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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST

FROM VIENNA, JOE ALEX MORRIS, JR. OF THE LOS ANGELES TIMES COVERS AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR KREISKY'S REJECTION OF MOUNTING INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE TO KEEP THE SCHOENAU TRANSIT CAMP FOR SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRES OPEN. KREISKY REPORTEDLY SAID NOT EVEN PRESIDENT NIXON COULD MAKE HIM CHANGE HIS MIND. KREISKY REAFFIRMED HIS DECISION TO CLOSE THE CAMP FOLLOWING MR. NIXON'S EXPRESSED HOPE TO A NEWS CONFERENCE THAT AUSTRIA WOULD RECONSIDER THE CASE. IT ALSO FOLLOWED REJECTION BY UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM OF KREISKY'S PROPOSAL THAT THE CAMP COULD STAY OPEN UNDER THE UN HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES. (A-1) CARROLL KILPATRICK COVERS PRESIDENT NIXON'S NEWS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY HIGHLIGHTED BY THE CURRENT AUSTRIAN SITUATION VIS-A-VIS SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRANTS AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF YOUR TRIP TO PEKING LATER THIS MONTH. (A-1)

SPENCER RICH REPORTS ON HOUSE-SENATE CONFEREES YESTERDAY DEFYING PRESIDENTIAL VETO THREATS AND AGREEING ON A COMPROMISE WAR POWER BILL, FORBIDDING THE PRESIDENT TO WAGE UNDECLARED WAR FOR MORE THAN 60 DAYS WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF CONGRESS. (A-1)

MARILYN BERGER REPORTS THAT AFTER THREE MONTHS OF INTENSIVE DISCUSSION, THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE YESTERDAY APPROVED TRADE LEGISLATION THAT CAREFULLY CIRCUMSCRIBES PRESIDENTIAL DISCRETION AND PROHIBITS THE GRANTING OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TARIFF TREATMENT TO THE SOVIET UNION. (A-2)

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A RECENT GALLUP POLL SHOWS PRESIDENT NIXON EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY IN REGAINING THE CONFIDENCE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, WITH ONLY 32 PERCENT EXPRESSING APPROVAL OF HIS PERFORMANCE. (A-12)  
 A SHORT ARTICLE ON PAGE A-16 NOTES THAT YOU GAVE A DINNER LAST NIGHT FOR SENIOR CHINESE OFFICIALS ATTENDING THE CURRENT UN SESSION.

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A POST EDITORIAL SEES U.S. PARTICIPATION IN AN EGYPTIAN OIL PIPELINE PROJECT TO CARRY OIL FROM THE GULF OF SUEZ TO THE MEDITERRANEAN AS REPRESENTING A MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN EGYPTIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS. HOWEVER, THE POLITICAL RISK AND ECONOMIC COST ARE UNACCEPTABLE UNLESS AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IS LINKED TO THE WIDELY HERALDED SECOND-TERM NIXON INITIATIVE OF TRYING TO BRING ABOUT AN ARAB-ISRAELI SETTLEMENT. (A-18)  
 EVANS AND NOVAK ADDRESS THEMSELVES TO A REPORT FROM LONDON THAT "SAVAGES" HAVE TAKEN OVER THE SOVIET HIGH COMMAND IN A FUNDAMENTAL SHIFT, THREATENING A PREEMPTIVE NUCLEAR STRIKE AGAINST CHINA, AND NOTE THAT THE REPORT IS NOT ONLY UNSUBSTANTIATED BY KNOWN FACTS BUT IS ALSO TOTALLY DENIED BY U.S. GOVERNMENT EXPERTS. (A-19)

JOSEPH KRAFT SEES A VITAL LESSON TO BE READ IN THE RECENT CONGRESSIONAL VOTING ON THE MILITARY BUDGET. THE TRUE LESSON IS NOT THAT THE "DEFENSE MAJORITY" ALWAYS WINS, BUT RATHER THAT THE DEFENSE MAJORITY IS SHIFTING IN NATURE AND COMPOSITION. ONLY IF THE ADMINISTRATION MAKES TIMELY ADJUSTMENTS IN ITS APPROACH CAN IT KEEP THE COUNTRY IN GOOD POSTURE FOR DEFENSE AND THE COMING ROUND OF ARMS CONTROL TALKS WITH RUSSIA. (A-19)  
 IN SANTIAGO, THE JUNTA ANNOUNCED THAT LUIS CORVALAN, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CHILEAN COMMUNIST PARTY, WILL BE COURTMARTIALED FOR HIGH TREASON. MOSCOW HAS CALLED ON THE UN OFFICIALS TO PLEAD FOR CORVALAN'S LIFE. (A-29)  
 FROM MOSCOW, ROBERT KAISER REPORTS THAT SECRETARY SHULTZ HAS ENDED THREE DAYS OF APPARENTLY INCONCLUSIVE TALKS ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH SOVIET LEADERS. (A-31)  
 JOHN GOSHKO REPORTS FROM BONN THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL TOOK HIS TURN IN DEFENDING CHANCELLOR BRANDT'S POLICY OF DETENTE TOWARD EASTERN EUROPE BY ATTEMPTING TO EXPLAIN AWAY ANY APPARENT SPLIT WITHIN BRANDT'S COALITION GOVERNMENT. SCHEEL ECHOED BRANDT'S CONTENTION THAT THERE WAS NO DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES IN THE COALITION OVER HOW TO DEAL WITH THE COMMUNIST BLOC. (A-31)  
 MAXINE CHESHIRE NOTES THAT WHILE YOU HAVEN'T ANNOUNCED WHICH OF YOUR FORMER HARVARD COLLEAGUES WILL JOIN YOU AT STATE, YOUR SPOKESMEN HAVE BEEN QUIETLY TRYING TO ARRANGE HOUSING. NEITHER ARE YOU SETTLED IN YOUR NEW OFFICE, AND CLEM CONGER IS SCOUTING THE ANTIQUE MARKETS FOR JUST THE RIGHT DESK. YOU LIKE PERIOD FURNITURE AND WILL BE OFFERED A LATE 18TH CENTURY AND AN EARLY

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19TH CENTURY WRITING TABLE FOR YOUR ON-THE-SPOT APPROVAL. (B-2)  
THE NEW YORK TIMES  
THE ISRAELI CABINET ISSUED A STATEMENT LAST NIGHT SAYING THAT  
AUSTRIA MUST REVERSE THE DECISION IT MADE LAST WEEK TO CLOSE THE

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TRANSIT FACILITIES AT SCHOENAU AND DIRECTED ATTENTION TO A RESOL-  
UTION BY THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE THAT EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT NO  
GOVERNMENT WILL FEEL ITSELF COMMITTED BY AN EXTORTED PLEDGE TO  
DISCONTINUE TRANSIT TO JEWISH EMIGRANTS FROM THE USSR, (A-3)  
AN UNATTRIBUTED ARTICLE NOTES THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE  
FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS WALTER STOESEL MET WITH THE AMBASSADORS OF  
ALL NINE MEMBER NATIONS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET AND CAU-  
TIONED THEM TO MAINTAIN SECRECY CONCERNING CURRENT AMERICAN-  
WEST EUROPEAN NEGOTIATIONS. THE ADMONISHMENT WAS REPORTEDLY  
PROMPTED BY DAVID BINDER'S ARTICLE IN THE SUNDAY TIMES WHICH  
STATED THAT YOU HAD TAKEN A HARD LINE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE  
AMBASSADORS. (A-6)

WILLY BRANDT DEFENDED HERBERT WEHNER, WHOSE REMARKS TOUCHED OFF  
A CONTROVERSY BY CRITICIZING THE FRG'S EASTERN POLICY, DURING A  
NATIONALLY TELEVISED DEBATE IN PARLIAMENT. HOWEVER, BRANDT DID  
NOT SAY WHETHER THE POLICY RIFT REMAINS. (A-9)

HENRY TANNER WRITES THAT ACCORDING TO A FRONT-PAGE INTERVIEW  
PRINTED IN THREE EGYPTIAN NEWSPAPERS YESTERDAY, THE SHAH OF  
IRAN REPORTEDLY STATED THAT DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO THE U.S.,  
HE HAD URGED THE U.S. TO ADOPT AN EVEN-HANDED POLICY TOWARD THE  
MIDDLE EAST AND HAD RECEIVED A RECEPTIVE HEARING. (A-12)

AN EDITORIAL REMONSTRATES AUSTRIA'S CHANCELLOR KREISKY FOR HIS  
DECISION AND ECHOS THE SUSPICION THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA -- OR  
PERHAPS THE SOVIET UNION -- MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE  
PLANNING OF THE TERRORIST ACTION THAT HAS EVIDENTLY ACHIEVED  
ITS PURPOSE OF IMPEDING THE FLOW OF JEWISH EMIGRANTS OUT OF  
THE SOVIET UNION. (A-44)

THE BALTIMORE SUN

CHARLES CORDRY REPORTS THAT THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED  
TO HALT THE WITHDRAWAL OF MILITARY UNITS FROM THE FAR EAST, NOT-  
ABLY THAILAND, UNTIL IT SEES WHAT DECISIONS CONGRESS FINALLY  
WILL TAKE ON OVERSEAS TROOP REDUCTIONS. IN THIS WAY, THE DE-  
PARTMENT HAS HIT UPON A DEVICE FOR EVENTUALLY CREDITING WITH-  
DRAWALS THAT IT WAS GOING TO MAKE ANYWAY AGAINST TROOP-CUT  
QUOTAS THAT CONGRESS MAY DEMAND. (A-1)

THE FOUR-DAY STATE VISIT TO PARIS OF THE ITALIAN PRESIDENT,  
GIOVANNI LEONE, ENDED WITH A RESOLUTION THAT ITALY AND FRANCE  
WOULD INTENSIFY COOPERATION IN JOINT ARMS PRODUCTION, AIRCRAFT  
MANUFACTURE, AND THE INDUSTRIAL FIELD. (A-2)

HAROLD WILSON, FORMER BRITISH PRIME MINISTER, REJECTED ANY POS-  
SIBILITY THAT HIS LABOR PARTY WOULD ALTER ITS PROGRAM TO ACCOM-

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MODATE A COALITION WITH THE LIBERAL PARTY AFTER THE NEXT GENERAL  
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