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FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS

FOLLOWING TRAVELERS REPORTS MONITORED WEDNESDAY MORNING:

1. KALB (CBS-RADIO) -- KISSINGER HAS TWO MAIN OBJECTIVES ON THIS TRIP: FIRST, TO FIRM UP THE NEXT STAGE IN THE ARAB NEGOTIATIONS; AND SECOND, TO SET A SPECIFIC TIME FRAME FOR IT. THE NEXT STAGE ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS IS PROBABLY GOING TO BE AN EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI EFFORT. AFTER THAT JORDAN GETS INTO THE ACT. THE ISRAELIS HAVE SOFTENED THEIR NEGOTIATING POSTURE IN ANTICIPATION OF THE KISSINGER VISIT TO THE AREA. PM RABIN HAS INDICATED THAT ISRAEL MAY BE PREPARED TO WITHDRAW FROM THE WEST SIDE OF THE JORDAN RIVER, SOMETHING EARLY ISRAELI REGIMES TENDED TO REJECT.

KISSINGER WANTS A VISIBLE SIGN OF PROGRESS OUT OF THIS JOURNEY SO THE ARAB LEADERS WHO WILL BE MEETING AT THE ARAB SUMMIT LATER THIS MONTH WILL HAVE ADDITIONAL PROOF OF AMERICA'S COMMITMENT TO A JUST PEACE. THAT IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO KISSINGER BECAUSE THAT MIGHT HOLD OFF ARAB HAWKS ANXIOUS FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF WAR WITH ISRAEL AND IT MIGHT ALSO CONVINCE THE OIL PRODUCERS TO

KEEP PRODUCTION HIGH AND IF POSSIBLE PRICES LOWER. LATER TODAY, FIRST STOP CAIRO.

2. VALERIANI (NBC-TV-TODAY SHOW) -- PRESIDENT FORD AND SEVERAL CABINET MEMBERS CAME OUT TO ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE AFTER MIDNIGHT TO GIVE KISSINGER A HIGH POWERED SEND-OFF ON HIS SEVEN COUNTRY TRIP. FORD'S GESTURE WAS NOT ONLY ANOTHER PUBLIC EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE IN HIS SECRETARY OF STATE, IT WAS ALSO AN INDICATION OF THE IMPORTANCE THE ADMINISTRATION ATTACHES TO KISSINGER'S MISSION, WHICH IS TO TRY TO WORK OUT AN AGREED FORMULA

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FOR THE NEXT STAGE OF THE ME PEACE TALKS KISSINGER HAD THIS TO SAY --

"THE PROBLEM OF CONTRIBUTING TO PEACE IN THE ME IS A VERY COMPLICATED ONE, BUT AS I HAVE HAD OCCASION TO SAY BEFORE IT IS A SOURCE OF PRIDE TO ALL AMERICANS THAT IT IS THE U.S. THAT ALL PARTIES TRUST AND THAT WILL ATTEMPT TO MAKE SOME PROGRESS."

VALERIANI: WHAT APPEARS TO BE SHAPING UP IS A SECOND ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT, LINKED IN SOME WAY TO THE START OF TALKS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JORDAN. THIS IS KISSINGER'S SIXTH NEGOTIATING TRIP TO THE ME AND ONE OF THE MOST CRUCIAL FOR IF THE MOMENTUM TOWARDS PEACE CANNOT BE MAINTAINED BY A RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS THEN AMERICAN OFFICIALS FEAR THERE WILL BE ANOTHER ME WAR.  
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