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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

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SUBJECT: Yugoslav Version of Your Meeting With Tito

The Central Intelligence Agency has forwarded a report [redacted] summarizing Yugoslav Deputy Federal Secretary Mojsov's briefing of Arab Ambassadors on your November 4 Middle Eastern discussions with President Tito. Your exchange of views with the Yugoslav President has been characterized to the Arabs as a pro-Arab sermon by Tito. To cite a few examples, Mojsov is reported to have said:

-- the Yugoslavs insisted on including the Middle East on the agenda. (You, in fact, deferred completely to Tito on the agenda for the meeting; he led off with bilateral matters and then proceeded the Middle East.)

-- Tito attributed the current situation to Israeli intransigence. (Our notes show him volunteering the view that the Arabs wish to freeze the situation.)

-- Tito warned that plans and policies based on differences among the Arabs are erroneous and misleading. (While this may have been in the Yugoslav briefing papers I see no reference to it in our memcon of the conversation. In fact, you repeatedly said that in the effort toward peace, the United States would assure that no Arab country is isolated.)

In sum, for Arab consumption, the Yugoslavs not surprisingly would appear to have interpreted your talks with Tito in a manner that totally overlooked the informal, even-handed, give-and-take and instead advanced the standard Yugoslav line.

The CIA report is at Tab A.

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