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TELECON
General Scowcroft/Secretary Kissinger
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K: Am I seeing the President tomorrow morning.

S: I am sure you are. I told them it was unacceptable not to and they haven't come back to me.

K: It is almost imperative because of the god damned SALT.

S: I will work it out.

K: The Israelis refuse to meet today until the map gets here.

S: How the hell can they do that? They can't refuse to meet with us!!

K: Get your god damned temper under control. I have just been screaming about it.

S: It doesn't happen often. It is outrageous.

K: It gives them 48 hours.

S: You have a dinner this evening; my inclination is to meet with them at midnight. They want to stall.

K: They have provided against that contingency too.

S: How is that?

K: That I would meet with them at midnight. They won't meet without the map. The earliest they can get the map on a plane is 5:00 tomorrow and so they will not meet before Thursday morning.

S: I see.

K: A 5:00 plane tomorrow, means a thirteen hour flight and the time difference -- it means noon on Thursday. They are really something.

S: I tell you.

K: This is one wasted go around.



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S: Because we know they are going to come back with their fall back.

K: The bargaining won't start til we get their fall back.

S: Gee. I am sure you will see the President.

K: When?

S: 9:30, because of the breakfast.

K: Then, I am going to cancel the ceremony at the Supreme Court.

S: Ok.

K: I don't see when I am going to see the Israelis.

S: How about after you see the President.

K: Yes, I will see the Israelis at 10:30. I think it is better for me not to go to something to celebrate Rodino and Kay Graham.

S: I think it is best. You accepted and cancel at the last minute -- you have the best of both worlds.

K: Who should I get? Ingersoll or another Cabinet member?

S: Are you representing the Cabinet?

K: No, the President.

S: Maybe you should.

K: But they are f____s, to use a Harvard word.

S: They really are. They don't miss a bit. You ~~ax~~ have to admire them in a gruding way.

K: No, because they are killing themselves. Tu turn you, Larry and me and make us wanting a show down..

S: That's right.

K: It puts another two weeks on it.



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S: We can't afford it.

K: And look at September. With the Jewish and Moslem holidays, that is gone.

S: I don't think it can wait. You have to do it in August but I don't know how. Then you are in to October and that is too long. I am not sure it will keep. We will lose the Arabs because they will think it is more stalling. We have to figure out a schedule to keep it in August.

K: The serious bargaining won't start until they come back with their fall back position; which the Egyptians have seen. At that point we present the Egyptians' fall back position.

S: That is one go-around and that gets you about to the end of the President's trip.

K: No, they will come back to us Friday, then we present that and get the Egyptian position. I don't know how we will present that. I don't trust Atherton to present it and he will be the only one here, do you? We will have to get Toon to present it. I will have Toon meet me in Helsinki.

S: That will be alright. ~~It would be~~ It wouldn't be bad to get him in a bit. We can't lose all that time. Then they ought to have a response by the time the trip finishes. And then we can assess quickly where we are and the chance for serious negotiations.

K: They are bastards. I tell you they are bastards.

S: Skillful too, for the wrong ends but tactfully. They know how to get the most out of their resources.

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K: Until we slap them all over the place.

S: Whish is a hell of a way to do it.

K: Ok.
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