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FROM: AMBASSADOR U. ALEXIS JOHNSON - GENEVA (SALT) 027
TO: SECRETARY KISSINGER - THE WHITE HOUSE - PRIORITY
DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS

1. THANKS FOR YOUR PCI 07031. I OF COURSE ENTIRELY UNDERSTAND. I HAVE BEEN DOING CONSIDERABLE PREPARATORY WORK HERE SOLELY FOR MY OWN USE IN ANTICIPATION OF THE MEETING ESPECIALLY ON THORNY QUESTION OF MIRV VERIFICATION. I HAVE NO STARTLING NEW INSIGHTS BUT FEEL THAT I AT LEAST BETTER UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM AND PARAMETERS OF A POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT. FOR WHATEVER HELPFULNESS IT MAY BE, I AM SENDING ON TODAY A VERY BRIEF SUMMARY THROUGH NODIS CHANNELS.

2. I PLAN TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GET DOWN AND SEE A LITTLE OF ITALY AND SOME OF WHICH I KNOW NOTHING AND CAN QUICKLY BE REACHED THROUGH EMBASSY ROME. IN ANY EVENT DELEGATION HERE ALSO CAN ALWAYS GET IN TOUCH WITH ME. WILL PLAN TO KEEP DELEGATION IN GENEVA UNTIL FURTHER WORD FROM YOU, WHICH I ASSUME WILL NOT BE UNTIL AFTER MOSCOW VISIT. IF IT THEN APPEARS TIME FOR NEW INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE RELATIVELY SHORT, BELIEVE IT WILL BE BEST FOR DELEGATION STAFF TO STAY HERE, WITH ME AND POSSIBLY FEW PRINCIPALS RETURNING TO WASHINGTON FOR BRIEFING ON NEW INSTRUCTIONS. ON OTHER HAND, IF TIME LIKELY TO BE MORE THAN A FEW WEEKS WE SHOULD THEN PACK UP DELEGATION AND STAFF FOR RETURN TO WASHINGTON IN PAST PATTERN.

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