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

THE WASHINGTON POST

PETER OSNOS NOTES THAT THE TIME OF RECKONING FOR DETENTE IS CLOSE AT HAND. AS YOU WING YOUR WAY TO MOSCOW, SOVIET AND U.S. DIPLOMATS AGREE THAT NEITHER SIDE HAS ANY REAL EXCUSE FOR DELAYING FURTHER PROGRESS ON ARMS LIMITATIONS. WITHOUT SOME KIND OF BREAKTHROUGH SOON ON LIMITING OFFENSIVE STRATEGIC WEAPONS, THE FEELING IS THAT OTHER ASPECTS OF THE U.S.-USSR RELATIONSHIP WILL BEGIN TO LOOK THREADBARE. (A-1)

THE FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION, IN A DETAILED DRAFT STUDY, CONCLUDES THAT THE U.S. WILL NOT BE FREE OF IMPORTING FOREIGN OIL IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. THE STUDY REVEALS THAT NO SUBSTITUTE FOR OIL WILL BECOME AVAILABLE IN SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS FOR AT LEAST TEN YEARS. (A1)

THE STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THE SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT WITH ICELAND FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE KEFLAVIK AIRBASE. (A-14)

OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT THE COMMUNISTS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE NEXT ITALIAN GOVERNMENT. MOST VOTERS REMAIN OPPOSED TO A COMMUNIST ROLE IN THE GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER. (A-15)

THE LEAD EDITORIAL COMMENTS ON THE IMPACT MEXICO'S NEW OIL FIND WILL MAKE ON U.S.-MEXICAN RELATIONS. CITING YOUR YEAR-LONG EFFORTS TO BETTER OUR RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA, THE POST NOTES THAT WE ARE IN A POSITION TO COPE WITH NEW HEMISPHERIC RELATIONS AS OTHER UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES COME INTO THEIR OWN. (A-16)

JOE ALSO DISCUSSES THE IMPACT OF ARAB MONIES ON THE WORLD'S

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FINANCIAL SYSTEM. CITING GREAT BRITAIN AS AN EXAMPLE, ALSOP ARGUES THAT THE OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES, WITH THEIR HUGE DEPOSITS IN BRITISH BANKS, HAVE THE POWER TO BANKRUPT AND/OR BLACKMAIL BRITAIN AT THE DISCRETION OF THEIR (ARAB) FINANCE MINISTERS. (A-17)

ABU DHABI CONTENDS THAT THE PRICE OF OIL IS JUST RIGHT AND SHOULD LEVEL OFF, PROVIDED INFLATION DOES NOT ERODE THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE OIL PRODUCERS. (A-18)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

IN A LUNCHEON GIVEN YESTERDAY BY FOREIGN NEWSMEN, PREMIER TANAKA ADMITTED CONTINUING HIS PRIVATE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES WHILE A MEMBER OF THE DIET. HE REFUSED TO MAKE HIS PERSONAL FINANCES PUBLIC, HOWEVER. ON OTHER MATTERS, HE STATED THE U.S. HAD TOLD THE JAPANESE THAT NUCLEAR WEAPONS WOULD NOT BE BROUGHT INTO JAPAN, AND HE WAS CONVINCED THEY HAD NOT BEEN. HE ALSO REITERATED SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT FORD'S UPCOMING VISIT. (3)

IN A LENGTHY ARTICLE, JAMES MARKHAM DETAILS THE POLITICAL PRESSURES AGAINST PRESIDENT THIEU AND EXPRESSES PESSIMISM ABOUT THIEU'S FUTURE. THE VIETNAMESE ARE LOOKING TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY FOR A SIGNAL, BUT THE EMBASSY IS STAYING CLEAR OF THE TURMOIL BECAUSE OF YOUR DISTASTE FOR INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAMESE POLITICS AND THE CHAOS THAT RESULTED FROM THE COUP AGAINST PRESIDENT DIEM. ONE EUROPEAN DIPLOMAT WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, "ONCE PEOPLE BELIEVE HE IS TOTTERING, HE BEGINS TO TOTTER." (4)

THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL POSTPONED UNTIL THIS AFTERNOON ITS DEBATE ON RENEWING THE MANDATE FOR THE UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN THE SINAI. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS DISAGREEMENT OVER THE WORDING OF THE RESOLUTION, ALL MEMBERS APPEARED TO AGREE ON THE NECESSITY OF THE FORCE. (7)

MIKHAIL SUSLOV HAS DECLARED THAT THE ECONOMIC CRISIS IN THE WEST HAS STRENGTHENED THE POSITIONS OF COMMUNISTS AND OTHER LEFTISTS IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES, SPECIFICALLY GREECE AND PORTUGAL. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER HE HAD FRANCE AND ITALY IN MIND AS WELL. MOSCOW HAS REFRAINED FROM URGING COMMUNIST PARTIES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ECONOMIC DISARRAY TO AVOID JEOPARDIZING ITS REVMS WITH WESTERN GOVERNMENTS. (13)

IN ITS LEAD EDITORIAL, THE TIMES ARGUES THAT THE MAIN VALUE OF THE TREATY SIGNED IN MOSCOW IN JULY REGULATING UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTING LIES IN THE PRECEDENT SET FOR VERIFICATION, INCLUDING ON-SITE INSPECTION. ALTHOUGH THE DETAILS ARE PRESENTLY BEING NEGOTIATED, THE FACT THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE INFORMALLY AGREED TO PERMIT FOREIGN INSPECTORS TO OBSERVE

PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS AND TO GIVE PRIOR NOTIFICATION IS MOST IMPORTANT, EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN GIVING THE LOCATION OF AND ACCOMPANYING GEOLOGICAL DATA ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS TEST SITES. 1997-194. 9: 9.-SITE INSPECTION CAN BE DEvised; THE CHANCES OF ACHIEVING A COMPREHENSIVE WEAPONS TEST BAN WOULD INCREASE. (44)

THE TIMES FEELS IT IS TOO EARLY TO SAY WHETHER THE FORD-ECHEVERRIA MEETING WILL CONTRIBUTE APPRECIABLY TO CLOSE COOPERATION AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. ALL THE U.S. CAN HOPE FOR FROM THE NEWLY FOUND MEXICAN OIL RESERVES IS DOWNWARD PRESSURE ON WORLD OIL PRICES, AND THE NEW, REVITALIZED JOINT COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ILLEGAL ENTRY OF MEXICAN WORKERS HAS A DREADFULLY FAMILIAR RING. ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT FORD ASSERTED THAT YOU AND HE SEE MERIT IN ECHEVERRIA'S PROPOSALS FOR A UN ECONOMIC CHARTER FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE U.S. HAS SHOWN LITTLE ENTHUSIASM FOR IT UP TO NOW. (44)

C. L. SULZBERGER DISCUSSES THE MODIFICATION UNDERWAY IN THE ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO A PERMANENT DOUBTING ROLE OF DEVIL'S ADVOCATES TO CHALLENGE WRONG ASSUMPTIONS. ANOTHER IS COMPUTERIZING ALL DATA WHICH MIGHT PROGRAM FORTHCOMING TROUBLE SO AS TO DEMAND AUTOMATICALLY PROMPT ATTENTION. (45)

THE BALTIMORE SUN

TWO OPPOSITION LEADERS IN SAIGON CHARGED THAT POLICE HAD RECENTLY ARRESTED 14 STUDENTS INVOLVED IN AN ANTIGOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION -- THE FIRST INDICATION THE POLICE HAVE SUSPENDED THE HANDS-OFF POLICY AGAINST PROTESTORS IN RECENT WEEKS. (A-2)

HOSPITAL AUTHORITIES SAID 49 PERSONS DIED IN RACIAL VIOLENCE IN LOURENCO MARQUES FOLLOWING AN ATTACK ON MOZAMBIQUE'S BLACK TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT BY FORMER PORTUGUESE SOLDIERS VOWING TO "GIVE THESE MEN A LESSON." (A-2)

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE ARAB WORLD MET BEHIND THE PROTECTION OF THOUSANDS OF POLICE AND TROOPS TO DRAFT AN AGENDA FOR THE ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN RABAT THIS WEEKEND. (A-2)

A SUN EDITORIAL STATES THAT WHILE THE AMERICAN AND MEXICAN PRESIDENTS WERE EMBRACING IN THEIR "NEW DIALOGUE" ON MONDAY, IT WAS MORE THAN A COINCIDENCE THAT THE CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER WAS SUPPING ELEGANTLY IN THE PALACE OF THE FRENCH PRESIDENT IN PARIS. FOR THE LARGEST OF THE SPANISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES AND WHAT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED THE SECOND-MOST POWERFUL OF THE

FRENCH SPEAKING COUNTRIES, THE POLICY AIM WAS MORE OR LESS THE SAME: TO ASSERT NATIONAL SELF-INTEREST AND SHED SOME OF

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THE OVERWHELMING INFLUENCE OF THE NEIGHBORING U.S.
ICANS TEND TO TAKE THEM FOR GRANTED AS "FRIENDS" AND HARDLY
FOREIGNERS IS INSULTING TO BOTH; IT INDICATES A DANGEROUS
IGNORANCE ON THE PART OF AMERICANS. BOTH MEXICAN AND CANADIAN
LEADERSHIPS AT THE MOMENT ARE NATIONALISTIC IN A PRICKLY SENSE,
ESPECIALLY IN ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS, AND FOR SOUND DOMESTIC
REASONS. (A-14)

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