

TELCON

Amb. Dobrynin/Kissinger

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K: Hello.

D: Hello, Henry.

K: Anatol, the madmen in the Middle East seem to be at it again. We got a message this time on the East Bank. The West Bank is quiet now. We just had a message the Israelis claim they're being attacked. The Egyptians don't say who's doing the attacking. I want you to know what we have done. We've sent ~~xxxx~~ first a message to the Israelis telling them it had to stop and we had their assurance that they're staying in defensive positions. We sent a message to the Egyptians of which I'll send you a copy, telling them that we will totally oppose any further military ~~xxx~~ offensive military actions by the Israelis and recommending that they, too, stop offensive actions. And that is our impressions which we have no independent proof, that this time the Egyptians may have started it but we are not sure. We have no real basis for judgment. I just want you to know what we are doing. And I'm sending you the message we sent to the Egyptians but we have made a very violent representation to the Israelis.

D: Alright.

K: But one thing that Moscow is to understand we are not playing any games here. We made an agreement and it's now going to be enforced.

D: This is the point.

K: Well, you have our assurance.

D: I will send a telegram to Moscow.

K: I'll send you the message to send out immediately.

D: O.K. Thank you very much. Bye. Bye.

K: Bye.