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K: .. he has no excuse -- I expained the strategy to him in great detail. But he's afraid of Clements.

Yeh, his first comment to me was that they have spent a long meeting tonight with the military attache and there was no mention of ammunition at all except--

K: Dinitz told me they had Clements, Noyes and all the enemies in there and their afraid it will get to the Arabs.

H:	Ah huh.	•	. :	•	EC
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Yeh. Another thing is Jim told me that because of this odd ____ mission, H: it is suddenly it's critical -- take ten planes a day. He's ready to move Maircraft thas (?) vice affin there immediately. I think that would be foolish.

K: That would be a disaster, Al. How can he can hed week everything up for week, he can't now recoup it the day the diplomacy is supposed to start.

H: He said they have no permission yet to transfer from the Azores. And.

K: We both have been in this business a long time. Do you believe that the Defense department couldn't get civilian charters -- that Clements could get on the phone and say listen you sons-of-bitches, if you ever want to get Defenset Dept. business again, you better charter.

I find that hard to believe. Pretty hard to believe because these charters H: live on Defense contracts.

K:All right. You know goddamn well they didn't try.

I don't think it 's good for me to call Clements-I've had a piece of Jim's H: ass for about as heavy as it can be. I toldhim to get on the phone and call you right now. To have his man call the Israeli man and said for God sake don't put on one of these characters who had been handpicked four years ago to be anti-Israel. And get the goddamn facts military to military. Keep the civilians out of it, find out what the hell they need.

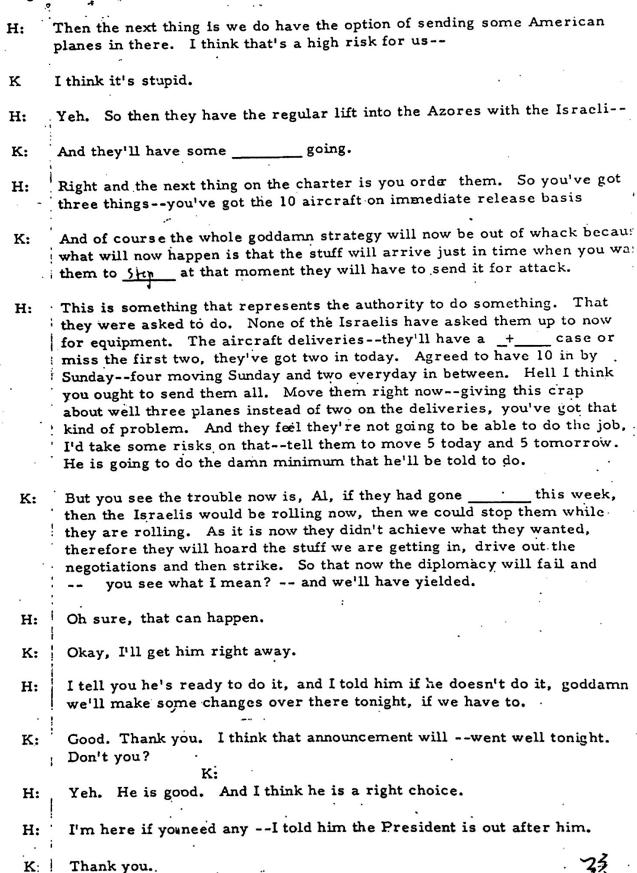
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- K: Because you know yourself that if they failed and we carry the can for it what political penal ties they are going to pay and what foreign policy penalties. We have to have our nose clean and the hell of it is this whole operation was going to work.
- H: Well, he said the stuff is there in the Azores, he felt that's what was to be, done.
- K: But Al, you know, we've been through a lot of this stuff before.
- H: Yeh, I know.
- K: They always do the one thing that doesn't get to Israel. You know they'll dump it in the Azores, they'll take it to the North Pole, they'll get it to Greenland, Anartica, any place. When the President says get it to the Azores, that was one of the options. He is the Secretary of Defense.
- H: Yeh. That's right, I haven't any problem with that. But when you have a situation like this, there are people over there that aren't communicating. And if intention is sanitizing, the only way to hang their ass is to sit down and go through the options with them and just ram it down their throat. Right now, there are about three things that can be done. One is they should order these charters to do this.
- K: Have you told them that?
- H: Yes.
- K: Should I get back to him?
- H: Yeh. The second thing, Henry, that they should do is to move these 10 aircraft.
- K: That' I've already told them.
- H: I told it to them and he said he's moving them. But I'm not even sure he knows where he's moving them or whether or not he can have the pilots in the Azores to pick them up or whether we should send the pilots right on in with them.
- K: Now do --the easiest would be to get the pilots to the Azores, because by the time we get them there, these pilots could be in the Azores. But if worse comes to worse, let us bring them in.
- H: Sure. And thats the question that requires immediate discussion with the Israelis--can they have 10 pilots there or ten crews and send the planes immediately. Now they won't get there till tomorrow night at earliest.

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