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Conversation between Secretary Kissinger and General Haig

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Kissinger: I have just left the WSAG. We are having a massive problem with Defense. Schlesinger came to the meeting. He is taking an all-out position on the overthrow of the Greeks. He says a ceasefire in Cyprus is not consistent with NATO principles. It is a very clever position. He is willing to give up home porting. He is never going to Phase 2 and is willing to attrite Phase 1. [REDACTED]

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Haig: No way.

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Haig: We can't have that, Henry.

Kissinger: I have been outflanked on the left. He agreed 100 percent Friday -- you were with me. I would like to go back into the meeting and tell them that on a number of issues we have no choice. We must insist on a cease-fire. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Schlesinger will crucify us. There is a danger of war in Thrace. I want to tell the Prime Minister and tell him that we must have a cease-fire in a matter of hours [REDACTED]

I tell you this -- we cannot go through another crisis under this man. There is a New York Times story today from Michael Getler that all military aid to Greece has stopped. You know where he got that. Schlesinger said to me this morning that State Department had done it again. State did not know what we were stopping.

Haig: I am not sure we can afford this guy any more.

Kissinger: This meeting was made entirely for the record. Schlesinger is making the suggestion that the King can substitute for a government that has not even been overthrown yet. Colby has now joined Schlesinger. It is the worst I have ever seen.

Haig: O.K., Henry.

Kissinger: I will talk to them and tell them I have talked to San Clemente and that this is what we are doing... Al, Ecevit is calling. I will call you back. [The call was from James Callahan, British Foreign Secretary.]

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