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COMMENTS TO THE PRESS BY
SECRETARY KISSINGER
ON ARRIVAL AT KING DAVID HOTEL
FOLLOWING MEETING WITH ISRAELI NEGOTIATING TEAM
JERUSALEM, ISRAEL, AUGUST 24, 1975

QUESTION: Will you please tell us the results of the meeting tonight?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: We had an extensive meeting going over the various areas that remain to be settled. We made further progress in narrowing the differences, and I will take the Israeli ideas on a number of issues to Egypt. We will continue our exploration --

QUESTION: Dr. Kissinger, do you think you have a deal at this point? Do you think it is all wrapped up?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I can not be sure because we have not actually started drafting anything yet. That will become clearer in a number of days, but we are making progress.

QUESTION: What are your expectations as of now?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I am hopeful.

QUESTION: That there will be a deal?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: That there will be an agreement.

QUESTION: How many shuttles do you think it might take?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I have no idea, maybe three or four more.

QUESTION: (Inaudible -- dealt with the problem of Umm Hashiba.)

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I do not want to go through every problem. This was one of the problems that remain to be dealt with. Since I came out here we have made good progress in relation to it.

QUESTION: Have the Egyptians agreed to have American technicians man these listening posts?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: That is another issue on which we have made progress.

THE PRESS: Thank you.

