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TELEGRAM

Nov. 30, 1971

To Secretary Rogers

cc: Dr. Kissinger

Walked out of GA today rather than follow instructions regarding report of SPC (Part II) (A/8504/add 1) (a) arms embargo, U.S. abstaining); Part C (on briefing of work of the Special Committee on apartheid, U.S. abstaining), Part F (situation in S. Africa resulting from policies of apartheid, U.S. voting no) and Part G (dissemination of information on apartheid, U.S. abstaining). Explanation of U.S. rationale totally unacceptable to me. Informed of U.S. position on these votes about 11:00 a.m. approximately one hour before the resolutions were to be voted on, and while in attendance at the GA session.

There was no time to register dissent and out of courtesy to U.S. Government, I left Grigg to cast the vote.

You are hereby placed on notice, however, that under the separation of powers principle of our Constitution and as a member of the legislative branch of the government, I consider (1) that I should be afforded full consultation on all votes in which I am expected to participate, i.e., (a) I should be

fully briefed in advance of the proposed U.S. position and on the basis therefore, and (b) there should be adequate opportunity for my discussing a revised position with USUN and Washington and for reconciliation of any points of difference and (2) that, certainly in the absence of such consultations, any voting instructions that I may receive are non-binding.

Hon. Charles Diggs