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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

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THE WASHINGTON POST

AN ACCOUNT OF YOUR MEETING WITH LE DUC THO YESTERDAY APPEARS ON PAGE ONE OF THIS MORNING'S POST. THE ACCOUNT NOTES THAT EVEN THE PARTING HANDSHAKE COULD NOT DISPEL THE SUDDENLY PESSIMISTIC PUBLIC CLIMATE SURROUNDING THE TALKS. THIS, IN THE LIGHT OF THE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE FRENCH MEDIA REPORTS OF AN EARLY SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT, AND LATER COMMUNIST CHARGES AT THE FORMAL PUBLIC PEACE CONFERENCE THAT NEGOTIATIONS WERE DEADLOCKED. ACCORDING TO THE STORY, THE SUBDUED MOOD OF THE DAY WAS FURTHER REINFORCED BY SCHUMANN'S FAILURE TO COMMENT ON THE LUNCHEON TO WHICH HE INVITED YOU. (A-1)

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REMAINS IN CRITICAL CONDITION. (A-1)

APOLLO 17 CONTINUES ON A TRUE COURSE, AND ALL IS WELL IN THE FLIGHT. THE MOON LANDING IS STILL SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY AFTERNOON. (A-1)

A FEDERAL JUDGE IN LOS ANGELES THREW OUT A LARGE PORTION OF THE EVIDENCE THE GOVERNMENT HAD PLANNED TO USE AGAINST ELLSBERG AND RUSSO. THE JUDGE RULED THE PROSECUTION COULD NOT SHOW THE JURY 1#2 OF THE 610 PAGES OF THE PENTAGON PAPERS. ON THE SURFACE, THE RULING IS A SETBACK FOR THE PROSECUTION. (A-5)

IN BRUSSELS, SECRETARY ROGERS TOLD THE NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS THAT THE U. S. WANTS A COMMITMENT FROM THE USSR TO BEGIN SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE REDUCTION OF MILITARY FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE BY NEXT FALL. (A-20)

AT THE UN, A GROUP OF WEST EUROPEAN NATIONS-- BRITAIN, BELGIUM, FRANCE, ITALY AND LUXEMBOURG -- INTRODUCED A COMPROMISE RESOLUTION THAT INVITES STATES "TO AVOID ACTIONS, INCLUDING AID, WHICH COULD CONSTITUTE RECOGNITION" OF THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORIES. THE AMENDED VERSION ALSO EXCLUDED A DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL ARAB TERRITORIES. THE VOTE IS SCHEDULED FOR TODAY. (A-25)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

SOUTH VIETNAM'S FOREIGN MINISTER LAM SAID TODAY THAT THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT "WOULD NOT REFUSE TO DO WHATEVER CAN BE DONE TO FREE AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR." LAM ALSO STATED THAT SAIGON COULD AGREE TO RELEASE POLITICAL PRISONERS IN ITS JAILS TO HELP BRING ABOUT AN ACCEPTABLE CEASE-FIRE ACCORD. (A-1)

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FICERS TO PREPARE TO GO TO SOUTH VIETNAM, ONCE A CEASE-FIRE IS  
DECLARED, TO CHECK ON HOW THE TRUCE IS BEING OBSERVED. THE TRAINED  
CORPS OF OBSERVERS WILL MAKE ACCURATE REPORTS TO WASHINGTON ON  
POSTWAR POLITICAL AND MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS. (A-1)

INDIA AND PAKISTAN ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THEY HAVE RESOLVED THE  
DEADLOCK OVER DESIGNATION OF A CEASE-FIRE LINE IN KASHMIR. (A-7)

GOLDA MEIR WARNED THE ISRAELI PEOPLE THAT BECAUSE OF ARMS SHIP-  
MENTS TO THE ARABS AND DOMESTIC PROBLEMS SADAT IS HAVING IN  
EGYPT, WAR MIGHT BREAK OUT ALONG THE BORDER. (A-9)

YOUR PICTURE APPEARS ON PAGE 10, ALONG WITH LE DUC THO, LEAVING  
THE HOUSE IN GIF-SUR-YVETTE WHERE YOU HELD THE TALKS YESTERDAY.

THE BALTIMORE SUN

A SPOKESMAN FOR HANOI AND THE VIET CONG TOLD NEWSMEN AT THE  
SEMI-PUBLIC PARIS PEACE CONFERENCE THAT THE FINAL VERSION OF  
THE TREATY MUST MAKE PROVISIONS FOR THE RELEASE OF ALL POLITI-  
CAL PRISONERS NOW HELD IN SOUTH VIETNAMESE JAILS. (A-1)

WHILE VISITING MOSCOW, CHILEAN PRESIDENT ALLENDE WAS PROMISED  
CONTINUING SUPPORT FROM ALEXEI KOSYGIN. SOURCES IN MOSCOW  
QUOTE KOSYGIN AS SAYING THAT CHILE AND CUBA ARE BLAZING A NEW  
PATH FOR LATIN AMERICAN SOCIALISM. (A-5)

MARQUIS CHILDS ADDS HIS VIEWS ON THE ABLE ENVOY AMBASSADOR BUSH  
HAS BEEN AT THE UN. CHILDS INDICATES HOW BUSH HAS WARDED OFF  
RECENT CHARGES AT THE U. S. BY THE SOVIETS AND CHILEANS, AND HOW  
HE HAS MAINTAINED THE AMERICAN LINE.

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