

*Delivered from Soviet Embassy
at 7⁰⁰ pm, Tuesday, 9/2/75 46*

EMBASSY OF THE
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
1125 - 16TH ST. N.W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036

September 2, 1975

Dear Brent:

Attached is the Oral Message from Foreign Minister
Gromyko to Secretary Kissinger which I discussed with you
over the telephone.

Sincerely,



Yuly M. Vorontsov
Charge d'Affaires
Union of Soviet Socialist
Republics

Lieutenant General
Brent Scowcroft
Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

The White House
Washington D.C.



ORAL MESSAGE

In connection with the communication of the Secretary of State concerning the initialing of an agreement between Egypt and Israel on partial withdrawal of the Israeli forces in Sinai which was prepared through unilateral mediation of the United States, A.A.Gromyko would like to state to the Secretary the following.

The Secretary is well aware of the principled position of the Soviet Union on the problem of the Middle East settlement including our definite negative attitude towards such separate actions in the Middle East.

During the meeting in Vienna last May the Secretary made assurances that henceforth the United States will not only be no organizer of but also no party to any new separate deals in the Middle East. However the actions after that obviously do not correspond to those assurances.

While repeatedly stating to the American side our position on the key questions of the Middle East settlement we, as the Secretary knows, have not rejected in principle a possibility also of partial measures of settlement. However we have always stressed that, first, agreement on such measures should be a product of joint efforts of all the interested parties including the Soviet Union in the framework of the Geneva Conference and, second, any such agreement should lead towards general settlement by being in fact, and not simply in words, its integral part.

Not once was the Secretary also advised that we are against using the Geneva Conference as some kind of a parade ground for



formalizing separate deals prepared outside its framework. It would bring more harm than usefulness to exploit the Conference in such a way.

That is why the Soviet Union does not intend naturally to send its representative to Geneva to be present for the signing of any document prepared without the participation of the USSR.

About our negative attitude towards sending American personnel with control functions into the zone of action of the UNEF on Sinai we have already informed the United States earlier.

