

TELCON

Amb. Dobrynin/HAK

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D: Yes.

K: Anatol, how are you?

D: Fine, Henry, I just received a telegram from Moscow.

K: Well, I wanted to bring you up to date. We have just been informed by the Israelis that they will permit American military attaches from Tel Aviv to go to the battle area to help observe that they are not taking offensive actions, and we have informed the Egyptians to that effect.

D: From Tel Aviv?

K: Yes. That we are sending U.S. military observers to make sure, to reassure that they are taking only, they're only firing back. They're not advancing. \_\_\_\_\_ that they will allow American military observers to come there to guarantee, you know, to make sure that this order is carried out.

D: \_\_\_\_\_ a United Nations \_\_\_\_\_

K: No, no, a United States military attache.

D: You said first observers from United Nations.

K: No, I meant United States military attaches, in addition to UN observers.

D: In addition. How many are you sending there?

K: Well, as many, I don't know. I'm now talking to our people to find out how many we have in the military attache's office. We don't have very many there.

D: Who requested this? Did you or they?

K: I was the initiator. I demanded to have proof that they're not taking offensive action and we were asking....

D: On a temporary basis you're sending them.

K: Just on a temporary basis. Yes, we'll withdraw them in a day.

D:     Alright.

K:     But we were asked by the Egyptians to use American ground personnel to bring about an end to the action.

D:     They did ask you?

K:     Yeah.

K:     And I'm sending you a copy of our message to President Sadat in which we inform him of that.

D:     Alright. Henry, what about \_\_\_\_\_

K:     Well, we are stopping it today. I promise you. I mean we have made the most violent presentations to the Israelis.

D:     \_\_\_\_\_

K:     We absolutely cannot tell but the Israelis swear that today the Egyptians totally started it.

D:     Well, I know. It is very difficult to believe both/sides.

K:     I'm just telling you what they tell us. I have no independent information. You have received the first message we sent?

D:     Yes.

K:     The second one is on the way. Now the important thing is for you and us to stay together having made this historic achievement.

D:     Now this is the point.

K:     We've got to stay together for the peace settlement. That is the most important thing.

D:     \_\_\_\_\_

K:     Well, you have seen my first message. We have told the Israelis in the most violent terms that they have to stop it.

D:     O.K. Then I will call you back when I decipher this message.

K:     O.K. Well, I'll not be available for about an hour.

D:     Couldn't you wait and I maybe could right now, just a minute. O.K. ? I'll call you right back.