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Summary:

Alarmed by the speed of the negotiations' progress, Secretary Rogers informs Ambassador Rush (and Henry Kissinger) that "an ad referendum agreement should not be reached at the present time."

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STRICTLY EYES ONLY FOR AMBASSADOR RUSH FROM THE SECRETARY

WHITE HOUSE PASS SAN CLEMENTE FOR KISSINGER

- 1. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE FOUR AMBASSADORS MIGHT ASREZ TO COMPREHENSIVE FORMULATIONS FOR EVENTUAL TURLIS AGREEMENT TOMIGHT.
- 3. I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT AN AD-REFERENDUM AGREEMENT SUBJUDE NOT BE REACHED AT THE PRESENT TIME, AND THAT BIFORE SUCH STAGE IS REACHED WE WILL NEED TO MAKE THOROUGH REVIEW OF RESULTS OF LAST 48 HOURS' MEETINGS AND POSSIBLY HAVE CONSULTATIONS WITH YOU IN WASHINGTON.
- 3. YOU SHOULD THERDFORE INFORM THE OTHER THREE AMBASSADORS FORMALLY BY THE CLOSE OF TONIGHT'S SESSION THAT YOU FEEL THE MEGOTIATIONS HAVE REACHED A POINT WHERE THE AMBASSADORS SHOULD PAUSE FOR CONSIDERATION IN CAPITALS, FOLLOWING WHICH FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE EPKECTED. ROGERS

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