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TO DAVID HALPERIN FOR DR. KISSINGER

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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST

MARILYN BERGER REPORTS THAT THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT SAID YESTERDAY
THAT A NEW OFFENSIVE ON THE PLAINE DES JARRES IS THE RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE U.S. EMBASSY, WHILE U.S. OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON SOUGHT
TO DESCRIBE THE ACTION AS A LAOTIAN OPERATION. (PAGE 1)

ALSO FEATURED ON THE FRONT PAGE IS A REPORT ON THE DISCLAIMERS ISSUED YESTERDAY FOLLOWING STATEMENTS THAT SOME U.S. OFFICIALS NO. PREDICT THAT JAPAN MIGHT SEEK TO ARM ITSELF WITH DEFENSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN THE EARLY 1980S.

WILLIAM GREIDER WRITES ON THE TRAFFICKING IN GOVERNMENT SECRETS. HE REPORTS IT IS A COMMON PRACTICE OF HIGH OFFICIALS TO PASS OUT SECRET INFORMATION. (PAGE 1)

AL AHAM STRESSED YESTERDAY THE ADVANTAGES FOR EGYPT OF GREATER SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN THE AREA. (A-16)

INFORMED SOURCES IN HELSINKI DESCRIBED THE OPENING ROUND ATMOSPHERE AS GREAT. THE SOURCES REPORTED THAT BOTH SIDES REAFFIRMED THEIR DETERMINATION TO WORK OUT AGREEMENTS FOR LIMITING ARM STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS. (A-19)

STEPHEN ROSENFELD WRITES ON THE EDITORIAL PAGE THAT NATIONAL SECURITY IS ALSO THE PUBLIC'S AFFAIR, NOT ONLY THE PRESIDENT'S. HE HOPES THAT ONLY PEOPLE OF GOOD JUDGMENT WILL RISE TO POSITIONS OF INFLUENCE INSIDE THE GOVERNMENT.

JOSEPH ALSOP WRITES THAT THE TIMES, AND IN LESSER DEGREE, SOME OTHER NEWSPAPERS, INDIRECTLY BUT IMPORTANTLY HELPED TO FORCE THE GRIM FINAL U.S. DECISION TO INTERVENE IN VIETNAM IN DEADLY EARNEST. (A-21)

T NEW YORK TIMES WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW THIS MORNING.