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TO LARRY EAGLEBURGER FOR SEC. KISSINGER

FEBRUARY 27, 1974
TO LARRY EAGLEBURGER

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT
FOR: HENRY A. KISSINGER

1. THERE WAS NO STAFF MEETING THIS MORNING BECAUSE THE PRESIDENT HAD BREAKFAST WITH THE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP, AL HAIG, AND RYCE HARLOW.

2. BOTH MARILYN BERGER AND BERNIE GWERTZMAN HAVE ARTICLES RESULTING APPARENTLY FROM YOUR DISCUSSIONS ON THE AIRCRAFT. THE ARTICLES ARE HEADLINED "U.S. HELPING CAIRO ON SUEZ OPENING." THE ARTICLES ARE VERY SIMILAR AND DEAL EXTENSIVELY WITH THE DEFENSE MINECLEARING TEAM, WITH A "U.S. OFFICIAL" IMPLYING THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS NOT BEING ASKED FOR ITS HELP IN THE MINE-CLEARING. THE ARTICLES ALSO SAID YOU EXPECTED TO RECEIVE A POW LIST FROM ASSAD, WOULD GO TO JORDAN AND BRUSSELS BEFORE RETURNING, AND PERHAPS TO RIYAD FOR A COURTESY CALL. GWERTZMAN SAYS THAT "AMERICAN OFFICIALS WITH THE PARTY WERE SURPRISED" WHEN PRESIDENT NIXON PREDICTED THE END OF THE EMBARGO. THE ARTICLES THEN INDICATE THAT WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT ON SALT AND ARE CONVEYING TO THE SOVIET UNION OUR IDEAS ON "ESSENTIAL EQUIVALENCIES," THE URGENCY OF DEALING WITH MIRVS, AND THE HINT OF SOME "GIVE" ON THE FBS ISSUE.

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3. THE POST HAS AN EDITORIAL SNEERING AT THE MEXICO CITY CONFERENCE AS BEING LITTLE MORE THAN ONE INTENSIVE BURST OF DIPLOMACY. ALSO, HAS AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE JCS SPY CASE WHICH HE ESSENTIALLY

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CHARACTERIZES AS MUCH ADD ABOUT VERY LITTLE. RESTON HAS AN ARTICLE, "MR. KISSINGER AND THE EUROPEANS," WHICH DESCRIBES THE PUZZLEMENT OF THE BRITISH ABOUT YOUR STYLE. HE HAS YOU BEING IRRITATED BECAUSE YOU WISH TO TALK TO A UNITED EUROPE WHEN THERE IS NO SUCH THING AND THE BRITISH THINKING YOU ARE IN TOO MUCH OF A HURRY IN THE FACE OF THE MANY EUROPEAN INTERNAL POLITICAL AND PERSONAL PROBLEMS. I WILL SEND YOU THESE PIECES SEPARATELY. WARM REGARDS.

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