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Settlements in West Bank and Gaza

Late in the evening, Saturday, September P.M. Begin, FM Dayan, Atty Gen Barak, Sec Vance and I were concluding ~~xx~~ discussions on the final wording of the section on the West Bank and Gaza.

Section 6 referred to the Israeli settlements, and as drafted in the American proposal, stated:

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Prime Minister Begin objected to this language, and began to make several alternate proposals, ~~all of which were rejected by me.~~ They included: a) a fixed time (three months) during which no new settlements would be constructed; b) prohibitions against civilian settlements only; c) ~~Peru agreement to~~ right to build a limited number of new settlements; etc. All of these proposals were rejected by me.

Finally, we agreed on the exact language concerning the settlements, and that the paragraph would be removed from the West Bank - Gaza section and included in a letter from Begin to me. I told him it could not be a secret letter and the Prime Minister replied that the text would be made public.

~~This~~ The agreed text was:

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It was clear and obvious that the "negotiation" applied to the West Bank and Gaza.

Early the next day I informed Pres Sadat of the agreement.

On Sunday afternoon Mr. Barak brought to me from Washington a proposed text which differed substantially from that on which we had agreed. I informed him that it was unsatisfactory, and read to him the text on which we had agreed, which was still lying on my desk. He did not disagree with the agreed text.