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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY
THE WASHINGTON POST

MARILYN BERGER WRITES THAT YOU ARE CONVINCED THAT TALKS FOR A SEPARATION OF FORCES ALONG THE GOLAN FRONT HAVE TAKEN A "CONSIDERABLE STEP FORWARD." A SENIOR OFFICIAL IN YOUR PARTY SAID THAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES WERE NARROWED. IT IS PRESUMED THAT YOU MIGHT MAKE ANOTHER MIDEAST TRIP IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS TO WRAP UP THE FINAL AGREEMENT. (A-1)

JONATHAN RANDAL REPORTS FROM PARIS THAT ALTHOUGH LEFTIST CANDIDATE MITTERRAND RALLIED UP TO HIS EXPECTED FIRST ROUND LEAD, HIS PERFORMANCE WAS SIGNIFICANTLY WEAKER THAN HE HAD HOPED AND MAY HAVE DASHED HIS CHANCE FOR VICTORY IN THE RUN-OFF ELECTION. (A-1)

GENERAL HAIG DECLARED ON "ISSUES AND ANSWERS" YESTERDAY THAT "THE PRESIDENT HAS NOW PUT OUT FOR PUBLIC ASSESSMENT WHAT WE CONSIDER TO BE ALL THE RELEVANT INFORMATION ON THE WATERGATE STORY." JAMES ST. CLAIR SAID MUCH THE SAME THING ON "MEET THE PRESS." (A-1)

JOE MORRIS OF THE LOS ANGELES TIMES WRITES FROM BONN THAT ALTHOUGH GUNTHER GUILLAUME WAS A LONG-TERM INVESTMENT BY THE COMMUNISTS, THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT ANYWHERE THAT THE INVESTMENT PAID OFF FOR THE EAST GERMAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. IT IS ACCEPTED THAT HE GAVE EAST GERMANY THE FULLEST INFORMATION ABOUT BONN'S NEGOTI-

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TIATING POSITIONS ON VARIOUS EAST-WEST TREATIES. (A-3)
 THE LEAD POST EDITORIAL CONTENDS THAT THE KEY ISSUE IN THE VOTE TODAY FOR AID TO VIETNAM IS WHETHER IT PROMOTES RECONCILIATION IN VIETNAM OR MERELY LETS PRESIDENT THIEU AVOID THE POLITICAL COMPROMISES FORESEEN IN THE PARIS AGREEMENT. THE POST URGES THOSE LEGISLATORS PONDERING THEIR VOTE TO REREAD YOUR LETTER TO SENATOR KENNEDY TO SEE WHETHER THEY ARE BEING ASKED TO VOTE, IN EFFECT, FOR PEACE OR WAR. (A-14)

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CHARLES YOST, IN WRITING ABOUT PROBLEMS FACING THE 'THIRD WORLD,' WONDERS IF YOU DO SPEAK FOR MORE THAN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. HE CITES THE "IRRESPONSIBLE ACTION" OF THE HOUSE IN REFUSING TO HONOR A U.S. PLEDGE TO THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, MADE BEFORE THE ENERGY CRISIS STRUCK, GIVES LITTLE GROUND FOR OPTIMISM. (A-14)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BERNARD GWERTZMAN REPORTS THAT YOUR NEGOTIATIONS HAVE ENTERED A CRUCIAL PHASE. GWERTZMAN SAYS THAT YOU URGED ISRAELI LEADERS TO DRAW UP A NEW CEASE-FIRE LINE THAT YOU COULD PROPOSE TO SYRIA WHEN YOU RETURN TO DAMASCUS. (A-1)

HENRY GINIGER DISCUSSES THE OVERT EMERGENCE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN PORTUGAL. THE PARTY, CALLING ITSELF "THE MAJOR ANTI-FACIST" MOVEMENT, REAFFIRMED TODAY ITS BID FOR A SHARE OF POWER IN THE PROJECTED PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. (A-1)

IRVING SPIEGEL COVERS STATEMENTS MADE BY POLITICAL SCIENTIST HANS MORGANTHAU, WHERE MORGANTHAU ATTACKS YOUR MIDDLE EAST POLICY. HE MAINTAINS THAT IT WAS TOO DEPENDENT ON THE QUESTIONABLE PEACE COMMITMENT OF ANWAR SADAT. (A-3)

PRESS REPORTS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST INDICATE THAT SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO HAS ARRIVED IN DAMASCUS TO DISCUSS WITH SYRIAN OFFICIALS A SETTLEMENT FOR THE DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES. (A-7)

JAMES CLARITY SAYS THAT AFTER FIVE DAYS OF TALKS BETWEEN IRAN AND INDIA, BOTH HAVE AGREED, TEMPORARILY AT LEAST, TO A DÉTENTE IN THE INTEREST OF POLITICAL STABILITY AND ACCELERATED ECONOMIC COOPERATION. (A-9)

THE BALTIMORE SUN

JEFFERSON PRICE REPORTS ON YOUR TALKS WITH THE ISRAELIS. HE SEES PESSIMISM CHANGING TO GUARDED OPTIMISM THAT A SOLUTION CAN BE FOUND. (A-1)

GILBERT LEWTHWAITE COVERS THE FRENCH ELECTION WHERE A RUN-OFF MAY 19 WILL BE HELD BETWEEN LEFTWING CANDIDATE MITTERRAND AND CONSERVATIVE GISCARD D'ESTAIGN. SIXTEEN YEARS OF GAULLIST DOMINATION IN FRANCE COULD END IF MITTERRAND WINS THE NEXT ROUND. (A-1)

MICHAEL PARKS WRITES OF SAIGON'S CAMPAIGN TO WIN CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR U.S. AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM. AMBASSADOR MARTIN'S

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EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE INCREASED AID LEVELS FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY ARE CRITICIZED BY A NUMBER OF PEOPLE. (A-1)

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POLITICIANS AND OBSERVERS IN ISRAEL BELIEVE MR. RABIN WILL PUT TOGETHER A NEW GOVERNMENT IN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS, EVEN IF IT IS A MINORITY ONE. (A-2)

CHARLES YOST SAW A NOTABLE ATMOSPHERE OF WARMTH AND CORDIALITY, A PERSONALIZATION AND HUMANIZATION OF DETENTE, AT THE DARTMOUTH CONFERENCE IN TBILISI, SOVIET GEORGIA LAST WEEK. (A-13)
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