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ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

PASS TO BREMER/GOMPERT FOR THE SECRETARY

TO: JERRY BREMER FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER  
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

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1. SIMON, SEIDMAN, ET AL. HAVE AGREED NOT TO GO TO THE PRESIDENT WITH ANY ISSUES ABOUT THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE (AT 1:20PM) FOR HIS LAST CAMPAIGN SWING. ENDERS IS ARGUING AT THE PRESENT TIME ABOUT WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE ONE REAL ISSUE-- SHOULD THERE BE SPECIFICS PRESENTED IN THE SPEECH, OR SIMPLY GENERALITIES? ENDERS WILL SEND A COMPLETE REPORT AS SOON AS HIS NEGOTIATIONS END.
  2. BILL SIMON CAME IN THIS MORNING BEFORE STAFF MEETING TO COMPLAIN MILDLY ABOUT NOT HAVING A COPY OF YOUR SPEECH. WHEN I POINTED OUT THE NATURE OF YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT HAVING THE SPEECH SCRUBBED IN THE ECONOMIC BOARD MEETING, HE, TO MY SURPRISE, AGREED COMPLETELY. HE SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE IN DOING BUSINESS BY COMMITTEE THAT WAY AND YOU WERE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT IN YOUR POSITION. HE EVEN SUGGESTED THAT I RAISE WITH THE PRESIDENT OUR CONCERN OVER THIS PENCHANT FOR DOING BUSINESS BY COMMITTEE. THIS ATTITUDE WAS, I GATHER, IN SHARP CONTRADISTINCTION TO HIS BEHAVIOR AT THE ECONOMIC MEETING WHICH FOLLOWED. I WAS ABLE TO OBSERVE ONLY A SMALL PART OF THAT MEETING, BUT FROM THAT AND ENDERS' COMMENTS SIMON DID NOT SEEM TO BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW.
  3. BUTZ CALLED TO SAY THAT HE WAS IN ERROR YESTERDAY, THAT HIS PEOPLE HAD SCHEDULED HIM FOR A PRESS CONFERENCE IN ROME ON MONDAY EVENING. HE HAS CANCELLED THAT PRESS CONFERENCE AND SAID THERE MAY NOT BE ONE IN BRUSSELS EITHER, BUT IF THERE IS, HE WILL AVOID FOOD CONFERENCE ITEMS TO THE VERY BEST OF HIS ABILITY.
  4. I SAT IN ON A MEETING THIS MORNING WITH THE PRESIDENT, SCHLESINGER AND ASH TO TALK ABOUT POSSIBLE CUTS IN OUTLAYS IN THE FY 75 BUDGET. I EXPLAINED YOUR POSITION (HAKTO16), WITH WHICH THE PRESIDENT AGREED. THE ONLY CUTS WHICH WILL BE PROPOSED WILL BE AN OVERALL FREEZE ON PROMOTIONS IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, AND ADD-ON ITEMS TO THE BUDGET WHICH DEFENSE HAD NOT RECOM-

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ENDED--IN OTHER WORDS, NOTHING WHICH HAS THE APPEARANCE OF  
THE PRESIDENT CUTTING HIS OWN DEFENSE BUDGET.

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