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Dear Henry,

I am sending you herewith the message I have told you about this morning over the telephone.

Sincerely,

W. J. Brennan

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'W. J. Brennan'. Below the signature, the name 'W. J. Brennan' is printed in a small, sans-serif font.

The Secretary of State  
Dr. Henry KISSINGER,  
The White House,  
Washington, D.C.

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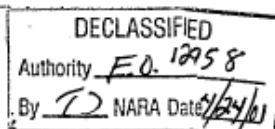
Dear Mr. President,

We have hard information that the Israeli forces are now fiercely attacking by tanks and naval crafts the Egyptian port of Adabel on the Western bank of the Suez Canal with obvious intention to capture this port in gross violation of also a new cease-fire decision of the Security Council.

At the same time the Israeli armed forces are fiercely fighting Egyptian forces on the Eastern bank of the Southern Suez Canal.

These defiant actions have been taken by the presumptuous leaders of Israel only several hours after the last confirmation by the Security Council of its decision about an immediate cease-fire and after your firm statement that the United States takes full responsibility for implementation by Israel of a complete termination of hostilities.

So what is happening - hardly have we reached an understanding and received from you very solemn assurances concerning its implementation, when gross defiance occurs of both



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this understanding of ours and of decisions of the Security Council.

We, naturally, have questions as to what is behind all this. I wish to say it frankly, Mr. President, that we are confident that you have possibilities to influence Israel with the aim of putting an end to such a provocative behaviour of Tel Aviv.

We would like to hope that we both will be true to our word and to the understanding we have reached.

I will appreciate information on your steps towards Israel's strict and immediate compliance with the decisions of the Security Council of this October 22 and 23.

Respectfully,

L. Brezhnev