



THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

November 23, 1973

Dear Linc:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of October 2 on our posture with respect to realistic community-building through the United Nations.

The Security Council's action in obtaining a Middle East ceasefire and a significant United Nations peacekeeping presence leads us to be somewhat more optimistic about reaching agreement on procedures for dealing with future challenges to peace.

Your proposals for "coalitions of the willing" are intriguing, but more complex. I have asked Dave Popper to have another look at them.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'H' followed by a horizontal line that ends in a downward-pointing arrowhead.

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