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GENEVA CONFERENCE

- Q. Since Egypt asked the Co-Chairman of the Geneva Conference -- the U.S. and USSR -- to reconvene the conference, how does the United States view a reconvening of this conference? When will it resume and what is the U.S. position on the attendance of other states such as France and the United Kingdom?
- A. We are prepared to take any steps to help promote a lasting peace in the Middle East, including the reconvening of the Geneva Conference. *as the President indicated last night* ~~We are prepared as well to explore other forums and we will be consulting with the parties involved about next steps.~~ As the President stated in his address to the Congress on April 10, the United States will move ahead on whatever course looks most promising, towards an overall settlement or interim agreements should the parties themselves desire them. The timing for the possible resumption of the Geneva Conference, will have to be worked out by all the parties concerned, including the two co-chairmen. But it is premature to speculate about exact dates and other procedural or substantive questions.

Q. Now that Secretary Kissinger has postponed his trip to Latin America, how will this cancellation affect our relations with Latin America?

A. The President asked Secretary Kissinger to postpone his plans to visit three countries of Latin America later this week. Because of the critical situation in Southeast Asia, he felt that it would be inadvisable for him to be away from Washington at this particular time. In view of the great importance we attach to our relations with Latin America, however, he has asked that the Secretary give high priority to rescheduling the trip in the not too distant future and is addressing letters to the three Presidents expressing his regret over any inconvenience which this unavoidable change in plans may have caused.