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TO: SECRETARY KISSINGER

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS
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FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

1. DO YOU WISH TOSEC 14 TO BE PASSED TO THE PRESIDENT?

2. DINITZ HAS STILL NOT RETURNED, BUT I WILL GET TO HIM SOONEST.

3. TIMES HAS NOT YET ARRIVED, BUT POST AND STAR ARE FULL OF ARTICLES PICKING APART THE PRESIDENT'S FINANCIAL REPORT, RELEASED LAST NIGHT. THE POST HAS AN ARTICLE BY LAWRENCE STERN ABOUT THE NRO AND THE ENORMOUS AMOUNTS OF MONEY SPENT IN THIS "SUPER SECRET" PROGRAM VIRTUALLY WITHOUT CONTROLS. SY HERSH BEGINS A SERIES IN THE STAR ON THE "WHITE HOUSE PLUMBERS." I WILL HAVE THE TEXT SENT SEPARATELY, BUT THE ARTICLE POINTS OUT THAT YOU "PLAYED A FAR MORE CRITICAL ROLE THAN PUBLICLY KNOWN" IN THE INVESTIGATION INTO ELLSBURG AND THE SETTING UP OF THE PLUMBERS. YOU WERE REPORTEDLY "LITERALLY CLIMBING THE WALLS" WHEN THE PENTAGON PAPERS WERE PUBLISHED BECAUSE OF YOUR CONCERN NOT ABOUT THE PAPERS BUT FOR THE OTHER CLASSIFIED INFORMATION WHICH ELLSBURG POSSESSED. THERE IS A BACKGROUNDER BY JEREMY O'LEARY FROM BRUSSELS DESCRIBING IN MORE DETAIL THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE OCTOBER 24 ALERT. ON THE EDITORIAL WITHDRAWAL NEEDN'T BE TOTAL. "JOE KRAFT DEPLORES THE LACK OF U.S.-EUROPEAN COOPERATION ON ENERGY, STEMMING, HE SAYS, ON THE EUROPEAN SIDE FROM THEIR HANG UP ABOUT THE U.S. AS A "MALEVOLENT SUPER POWER" AND, ON THE U.S. SIDE, FROM PETTY PERSONAL AIMS BEING PURSUED BY YOU, SHULTZ, AND SCHLESINGER. HE POINTS OUT YOU WERE SO UPSET WITH THE CRITICAL HEATH SPEECH THAT YOU THREATENED TO

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CANCEL AN APPEARANCE IN LONDON, AND THAT YOU HAD THE ABILITY TO SURMOUNT THESE U.S.-EUROPEAN DIFFERENCES, BUT YOU THUS FAR HAD SHOWN NO SIGN "OF SUCH A LARGE PURPOSE." EVANS AND NOVAK DESCRIBE WHAT THEY CALL A BITTER BATTLE BETWEEN ASH AND SIMON/SHULTZ OVER CONTROL OF ENERGY MATTERS. DAVID BROADER DESCRIBES THE ENORMOUS ACCUMULATION OF POWER BY SHULTZ, CAPPED BY MOVING "HIS MAN" IN AS BOSS OF THE ENERGY PROGRAM.

4. WARM REGARDS.

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