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Message from Soviet Ambassador Dobrynin to President Nixon (Transmitted by Col. Kennedy to Kissinger) regarding Soviet military presence in UAR.

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A message from Ambassador Dobrynin to President Nixon regarding the Soviet military presence in the Middle East.

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE FOR YOU FROM AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN.

REFERRING TO OUR PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS THE FOLLOWING IS AUTHORIZED BY MOSCOW TO BE TRANSMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT.

SINCE PRESIDENT NIXON EXPRESSED HIS WISH TO KNOW THE INTENTIONS OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE PROSPECTS OF THE SOVIET "MILITARY PRESENCE" IN THE UAR WE WOULD LIKE THE PRESIDENT TO RECALL THAT IT WAS NOT THE SOVIET UNION WHO INITIATED THE ARMS RACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WE HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED AND BELIEVE NOW THAT APPROPRIATE STEPS TOWARDS LIMITING THIS ARMS RACE WOULD NOT CONTRADICT THE INTERESTS OF COUNTRIES OF THAT AREA. AT THE SAME TIME, FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, WE CAN NOT DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF UNILATERAL ASSURANCES FROM THE SOVIET SIDE IN TERMS OF OUR ACCEPTING ANY PRELIMINARY CONDITIONS.

AS WE ALREADY STATED TO THE US GOVERNMENT EARLIER, THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD BE READY TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF LIMITING THE SHIPMENTS OF ARMS TO THE COUNTRIES OF THE MIDDLE EAST AFTER A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED. AT THAT TIME THE QUESTION OF "MILITARY PRESENCE" IN THAT AREA OF THE WORLD BY NON-MIDEASTERN COUNTRIES COULD PROBABLY ALSO BE CONSIDERED. NATURALLY, IN THIS CASE IT WOULD BE A MATTER NOT ONLY FOR THE SOVIET UNION BUT ALSO FOR OTHER STATES INVOLVED TO ASSUME APPROPRIATE OBLIGATIONS.

THE SOVIET SIDE REGARDS ITS CONTACTS WITH THE AMERICAN SIDE ON THE MIDDLE EAST QUESTION AS VERY IMPORTANT ONES AND SINCERELY WANTS THESE CONTACTS TO BRING ABOUT CONCRETE RESULTS IN TERMS OF A SPEEDIEST ACHIEVEMENT OF A LASTING AND JUST PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

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