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10. ELAZAR CONCLUDED BY AGREEING THAT THE CHIEFS OF STAFF BOTH ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING AND DECIDE THERE ON ATTENDANCE AT FUTURE MEETINGS. HE AGREED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO START THE TALKS WELL AND SAID ISRAEL HAS NO OTHER INTEREST THAN TO HONOR THE AGREEMENT IN SPIRIT AND LETTER IN ORDER TO IMPROVE ATMOSPHERE FOR FUTURE AGREEMENTS.

11. GAMASY THANKED ELAZAR FOR HIS COMMENTS AND ASKED WHETHER HE SAW THE FIRST 28 DAYS AS DIVIDED INTO TWO PHASES. AT THIS POINT, ELAZAR PRODUCED MAP WITH OVERLAY INDICATING STEPS IN WHICH EVACUATION MIGHT PROCEED, EMPHASIZING THAT MAP HAD BEEN PREPARED ONLY AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION, NOT AS A FINAL SOLUTION. ELAZAR SAID IF GAMASY HAD INITIAL COMMENTS ISRAEL WOULD TRY TO ADAPT ITS PROPOSAL BEFORE SUNDAY.

12. GAMASY SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS ISRAELI EVACUATION OF THE WEST BANK COULD BE COMPLETED IN LESS THAN 28 DAYS. ELAZAR SAID HE HAD NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE AND ONLY PROBLEM WAS WHETHER IT WAS LOGISTICALLY POSSIBLE TO FINISH IN A SHORTER TIME. HE WOULD LOOK AT IT.

13. GAMASY SAID HE HOPED THAT ROAD TO SUEZ CITY MIGHT BE OPENED EVEN BEFORE DISENGAGEMENT BEGAN. ELAZAR SAID HE WOULD NOT SUGGEST OPENING THE ROAD UNTIL AFTER THE ISRAELIS HAD WITHDRAWN NORTH OF IT SO AS TO AVOID BOTH FORCES ON THE ROAD AT THE SAME TIME. GAMASY ACCEPTED POINT WITH REGARD TO MILITARY TRAFFIC, BUT SAID HE WAS TALKING ONLY AT THIS STAGE ABOUT CIVILIAN TRAFFIC MOVING IN CONVOYS UNDER UNEF SUPERVISION. ELAZAR SAID HE WOULD COME SUNDAY WITH AN ANSWER.

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14. ELAZAR SAID HE WOULD LIKE ARRANGEMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR COLLECTING BODIES OF DEAD ISRAELI SOLDIERS AND FOR TRYING TO LOCATE MISSIG. GAMASSY SAID HE WAS READY TO DISCUSS THIS. GAMASY SAID HE WOULD NOT RAISE THE QUESTION OF EGYPTIAN PRISONERS BECAUSE HE ALREADY HAD ANSWER. WITH REGARD TO KABRIT, EGYPT WOULD LIKE TO TREAT IT AS PART OF THIRD ARMY FOR FOOD AND SUPPLY IF ISRAEL DID NOT OBJECT. ELAZAR SAID THERE WOULD BE NO OBJECTION. HE SAID ISRAEL WOULD LIKE A MAP OF SEA MINES IN THE GULF OF SUEZ.

15. SIILASVUO ASKIED DESIRES OF THE PARTI S ON BRIEFING THE PRESS. ELAZAR SAID HE WOULD SAY SIMPLY THAT AGREEMENT HAS BENEFITS FOR BOTH SIDES AND REPRESENTS A FIRST STEP TOWARD A BETTER FUTURE. GAMASY INDICATED HE WOULD NOT COMMENT. BOTH SIDES INDICATED THEY WOULD LEAVE RELEASE OF AGREEMENT TO POLITICAL LEVELS OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS.

16. IN CLOSING, SIILASVUO INDICATED AN INTEREST IN HOW MINE FIELDS WOULD BE CLEARED SINCE UNEF TAKING OVER EVACUATED AREAS. ELAZAR SAID MANS. WOULD BE LEFT, BUT ISRAEL WOULD PROVIDE MAPS. GAMASY SAID IF EGYPT HAD MAPS IT WOULD CONCENTRATE ALL ITS ENGINEER EFFORTS ON CLEARING THE FIELDS.

17. SIILASVUO ASKIED WHETHER PHOTOGRAPHERS SHOULD BE INVITED IN. GAMASY PREFERRED PHOTOS BE LIMITED TP DELEGATIONS LEAVING TENT. COFFEE WAS SERVED, AND THERE WAS SMALL TALK. THE MEETING ENDED AT 1:15 PM.

18. AFTER THE SIGNING, THE ATMOSPHERE RELAXED FROM CORRECT TO COOPERATIVE AND EVAN CORDIAL AS GENEGULS BEGAN DISCUSSING THEIR BUSINESS. SETTING WAS COMBINATION OF DESERT SIMPLICTY AND EFFORTS TO RECOGNIZE WHAT EVERYONE PRESENT FELT TO BE HISTORIC MOMENT. UNEF HONER GUARD IN FIELD UNIFORMS LINED TWO PATHS

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LEADING FROM EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI TENTSTO SIGNING TENT. ABOUT 150 MEMBERS OF PRESS STATIONED 150 FEET AWAY. INSIDE DIRT- FLOORED SIGNING TENT WAS BETTERED U-SHAPED TABLE COVERED WITH OLD GRAY FELT AND SUR- ROUNDED BY SLATTED WOOD FOLDING CHAIRS OF SOME OTHER ERA.

19. READINESS ON BOTH SIDES TO GET ON WITH IMPLE- MENTATION QUICKLY AND TO DEAL WITH DISAGREEMENTS AS PRACTICAL PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED CHARACTERIZED APPROACH OF BOTH SIDES. SIILASVUO AND GORGE WERE QUICK TO RECOGNIZE OBVIOUS PREPARATORY WORK DONE BY SECRETARY KISSINGER TO ASSURE PARALLEL THINKING ON BOTH SIDES ABOUT MECHANICS OF IMPLEMENTATION. BOTH EXPRESSED DEEP GRATITUDE FOR US CONTRIBUTION, AND SIILASVUO ASKED THAT HIS CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS BE EXTENDED TO THE SECRETARY.

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