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PENTAGON REVISES NUMBER OF MAYAGUEZ WOUNDED TO 49

THE PENTAGON MONDAY REVISED ITS ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF MEN WOUNDED IN THE MAYAGUEZ RESCUE TO 49 AMTO CONTINUING CONFUSION OVER THE TOLL. THE NUMBER KILLED REMAINS AT FIVE, AND 16 WERE LISTED AS MISSING. IKE PAPPAS (CBS) SAID THE PENTAGON DOESN'T HOLD OUT MUCH HOPE THAT 13 OF THE 16 MISSING ARE ALIVE.

"CHARGES HAVE BEEN MADE THAT THE PENTAGON WAS TRYING TO MAKE THE OPERATION BETTER THAN IT WAS IN TERMS OF LOSSES. STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN JOSEPH LAITIN DENIED THE CHARGES," IKE PAPPAS (CBS) REPORTED.

LAITIN CONFIRMED THAT THE BODIES OF THOSE KILLED HAVE NOT BEEN RETURNED. AT LEAST ONE MARINE WHO WAS KILLED WAS LEFT BEHIND ON TANG ISLAND UNDER HEAVY ENEMY GUNFIRE DURING THE NIGHTTIME WITHDRAWAL. IT WAS THE SECOND TIME THAT AMERICANS HAVE FAILED TO RETURN WITH THEIR DEAD," PAPPAS REPORTED.

LAITIN SAID THE NUMBER OF WOUNDED WAS BEING DROPPED "FOR THE TIME BEING" FROM THE 70 TO THE 49 FIGURE USED SUNDAY BY SECRETARY SCHLESINGER.

LAITIN SAID A REVIEW WAS BEING MADE TO DETERMINE HOW MANY MEN WERE HURT SERIOUSLY ENOUGH TO BE CONSIDERED WOUNDED, NOTING THAT SOME MARINES SUFFERED ONLY SUPERFICIAL INJURIES SUCH AS SPRAINED ANKLES.

ASKED BY REPORTERS WHY IT WAS TAKING SO LONG TO GET A

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FINAL CASUALTY LIST, LAITIN SAID (ON NBC/CBS FILM): "I DON'T THINK THAT THERE'S BEEN ANY UNDUE DELAY. WE HAVE TRIED TO GET YOU THE CASUALTY LIST JUST AS FAST AS IS HUMANLY POSSIBLE ONCE THE SMOKE OF BATTLE CLEARED AWAY... WE HAVE DONE OUR UTMOST; WE HAVE HELD BACK NOTHING."

LAITIN SAID THE FIGURES CAME SLOWLY BECAUSE TROOPS WERE SPREAD OUT OVER SEVERAL SHIPS AND THAT GETTING AN ACCURATE PICTURE IS COMPLICATED, CHARLES QUINN (NBC) REPORTED. "BUT MANY PEOPLE HERE AT THE PENTAGON AREN'T BUYING THAT," SIMPLY QUINN SAID. "THEY SAY THEY ARE PUZZLED. THEY SAY THEY SIMPLY DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S TAKING SO LONG."

FINAL FIGURES EXPECTED TUESDAY, QUINN SAID. --AP; UPI; NETWORKS (5/19/75)

FORD SAID PUZZLED AND UNHAPPY BY CASUALTY COUNT

PRESIDENT FORD WAS DESCRIBED AS PUZZLED AND UNHAPPY BY THE CASUALTY COUNT IN THE MAYAGUEZ RESCUE OPERATION, BUT THE WHITE HOUSE SAID THERE HAS BEEN NO ATTEMPT TO HIDE ANY BAD NEWS. THE WHITE HOUSE INDICATED PRESIDENT FORD IS NOT HAPPY WITH THE PENTAGON AND THE WAY PENTAGON HANDLES THE CASUALTY FIGURES, HOWARD K. SMITH (ABC) SAID.

OF THE MISSING MEN, THE WHITE HOUSE SAID THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS ANY OF THEM WERE TAKEN PRISONER, NBC REPORTED.

"THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IS SAID TO BE FRUSTRATED," TOM JARRIEL (ABC) SAID "A MILITARY THAT CAN FIRE FROM A SPEEDING JET FIGHTER WITH PRECISION 15 FEET IN FRONT OF A MOVING CAMBODIAN PATROL BOAT CAN'T SEEM TO ACCOUNT FOR IT'S TROOPS THE PRESIDENT, LIKE THE PRESS, IS ASKING FOR THE FINAL CASUALTY FIGURES, BUT NOT GETTING ANYTHING MORE THAN REVISED, TENTATIVE, INCOMPLETE ONES.

"THE DELAY PROMPTED QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS ABOUT A POSSIBLE COVER-UP," JARRIEL SAID. "RON NESSEN SAYS THEY AREN'T TRYING TO HIDE THE CASUALTIES OR ATTEMPTING TO CONCEAL THE BAD NEWS.

"NESSEN ALSO CONTINUES TO DEFEND THE HEAVY USE OF MILITARY STIRKES ORDERED BY THE PRESIDENT, DESCRIBED BY HIS ADVISERS AS EQUIVALENCY-PLUS.

"'AS FOR MARINES LANDING ON THE WRONG ISLAND,' THE PRESIDENT'S SPOKESMAN SAID, 'HINDSIGHT IS ALWAYS 20-20.' " JARRIEL REPORTED. -- ABC/NBC (5/19/75)

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PENTAGON RELEASES NAMES OF THREE OF FIVE KILLED IN MAYAGUEZ RESCUE

THE PENTAGON MONDAY RELEASED THE NAMES OF THREE OF THE
FIVE SERVICEMEN KILLED ON THE MAYAGUEZ RESCUE:

--AIR FORCE 2ND LT. RICHARD VANDEGEER OF BUCKLAND
MASS.; AIR FORCE S. SGT. ELWOOD E. RUMBAUGH, HUSBAND OF
MRS. VICKIE RUMBAUGH, DOTHAN, ALA.; MARINE LANCE CPL.
ASHTON N. LONEY, SON OF MRS. VIRGINIA E. J. LONEY OF
ALBANY N.Y.

CBS RAN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE FATHER OF RICHARD VANDEGEER.
AP; UPI; NETWORKS (5/19/75)

LEADER OF MAYAGUEZ RESCUE FORCES CALLS OPERATION A SUCCESS

MAJOR GEN. KENNETH HOUGHTON, WHO COMMANDED THE ASSAULT
ON CAMBODIA'S TANG ISLAND, CALLED THE OPERATION A SUCCESS
MONDAY, DESPITE THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES. "AT THE RISK
OF SOUNDING LIKE A WAR-MONGER, I WOULD DESCRIBE IT AS AS
ELIXIR FOR MORALE," HE SAID. -- ABC/CBS (5/19/75)

U.S. EXPRESSES REGRET TO THAILAND FOR USING BASES IN MAYAGUEZ

THE U.S. SENT A NOTE TO BANGKOK EXPRESSING REGRET FOR
USING THAI MILITARY BASES IN THE RESCUE OF THE AMERICAN
FREIGHTER MAYAGUEZ AND ITS CREW. ALTHOUGH THE NOTE --
WHICH CBS SAID WAS UNSIGNED-- WAS NOT A FORMAL APOLOGY,
THE THAI GOVERNMENT SAID IS SATISFIED. THUS, THE
DIPLOMATIC CRISIS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THAILAND APPARENTLY
HAS ENDED, NBC SAID.

THE NOTE DID NOT SATISFY THAI STUDENTS WHO CONTINUED
THEIR PROTEST VIGIL OUTSIDE THE U.S. EMBASSY IN BANGKOK,
BILL PLANTE (CBS) REPORTED. THE DEMONSTRATORS REPLACED THE
EAGLE IN THE EMBASSY GATE'S GREAT SEAL WITH A PICTURE OF
A VULTURE. THEY ALSO SPRAY PAINTED INSULTS ON AMERICAN FLAGS.

PRIME MINISTER KUKRIT PRAMUJ WHO EARLIER HAD PRAISED
THE STUDENTS, SENT A NOTE FOR THEM TO DISPEL. IT WAS
IGNORED, PLANTE SAID. AP; NETWORKS; ABC AM AMERICA;
NBC TODAY SHOW/CBS MORNING NEWS (5/19/75)

U.S. CONSIDERED USING B-52S IN MAYAGUEZ RESCUE OPERATION

REPORTERS ABOARD THE PLANE THAT CARRIED SECRETARY KISSINGER
TO VIENNA HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE U.S. CONSIDERED USING

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B-52S IN THE MAYAGUEZ CRISIS. A SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL WITH THE KISSINGER PARTY SAID THE BOMBERS WERE AN OPTION IF THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER CORAL SEA COULD NOT GET THE SHIP BEFORE LAST WEDNESDAY. NBC TODAY SHOW; CBS MORNING NEWS (5/19/75)

WALDHEIM SAYS U.S. REQUEST FOR MEDIATION CAME LATE

THE U.S. DID NOT ASK THE UN TO HELP ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT UNTIL TWO HOURS AFTER HOSTILITIES STARTED, UN SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM SAID MONDAY.

IN AN INTERVIEW BY THE NATIONAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS CENTER FOR TELEVISION BROADCAST MONDAY, WALDHEIM SAID THE INITIAL REQUEST FOR UN PEACEKEEPING ASSISTANCE CAME AT 1PM EDT WEDNESDAY, "ABOUT TWO HOURS AFTER THE FIGHTING TOOK PLACE BETWEEN THE CAMBODIAN GUNBOATS AND THE U.S. AIR FORCE."

HE SAID THE LATE NOTICE SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS A LACK OF FAITH BY THE UNITED STATES IN THE UNITED NATIONS' ABILITY TO ACT, BUT HE SAID THERE WAS LITTLE THE UNITED NATIONS COULD DO BY THE TIME IT WAS ASKED FOR HELP. UPI (5/19/75)

LAOS STUDENTS STILL HOLD ABOUT 12 AMERICANS

IN SAVANNAKHET, LAOS, ABOUT A DOZEN AMERICANS, MOSTLY AID OFFICIALS AND DEPENDANTS, REMAIN UNDER LIMITED HOUSE ARREST BY LAOTIAN STUDENTS DEMANDING THE OUSTER OF PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS AND AN END TO U.S. AID PROGRAMS.

THIS YEAR LAOS IS DUE TO RECEIVE \$38 MILLION IN U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO LAOS, LOU CIOFFI (ABC) SAID IN A 1:30 MINUTE REPORT.

"FOR THE COMMUNISTS, THE AID PROGRAM IS A SYMBOL OF AMERICAN PRESENCE IN THE AREA," CIOFFI SAID. BUT THE PATHET LAO SAYS IT WILL EXPECT AMERICAN AID WITHOUT AMERICAN SUPERVISION OVER HOW IT'S SPENT. CIOFFI REPORTED THAT THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY OF ABOUT 1,200 AROUND VIENTIANE, WAS LIVING A NORMAL LIFE, EVEN THOUGH THE US HAS BEGUN TO CUT DOWN ON IT'S PRESENCE IN LAOS. ---UPI; ABC (5/19/75)

NESSEN SAYS FORD ORDERED MILITARY ACTION ONLY AFTER DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES FAILED

RON NESSEN SAID IN AN INTERVIEW MONDAY THAT PRESIDENT FORD

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ORDERED MILITARY ACTION TO RECAPTURE THE MAYAGUEZ ONLY AFTER DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES FAILS.

DESCRIBING THE MOMENT WHEN FORD DECIDED TO USE THE MARINES, NESSEN SAID: "DIPLOMATIC MESSAGES HAD BEEN PASSED WHICH WE KNEW THE CAMBODIANS HAD RECEIVED, DEMANDING THE RELEASE OF OUR SHIP AND OUR MERCHANT SEAMEN WHO HAD BEEN IN INTERNATIONAL SEA LANDS. THERE HAD BEEN ABSOLUTELY NO RESPONSE. NOTHING HAD COME BACK FROM THE CAMBODIANS."

"IN THE BACK OF EVERYBODY'S MIND AT ALL IF THESE MEETINGS THAT WERE HELD THAT WEEK WAS THE PUERLO CASE, THE FACT THAT IF THESE MERCHANT SEAMEN WERE TAKEN TO THE MAINLAND OF CAMBODIA, THERE WOULD BE MONTHS AND MAYBE YEARS OF NEGOTIATION WHILE THEY LANGUISHEED IN PRISON. AND THE PRESIDENT WAS DETERMINED FROM THE VERY BEGINNING NOT TO LET THAT HAPPEN. AND SINCE 50 HOURS HAD PASSED BY ALREADY AND THERE HAD BEEN NO WORD AT ALL FROM THE CAMBODIANS, HE DECIDED THAT HE NEEDED TO FREE THEM USING MILITARY MEANS."

NESSEN SAID THE PRESIDENT REMAINED EXTREMELY CALM THROUGHOUT THE MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT.

ASKED WHY THE U.S. DID NOT CALL OFF THE MILITARY ACTION AFTER RECEIVING WORD THE CAMBODIANS WERE WILLING TO RELEASE THE SHIP, NESSEN SAID THE MARINES HAD LANDED AND WERE UNDER FIRE BEFORE THE MESSAGE, BROADCAST ON DOMESTIC CAMBODIAN RADIO, WAS RECEIVED BY THE WHITE HOUSE.

ASKED IF THERE WERE A FEELING IN THE WHITE HOUSE THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER SHOULD GIVE UP EITHER HIS ROLE AS NSC ADVISER OR SECRETARY OF STATE, NESSEN SAID: "IF THE PRESIDENT DIDN'T WANT SECRETARY KISSINGER TO HAVE THE TWO JOBS HE WOULDN'T HAVE THE TWO JOBS. THE PRESIDENT WANTS HIM TO HAVE THE TWO JOBS AND HE DOES."
NBC TODAY SHOW (5/19/75)

KISSINGER MEETS GROMYKO, HOPING TO RESTORE DETENTE MOMENTUM

SECRETARY KISSINGER MET WITH SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO MONDAY FOR TWO DAYS OF TALKS DESIGNED TO RESTORE THE MOMENTUM OF DETENTE. THE TWO WERE SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE, THE SALT TALKS, AND THE MIDEAST. KISSINGER SAID, "I THINK WE'LL MAKE SOME PROGRESS HERE," NBC/UPR REPORTED.

FOR MOST OF MONDAY, "KISSINGER WAS A VISIBLE STUDY IN NONCHALANCE," TED KOPPEL (ABC) SAID. "THE ANIMATED CHATTER

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THAT PRECEDED THIS AFTERNOON'S FIRST MEETING, MASKED AN OMINOUS UNDERCURRENT TO THESE TALKS.

"THIS IS THE FIRST EYE-LEVEL SOVIET-AMERICAN MEETING SINCE THE FALL OF CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM, AND KISSINGER IS DETERMINED TO LEAVE NO DOUBT WHATSOEVER IN GROMYKO'S MIND ABOUT THE CONTINUING FORCEFULNESS OF AMERICAN INTENTIONS. THE OVERRIDING ATMOSPHERE OF CAUTION LEAVES LITTLE PROMISE OF SPECTACULAR DIPLOMACY," KOPPEL SAID.

"NEITHER SIDE IS EXPECTING A BREAKTHROUGH IN THE (SALT) TALKS OR IN THE AGONIZINGLY SLOW PROCESS TOWARDS PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. BUT THESE TALKS ARE ESSENTIAL NEVERTHELESS, TO RESTORE MOMENTUM TO THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS WHICH STALLED A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO IN GENEVA, AND TO THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE TALKS, WHICH ARE NOW A NECESSITY LOOKING FOR A FORUM," KOPPEL SAID.

RICHARD VALERIANI (NBC) SAID THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE STALLED ON THE TECHNICALITIES INVOLVED IN COUNTING THE NUMBER OF MULTIPLE WARHEAD MISSILES ONCE THEY'RE DEPLOYED. "BUT THE AMERICAN SIDE IS CONFIDENT THE PROBLEM OF VERIFICATION AND OTHER TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES WILL BE WORKED OUT IN TIME FOR A FORD-BREZHNEV SUMMIT THIS FALL."

VALERIANI SAID NOTHING CONCRETE IS EXPECTED TO RESULT FROM THE MEETINGS, AT LEAST NOT IMMEDIATELY. "BUT IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT SETBACKS TO AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY AROUND THE WORLD, THE ATMOSPHERICS HERE WILL PROBABLY BE AS IMPORTANT AS THE SUBSTANCE," VALERIANI SAID.

MARVIN KALB (CBS) REPORTED KISSINGER FOUND SOME OF MIDDLE-AMERICA IN MIDDLE EUROPE, "A YANKEE TOURIST BELLOWING OUT HIS PRIDE AT THE WAY THE U.S. USED ITS POWER TO RECOVER THE MERCHANT SHIP, MAYAGUEZ." THERE WAS A SHOUT OF "THREE CHEERS FOR THE U.S.A." AS KISSINGER ENTERED HIS CAR.

KALB (CBS) REPORTED, "EVEN AS KISSINGER SAT AMONG THE DARK SHADOWS, WATCHING A PERFORMANCE OF THE SPANISH RIDING SCHOOL, HE SEEMED PREOCCUPIED WITH INDOCHINA, BY THE OBVIOUS PROBLEMS OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS. CLEARLY THE BLOOM IS OFF DETENTE."

KISSINGER WAS ASKED IF HE HAD HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR THE MEETINGS, "NO, BEGAN KISSINGER'S CAUTIOUS RESPONSE," KALB REPORTED. "THERE WERE THE USUAL HANDSHAKES PRECEEDING THIS MEETING, THE FIRST SINCE THE DEBACLE OF VIETNAM. BUT THEIR SMILES WERE THIN."

"THERE WAS A LOT OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE TODAY ABOUT

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WHAT HENRY AND NANCY KISSINGER HAD FOR LUNCH, AND WHO LED WHOM INTO THE ROOM FOR THE FIRST VIENNA SESSIONS BETWEEN SECRETARY KISSINGER AND SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO," HARRY REASONER (ABC) SAID. "THAT'S WHAT REPORTERS SEND BACK TO THE HOME FOLKS WHEN THEY HAVEN'T GOT MUCH SUBSTANTIVE TO REPORT. WHILE NOT MUCH YET TO REPORT, THERE'S CONSIDERABLE WEIGHT TO THE MEETING," HE SAID.

KOPPEL SAID KISSINGER VISITED THE SPANISH RIDING SCHOOL IN THE MORNING AND ESCORTED HIS WIFE NANCY TO LUNCH. HE SAID THE TALKS WERE LAUNCHED OVER TEA AND COOKIES IN THE IMPERIAL HOTEL.

ABC/NBC SAID THE MEETING WAS HELD IN VIENNA RATHER THAN SWITZERLAND, BECAUSE THE LATTER CALLS TO MIND THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST, WHICH THE U.S. STILL WANTS TO BYPASS, AND WHICH, NBC SAID, THE RUSSIANS ARE PUSHING. UPI; NETWORKS (5/19/75)

ISRAELI AUTHOR SUGGESTS FORD WOULD WELCOME KISSINGER RESIGNATION

NATTI GOLAN, AUTHOR OF A BOOK ABOUT SECRETARY KISSINGER WHICH WAS CENSORED BY THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT, SAID (ON NBC FILM) HE ISN'T SURE THAT, IN THE PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION IN WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT FORD WOULD NOT WELCOME AN EXCUSE WHICH WOULD FORCE KISSINGER TO RESIGN.

GOLAN SAID HE WILL APPEAL THE CENSORSHIP RULING BEFORE ISRAEL'S SUPREME COURT AND WILL ACCEPT ANY DECISION IT MAKES, TOO. ACKERMAN (NBC) REPORTED FROM TEL AVIV. ACKERMAN SAID SEVERAL AMERICAN PUBLISHERS HAVE CONTACTED GOLAN, ASKING TO BUY ENGLISH RIGHTS. ONE U.S. PUBLISHER HAS EVEN ASKED HIM TO SMUGGLE THE BOOK OUT FOR A GOOD FEE, ACKERMAN SAID. -- NBC TODAY SHOW (5/19/75)

NORTH KOREA SAYS U.S. MIGHT USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS

NORTH KOREA SAID MONDAY THE U.S. CONSIDERS SOUTH KOREA A FORWARD DEFENSE AREA AND THAT U.S. OFFICIALS HAVE SAID "THEY WOULD NOT HESITATE" TO USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN KOREA IF NECESSARY."

A BROADCAST BY THE OFFICIAL (NORTH) KOREAN CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY SAID PRESIDENT FORD AND OTHER AMERICAN OFFICIALS, AS PART OF A PLEDGE OF CONTINUED U.S. MILITARY SUPPORT TO THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT, SAID RECENTLY THEY WOULD "LAUNCH ALL-OUT MILITARY INTERVENTION IF NECESSARY AND WOULD NOT HESITATE IN THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS."

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ASKED FOR COMMENT ON THE NORTH KOREAN CHARGE, STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ROBERT FUNSETH SAID "THAT'S NONSENSE."
-- AP (5/19/75)

CUBA AND BRITAIN SIGN MAJOR TRADE AGREEMENT

BRITAIN AND CUBA SIGNED A MAJOR TRADE AGREEMENT WHICH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SAID COULD BOOST COMMERCE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES TO \$240 MILLION ANNUALLY IN EACH DIRECTION. BRITISH OFFICIALS SAID THE ACTION INDICATED THE IMPORTANCE BOTH COUNTRIES ATTACH TO EXPANSION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THEM AFTER A DEEP FREEZE LASTING MORE THAN 15 YEARS.--UPI (5/19/75)

SENATE VOTES 41-40 FOR LIFTING TURKEY AID EMBARGO

THE SENATE VOTED 41-40 MONDAY TO LIFT THE THREE-MONTH-OLD EMBARGO ON U.S. MILITARY AID TO TURKEY.

"SINCE THE HOUSE IS NOT EXPECTED TO FOLLOW UP, THE VOTE IS CONSIDERED MAINLY A GESTURE OF SUPPORT TO SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S CYPRUS DIPLOMACY WHEN HE VISITS TURKEY LATER THIS WEEK," HOWARD K. SMITH (ABC) SAID. CATHERINE MACKIN (NBC) SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE WHITE HOUSE IN ASKING FOR A VOTE NOW WAS TO STRENGTHEN THE HAND OF FORD AND KISSINGER IN THEIR MEETING LATER THIS MONTH WITH LEADERS OF GREECE AND TURKEY. MACKIN SAID THE CLOSE VOTE CANNOT BE COUNTED AS THE MORAL VICTORY FOR WHICH THE WHITE HOUSE WAS LOOKING. "THE ADMINISTRATION HAS PRESSED HARD TO HAVE THE AID RESTORED," MACKIN SAID. "SOME SAY THE LOBBYING HAS BEEN INTENSE."

SEN. THOMAS EAGLETON (D., MD.) SAID (ON NBC FILM): "NO THEY'RE RUNNING ALL THROUGH THE HALLWAYS OF THE SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS SAYING, 'WIN THIS FOR HENRY. HENRY'S HAD A TOUGH WAY TO GO IN VIETNAM, HE MAY HAVE TO GIVE BACK HIS PEACE PRIZE. HE'S HAD DIFFICULTY WITH HIS SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY IN THE MIDEAST. HE NEEDS A VICTORY. WIN THIS FOR HENRY.' WELL, THAT'S A LOT OF HOCUM."

SEN. JOHN TOWER (R., TEX.) SAID (ON NBC FILM): "I THINK THAT THE QUESTION IS WHAT'S IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST, AND I THINK THIS IS THE WAY THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER VIEWS THINGS. SO THAT IS THE ESSENTIAL AND FUNDAMENTAL REASON WHY, I THINK, WE SHOULD VOTE FOR THIS BILL."

MACKIN SAID AID TO TURKEY IS GIVEN VIRTUALLY NO CHANCE OF PASSING IN THE HOUSE UNLESS TURKEY RELENTS AND PROVIDES SOME HUMANITARIAN RELIEF TO THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS. "SO THE WHITE HOUSE IS NOT PRESSING FOR A VOTE IN THE HOUSE THIS WEEK

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BECAUSE IF IT DID IT WOULD FAIL," MACKIN SAID.--AP/UPI/
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THE SALT DEADLOCK
(EDITORIAL, EXCERPTED FROM THE WALL ST. JOURNAL)

SECRETARY KISSINGER IS MEETING WITH SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO IN VIENNA TO TRY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO RESOLVE THE DEADLOCK IN THE STRATEGIC ARMS NEGOTIATIONS INTENDED TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT-TO-AGREE ANNOUNCED WITH SUCH PANFARE AT VLADIVOSTOK. THE DEADLOCK IS ITSELF A SIGN OF THE PITFALLS IN THIS MANNER OF NEGOTIATING, AND THE RESOLUTION IS LIKELY TO BE WORSE.

IN A NUMBER OF WAYS THE SOVIETS ARE PRESSING EVERY AMBIGUITY IN SALT-I, BUT THE U.S. HAS OFFERED ITS PROTESTS ONLY AT THE MOST ROUTINE LEVEL. SURELY THIS IS A WARNING THAT THE TECHNICALITIES ARE IMPORTANT, ALL THE MORE SO SINCE THE CONTEXT OF THE AGREEMENT IS THAT THE SOVIET STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENTS ARE SOARING WHILE THE U.S. DEVELOPMENTS ARE DECLINING, AND SINCE AT ITS BEST THE VLADIVOSTOK AGREEMENT GIVES THE SOVIETS A 3-1 ADVANTAGE IN MISSILE THROW-WEIGHT, THE BEST SINGLE MEASURE OF DESTRUCTIVE POWER AND POTENTIAL WARHEAD NUMBERS.

THE DANGER IS THAT THE NEGOTIATORS ARE WORKING UNDER A SELF-IMPOSED DEADLINE, WHICH IS BOUND TO WEIGH MORE HEAVILY ON A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT THAN A TOTALITARIAN ONE. THE U.S. WILL BE SEVERELY HANDICAPPED IN VIENNA, AND AT ANY FORTHCOMING SUMMIT, UNLESS ITS LEADERS ARE WILLING TO GO BACK TO ITS PEOPLE TO SAY, YES, WE THOUGHT WE HAD AN AGREEMENT ORIGINALLY, BUT SINCE THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN LESS COOPERATIVE THAN WE EXPECTED, WE DO NOT HAVE AN AGREEMENT TODAY. (5/19/75)

HENRY KISSINGER'S BLINDFOLD
(EDITORIAL EXCERPTED FROM THE SACRAMENTO BEF)

SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ADMISSION THAT THE U.S. PROBABLY MADE A MISTAKE BY TURNING VIETNAM INTO A TEST CASE FOR U.S. POLICY IS AN UNMITIGATED AFFRONT TO THE INTELLIGENCE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THE KISSINGER STATEMENT IS AN OUTRAGEOUS PIECE OF AFTER-THE-FACT HYPOCRISY.

HE SAYS THE U.S. SHOULD HAVE SEEN THE VIETNAM PROBLEM IN VIETNAMESE TERMS "RATHER THAN AS THE OUTWARD THRUST OF A GLOBAL CONSPIRACY." HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IF THERE IS A DECISION TO RESIST INTERNAL SUBVERSION, "I WOULD THINK THAT THE INTRODUCTION OF AMERICAN MILITARY FORCES IS THE WORST WAY OF

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DEALING WITH IT BECAUSE THAT INTRODUCES A FOREIGN ELEMENT." DESPITE
KISSINGER'S SUDDEN REVELATION OF THE TRUTH, IT'S TRAGICALLY
CLEAR U.S. OFFICIALS COMMITTED THIS COUNTRY TO THE WAR WITH
THEIR EYES OPEN. (5/19/75)

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