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SITUATION: HAK TRIP
SUBJECT CATEGORY: HAKTO

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

MESSAGE:
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FM SECRETARY KISSINGER
HAKTO 00

TO GENERAL SCOWCROFT, THE WHITE HOUSE

SECRET

1. I DID NOT SEE THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO ME OR THE PRESS RELEASE (AP-1108) RELATING TO HIS INSTRUCTIONS AND LETTER TO BREZHNEV UNTIL I HAD RETURNED FROM MY FIRST SESSION WITH THE SOVIETS. I WAS SHOCKED AT THE TONE OF THE INSTRUCTIONS, THE POOR JUDGEMENT IN THE CONTENT OF THE BREZHNEV LETTER, AND THE FAILURE TO LET ME KNOW IN ADVANCE THAT A PRESS STATEMENT WOULD BE ISSUED.

2. DID YOU, AS I ASKED, TAKE THESE MATTERS UP WITH HAIG BEFORE FINAL DECISIONS WERE MADE?

3. THE LETTER TO BREZHNEV HAS ALREADY BEEN USED AGAINST ME. THE GENERAL SECRETARY REFUSED TO ACCEPT IT WHEN I TOLD HIM I WOULD HAVE TO REFER ANY SCHEME BACK TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSIDERATION, CITING THE FACT THAT I ALREADY HAD FULL POWERS GRANTED ME BY THE PRESIDENT.

4. AS A RESULT, MY POSITION HERE IS ALMOST INSOLUBLE. IF I CARRY OUT THE LETTER OF THE PRESIDENT'S INSTRUCTIONS I WILL TOTALLY WRECK WHAT LITTLE BARGAINING LEVERAGE I STILL HAVE. OUR FIRST OBJECTIVE MUST BE A CEASE-FIRE THAT WILL BE TOUGH ENOUGH TO GET THE ISRAELIS TO ACCEPT. IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE AS PART OF A GLOBAL DEAL. IF THE WAR CONTINUES THE CONSEQUENCES WILL BE INCALCULABLE. WE CAN PURSUE THE COURSE THE PRESIDENT HAS IN MIND AFTER A CEASE-FIRE MADE WITH ISRAELI ACQUIESCENCE, BUT NOT BEFORE. IN THE MEANTIME, A CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT CAN ONLY RUIN US ALL AROUND.

5. IT WILL BE A NEAR MIRACLE IF WE BRING OFF A CEASE-FIRE, BUT I THINK IT CAN BE DONE IF WE STAY DISCIPLINED. THE PRESIDENT CAN THEN WORK AS HE WISHES.

6. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I CONSIDER THE TONE AND

***** WHSR COMMENTS *****

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SUBSTANCE OF HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO ME TO BE UNACCEPTABLE,
I HAVE BROUGHT FOREIGN CONDUCT TO THE POINT WE HAVE BY
AVOIDING GIMMICKS AND HOLDING TO MEASURED STEPS. I
INTEND TO CONTINUE WITH THIS APPROACH, WHICH I BELIEVE
TO BE THE APPROPRIATE COURSE.
I WANT TO ENSURE THAT NOTHING I HAVE SAID HERE
THAT IS REPORTED IN OTHER MESSAGES DETAILING MY
MEETINGS IS USED IN PRESS MEETINGS.

PLEASE SHOW THIS MESSAGE TO HAIG.

SECRET

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