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TO PETER RODMAN FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

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MARCH 24, 1974
TO: SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

1. YOU HAVE A FRONT PAGE ARTICLE IN THE POST THIS MORNING (MARCH 24) BY MURRAY MARDER, "KISSINGER HEADS FOR MOSCOW FOR CRUCIAL DETENTE TALKS." IT IS A FAIRLY LONG ARTICLE AND DEALS ALMOST ENTIRELY WITH SPECULATION ABOUT THE EXTENT TO WHICH WATERGATE AND IMPEACHMENT WILL AFFECT YOU TALKS.

2. JOE KRAFT HAS AN OP ED "MISSION TO MOSCOW," WITH THE SAME THEME AS THE MARDER PIECE BUT A LITTLE MORE OPTIMISM. HE CONCLUDES THAT THE SOVIETS WILL TRY TO WRAP UP AGREEMENTS WHILE NIXON IS STILL PRESIDENT--THE CRUCIAL QUESTION IS ON WHAT TERMS. KRAFT CONCLUDES THAT IN SALT YOU NEED TO GO BEYOND LIMITING MIRVS TO PUT A LID ON THE SOVIET UNION'S MASSIVE BUILD-UP. FOR THE TRADE WHICH THE SOVIETS SEEK, KRAFT SAYS WE REALLY SHOULD ASK MORE THAN SIMPLY CONCESSIONS ON EMIGRATION; BUT SINCE THAT IS ALL WE HAVE ASKED WE SHOULD BE VERY TOUGH ON OUR INSISTENCE ON LIBERAL EMIGRATION.

3. THE STAR HAS A CROSBY NOYES OP ED "NO CAVIAR FOR KISSINGER IN MOSCOW," THE THRUST OF WHICH IS THAT MOSCOW MAY BE ON THE VERGE OF TAKING A DRAMATIC TURN FOR THE WORSE AWAY FROM DETENTE.

4. THE NEW YORK TIMES HAS AN OP ED BY LES GELB, "NEW IDEAS

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MAY HELP GET SALT MOVING." GELB SAYS YOU HAVE COME UP WITH A NEW SALT APPROACH TO ESTABLISH "ESSENTIAL EQUIV-
ALENCE" THROUGH TWO FORMULAS: (1) OVERALL NUMERICAL
EQUALITY IN ICBMS, SLBMS, AND BOMBERS; (2) EQUALITY IN ICBM
THROW WEIGHT. GELB SAYS NO MIRV CONTROLS ARE INCLUDED IN
YOUR NEW PRINCIPLES.

5. WARM REGARDS.
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