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THE HONORABLE HENRY A. KISSINGER  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
AT  
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SECRETARY KISSINGER: As we have been telling you, we are going over the agreement and its annexes, and especially the annexes involved an enormous amount of very precise detail. We did it with the attitude of bringing the negotiations to a conclusion. We believe the negotiation is approaching its end, and I hope that on my visit to Alexandria we can clear up the remaining differences. I will return this evening and meet again with the Israeli negotiating team at that time.

QUESTION: Would you say that this is one of the most complicated of international agreements that you have ever negotiated?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: Well, I think that is a rather sweeping term, but I think it is one of the more complicated ones that I have been involved in. But if one considers that this would be a significant step towards peace in the area, that it is the first agreement that is being negotiated without the impact of a war by two sides that are beginning to feel their way towards peace, one has to understand that it is inevitably complex but its complexity also underlines its importance.

QUESTION: Would you say that the problem that has to do with the military annexes has something to do with the size of the forces in the limited forces zone?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I do not want to go into it, but that does not happen to be the major problem.

QUESTION: (Inaudible) today's agreement with Egypt this afternoon?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: Let us wait till I get back.

THE PRESS: Have a good trip.

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