

TALKING POINTS FOR CALL TO PRIME MINISTER RABIN

-- Secretary Kissinger has advised me of the Israeli position you confirmed to him this afternoon regarding the passes and access to the oil fields. I want you to know that I am bitterly disappointed.

-- I do not want to argue the details with you. But it is clear to me that the Israeli position in the passes is essentially the same as it was when the talks collapsed three months ago. We have made clear for 10 months that the Egyptians consider vacating the passes as essential. I am reluctant to convey this position to the Egyptians, since they will recognize it as representing little or no progress.

-- There is some progress with respect to the road to the oil fields. But it too is minimal.

-- I am also convinced that the American public would not find the Israeli position very forthcoming. And I, personally, would not be able to argue that it is.

-- In light of our inability, despite the intensive efforts we have made in the past few days, to produce what I regard as sufficient progress to justify a sustained effort towards another interim solution, the U. S. must now carefully weigh the advisability of formulating and proposing the framework for an overall settlement.

-- Therefore, in the spirit of total candor which I believe must exist between us, I urge you to reconsider the Israeli position as it now stands. I hope your talks with Secretary Kissinger on Sunday will reveal such a reconsideration.



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