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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 26, 1973

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Attached is the message which I discussed with
you on the telephone.

Sincerely,



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His Excellency
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Dear Mr. General Secretary:

I am writing in response to your letter of October 25.

We believe that the establishment by the Security Council of a U.N. force is a constructive action and that with good will on both sides it should help stabilize the situation promptly. Moreover, as Secretary Kissinger said at his press conference, we look forward to the next step; namely, the beginning of negotiations between the parties concerned under our joint auspices. I can assure you, Mr. General Secretary, we intend to act fully in the spirit and substance of the understandings reached in Moscow this past weekend.

As to the question of observers, you are aware that the U.N. Truce Supervisory Organization has been established under the aegis of the United Nations Secretary General. My suggestion to you in my letter of October 25th regarding additions to the Truce Supervisory Force was conceived as an emergency measure fully within the context of the U.N. Observer Force, and to be developed on the basis of prior consultation, not on a unilateral basis. In that letter, I said that "to this end, I am prepared to join with you at once to augment the present Truce Supervisory Force by additional men and equipment. I would be prepared to see included in such augmented truce supervisory units a number of American and Soviet personnel,

though not combat forces. It would be understood that this is an extraordinary and temporary step, solely for the purpose of providing adequate information concerning compliance by both sides with the terms of the ceasefire. If this is what you mean by contingents, we will consider it."

Now that the United Nations Truce Supervisory Organization has been augmented and a United Nations emergency force created, a separate US-USSR supervisory force would be inappropriate. I propose that at this time we leave the composition of the U.N. Observer Force to the discretion of the Secretary General. Our own preference is for the limitations on its composition to be the same as those agreed upon for the U.N. emergency force. We would, however, be prepared to consider a request by the Secretary General to supply a few U.S. observers should he desire to do so. The Soviet observers should be integrated in the same manner. We do not believe it necessary to have separate observer forces from individual countries operating in the area.

I would like to assure you, Mr. General Secretary, that we wish to proceed in close cooperation with you, and to insure that the positive developments of the past weekend are not permitted to be overridden by the local rivalries of a volatile area.

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon