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Sec. Kissinger/Amb. Dobrynin
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K: There are now three signals going into our embassy. The number of hours they operate is doubled from what it used to be.

D: You are joking.

K: I am serious.

D: You said twice as much?

K: There is a third signal. We do not know how much that adds to the radiation exposure. We are still analyzing that. The time operating is now more than before.

D: How much longer -- well approximately?

K: Now it operates 18-19 hours a day and it used to be 10 hours a day.

D: Nineteen?

K: Yes.

D: Well, I think you have done your utmost. You even brought the President and Brezhnev in this. It was unfair but I think it was remarkable. So I am waiting for the reply from Brezhnev.

K: We will have to pull Stoessel out anyway because of his illness.

D: Even . . .

K: We are trying to keep the thing quiet.

D: You understand this point is from the table of the Secretary. What is the final decision, I do not know. If you would like me to pass on this additional information.

K: Yes. Don't think this is any harrassment. I just got this word. If we could come to an understanding which way we can handle our end can you put in military equipment which are to go back to the Congress for new authority which would have a legal thing on it.

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D: Zaire and Zambia. There is no limit by Congress.

K: It is not that easy. There would have to be a much more _____.

D: I think it is not easy for anyone to explain. I will explain it.

K: Okay. Good.

D: Friday?

K: Or maybe Thursday, tomorrow maybe.