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General Scowcroft/Secretary Kissinger

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S: Hi.

K: Hi.

S: I thought I would tell you what Schecter told me. He said the story he had -- he got from the Israelis -- was that during the October War they put together some 13 bombs over a period of three days. That the Soviets detected this. That the Israelis told someone probably you, that they may have to use them on the Golan Heights.

K: It is a total lie.

S: That in response to the Soviet detection they send nuclear weapons to the area and part of the alert was called in response to that. The thing is total hogwash to which I am not going to talk about nuclear weapons with respect to the Israelis, I told Schecter. It is a total lie.

K: You know it never happened.

S: I know. He had a several page paper he had with him and he made it very clear he got it from the Israelis.

K: This government is sick.

S: They are trying to support the story maybe to frighten the Arabs or something?

K: This is a sick government.

S: I thought you would like to know.

K: Yes.

S: Herzberg came by. He said he gets the impression that we will make a major effort this year and he said none of my colleagues think it is possible in an election year. He said I think they may be wrong -- some settlement that would get the Russians out of the area would be a coup for the President. He said I am not against it but if you really are going to you should let us start laying the groundwork. I said you have seen some signs but it would be premature to do anything at this point. He was very supportive of you.

K: O.K. Say, Javits just told me -- I worked out questions and answers for the C-130 thing -- that he is releasing me from the answers because he won't support it. Case won't support it so that puts him in an impossible situation. I am going to have to call Dinitiz. If he wants to raise it with the President he can let Case run free. I had Connolly in -- he is hell bent for the vice presidency. I wanted to know if I should call the President and warn him.

S: He wants to get him on board. I think the President would be interested in knowing that.

K: OK.