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ROUND OF POLITICAL TALKS IN NOVEMBER WHICH, ACCORDING TO ALL SIGNS, WILL BE CONDUCTED BY KISSINGER HIMSELF." THE PAPER SAID: "IT IS HOPED THAT HE WILL CONTINUE HIS PEACE EFFORTS. ISRAEL IS MORE INTERESTED IN THEIR CONTINUATION AND SUCCESS THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY IN THE REGION." A BYLINER FOR INDEPENDENT "HAARETZ" CONSIDERED: "IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ISRAEL IS CEDING AN IMPORTANT CARD BY RELINQUISHING ITS TRADITIONAL DEMAND TO HOLD DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS...ISRAELI CONCESSIONS IN RETURN FOR PARTIAL PEACE AGREEMENTS PROVIDE SADAT WITH AN IRRETRIEVABLE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTRACT CAPITAL FOR DEVELOPING HIS COUNTRY..." ANOTHER BYLINER NOTED THAT BY "GIVING A MEDAL TO A SOVIET GENERAL AND SENDING AN EGYPTIAN MISSION TO MOSCOW...CLOSE TO KISSINGER'S VISIT...SADAT IS TELLING KISSINGER THAT IF HE DOES NOT SUPPLY THE MERCHANDISE, EGYPT WILL RETURN TOOT G SOJIEWUPHSRBZK A COLUMNIST ON INDEPENDENT "MAARIV" BELIEVED "KISSV RAEYSTALLIZED A PICTURE AS TO HOW TO RECONCILE THE POSITIONS OF THE PARTIES" AND THAT THIS WAS WHEN HE WANTED TO DO "BEFORE WASHINGTON WORKS OUT A SCENARIO FOR INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS WITH ISRAEL, EGYPT AND JORDAN THAT WILL ALSO TAKE THE PALESTINE ELEMENT INTO CONSIDERATION..." PRO-GOVERNMENT "JERUSALEM POST" JUDGED THAT "AS FAR AS SADAT IS CONCERNED, IT IS NO LESS IMPORTANT TO REACH A GENERAL UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SOVIET UNION BEFORE THE RABAT CONFERENCE THAN IT IS TO REACH A GENERAL UNDERSTANDING WITH THE U.S."

BRITAIN: COMMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST TRIP CENTERED AROUND ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL IN THE SINAI AND THE TIE-IN OF OIL PRICES AND THE MIDEAST CONFLICT. THE TIMES' JERUSALEM CORRESPONDENT STATED: "DR. KISSINGER IS BELIEVED TO BE TAKING BACK TO THE ARAB CAPITALS A SLIGHTLY MODIFIED VERSION OF ISRAEL'S OFFER TO CONSIDER FURTHER TERRITORIAL WITHDRAWALS--AT LEAST IN SINAI--IN RETURN FOR SOME SHOW OF NON-BELLIGERENCE." THE DAILY TELEGRAPH FOLLOWED THE SAME LINE, SAYING THAT ISRAELI "WITHDRAWAL IS IN THE CARDS IF EGYPT ENDS POLITICAL WARFARE." THE GUARDIAN FELT THE ISRAELIS WERE "SURPRISED AT HOW LITTLE SUBSTANCE THE SECRETARY OF STATE BROUGHT FROM THE ARAB CAPITALS... HE SHOULD BE SEEN TO BE BUSY. AN ILLUSION OF MOVEMENT IS PREFERABLE TO AN ILLUSION OF STAGNATION. THE BEST EXPLANATION OFFERED FOR THE PRESENT ROUND IS THAT DR. KISSINGER WANTED TO REASSURE PRESIDENT SADAT... BEFORE THE ARAB GATHERING." THE FINANCIAL TIMES EDITORIALIZED THAT THE "MAIN CONCERN (BY ISRAEL) IS TO TRY TO KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM BY GETTING PROGRESS ON THE EASIER PROBLEMS SUCH AS THE OCCUPATION OF SYRIA'S GOLAN HEIGHTS. THIS IS CLEARLY VERY CLOSE TO DR. KISSINGER'S OWN STYLE OF DIPLOMACY AND IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT THE ARABS, UNDERSTADING THIS PERFECTLY WELL, ARE RESISTING IT IN THE CONVICTION THAT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE ISRAELIS SHOULD BE MADE TO FACE UP NOW...TO THE QUESTION OF THE FUTURE OF THE PALESTINIANS... ARAB WISHES IN THESE RESPECTS CANNOT FOR EVER BE DIVORCED FROM THE THIRD FUNDAMENTAL--THE SUPPLY AND PRICE OF OIL." THE EMPHASIS SO FAR HAS BEEN ON GOOD UNDERSTANDING AND U.S. PRESSURE ON ISRAEL, BUT IF THESE PRESSURES "FALTER... IT WOULD BE FOOLISH TO HOPE THAT THAT ARAB WORLD WILL NOT EVENTUALLY, AND RELUCTANTLY REMIND THE WEST OF MUTUAL SELF-INTEREST."

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NO POLITICAL CONCESSIONS NECESSARY IN EXCHANGE FOR (MILITARY) WITHDRAWALS ON THE SINAI BUT SIMPLY MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS. THESE ARRANGEMENTS REPORTEDLY MIGHT BE SIMILAR TO THOSE WHICH THE EGYPTIANS AGREED TO MAKE AFTER THE FIRST EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI ENGAGEMENTS, THAT IS, REDUCTIONS OF FORCES AND GUARANTEES. THEY WOULD NOT TAKE THE VEXING FORM OF CONCESSIONS AND WOULD NOT APPEAR TO BE A DECLARATION OF NON-BELLIGERENCE IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD. YET THEY WOULD SUFFICE TO PROVE EGYPTIAN GOOD WILL AND GOOD FAITH." BOTH THE CONSERVATIVE AUREORE AND THE FINANCIAL LES ECHOS FELT THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNLIKELY TO ENTER A BUSINESS-LIKE PHASE BEFORE THE ARAB SUMMIT IN RABAT. AUREORE SAID THAT THE SYRIANS DO NOT INTEND TO RENEW THE MANDATE OF THE UN FORCES UNLESS ISRAEL AGREES TO A NEW WITHDRAWAL ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS "WHICH APPEARS UNLIKELY IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION IN JERUSALEM" AND THAT EGYPT REPORTEDLY "REFUSES TO GRANT ISRAEL ANY FORMAL PROMISE OF NON-BELLIGERENCE." AUREORE, HOWEVER, FOUND SOME HOPE IN THE JORDAN-ISRAEL SITUATION, STATING MR. SISCO WENT BACK TO AMMAN, "THE BEARER OF CONCRETE PROPOSALS PROVIDING FOR JORDAN ADMINISTRATION OF THE JERICHO REGION IN EXCHANGE FOR A DECLARATION OF NON-BELLIGERENCE."

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THE MISSION TOP PLAY, DER TEGESSPEIGEL SAID HE HAS SUBMITTED  
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