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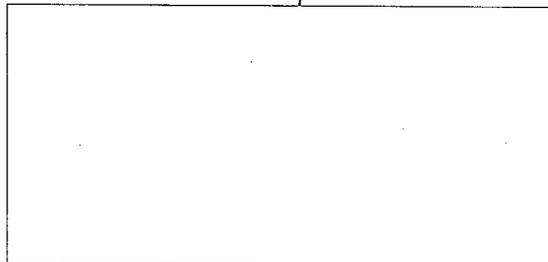
February 24, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI
FROM: SAMUEL M. HOSKINSON
SUBJECT: Reactions to Vance's Trip

Attached is a special report I requested from CIA's Policy Support Center on reactions to Secretary Vance's trip to the Middle East. Hopefully it provides an informed but independent view.

Attachment

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Samuel M. Hoskinson
NSC Staff for Intelligence
[redacted]
Old Executive Office Building

FROM : H. F. Hutchinson, Jr. *HFH*
Acting Director
Center for Policy Support

SUBJECT : Reactions to Secretary Vance's Trip to
the Middle East

1. I attach for your use a memorandum on reaction in the Middle East to Secretary Vance's trip.

2. [redacted]

[redacted] We therefore will continue to monitor traffic on this subject, and will forward useful reports and analysis to you.

3. A copy of this memorandum has been provided to the Director of Central Intelligence.

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the Middle East

1. The Israelis appear to have been reassured by the outcome of their discussions with Secretary of State Vance [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at least for the present. The Arabs also seem outwardly pleased by the Secretary's visit as a concrete demonstration of US concern about the area, which they sought in initiating their so-called "peace offensive." [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

2. The Israelis have muted their reaction to other US moves--the blockage of the Kfir sale to Ecuador, US criticism of Israeli oil drilling in the Gulf of Suez, and the cancellation of the concussion bomb sale. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

3. The Arabs, [REDACTED] welcome any sign of US willingness, in their view, to treat Israeli requests for weapons more "objectively." It is doubtful, however, that they regard these steps as presaging any significant shift in US policy in the Middle East. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

4. The Egyptians have predictably reacted the most positively to the Secretary's visit and these other matters.

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They will almost certainly try to use the cancellation of the concussion bomb sale as evidence of US support for President Sadat and of the success of Sadat's efforts to persuade the US to adopt a more even-handed approach to the Arab-Israeli dispute in talks with their Arab allies.

5. They probably genuinely regard these moves as a hopeful sign of US flexibility,

[REDACTED]

6. The Jordanians, the Syrians, and the Saudis are doubtless pleased by the US readiness to deny Israel something [REDACTED] but they are likely to need more convincing than the Egyptians that the US is ready to press the Israelis on more important substantive issues.

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