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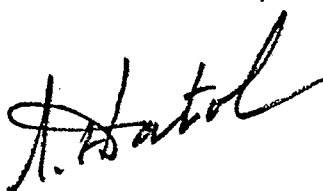
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October 25, 1973

Dear Henry,

I am sending you herewith the message I have told you about this afternoon over the telephone.

Sincerely,



A. Dobrynin

The Secretary of State  
Dr. Henry KISSINGER,  
The White House,  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. President,

I have received your letter in which it is alleged once again that Israel ceased all the firing. This allegation contradicts the facts - it is enough to say that when the letter was received in Moscow the Israeli aviation was bombing the city of Ismailia and the fighting was continuing in the city of Suez, which, as is known, had not been in the area of military activities.

Taking into account the developing situation and acting upon request by the President of Egypt Mr. Sadat, which he addressed to you also, we have already dispatched to-day, October 25, to Cairo a group of Soviet representatives - totaling 70 persons - for supervision at the Egyptian-Israeli front of the observance of the Security Council decisions on cease-fire. Since you are ready now, as we understand, to send to Egypt a group of American observers with the same task, we agree to act jointly in this question.

The Soviet group of observers is instructed to get into contact and business like cooperation with the US group of observers as soon as it arrives to Egypt, so that they would

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without delay engage in discharging their task. The situation is such that it is necessary to act without delay.

We are ready to cooperate with the American side in taking also of other measures which will be dictated by the situation, in order to ensure immediate and strict implementation by the sides of the Security Council decisions of October 22 and 23.

We express the confidence that following the dispatch of observers we in an urgent manner will continue also our other political measures which correspond to the decision of the Security Council and to the understanding between us, reached in Moscow with Dr. Kissinger, who conducted negotiations on your behalf.

We expect that on the part of the United States, really effective steps will be taken to guarantee the implementation by Israel of the decisions of the Security Council, about what you, Mr. President, write in your letter.

Respectfully,

L. Brezhnev

October 25, 1973