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Ambassador Dinitz/Secretary Kissinger
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Time: 2:07 pm

D: Missed first sentence

K: It makes us feel your government is really interested in great solutions,

D: That is not quite the case. I had a long talk with Sisco and we had talked about it before you left for Detroit. I am calling you now about the proposal Waldheim is putting before our Ambassador.

K: Which is what?

D: He said that the text that would be agreeable to the Syrians has a paragraph to reconvene the Security Council on January 12 to debate the Syrian question and to invite the PLO according to Resolution 335 of the Assembly. That is unacceptable to us.

K: I already made clear that we would oppose it.

D: What I am really trying to ask you is that if it is possible for the text to be parallel to the one of last year.

K: That may be impossible now. We cannot prevent debate on the Middle East. Any members of the Council has the right to ask for it. We can prevent an invitation to the PLO as part of the resolution.

D: Even in the original text, there is urgent consideration of 338 in the report of the Secretary General, why do they have to put it as part of the resolution. To tie it into that is _____.

K: Are you asking us to veto the UNDOF if it has any reference to the Middle East discussions at all? I agree that we should not have anything in the re inviting the PLO.

D: Or for that matter any specific date.

K: Why?

D: Because it ties the extension to a date of the Security Council.

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K: Do you want us to veto on that ground?

D: I am asking you to try to change it.

K: That we are trying to do. I have asked Buffum to find out from Jerusalem if you want us to veto, the UNDOF extension if we can't get everything.

D: I don't have specific instructions on this. I will have my Counselor talk to Sisco about it. I want you to stick to the original text. If you would put out your views, they will agree to it. You don't think so?

K: No. I know it is impossible to get this from Jerusalem but I think we have done very well to eliminate all the issues we have. Now we will get them to eliminate the invitation to the PLO, we hope. To cut out the discussion, that I would question.

D: I will try to get from Jerusalem their position on it and I will have it passed on to Sisco.

K: We agreed that the reference to the other resolutions should be out.

D: You do think that if we have no choice we should leave the question of reconvening of the Security Council on debate.

K: Yes. I am not looking forward to the debate. It will not be the most edifying thing to happen.

D: No, as you said, though, any member can convene a debate.

K: Right. On the other hand, it is hard to veto a debate which is in the Soviet's ability to convene anyway.

D: It is the same logic anyhow. Why do they need it then.

K: They need it as a minimal facesaver.

D: Besides a facesaver, I think they want to tie it to the Palestinian question.

K: That they want to do eventually.



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D: If there is a debate, they will invite the PLO. Then, we will face that problem. If we could cut it off in the beginning, it would be better.

K: There is no question it would be better if we can cut it out. The question is, must we veto it if we can't cut it out.

D: I will try to get a direct answer to you, Mr. Secretary. When are you leaving for China?

K: Tomorrow morning.

D: I will get back to your people today on this. I want to tell you I heard your speech in Detroit which I thought was very good. I am here in San Francisco because I made a commitment some time ago to speak to a large group of Jews.

K: Did you hear the full text?

D: Yes, from this and talking to some people here, they received it very well, especially the part on Russia and Cuba. I will try to get to Sisco before you leave. Buffum is not the greatest enthusiast.

K: Sisco will be with me.

D: That's what I mean.

K: B^ut Sisco is with me so that together we can handle anything that comes^u up.

D: I will be in touch with Sisco later and if no other difficulty I will call you later.

K: Ok

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