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SUBJ: SYG ASKS SC PRESIDENT TO CIRCULATE US AND SOVIET
LETTERS ON MIDDLE EAST CONFERENCE

TEXTS FOLLOW OF (A) DEC 18 LETTER FROM SYG TO SC PRES
REQUESTING THAT US AND USSR LETTERS ON ME CONFERENCE BY
CIRCULATED AND (B) SECY KISSINGER'S LETTER TO SYG COVERED
BY LETTER FROM AMU BENNETT:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,
I HAVE RECEIVED THE ATTACHED LETTERS FROM THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING THE FORTHCOMING CONFER-

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ENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD COMMUNICATE THIS LETTER TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. IT IS MY INTENTION TO PROCEED ON THE BASIS OF THIS LETTER WHICH I CONSIDER TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 344 OF 15 DECEMBER 1973.

ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.
KURT WALDHEIM

HIS EXCELLENCY
MR. HUANG HUA
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

B. DEAR MR. SECRETARY GENERAL:
I HAVE THE HONOR TO TRANSMIT TO YOU THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER.

"DEAR MR. SECRETARY GENERAL:
"ON OCTOBER 22, 1973, THE SECURITY COUNCIL ADOPTED RESOLUTION 338, JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES WHICH CALLS FOR NEGOTIATIONS TO START BETWEEN THE PARTIES CONCERNED UNDER APPROPRIATE AUSPICES, AIMED AT ESTABLISHING A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE NOW BEEN INFORMED BY THE PARTIES CONCERNED OF THEIR READINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PEACE CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BEGIN IN GENEVA ON DECEMBER 21. THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE CONVENED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

"THE PARTIES HAVE AGREED THAT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE UNDER THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES. THE PARTIES HAVE ALSO AGREED THAT THE QUESTION OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST AREA WILL BE DISCUSSED DURING THE FIRST STAGE OF THE CONFERENCE.

"IT IS OUR HOPE THAT YOU WILL FIND IT POSSIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPENING PHASE OF THE CONFERENCE AT



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WHICH IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED .
WILL BE REPRESENTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE FOREIGN
MINISTERS AND LATER BY THEIR SPECIALLY APPOINTED
REPRESENTATIVES WITH AMBASSADORIAL RANK, WE ALSO
HOPE THAT YOU CAN MAKE AVAILABLE A REPRESENTATIVE
WHO WOULD KEEP YOU FULLY INFORMED AS THE CONFERENCE
PROCEEDS. FINALLY, WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE IT IF
THE UNITED NATIONS COULD MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGE-
MENTS FOR THE NECESSARY CONFERENCE FACILITIES.

"IF AS WE HOPE YOU FIND IT POSSIBLE TO PAR-
TICIPATE, AS CO-CHAIRMEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE
UNITED STATES WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD AGREE
TO SERVE AS CONVENER OF THE CONFERENCE AND PRESIDE
IN THE OPENING PHASE.

"WE REQUEST THAT YOU CIRCULATE THIS LETTER TO
MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR THEIR INFORMATION.
WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO CONSULT INFORMALLY WITH
THE MEMBERSHIP WITH A VIEW TO SECURING A FAVORABLE
CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL."
YOURS VERY SINCERELY,

W. TAPLEY BENNETT, JR.
ACTING

H.E. MR. KURT WALUHEIM,
SECRETARY GENERAL OF
THE UNITED NATIONS,
NEW YORK, N.Y.
BENNETT