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FOR KISSINGER AND KLEIN  
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MR. KISSINGER/JATS ASIAN TRIP

SUMMARY

MEDIA IN JAPAN GAVE TOP PLAY ON THURSDAY TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF MR. KISSINGER'S VISIT TO TOKYO TO TALK WITH JAPANESE LEADERS. THEY SAID HE WOULD REPORT IN DETAIL ON HIS HANOI AND PEKING TRIPS.

OBSERVERS IN BRITAIN, ITALY AND FRANCE CALLED ATTENTION TO IMPROVED U.S.-NORTH VIETNAMESE RELATIONS. FRANCE-SOIR DECLARED THAT "OF THE TWO PEACES IN VIETNAM, THE ONLY ONE APPARENTLY SUCCESSFUL IS THE ONE BETWEEN HANOI AND THE U.S."

TOKYO

TELEVISION AND NEWSPAPERS ON THURSDAY PROMINENTLY PLAYED THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT MR. KISSINGER WOULD COME TO JAPAN FEBRUARY 19 FOR TALKS WITH MR. TANAKA AND MR. OHIRA. NHK-TV SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS INDOCHINA RECONSTRUCTION AND REPORT ON HIS TRIPS TO HANOI AND PEKING TO SHOW THE CLOSE POLITICAL TIES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND JAPAN.

TBS-TV SAID MR. KISSINGER WOULD SEEK JAPANESE UNDERSTANDING ON TRADE PROBLEMS SINCE THE DEVALUATION OF THE DOLLAR WAS ONLY A FIRST U.S. STEP TO IMPROVE ITS TRADE SITUATION IN THE POST-VIETNAM PERIOD. PAPERS SAID THE EMPHASES WOULD BE VIETNAM RECONSTRUCTION AND U.S.-JAPAN ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

BOTH OF THE ABOVE NETWORKS CARRIED VIEWS OF COMMENTATORS ON THE FLOTATION OF THE YEN FOLLOWING THE DOLLAR DEVALUATION. NHK-TV, NOTING THAT PRESIDENT NIXON AND SECRETARY SHULTZ HAD SPOKEN OF THE NEED TO ADJUST U.S. TRADE RELATIONS WITH JAPAN AFTER DOLLARS DEVALUATION WAS ANNOUNCED, OBSERVED THAT "THIS INDICATES THAT THE U.S. WILL MAKE STRONGER FUTURE DEMANDS ON JAPAN ON TRADE CAPITAL LIBERALIZATION.... THIS COULD LEAD TO DISCRIMINATORY MEASURES IN THE NEW U.S. TRADE BILL."

TBS-TV REMARKED THAT "THE U.S. SEEMS TO BE TAKING A STRONG ATTITUDE TOWARD JAPAN ON THE TRADE PROBLEM." IT EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS AND HOPED THAT JAPAN WOULD DISCUSS WITH MR. KISSINGER NOT ONLY VIETNAM RECONSTRUCTION AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS BUT U.S.-JAPAN PROBLEMS IN GENERAL IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH CLOSER RAPPORT.

MODERATE YOMIURI OF TOKYO, SAYING THAT "FOREIGN TRUST IN JAPAN HAS BEEN GREATLY IMPAIRED BECAUSE JAPAN REACTED TO THE CURRENT SITUATION ONLY AS A RESULT OF FOREIGN PRESSURE," URGED THAT "JAPAN SHOULD ACT OBJECTIVELY AND FULLY UNDERSTAND HER OWN

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POSITION.... THIS PRINCIPLE SHOULD APPLY NOT ONLY TO THE COMING TALKS WITH CHINA, THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES BUT ALSO TO TALKS WITH THE U.S. AND EUROPEAN COUNTRIES."

THE PAPER SAID MR. KISSINGER WOULD "GIVE CONSIDERABLE DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HIS TALKS WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE AND CHINESE LEADERS. THE JAPANESE SIDE WILL PROBABLY SOUND OUT U.S. INTENTIONS ON THE QUESTION OF HOLDING IN TOKYO AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AID TO INDOCHINA FROM A HUMANITARIAN STANDPOINT. THE SCHEDULED TALKS WILL PRESUMABLY HAVE CONSIDERABLE EFFECT ON THE POST-VIETNAM POLICY OF OUR COUNTRY."

SEOUL

JOONGANG ILBO, IN A THURSDAY EDITORIAL TITLED "KISSINGER'S VISIT TO PEKING AND THE KOREAN QUESTION," SAID THAT "PEKING AND PYONGYANG HAVE REPEATEDLY DEMANDED WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN FORCES AND THE DISSOLUTION OF UNCURK AS BEING NECESSARY TO EASE TENSIONS AND CREATE A FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE FOR THE UNIFICATION OF KOREA, BUT THIS IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE."

IT SAID "RELAXATION OF TENSION AND STABILITY" WERE REINFORCED BY MAINTENANCE OF THE STATUS QUO ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

LONDON

WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT SIMON WINCHESTER WROTE THURSDAY IN THE MANCHESTER GUARDIAN THAT "THE U.S. AND NORTH VIETNAM ARE WORKING HARD TO FORGET THAT THEY WERE EVER AT WAR WITH EACH OTHER."

THE FINANCIAL TIMES RAN A WASHINGTON REPORT THAT "AT A TIME WHEN CONGRESS IS FURIOUS AT THE ADMINISTRATION'S PLAS TO CUT BACK ON A WIDE RANGE OF DOMESTIC WELFARE PROGRAMS, WORD THAT AID MONEY FOR HANOI WILL HAVE TO COME FROM OTHER AREAS OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING IS HARDLY LIKELY TO MAKE AID TO NORTH VIETNAM A POPULAR CAUSE, EVEN AMONG THOSE SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN WHO DO NOT FEEL IT IS WRONG ANYWAY."

THE PEKING CORRESPONDENT OF THE TIMES OF LONDON, DAVID BONAVIA, SUGGESTED ON THURSDAY THAT "THE QUESTION OF AMERICAN BOMBERS IN THAILAND MAY WELL COME UP DURING THE TALKS HERE THIS WEEK WITH DR. KISSINGER."

WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT STEPHEN BARBER WROTE IN THURSDAY'S DAILY TELEGRAPH THAT "PRESIDENT NIXON'S STRATEGIC ADVISERS NOW TEND TO BELIEVE THAT COMMUNIST CHINA HAS DEVELOPED A NUMBER OF DETERRENTS POWERFUL ENOUGH TO DISCOURAGE THE RUSSIANS FROM ATTEMPTING A PRE-EMPTIVE ATTACK TO KNOCK THE CHINESE OUT.... IT IS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND-TOGETHER WITH THE VIETNAM CEASE-FIRE AND THE IMMINENT WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN FORCES FROM INDOCHINA -- THAT KISSINGER IS CONFERRING THE CHOU EN-LAI."

THE PAPER SAID IN AN EDITORIAL THAT "ANYTHING WHICH HELPS TO KEEP THE RUSSIANS OUT OF SOUTHEAST ASIA IS ALL RIGHT WITH THE CHINESE. JUDGING BY THE SURPRISINGLY FRIENDLY STATEMENT ISSUES YESTERDAY FOLLOWING DR. KISSINGER'S TALKS IN HANOI, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ALSO KNOW WHEN THEY ARE ON A GOOD THING, WITH AMERICAN LARGESSE IN THE OFFING."

ROME

AN ANALYST ON ITALIAN TELEVISION QUOTE THE COMMUNIQUE ON THE U.S.-NORTH VIETNAMESE JOINT ECONOMIC

COMMISSION AND NOTED, "READING THESE WORDS...ONE WOULD NOT BELIEVE THAT A LONG AND FEROCIOUS WAR HAS JUST FINISHED. WITH THE PULLOUT OF AMERICAN TROOPS, NORTH VIETNAM SHOWS ITS WILLINGNESS TO REVERT TO A PEACEFUL DIPLOMACY THAT.... UNAVOIDABLY IMPLIES RELATIONS WITH THE U.S.."

PARIS

FRENCH MEDIA CONTRASTED THE RAPID IMPROVEMENT IN U.S.-NORTH VIETNAMESE RELATIONS AND THE UNSETTLED SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM. FRANCE-SOIR NOTED ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON, "OF THE TWO PEACES IN VIETNAM, THE ONLY ONE APPARENTLY SUCCESSFUL IS THE ONE BETWEEN HANOI AND THE U.S."

PEKING

NCNA ENGLISH SERVICE ON THURSDAY CARRIED A FOUR-PARAGRAPH REPORT OF THE ARRIVAL OF DR. KISSINGER AND HIS PARTY FOR CONCRETE CONSULTATIONS WITH CHINESE LEADERS TO FURTHER THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PRC AND THE U.S. AND TO CONTINUE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON ISSUES OF COMMON INTEREST. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRC-U.S. JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF FEBRUARY, 1972."

THE NCNA REPORT WAS CARRIED BY DOMESTIC RADIO IN MANDARIN.

NCNA IN ENGLISH ON FRIDAY REPORTED FURTHER INTERNATIONAL MONETARY DEVELOPMENTS, SAYING THAT "THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, 12 HOURS

AFTER ANNOUNCING THE DEVALUATION OF THE U.S. DOLLARS, LET IT BE KNOWN THAT IT IS MAKING PREPARATIONS TO ERECT TARIFF BARRIERS AND ASKED OTHER CAPITALIST COUNTRIES TO MAKE CONCESSION ON TRADE...." IT SAID "NIXON COMPLAINED THAT JAPAN AND WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAD LOADED COMMODITIES INTO THE U.S....AN AFP REPORT SAID, "PRESIDENT NIXON'S TOUGH WORDS WERE SEEN TO OBSERVERS HERE AS A CLEAR THREAT OF REPRISALS AGAINST JAPAN AND THE COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES IF THEY REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE CONCESSIONS DEMANDED BY THE U.S. ...."

HANOI

DOMESTIC RADIO BROADCAST THE TEXT OF THE COMMUNIQUE ON DR. KISSINGER'S VISIT TO HANOI AT 1458 GMT ON WEDNESDAY. NORTH VIETNAMESE MEDIA HAVE NOT MENTIONED HIS CURRENT VISIT TO PEKING.

MOSCOW

TASS ENGLISH SERVICE ON THURSDAY REPORTED FROM PEKING THAT DR. KISSINGER HAD ARRIVED THERE AND CITED NCNA (SEE QUOTE ABOVE) CONCERNING THE PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT. THERE WAS NO COMMENT.

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