TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING
WITH GENERAL WALTERS

1. General Walters' purpose should not be to present a detailed
U.S. position or to commence a negotiation. Rather, he will be ready
to hear any thoughts or positions from the Palestinian side and to
convey a general positive U.S. attitude.

2. He should convey the following to the Palestinians:

-- The U.S. sincerely intends to use the aftermath of this
crisis as an opportunity to act vigorously to promote
a rapid and comprehensive settlement. Resolutions
338 and 242 provide the basis for such a settlement.

-- Palestinian interests and aspirations are a reality, and
the U.S. has recognized publicly that no settlement is
possible without taking them into account.

-- There are no objective reasons for antagonism between
the United States and the Palestinians. In the context of
a settlement, the U.S. would be more than eager to con-
tribute to the well-being and progress of the Palestinian
people in any manner in which we can be effective, e.g.,
through economic or technical assistance.

-- The U.S. appreciates the responsible positions taken by
the leaders of the Palestinian movement during various
phases of the crisis. This will not go unnoticed. This
will go a long way toward making it easier for the U.S. --
and also Israel -- to accommodate Palestinian concerns in
the negotiation of a settlement.

-- As for the future political role of the Palestinians, the
U.S. has no proposals to make. It is not so expert in the
history of intra-Arab politics and culture that it can invent
solutions. The Palestinians must understand, however, that
the United States has a fixed principle that it does not betray
its friends. We regard the King of Jordan as a friend. We
would expect, nevertheless, that in the context of a comprehensive settlement, the relationship between the Palestinian movement and the Hashemite Kingdom could develop in the direction of reconciliation. We would support and promote any constructive solution in this direction that is acceptable to the parties.
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The U.S. side has received the message of the PLO and the message is now under urgent consideration.

The proposed date of Friday, October 26, 1973 for a meeting is not possible but the U.S. side hopes to propose another date in the very near future.