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TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING  
WITH GENERAL WALTERS

1. General Walters' purpose should not be to present a detailed U.S. position or to commence a negotiation. Rather, he will be ready to hear any thoughts or positions from the Palestinian side and to convey a general positive U.S. attitude.
2. He should convey the following to the Palestinians:
  - The U.S. sincerely intends to use the aftermath of this crisis as an opportunity to act vigorously to promote a rapid and comprehensive settlement. Resolutions 338 and 242 provide the basis for such a settlement.
  - Palestinian interests and aspirations are a reality, and the U.S. has recognized publicly that no settlement is possible without taking them into account.
  - There are no objective reasons for antagonism between the United States and the Palestinians. In the context of a settlement, the U.S. would be more than eager to contribute to the well-being and progress of the Palestinian people in any manner in which we can be effective, e.g., through economic or technical assistance.
  - The U.S. appreciates the responsible positions taken by the leaders of the Palestinian movement during various phases of the crisis. This will not go unnoticed. This will go a long way toward making it easier for the U.S. -- and also Israel -- to accommodate Palestinian concerns in the negotiation of a settlement.
  - As for the future political role of the Palestinians, the U.S. has no proposals to make. It is not so expert in the history of intra-Arab politics and culture that it can invent solutions. The Palestinians must understand, however, that the United States has a fixed principle that it does not betray its friends. We regard the King of Jordan as a friend. We

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would expect, nevertheless, that in the context of a comprehensive settlement, the relationship between the Palestinian movement and the Hashemite Kingdom could develop in the direction of reconciliation. We would support and promote any constructive solution in this direction that is acceptable to the parties.

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The U.S. side has received the message of the PLO and the message is now under urgent consideration.

The proposed date of Friday, October 26, 1973 for a meeting is not possible but the U.S. side hopes to propose another date in the very near future.