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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY
THE WASHINGTON POST

AMBASSADOR DINITZ DESCRIBED HIS TALK WITH YOU AS "LONG AND CON-
STRUCTIVE," WHICH, ACCORDING TO VICTOR ZORZA, COMES CLOSE TO
DESCRIBING THE SYRIAN PROPOSAL ITSELF AS CONSTRUCTIVE. (A-1)
THE ISRAELI CARETAKER CABINET APPOINTED MAJOR GENERAL GUR AS
CHIEF OF STAFF, SUCCEEDING ELAZAR. YESTERDAY'S FIGHTING ON
THE GOLAN HEIGHTS WAS DESCRIBED AS THE BITTEREST SINCE THE
OCTOBER CEASE-FIRE. (A-1)

YOUR PHOTO APPEARS ON PAGE A-2 WITH DINITZ.
U.S. AID TO CAMBODIA IS ESTIMATED TO EXCEED \$1.5 MILLION PER DAY.
CAMPAIGNING FOR THE FRENCH PRESIDENCY OFFICIALLY GETS UNDER WAY
TUESDAY EVENING WITH CHABAN'S CANDIDACY THREATENING TO DIVIDE
THE GAULLISTS. (A-3)

EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE NAMED HIS 20-YEAR-OLD GRANDSON AS HEIR-
APPARENT. PRINCE ZARE YAKOB WAS NAMED "ACTING CROWN PRINCE"
OF ETHIOPIA. (A-15)

AN EDITORIAL QUESTIONS THE WISDOM OF THE ISRAELI RETALIATORY
ATTACK ON LEBANON. THE LOSERS IN SUCH AN OPERATION ARE UN-
APPY FARMERS, NOT THE TERRORISTS, AND SHOULD THE SITUATION
DETERIORATE TO A POINT WHERE THE PEACE CONFERENCE IS THREATENED,
THE TERRORISTS WOULD EMERGE AS VICTORS.

THE EDITORIAL PAGE CARRIES THE SECOND INSTALLMENT OF EXCERPTS
FROM A COLLECTION OF WHITE HOUSE MEMORANDA OBTAINED BY THE
SENATE WATERGATE COMMITTEE AND MADE PUBLIC BY SENATOR WEICKER.
ON THE SUBJECT OF THE RESIGNATION OF PRIME MINISTER MEIR, ISRAEL
AND SYRIA FEEL THAT THE FIRST STEP TOWARD PEACE WILL BE EASIER.
THE SYRIANS VIEW MRS. MEIR'S DEMISE AS A SIGN OF NATIONAL WEAK-
NESS THAT WILL PERMIT THEM TO MAKE THE TYPE OF COMPROMISES THAT

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WOULD HAVE BEEN UNTHINKABLE PRIOR TO THE OCTOBER WAR. THE ISRAELIS NOTE SIMILARLY, FROM AN OPPOSING VANTAGE POINT, THAT BY HAVING NO POLITICAL FUTURE TO PROTECT, MRS. MEIR CAN DO WHAT SHE KNOWS MUST BE DONE TO RETAIN VITAL U.S. SUPPORT, EVEN IF IT IS UNPOPULAR AT HOME. (A-20)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

ANDREI SAKHAROV JOINED SOLZHENITSYN IN CALLING ON THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP TO RENOUNCE MARXISM AS ITS IDEOLOGY AND TO GIVE UP HEGEMONY OVER EASTERN EUROPE AND OVER NON-RUSSIAN REPUBLICS WITHIN THE SOVIET UNION. (A-1)

KURDISH REBELS HAVE ISOLATED AN IRAQI GARRISON OF 3,000 MEN IN NORTHERN IRAQ, APPROXIMATELY 250 NAUTICAL MILES FROM BAGHDAD. THIS IS THE SECOND ARMY BASE COMPLETELY CUT OFF IN THE NORTHERN IRAQI MOUNTAINS. (A-4)

THE U.S. DISCLOSED DETAILS OF THE SUEZ CANAL MINECLEARING OPERATION. THE PLAN WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN APRIL AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN A YEAR. (A-5)

ERIC PACE'S ARTICLE CLAIMS THAT THE CIA SOUGHT TO CENSOR PASSAGES FROM A FORTHCOMING BOOK BY VICTOR MARCHETTI, WHICH REVEALS OFFICIAL "SLIPS" OF THE TONGUE BY FORMER VICE PRESIDENT AGNEW AND THEN DIRECTOR HELMS THAT SEEMED TO BETRAY KNOWLEDGE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

AN EDITORIAL ADDRESSES ITSELF TO THE THEME OF THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE UNGA -- "TO SECURE THE OPTIMUM USE OF THE WORLD'S NATURAL RESOURCES WITH THE BASIC OBJECTIVE OF SECURING BETTER CONDITIONS OF SOCIAL JUSTICE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD" -- AND HOPES YOU WILL RESPOND POSITIVELY TO IT. IT IS HOPED THAT YOU WILL ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE U.S. IS NOT SO ENGROSSSED WITH OPERATION INDEPENDENCE THAT IT FAILS TO COMPREHEND THE RISK OF STANDING APART IN AN INTERDEPENDENT WORLD.

THE BALTIMORE SUN

INDIA'S SPLINTERED POLITICAL PARTIES HAVE STARTED TO CONSOLIDATE IN ORDER TO PRESENT A MORE COHESIVE ALTERNATIVE TO THE CONGRESS PARTY, IN POWER SINCE 1947. (A-5)

NAVY SEABEES HAVE BEEN EVACUATED AFTER THE KILLING OF THREE OF THEIR OFFICERS AT SUBIC BAY NAVY BASE IN THE PHILIPPINES. (A-5)

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CHARLES YOST WRITES THAT YOUR AGENDA IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING YOUR HONEYMOON CAN BE DESCRIBED AS CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT, CITING SUCH BURNING ISSUES AS A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNGA, A SYRIAN NEGOTIATOR HERE TO DISCUSS DISENGAGEMENT, SALT, AND A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO MOSCOW, YOST SAYS THE FIRST TASK WILL BE TO SORT OUT THE PRIORITIES.

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