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HAKTD 162 FLASH  
TO: GENERAL SCOWCROFT  
FROM: SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. FOLLOWING ARE DRAFT TALKING POINTS FOR THE PRESIDENT TO USE AT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE PRESIDENT STICK TO THE EXACT WORDING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT ITSELF BEFORE USING THESE TALKING POINTS. SECONDLY, WE STILL DO NOT HAVE CONFIRMATION FROM ASSAD ON THE SIGNING DATE SO YOU MUST AWAIT OUR CONFIRMATION BEFORE GOING AHEAD WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT.

2. BEGIN TALKING POINTS:

DRAFT TALKING POINTS  
FOR PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

1. I AM GRATIFIED TO BE ABLE TO ANNOUNCE THIS AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA ON A CEASE-FIRE AND DISENGAGEMENT OF MILITARY FORCES.

2. THE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ONLY AFTER THE MOST ARDUOUS NEGOTIATIONS. I WANT TO EXTEND MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF ISRAEL AND SYRIA FOR THEIR PATIENCE AND STATESMANSHIP.

3. AS YOU HAVE SEEN, SECRETARY KISSINGER WAS PAINSTAKING IN HIS EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES. HE WON THE CONFIDENCE OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS BY HIS SCRUPULOUS REPRESENTATION OF THE VIEWS OF EACH TO THE OTHER.

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4. WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED HERE IS OF ENORMOUS SIGNIFICANCE. FIRST, FOLLOWING ON THE EARLIER AND SIMILAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL, THIS AGREEMENT FORMS AN ADDITIONAL INTEGRAL PART OF THE EFFORT BY THE UNITED STATES TO FIND A DURABLE AND JUST PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. SECONDLY, BECAUSE IT TRANSCENDS A RELATIONSHIP OF MISTRUST BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA, IT HOLDS GREAT POTENTIAL FOR A NEW AND HOPEFULLY MORE POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP FOR THE FUTURE.

State Dept. review completed

5. I AM FULLY COMMITTED TO CONTINUE THIS DIPLOMATIC PROCESS WHICH WE HAVE EVERY INTENTION TO PURSUE TOWARDS THE OBJECTIVE OF A LASTING PEACE IN ALL OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

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6. MISHAPS OR VIOLATIONS MAY OCCUR. WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT THEY WILL NOT. WE WILL URGE THE PARTIES TO TAKE ALL MEASURES TO PREVENT THEIR OCCURRING. IT IS ONLY THAT KIND OF POSITIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS AGREEMENT WHICH WILL ASSURE SUCCESS IN OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TOWARD OUR LARGER OBJECTIVE - A DURABLE AND LASTING PEACE - WHICH IS IN THE INTEREST OF ALL PARTIES IN THE AREA.

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