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PLEASE DELIVER TO BREMER/RODMAN FOR THE SECRETARY

MAY 11, 1974

TO: BREMER/RODMAN  
FOR: SECRETARY KISSINGER  
FROM: BRENT SNOWCROFT

1. THE PRESIDENT IS SPENDING THE MORNING IN HIS EOB OFFICE. YESTERDAY AND TODAY THE TOWN HAS BEEN FULL OF WILD RUMORS ABOUT HIS RESIGNATION -- INCLUDING ONE THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED BACK ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS TO ACCEPT HIS LETTER OF RESIGNATION. OTHERS RUN THE GAMIT FROM A DELEGATION OF REPUBLICANS BEING ORGANIZED TO DEMAND HIS DEPARTURE TO THE PRESIDENT'S PHYSICAL COLLAPSE. SUCH A NOBLE PERIOD.

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2. YOU HAVE BEEN SENT SEPARATELY A NEW YORK TIMES CONDENSATION OF AN ARTICLE BY YOUR OLD FRIEND ROGER MORRIS. THE FULL ARTICLE IS SIMPLY AN EMBELLISHMENT OF THE NEW YORK TIMES PIECE.

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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

3. AL TOLD ME HE WAS TAKING TO THE PRESIDENT SCHLESINGER'S RECOMMENDATION FOR BROWN AS JCS CHAIRMAN AND JONES AS AIR FORCE CHIEF. I REITERATED THE COMMENTS YOU HAD MADE TO HIM ABOUT VOGT BUT I GET THE IMPRESSION HE FEELS IT IS NOT WORTH A FIGHT WITH SCHLESINGER.

4. REFERENCE MY COMMENTS ON THE HUMPHREY FOOD CRISIS SPEECH (TOHAK147), ROY ASH HAS WRITTEN A MEMO TO THE PRESIDENT, WHICH I AM NOW HOLDING, ON PL-480. HIS MEMO INFORMS THE PRESIDENT THAT STATE IS CONSIDERING A PL-480 SALE TO EGYPT. HE GOES ON FOR TWO PAGES ABOUT THE PROBLEMS THAT WOULD CREATE AND CONCLUDES WITH THE STATEMENT THAT FOOD AID MUST BE CONSIDERED ON A GLOBAL AND NOT A COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY AD HOC BASIS AND HE IS THEREFORE INVITING THE HEADS OF THE AGENCIES

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PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED TO MEET WITH HIM AND AGREE ON A  
SYSTEMATIC MEANS OF DEVELOPING A 1975 FOOD AID PROGRAM.  
OBVIOUSLY WE CANNOT LET ASH MOVE INTO THIS FIELD. HIS MEMO,  
HOWEVER, ILLUSTRATES THE PROBLEM AND THE NEED FOR US TO  
MOVE IN A COORDINATED FASHION TO KEEP THINGS UNDER OUR CONTROL.

5. THE PRESIDENT IS DEPARTING AT 4:40 THIS AFTERNOON TO  
GIVE THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS AT OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY.  
HE WILL RETURN DIRECTLY HERE FOLLOWING HIS SPEECH.

WARM REGARDS.

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