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TELCON
Max Fisher
Sec. Kissinger
April 2, 1975
3:30 p.m.

K: How are you?

F: Fine. How are you?

K: O.K.

F: I have a couple of observations I wanted to make before I left. First, I think you have created a little bit of a problem by loading that Committee with all pro-Arabists.

K: That is a Committee I have been meeting with for ages.

F: I know but publicly I think it creates a little bit of a problem. I am trying to avoid problems now.

K: It is a private group I have been meeting with. We discussed Portugal, CIA -- not only the Middle East.

F: I ~~xi~~ mention this because I think it is going to be interpreted this way. If you had Arthur Goldberg or Gene Rostow. I have had telephone calls. If you look through the roster outside Shults there is not a single person not pro-Arab.

K: That very morning I met with Morgenthau, Kampelmann, John Stoessenger -- all who are Jewish.

F: I just mention that to you for what it is worth. The other thing is this. The leakage of your conversations with your Canadian and West German countries -- we should not telegraph everyone that you are putting pressure on them to put pressure on Isarel.

K: Let's hold steady. Do you think I would ask Canada to bring pressure on Israel.

F: I tell you what happened. I got a call from the APac organization.

K: What is APAC.

F: The public affairs -- Israeli Public Affairs Committee -- Sy Kennan's group. The guy in the Canadian govt -- one of the aids there passed on a memo about a conversation with you. I tell you these things in confidence. I have found out one thing -- everyone exaggerates what actually takes place.



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K: What was the conversation?

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F: You pointed out in the ~~negotiations~~ that they should do whatever they could to put pressure on the Israelis.

K: Absolutely not. They asked me if they should keep their forces there and I said absolutely.

F: I am trying to keep the conflicts down to see if we can find some road. Just mention these things to you for what they are worth. I am not trying to be contentious. I know it is a difficult time. I had Simcha on the phone last night. I told him he had to stop this monkey business. Stop interpreting whatever newspaper correspondent (writes). Don't you understand the difficulty between you and Henry cannot be 100 percent right or wrong. The newspaper guy lives on conflict. They want to tell you what somebody else said. They do it to aggravate a situation. I said that is a very simple fact. Which is true. These newspaper people -- media -- and you know better than I do, love to create conflict. Right?

K: No question.

F: I just wanted to mention to you that I did all I could yesterday. I appreciated the visit. I don't know if I can accomplish anything but I will try.

K: The thing they have to understand is first -- what the hell can Canada do for us.

F: They cannot do nothing for anybody.

K: If Pierre Trudeau personally visited Rabin -- your visit will have 10,000 more influence than any visit from any Canadian. Did I ask you to tell them to make concessions. No, because I ~~xxx~~ don't know what I want them to do.

F: Quite honestly, I am not going over to deliver a message from you or the President. I am going over as an interested American Jew. To give them my personal assessment. I don't intend to tell them what to do. I will if they ask my opinion. This is the only posture I can take.

K: I heard that Canadian sotry also.

F: I heard it the first thing when I got up. Someone said it was in the NY Times.

K: It is total nonsense.



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F: O.K. I just mention these things to you.

K: I gave him a very superficial account of the negotiations. They asked us about Geneva and I said I hoped that everyone goes there with a constructive attitude.

F: I agree.

K: And that is nothing statement.

F: Everybody is looking at big trouble. When are you leaving for California.

K: Tomorrow.

F: I hope you can see Dinitz before you leave.

K: He is coming in with Dayan tomorrow.

F: Jesus. Hopefully you can see him by yourself.

K: What should I do with him.

F: Oh boy, these characters.

K: I am not in any quarrel with Dinitz. I like him. He is my friend. If I see him alone what would I say to Dinitz.

F: I think it might -- you might have some conversation together that would at least cut down all of this feeling of antagonism. That's all. I hope you do see him before.

K: The Jewish Community cannot be so insane as to believe that a Jewish Sec. of State is against them. There are limits even to Jewish suicidal qualities.

F: I agree with you. Don't misinterpret me, I am just making a couple of observations.

K: On the Canadian -- I have to say a lot of things but I certainly did not tell them to bring pressure.

F: My own feeling is that newspaper people have a tendency to make a conflict. It is unfortunate. All of these things are picked up.

K: I will see Dinitz alone.

F: That would be very very helpful. I appreciate the time you gave me. Do you have anything further you want to say.

K: No.



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F: You gave me enough. I will digest this on the plane today. I will come up with some ideas of my own. I am very much in your corner.

K: They have to understand in Jerusalem that I am not their problem. They have a situation and they have a future to look at.

F: I don't think America is their problem.

K: They have themselves in a situation that they should have by all costs avoided.

F: You read me a dable which I think is a problem from Sadat which said, as I recall, you don't know whether they are capable of or strong enough to make peace.

K: That's right.

F: Was that the phrase.

K: Yes.

F: That was the interpretation. Whatever believe me, I believe in you.

K: You have been a good friend.

F: When I talk to you I talk to you as a friend.

K: I will see what I can do. I just won't talk to any foreign diplomats.

F: Sorry you did not get to see Dayan by himself.

K: I wanted to see him but Dinitz would not let it.

F: I can see it. I talked to Dayan. I know.

K: I ~~talked~~ as much as told him not to come but he insisted.
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F: ~~Ask~~ a visit with Dinitz by himself. I would appreciate it.

K: O.K.

F: Meanwhile I will be in touch with you the first moment I get to the phone when I get back.

K: Wonderful. Hear from you soon. And thank you.

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