

TOHAK 81

TO RALPH SIGLER FOR LARRY EAGLEBURGER

HOLD FOR PICKUP --DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DELIVER

MARCH 3, 1974

TO SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM BRENT SCOWCROFT

SHALEV CALLED WITH REFERENCE TO THE MIZRACHI/LEVY EXCHANGE (TOHAK 44). HE SAID THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED WITH THE EGYPTIANS TO RETURN ALL 73 EGYPTIAN AGENTS (OR AS MANY AS THEY ACTUALLY HAVE) FOR MIZRACHI/LEVY. THE SOVIET AGENTS WOULD NOT BE RETURNED. THE ISRAELIS WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE TO THE EGYPTIANS AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (8 AM WASHINGTON TIME) THAT, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THIS EXCHANGE IS LIKELY TO BECOME PUBLIC, A BRIEF LOW-KEY ANNOUNCEMENT BE MADE OF THE EXCHANGE. BEFORE THEY APPROACH THE EGYPTIANS, HOWEVER, THE ISRAELIS WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF YOU WOULD HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO SUCH AN ANNOUNCEMENT. NEITHER YOU NOR YOUR ROLE IN THIS EXCHANGE WOULD BE MENTIONED. SHALEV ALSO SAID STRONG EFFORTS WERE STILL BEING MADE TO KEEP GOLDA FROM QUITTING. HE THINKS DAYAN IS THE KEY.

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No OBJECTION  
OBJECT

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

I AM SURE THAT VORONTSOV WILL CALL TOMORROW MORNING FOR AN ANSWER TO THEIR PROPOSITION THAT OSIPOV BEGIN ENERGY DISCUSSIONS WITH OUR REPRESENTATIVE (TOHAK 37). *attached* WHAT MAY I TELL HIM? IF YOU ARE NOT PREPARED FOR IMMEDIATE DISCUSSIONS, I COULD ALWAYS MAKE APPROPRIATE EXCUSES TO VORONTSOV, TELL HIM WE COULD BE IN TOUCH SHORTLY AND LET OSIPOV GO HOME.

AN AP TICKER ITEM SAYS THAT TWO SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES WILL BEGIN HEARINGS NEXT WEEK: SYMINGTON SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE "CHANGING SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF US COMMITMENTS TO EUROPE" AND THE MUSKIE SUBCOMMITTEE ON SALT AND SOVIET MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS. IT SAYS SCHLESINGER WILL TESTIFY TOMORROW BEFORE THE LATTER SUBCOMMITTEE.

WARM REGARDS.