HIS PLANE ASSUME THAT BOTH SIDES ARE READY TO GIVE SOMEWHAT, OTHERWISE KISSINGER WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED TO UNDERTAKE ANOTHER OF HIS DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS.

KALB'S THURSDAY MORNING ARRIVAL ACCOUNT FOLLOWS:

"THE ISSUE IS NOT PRESSURE KISSINGER SAID ON HIS ARRIVAL BUT A LASTING PEACE. 'I COME HERE NOT TO DISCUSS CONCESSIONS BUT SECURITY.' THE SECRETARY IN THIS WAY SQUARELY MET ONE OF THE PROBLEMS FACING HIM IN ISRAEL, A DEEP CONCERN AMONG MANY ISRAELIS THAT HE HAS COME HERE TO PRESSURE ISRAEL INTO MAKING THE KEY CONCESSIONS NECESSARY FOR DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT ON THE GOLAN FRONT. THE OFFICIAL LINE HERE IS THAT ISRAEL IS READY TO GIVE BACK ONLY THE LAND TAKEN DURING THE 1973 WAR, NOTHING OF THE SYRIAN TERRITORY OCCUPIED SINCE THE 1967 WAR. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT UNDER THE RIGHT CIRCUMSTANCES ISRAEL IS READY TO GIVE UP A GOOD DEAL MORE.

KISSINGER, WHO HAS JUST COME FROM EGYPT, WANTS THE ISRAELIS TO COME UP WITH SOME REFINEMENT OF THEIR OFFICIAL LINE, HE OBVIOUSLY DOES NOT LIKE THE WORD CONCESSION, BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR SYRIA TOMORROW. IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL KISSINGER TOOK HIS BRIDE NANCY TO MEET PM MEIR, THEN DOWN TO BUSINESS: A PRIVATE LUNCH WITH MRS. MEIR, A MEETING THIS AFTERNOON WITH KEY ISRAELI LEADERS, A WORKING DINNER TONIGHT."

KALB PIECE ON AFFIDAVITS SENT SEPTEL. RUSH  
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