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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST

MUKMJKY MARDER QUOTES SECRETARY ROGERS FROM HIS NEWS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY AS SAYING: "I REALIZE THE DIFFICULTY THAT WE ARE GOING TO FACE IN DEALING WITH CONGRESS ON THIS ISSUE (POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION FOR NORTH VIETNAM) SO SOON AFTER A LONG AND DIFFICULT, BITTER WAR." HE SAID: "THE SMALL INVESTMENT" SOUGHT TO HELP RECONSTRUCT AND REHABILITATE INDOCHINA AND "PROVIDE CEMENT" FOR THE CEASE-FIRE ACCORD IS "A VERY GOOD INVESTMENT." (A-1)

THE U.S. AND CUBA HAVE SIGNED A FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT ^{TO EXTRADITE OR} ~~IMPOSE STIFF PENALTIES ON OR SHIPS.~~ ~~U.S. CUBA~~
THE AGREEMENT PERMITS BOTH COUNTRIES TO CONTINUE TO ADMIT LEGITIMATE REFUGEES, BUT IS DESIGNED TO CRACK DOWN ON CRIMINALS AND THOSE PERSONS WHO COMMIT VIOLENCE IN THE PROCESS OF SEEKING ASYLUM. (A-1)

THE U.S. DOLLAR STEADIED ON EUROPE'S MONEY MARKETS YESTERDAY FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE IT WAS DEVALUED MONDAY. PRESSURE ON THE DOLLAR CONTINUED IN TOKYO WHERE IT SAGGED SHARPLY TO 264 YEN. THE YEN HAS CLIMBED 16.7 PERCENT FROM THE OFFICIAL RATE LAST WEEK OF 308 YEN TO THE DOLLAR. (A-11)

LEWIS SIMONS REPORTS FROM VIENTIANE THAT THE WAR IN LAOS CONTINUES DESPITE THE PASSING OF THE DAY SOUVANNA HAD SET AS A DEADLINE FOR A CEASE-FIRE. THE PENTAGON ANNOUNCED THAT U.S. BOMBING IN LAOS IS BEING SHARPLY INCREASED. THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAILY SORTIES BY B-52S AND FIGHTER-BOMBERS HAD JUMPED TO 300, AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 100 A DAY OVER PAST WEEKS. (A-16)

THOMAS LIPPMAN REPORTS THAT SOUTH VIETNAMESE MPS REFUSED TO PERMIT FOREIGN NEWSMEN TO ATTEND A PARTY GIVEN BY THE VC DELEGATES AT THEIR TAN SON NHUT HEADQUARTERS. BOTH COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS REMAIN UNDER VIRTUAL HOUSE ARREST. (A-18)

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AN EDITORIAL IN NHAN DAN HAS CRITICIZED THE U.S. FOR ADOPTING A "TOLERANT ATTITUDE" TOWARD SAIGON'S EFFORTS TO IMPEDE AND SABOTAGE THE CEASE-FIRE TERMS. HANOI HAS ACCUSED SAIGON AND THE U.S. OF REPEATED VIOLATIONS OF THE AGREEMENT, BUT CLAIMED THEY HAD "COMPLIED WITH THE STIPULATIONS AND DEMONSTRATED OUR GOODWILL." (A-20)

JOHN BURNS, A CORRESPONDENT FOR THE TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL, REPORTS THAT YOU RECEIVED A WARMER WELCOME IN PEKING YESTERDAY THAN ON ANY OTHER PREVIOUS VISITS. THE WARMTH OF THE RECEPTION HAS ENCOURAGED SPECULATION AMONG DIPLOMATS THAT YOU WILL FIND CHINESE LEADERS MORE ACCOMMODATING IN THE WAKE OF THE VIETNAM CEASE-FIRE. (A-24)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

YOUR PICTURE APPEARS ON THE FRONT PAGE ALONG WITH PREMIER PHAM VAN DONG OF NORTH VIETNAM.

MALCOLM BROWNE REPORTS THAT THE LAOTIAN PEACE TALKS REMAIN DEAD-LOCKED AND THE EXPECTED CEASE-FIRE HAS BEEN THWARTED BY AN EVIDENT HARDENING OF THE POSITIONS OF BOTH SIDES. (A-1)

HENRY KAMM INDICATES THERE IS A DEJECTED FEELING IN CAMBODIA, WHILE THERE ARE NO MOVES TOWARD SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS IN THAT COUNTRY. POL AND FORCES UNDER THE NORODUM SIKANOUK BANNER ARE FAR FROM TALKING TO EACH OTHER AND REPEATEDLY DENY EACH OTHER'S LEGALITY. (A-1)

SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS SAID THE HIJACKING ACCORD WITH CUBA DID NOT FORESHADOW ANY IMPROVEMENT IN WASHINGTON'S RELATIONS WITH FIDEL CASTRO'S GOVERNMENT. (A-1)

THE SOVIET UNION REACTED COOLY TODAY TO SUGGESTIONS THAT THE U.S. MIGHT REVIVE ITS EFFORTS TO MEDIATE THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE. THE COMMUNIST PJS L DAILY, PRAVDA, SAID THE U.S. WOULD IMPOSE CONDITIONS FAVORABLE TO THE ISRAELIS. THE SOVIETS, IN THE MEANTIME, ARE LEAVING THE MEDIATION DOOR OPEN FOR LATER SOVIET-U.S. COLLABORATION, POSSIBLY DEVELOPING AROUND AN EXPECTED VISIT TO THE U.S. BY PARTY LEADER BREZHNEV. (A-3)

YOUR CORDIAL RECEPTION IN PEKING IS ALSO COVERED IN TODAY'S TIMES. REPORTS INDICATE THAT CHINESE STATEMENTS ON THE VIETNAM SITUATION WERE RESTRAINED AND YOUR INITIAL MEETING WITH PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI LASTED THREE-AND-A-HALF HOURS. (A-12)

SENATOR ROBERT BYRD SAID THE U.S. SHOULD WITHDRAW FROM SEATO OR DRASTICALLY CHANGE ITS CHARTER. (A-14)

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THE BALTIMORE SUN

SCOTT SULLIVAN REPORTS FROM PARIS THAT ACCORDING TO AUTHORITATIVE AMERICAN SOURCES, "CHINESE SUSPICION OF SOVIET INFLUENCE IN INDOCHINA" HAS BEEN POINTED OUT AS A KEY FACTOR IN A FINAL VIETNAM AGREEMENT. THE SINO-SOVIET HOSTILITY DID PRODUCE A SITUATION WHERE "U.S. DIPLOMACY COULD EXERT AN INFLUENCE." THERE WAS A "MODERATION OF THE CHINESE VIEW" AND "MODERATION IN THE CHINESE INFLUENCE ON HANOI." (A-4)
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