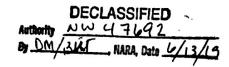
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Cen. Haig - Secretary Kissinger

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K:...Proposed Austrialians to the Soviets. They turned it down, possibly because they've got a thing going for them and now they probably figure the British won't come in, won't put the resolution forward. Now the 21st armored division of Egypt has crossed the Canal.

H: It has? Oh, boy.

K: The defense department may actually have inflicted a diplomatic and military defeat on us. It may be over by Monday night.

H: Have they got the C-HAs moving?

K: 60 tons, but the battle won't be influenced by that.

H: It will sure be influenced by failure to get the stuff.

K: Al, you know at the right moment 10 tons can make a difference. If the Israelis could have broken through in Syria on Thursday and then turned around, it would have been...

H: Have you talked to the Israelis today? What's their attitude, pessimistic?

K: Well, they want the stuff now, they are desparate now. And we are in one hell of a position.

H: Have they got anything back there in the pass area to meet this thing?

K: I think so.

H: If they stick their noses out of there they may be able to hurt them badly. What's the problem with the Brits, Henry. Could the President call.

K: The President doesn't want to call Heath.

H: Oh, I think he would, Hanry, have you talked to him.

K: No, but I have called Home and there is no sense in the President calling Heath until... It's 8:00 at night there, if they are going to.... They went to Sadat who said he didn't want

it, it fits with the scenario or with Soviet rhetoric.....isn't supposed to want it.

H: So afraid to breath relations.

K: but suppose they put it forward, supposing then accused of collusion with the Russians to make Sadat eswallow something he doesn't want, the Russians wouldn't swallow it, the British would have to bear the caus alone.

H: Perficious Albion.

K: Isn't it something.

H: We ought to be able to lay aheavy arm on those monkeys.

K: I tell you, compared to the risk of continuing the war, risk

...haven't heard by 3:30 I'll put inanother call. You know what
we'll be into if this doesn't work, a massive airlift, massive
confrontation with the United Arabs and the Loviets and the
guys who get us into it are the goodsamed Arabists, right?

H: Yep, with reasonable degree of Soviet honesty, if they are shonookering us...

K: If they are schnockering us and Israel won, would 20 plane loads have made any difference.

H: Can't believe that it would. It wouldn't serve any purpose to think that it would, despite the fact that ... could have had a fairly thin influence. At least oral assurances must have been all right. Got to face this. They are putting it out all over town that we are split, disorganized.

K: You know who's doing that, Jackson is putting it out.

H: That's not where he's getting it.

Ettrying to prove the NSC system isn't working.

H: We can make a damn good case for what we did

H: Yes, absolutely.

K: We gave the Imaelis iron clad assurances for replacement. to where they could have drawn down all stocks and get a victory.

H: I think they would do it in any event. Don't think they've ever been characterized as being excessively limid. Their problem in the first analysis is a combination of four years of maintaining the belance. Mel Laird and Dick Relms shaved down to the point where they were not strong enough.

K: That's a criticism they deserve.

H: Hal Saunders and the rest of those pastards colluding to weaken the people in view of the Soviet buildup. These things don't happen that easy.

K: Our Sunday and Morday intelligence estimates atill showed overwholming strength d... Arabists overestimated... but couldn't have been decisive. Thing to do now is to do our god damadest to get the stuff in thete.

K: You agree we have to now have a massive airlift within three chys, next step consultation with the Arab world and with the Soviets.

H: No question need to do that but we have to be very sure now that we look down the line at our own gamesmanchip. With regard to our running this, I think confronted with one challenge after another.

K: We have got to get a higher defense budgets now, turn shappy right. We have got to reopen our military assistance program again with Soviet arms being chief supplier in the world today., heavy victory for Soviet arms, haven't get a chance.

H: Schiesinger's calling me. What do you suppose he wants. Anything a problem.

K: Don't know, but if he's got a problem he should call me not you.

H:really brutalised him last night.

