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1. HERewith FULL TEXT MARILYN BERGER BYLINER, PAGE 2,
 WASHPOST, THURSDAY, JUNE 13, HEADLINED "SISCO REPEATS
 GUIDELINES ON ISRAEL, SYRIA."

2. ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE JOSEPH J. SISCO SAID YESTER-
 DAY THAT THE ASSURANCE OF U.S. POLITICAL SUPPORT GIVEN TO
 ISRAEL TO COUNTERACT TERRORISM DID NOT CONSTITUTE "CARTE
 BLANCHE FOR INDISCRIMINATE RETALIATION."

3. TESTIFYING BEFORE THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON
 THE ADMINISTRATION'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE MIDDLE
 EAST, SISCO REPEATED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONSIDER
 ACTS OF TERRORISM FROM ACROSS THE SYRIAN FRONTIER A VIOLA-
 TION OF THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED LAST MONTH,
 BUT HE REPEATED TWICE THAT ISRAEL WAS TOLD IT COULD NOT
 STRIKE BACK INDISCRIMINATELY.

4. THE UNITED STATES PROVIDED ASSURANCES OF POLITICAL SUPP-
 ORT TO ISRAEL IN THE COURSE OF THE DISENGAGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS.
 THEY WERE DESIGNED TO PUT TO REST ISRAELI UNEASINESS OVER
 AN EARLIER AMERICAN VOTE IN THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL ON A
 RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE ISRAELI REPRISAL RAID FOLLOWING

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THE TERRORIST ATTACK ON KIRYAT SHEMONA.

5. SISCO CONCEDED THAT THE U.N. RESOLUTION WAS "LESS BALANCED THAN HE WOULD HAVE WISHED," BUT NOTED THAT IT WAS STRONG IN EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT TERRORISM AS WELL.

6. SISCO, WHO IS THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS BUT IS ACTING AS SECRETARY DURING HENRY A. KISSINGER'S ABSENCE ON THE PRESIDENTIAL TRIP, ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD TOLD ISRAEL IT WOULD CONSIDER A MULTI-YEAR MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO REPLACE THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS.

7. KISSINGER TOLD THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE FRIDAY THAT IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO APPROPRIATE MONEY "ONCE AND FOR ALL" FOR ISRAELI DEFENSE NEEDS. STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID THAT IMPLICIT IN THIS WOULD BE A SINGLE APPROPRIATION REQUEST THAT WOULD BE SPENT OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS. U.S. OFFICIALS SUGGESTED THE PERIOD WOULD BE FIVE YEARS OR LESS, WHILE ISRAELIS HAVE BEEN SAID TO BE THINKING MORE IN TERMS OF 10 YEARS.

8. STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID SUCH A REQUEST WOULD AWAIT THE SUBMISSION OF A FORMAL ISRAELI PROGRAM. ISRAEL HAS FREQUENTLY EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT ITS DEFENSE NEEDS AS IT GIVES UP TERRITORY.

9. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE URGED THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONSIDER A LARGER AMOUNT OF AID FOR ISRAEL THAN THE REQUESTED \$350 MILLION FOR THE 1975 FISCAL YEAR. THAT SUM IS IN ADDITION TO THE \$2.2 BILLION APPROVED FOR ISRAEL FOLLOWING THE OCTOBER MIDDLE EAST WAR.

10. OF THAT AMOUNT \$1 BILLION IS IN GRANT AID AND \$1.2 BILLION IS IN FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CREDITS. THE PRESIDENT CAN STILL TRANSFER \$500 MILLION OF THE \$1.2 BILLION INTO GRANTS BEFORE JUNE 30.

11. GIVEN THE TREND IN THE COMMITTEE, IT APPEARED LIKELY THAT THE \$500 MILLION WOULD BE SHIFTED INTO CREDITS FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENTIAL TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

12. SISCO WAS ASKED REPEATEDLY ABOUT THE U.S. POSITION ON THE PALESTINIANS AND THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE GENEVA

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PEACE CONFERENCE. SISCO SAID THE GOVERNMENT IS STILL

TRYING TO "CATCH ITS BREATH," AND HAD NOT ARRIVED AT ANY
POSITION ON THE ISSUE.

13. SISCO REMINDED THE COMMITTEE THAT THERE WAS NO CLEAR
TREND AMONG THE PALESTINIANS FOLLOWING THEIR CONFERENCE
IN CAIRO LAST WEEK. BUT HE REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES THAT
THERE CAN BE NO DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WITHOUT
COMING TO TERMS WITH THE "LEGITIMATE INTERESTS" OF THE
PALESTINIANS.

14. HE CANDIDLY ADMITTED THAT THIS WAS A "EUPHEMISTIC"
PHRASE, CLEARLY USED TO REPLACE THE PALESTINIAN DEMANDS
FOR RECOGNITION OF THEIR "LEGITIMATE RIGHTS" IN THE
FORM OF A SEPARATE PALESTINIAN STATE. (END TEXT) SISCO

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