

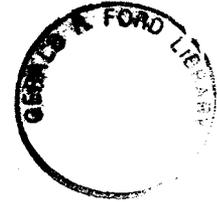
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REMARKS OF
THE HONORABLE HENRY A. KISSINGER
SECRETARY OF STATE
AND
ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER YIGAL ALLON
FOLLOWING THEIR MEETING AT
PRIME MINISTER RABIN'S OFFICE
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QUESTION: How did your talks go today?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: We are in the process of working on mostly the annexes of the agreement containing a lot of highly technical and complicated material. We are making progress on them. We are conducting useful meetings. We are meeting again tomorrow morning before I go to Egypt.

QUESTION: How many more trips to Alexandria will you need before you can nail this down?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: One or two.

QUESTION: Mr. Secretary, you will not be returning to the United Nations to deliver your speech there?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I have decided that the speech on which I have been working, which tries to lay out the major program of the United States towards the developing world ought to be presented at the beginning of the Special Session. I therefore have asked Ambassador Moynihan to read the speech for me. It will be my speech read by our Ambassador -- a speech that I have been working on for many months including on this trip. It will attempt to put forward the American position towards the developing world and towards the problems of development in, I hope, a constructive manner. He will read the speech on Monday afternoon at the opening session of the Special Assembly.

QUESTION: Would you say that you were working on the fine points and that all the big issues are all out of the way now?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: The big issues that I found in the area when I came are substantially settled, but an accumulation of fine points can also present a problem. We are in the final phases of a negotiation, and therefore what remains is sometimes the technically most complex, but not necessarily the most significant.

QUESTION: Would you just say it is just a matter of time rather than a new hitch or snag?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: Or our nervous stability?

QUESTION: Do you think, sir, that your UN speech will be able to report that a settlement has been reached?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: Whatever happens, the UN speech will not refer to the Middle East negotiations. It was designed for a different purpose. It has been developed as a long term program. If your question is: is it possible to conclude the negotiations by Monday, it is possible, but we are not working against any fixed deadline. But you should not draw any conclusions from the fact that I have decided to have the speech read earlier in the session. I just did not want to have to slide it back from day to day in the session that lasts only ten days altogether. So I decided that it would be best to put the speech forward when it was originally scheduled on Monday afternoon on the opening session.

QUESTION: Is there a controversy about certain parts of the agreement that should go on the public part and in the unpublished part?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: That is not the issue right now at all. They are mostly technical problems that we are discussing.

FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON: In addition to what Dr. Kissinger told you I would like to inform you that our weekly Cabinet meeting which takes place usually on Sunday mornings will be postponed to Monday morning because we have another working session with the Secretary of State and his team tomorrow morning in this office. Since Dr. Kissinger is going to Alexandria later on, I have to cancel the farewell party which I prepared for tomorrow night. I am sure that we will find another date sooner or later to express our gratitude for the very fruitful work that he and his team have been doing ever since the shuttle has begun, not to speak about the earlier efforts which are less publicized.

QUESTION: Mr. Allon, what time will the meeting be tomorrow morning?

FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON: 8:30.

QUESTION: Mr. Allon, that means that the agreement will not be initialed before Monday?

FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON: The agreement cannot be initialed before the Cabinet approves the agreement. After the Cabinet will approve it -- as I hope -- then it can be initialed the same day even by the representatives of Israel.

QUESTION: Is the Knesset still about to meet on Tuesday?

FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON: I am not sure. It just may meet on its usual work, but I think that between the Cabinet meeting and the Knesset special session, the parties will have a chance to meet among themselves in order to clarify their own positions. Only when the Knesset approves this agreement in principle, will we be able to sign the basic agreement between us and Egypt. Afterwards comes the phase of the technical and military negotiations in Geneva itself. Only after the last document has been signed, then the agreement becomes effective.

QUESTION: Will the time span be a matter of days or weeks before the agreement is fully solved?

FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON: Well, it can be a matter of days once the Knesset approves the agreement.