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REMARKS OF
THE HONORABLE HENRY A. KISSINGER
SECRETARY OF STATE
AT THE KING DAVID HOTEL
AFTER A MEETING AT
PRIME MINISTER RABIN'S OFFICE
JERUSALEM
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QUESTION: Good morning, Mr. Secretary. Do you have results on the agreement?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: As I told you earlier, we had a few technical details to work out.

QUESTION: Are they worked out now, sir?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: We had a number of issues that we had to examine. I think that we have substantially concluded our negotiations. The Israeli Cabinet is now going to meet and will make a decision during the course of the day. Afterwards, we will know what to do.

QUESTION: Were there any contacts with Egypt during the course of these negotiations today?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: We had a pretty good idea of the Egyptian position and of course we had presented the Israeli position in Egypt during the day. So it was clear what was needed to move the parties and we knew the span within which both sides were willing to move. We have been in touch during the course of the night with Egypt, however.

QUESTION: Have the negotiators, then, from both sides agreed on a text at the moment?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: My impression is yes. We have to make one more check.

QUESTION: Are there any loose ends remaining, sir, or are all the facts now known? Are the lines known, the numbers of personnel --

SECRETARY KISSINGER: No, there is no more negotiating to be done.

QUESTION: All has been resolved; all the numbers are known; all the figures; all the details are all finished?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: Yes.

QUESTION: Where does that check have to be made? You said one more check has to be made.

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SECRETARY KISSINGER: Well, we have to compare texts and so forth to make sure.

QUESTION: Is it still your hope to go to Alexandria tonight or stay here tonight?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: It depends how long the deliberations of the Israeli Cabinet will last. If at all possible I would like to go to Alexandria before the end of the evening.

QUESTION: Are all the bilateral understandings now completely worked out as well?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: We have completed. Yes, it is finished.

QUESTION: One hundred per cent?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I would say the bilateral discussions are finished.

QUESTION: Mr. Secretary, when will the political, economic and diplomatic concessions to Israel be made public?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: Well, why don't you wait until all the documents will be made public and then you can judge for yourself which fall into which category.

QUESTION: Will they be all made at the same time -- the military lines as well as the political all at once?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: Yes.

QUESTION: As far as you are concerned now, sir, this is a success -- have you done what you came to do?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: Well, why don't we wait till the end of the day.

QUESTION: Will the Israeli-American document be made public also?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I do not think so.

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