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Helmut Sonnenfeldt
Ambassador Robert McCloskey
British Ambassador to the USSR, Sir John Killick
French Ambassador to the USSR, Jacques Vimont
Australian Ambassador to the USSR, John Lawrey

PLACE: Guest House, Lenin Hills, Moscow

DATE & TIME: October 21, 1973; 6:30 pm - 6:45 pm

Secretary Kissinger: I wanted to bring you up to date on what has been happening. Your Governments were informed at the time my visit was decided on. In effect, the discussion with the Soviets over the last week has concerned the nature of a Security Council Resolution. The differences have related to the position taken by Sadat in his speech and the position we put forward in the Security Council on, I believe, October 8. On Thursday, the Soviets communicated some further ideas, but these are now largely irrelevant. On Friday, Brezhnev invited me to come to Moscow to avoid communicating further by cables. We have met for several hours since I arrived yesterday and we have agreed to the text of a Resolution which will be introduced in the Security Council at 9:00 p.m. tonight New York time. We will call for a meeting of the Security Council at 6:00 p.m. New York time, which is to say, 1:00 a.m. Moscow time.

Sir John Killick: When you say "we", does that mean the US, or the US and the Soviet Union jointly?

Secretary Kissinger: No, it means the US and the Soviet Union jointly.

Now, nobody knows about this yet, even in Washington because we have only just sent off the messages.

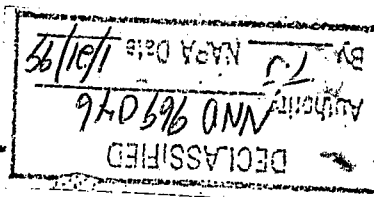
Sir John Killick: I was wondering whether we can confirm that we saw you here. I don't think anybody saw us come in, but it is always possible.

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Secretary Kissinger: It is all right to confirm it, but only if you are confronted with a question about it.

Sir John Killick: All right, I understand.

Secretary Kissinger: The significance of the Resolution which I have given you is fairly clear. The first paragraph deals with a ceasefire in place; the second refers to the implementation of Security Council Resolution 242, and the third deals with negotiations, in effect, between the parties to the ceasefire, which as you know, has been a contentious issue.

Sir John Killick: Is there any evidence that you have that this will be accepted by the Arabs and the Israelis?

Secretary Kissinger: No, but it will be easier with the Arabs than the Israelis.

Sir John Killick: Does this mean you are going to submit this without prior consultations?

Secretary Kissinger: No, we will consult. In fact, we may also consult with some of the Arabs.

Sir John Killick: Paragraph 3 obviously requires further working out. Do you have any ideas how this is going to work?

Secretary Kissinger: Well, it means we will use our good offices.

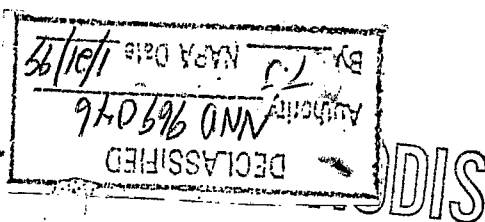
Now, I obviously cannot tell your Governments what to do. But anyone who is interested in a quick end to the fighting would presumably desist from trying to make amendments to this Resolution. I know from exchanges with your Government (UK) that this won't give you any difficulties.

Sir John Killick: No, on the contrary, we will be delighted and, in fact, I was about to congratulate you on the achievement.

Secretary Kissinger: We have some ideas about Arab views. They communicated them last night and this comes very close. The President will be in touch with the Prime Minister of Israel. They should have no problem accepting paragraphs 1 and 3, and paragraph 2 is close to what they have been asking for.

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Sir John Killick: Would there be any purpose in our governments weighing in with the Israelis?

Secretary Kissinger: This would be helpful. But you should wait a couple of hours so that we can communicate this to the Israelis.

Sir John Killick: Is there any agreement regarding the resupply operations?

Secretary Kissinger: No, but we will have further talks tonight. We do, however, have an agreement regarding POW's. We agreed that we would use maximum influence for their return in connection with a ceasefire.

Sir John Killick: The situation has obviously been getting rather worrisome here. Did you find them (the Soviets) in a, shall I say, responsible mood?

Secretary Kissinger: Yes, they were in a responsible mood and, of course, their interests were obviously engaged. Yes, I would say they were in a responsible mood. [Looking up at ceiling] I wasn't sure where the microphone was.

Our representative in New York won't be instructed for two or three hours, so I would appreciate it if you would avoid your representatives' contacting him. We will not table the Resolution until 8:30 p.m. (New York time). Incidentally, for your information we reached agreement here at 4:30 p.m. and then of course immediately called you.

The 3 Ambassadors: We appreciate it and are most grateful.

Sir John Killick: Are you leaving tonight?

Secretary Kissinger: No, first thing in the morning. I want to be here while the debates are still going on.

Sir John-Killick: Well, we are most grateful to you. I have done all the talking, but if you and my colleagues don't mind, I really would just as soon leave to get this on the wire.

(The meeting ended at 6:45 p.m.)

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