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FOR KISSINGER AND KLEIN USIA FOREIGN MEDIA REACTION REPORT NO. 6,
FEBRUARY 13, 1973

MR. KISSINGER'S ASIAN TRIP

MEDIA IN FOREIGN CAPITALS PLAYED THE RELEASE OF THE FIRST
PRISONERS OF WAR WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION. THE MONETARY
CRISIS CONTINUED TO DOMINATE NEWS AND COMMENT SPACE.

HANOI VNA NOTED MR. KISSINGER'S DEPARTURE FROM HANOI BUT DID
NOT GIVE A DESTINATION.

LONDON

THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH LOOKED BEYOND THE RELEASE OF
PRISONERS IN VIETNAM IN NOTING ON TUESDAY THAT "A CEASE-FIRE
IS TO BE SIGNED IN LAOS TODAY,
THUS ALMOST EXACTLY FULFILLING THE PREDICTION THAT THIS WOULD BE
DONE WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE VIETNAM CEASE-FIRE.

"DR. KISSINGER HAS BEEN HARD AT WORK IN HANOI. WILL THE 50,000
NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS IN LAOS GET OUT? THERE IS SAID TO BE A SECRET
AGREEMENT THAT THEY SHOULD. PEKING, WHERE DR. KISSINGER WILL BE ON
THURSDAY, MAY WE

OF THE RELEASE OF AMERICAN POWS THE LONDON DAILY MAIL OBSERVED
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THAT "SOME OF THEM MAY NEVER REALLY RETURN. BUT NOW, WE BELIEVE,
WILL WIN THROUGH. LIKE THEIR COUNTRY THEY HAVE BEEN BADLY
SCARRED BY VIETNAM. BUT THEIR SPIRIT, AS WE SAW YESTERDAY,
HAS NOT BEEN DESTROYED."

WEST BERLIN

WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT HANS B. MEYER WROTE TUESDAY IN
INDEPENDENT TAGESSPIEGEL THAT "IN PEKING, KISSINGER WILL DISCUSS THE
IDEAS AND THE FUTURE ROLE OF THE TWO BIG POWERS IN SOUTHEAST
ASIA AFTER VICE PRESIDENT AGNEW HAS COLLECTED REACTIONS TO
AMERICAN CONCEPTS IN LESS POWERFUL ASIAN CAPITALS."

BANGKOK

CHINESE-LANGUAGE HSING HSIEN SAID ON TUESDAY THAT WHETHER A
CEASEFIRE COMES TO PASS IN LAOS AND CAMBODIA WILL DEPEND ON
MR. KISSINGER'S DIPLOMATIC SKILL DURING HIS VISITS TO HANOI AND
PEKING. CHINESE SHIH CHIEH OBSERVED THAT "ALTHOUGH THE MISSION
AND ITINERARY OF MR. AGNEW'S TRIP WERE DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF
MR. KISSINGER, THEY BOTH INCLUDED BANGKOK AS AN IMPORTANT STOP,
REFLECTING U.S. RESPECT FOR THE VIEWS OF THE THAI GOVERNMENT
AND THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO
NATIONS"

DJAKARTA

BERITA YUDHA REPORTED A STATEMENT MADE LAST THURSDAY BY FOREIGN
MINISTER MALIK THAT DR. KISSINGER'S VISITS TO HANOI AND PEKING
WOULD BE VERY USEFUL IN HELPING TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF
VIETNAM IN ADVANCE OF THE PARIS CONFERENCE.

SEOUL

JOONGANG ILBO SAID MONDAY IN CONNECTION WITH MR. KISSINGER'S
TRAVELS THAT "EXCESSIVE U.S. APPEASEMENT OF PEKING AND HANOI
WILL ERODE THE INTERNATIONAL STATUS OF ALL OTHER FREE ASIAN

NATIONS WELL AS No Objection To Declassification in Full 2012/02/13 : LOC-HAK-256-1-11-4

TOKYO

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"NECESSARY FOR JAPAN TO WATCH CALMLY THE MOVES OF MR. KISSINGER, WHO HAS ARRIVED IN HANOI AND IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT PEKING AS WELL." THE PAPER SAID "U.S.-CHINESE RELATIONS WILL MAKE GREAT PROGRESS FOLLOWING HIS VISIT TO PEKING."

HANOI

A TWO-SENTENCE VIETNAMESE NEWS AGENCY ENGLISH SERVICE ITEM ON TUESDAY REPORTED THE DEPARTURE FROM HANOI OF DR. KISSINGER AND HIS PARTY BUT DID NOT GIVE A DESTINATION.

HANOI DOMESTIC RADIO BROADCAST ON MONDAY A RECORDED REPORTAGE ON THE RELEASE OF U.S. POWS AT GIA LAM AIRPORT. UNLIKE THE STRAIGHTFORWARD ACCOUNT BY VNA'S ENGLISH SERVICE (SEE REPORT NO. 5), THE BROADCAST ADDED THE CUSTOMARY CHARACTERIZATIONS TO ITS REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, E.G.: THE AIRPORT "STILL BEARS TRACES OF THE AGGRESSORS' CRIMES"; "OUR PEOPLE ARE VERY GENEROUS TOWARD THOSE WHO ONCE COMMITTED CRIMES"; "THEIR INJURIES WERE DEVOTEDLY HEALED BY US...."

VNA ENGLISH SERVICE CARRIED THE TEXT OF A TUESDAY FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT CONDEMNING U.S. BOMBING OF LAO TERRITORY WHICH SAID IN PART: "THE U.S. DEFENSE DEPARTMENT BRAZENLY DECLARED THAT THE DAILY BOMBING OF LAOS WOULD BE FURTHER INTENSIFIED AT THE REQUEST OF THE 'LAO GOVERNMENT.' THIS IS AN EXTREMELY IMPUDENT CHALLENGE TO THE LAO PEOPLE AND PROGRESSIVE PUBLIC OPINION IN THE WORLD WHO ARE LONGING FOR AN EARLY PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE LAO ISSUE."

PEKING

THAT DR. KISSINGER AND HIS PARTY ARE SET TO VISIT HANOI, RECENTLY

"ACCORDING TO ANOTHER DISPATCH, DR. KISSINGER AND HIS PARTY
ARRIVED IN HONG KONG IN THE AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 13."
THERE WAS NO MENTION OF HIS VISIT TO CHINA.

NCNA ENGLISH SERVICE ON MONDAY CARRIED A DISPATCH DATED
HANOI DESCRIBING THE RELEASE OF THE FIRST GROUP OF U.S. POWS
AT GIA LAM AIRPORT. IT WAS A STRAIGHTFORWARD REPORT ATTRIBUTED
TO VNA AND SIMILAR TO THE VNA ENGLISH SERVICE ACCOUNT MENTIONED
YESTERDAY (SEE OUR REPORT NO. 5).

MOSCOW

A TASS DISPATCH DATED NEW YORK, TUESDAY, CITED A U.S.
MILITARY SPOKESMAN IN HONOLULU AS SAYING THAT THE USAF "CONTINUED
BOMBING RAIDS ON THE LIBERATED AREAS OF LAOS" YESTERDAY. A
MOSCOW TASS ARTICLE ON MONDAY REPORTED A PRAVDA INTERVIEW
WITH THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF THE MERCHANT MARINE, WHO SAID THAT
"IN PEACETIME WE WILL FIRST TAKE THE VIETNAM NATIONAL-ECONOMY
GOODS NEEDED FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF DESTROYED TOWNS AND VILLAGES,"
AND THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD HELP THE DRV TRAIN SEAMEN FOR
THE BIG MERCHANT FLEET IT INTENDS TO BUILD. HE SAID THAT "WITHOUT
WAITING FOR THE U.S. TO CLEAR ITS MINES FROM THE APPROACHES TO
DRV PORTS, SOVIET VESSELS HAD ALREADY TAKEN THE FIRST POSTWAR
CARGO TO VIETNAM."

THERE WAS NO REPORTED REFERENCE TO THE KISSINGER TRIP IN
SOVIET MEDIA.

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