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

THE WASHINGTON POST

SPENCER RICH SAYS THAT HOUSE-SENATE CONFEREES YESTERDAY APPROVED A \$31.2 BILLION AUTHORIZATION FOR MILITARY WEAPONS PROCUREMENT AND GAVE A PARTIAL GO-AHEAD TO THE CONTROVERSIAL B-1 MANNED BOMBER AND THE NEW NUCLEAR-POWERED STRIKE CRUISER. THE CONFEREES' DECISION ON PROCUREMENT OF LONG-LEAD-TIME ITEMS ON THE BOMBER AND CRUISER WAS CONSIDERED A MAJOR PENTAGON VICTORY, LIKELY TO RESULT IN EVENTUAL PRODUCTION OF THE B-1 AND THE CRUISER. (A-1)

THE LOS ANGELES TIMES PUBLISHED A STORY ON JUNE 8 BY ITS FORMER SAIGON CORRESPONDENT, GEORGE MCARTHUR, STATING THAT U.S. PLANES HAD CONDUCTED MAJOR BOMBING RAIDS IN SOUTH VIETNAM AGAINST COMMUNIST-LED FORCES DURING THE AMERICAN EVACUATION OF SAIGON. THE TIMES SAID YESTERDAY IT NOW BELIEVES THAT PARTS OF THAT STORY WERE WRONG AND OTHER PARTS WERE OPEN TO QUESTION. TIMES EDITOR WILLIAM THOMAS SAID THAT THE STORY "NEVER SHOULD HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN LIGHT OF THE STRONG DENIALS, WITHOUT FURTHER CHECKING." THE TIMES IS CONVINCED THAT THE WHITE HOUSE DID NOT KNOW OF ANY SIGNIFICANT BOMBING RAIDS THAT DAY AND CERTAINLY DID NOT ORDER THEM. (A-1)

MURREY HARDER WRITES THAT PRESIDENT FORD AND YOU YESTERDAY SOUGHT TO ALLAY CRITICISM OF THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO THE 35-NATION EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE IN HELSINKI DURING

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A TEN-DAY JOURNEY THAT BEGINS TODAY. NO TRIP ABRDAD BY PRESIDENT FORD HAS STARTED WITH SO MUCH CRITICISM. YOU ARE PICTURED ASKING, "WHAT IS THE ALTERNATIVE?" (A-4)

TERRI SHAW REPORTS THAT THE FIRST CUBAN OFFICIAL TO ATTEMPT A POLITICAL VISIT TO THE U.S. SINCE PRIME MINISTER CASTRO WAS HERE IN 1960 HAS BEEN TURNED AWAY BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT. STATE DEPARTMENT SOURCES SAID THEY DID NOT CONSIDER MELBA HERNANDEZ' REQUEST FOR A VISA AN OFFICIAL ONE FROM THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT BECAUSE IT WAS NOT MADE THROUGH THE SWISS EMBASSY IN HAVANA. (A-7)

JOANNE OMANG REPORTS THAT TERRORISTS BELIEVED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION MOUNTED A COORDINATED SERIES OF FIRE-BOMBINGS AND OTHER ATTACKS IN AND AROUND BUENOS AIRES THURSDAY, INJURING AT LEAST THREE PERSONS AND DAMAGING THE HOUSE OF THE FEDERAL POLICE CHIEF WITH MACHINE-GUN FIRE. (A-10)

MIGUEL ACDOCA REPORTS THAT PORTUGAL'S RULING ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT CREATED A THREE-MAN MILITARY JUNTA LAST NIGHT, CONCENTRATING POWER IN GENERAL COSTA GOMEZ, THE MODERATE PRESIDENT; GENERAL GONCALVES, THE PROCOMMUNIST PRIME MINISTER; AND GENERAL DE CARVALHO, THE CHIEF OF THE SECURITY COMMAND, WHO IS NOW VISITING CUBA. (A-11)

GEORGE WILSON SAYS THAT AMERICAN FACILITIES IN TURKEY HAVE LONG BEEN CRUCIAL FOR CARRYING OUT THE NATO POLICY OF CONTAINING RUSSIA AND FOR EAVESDROPPING ON MILITARY ACTIVITIES BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN. THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE NOTED IN ITS RECENTLY ISSUED REPORT ON THE ARMS SALES QUESTION THAT LOSS OF BASES IN TURKEY "WOULD IMPAIR U.S. ABILITY TO CARRY OUT ITS NATO RESPONSIBILITIES AND WOULD DENY THE U.S. USE OF VALUABLE, IF NOT IRREPLACEABLE, INTELLIGENCE INSTALLATIONS WHICH SERVE U.S. STRATEGIC DEFENSE NEEDS, SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM THOSE OF NATO." (A-12)

KENNETH MACKENZIE BELIEVES THAT THE TURKS REFUSE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ANY LINK BETWEEN THE ARMS-EMBARGO DECISION AND THEIR OWN RIGID STANCE ON CYPRUS. AS THEY SEE IT, THE AMERICANS HAVE VIOLATED A BILATERAL TREATY AND WHAT IS HAPPENING IN CYPRUS IS OF NO RELEVANCE. THE CONSENSUS IN ANKARA SEEMS TO BE THAT THE HOUSE VOTE WILL ONLY MAKE THE TURKS MORE, RATHER THAN LESS, INFLEXIBLE. (A-13)

CLAYTON FRITCHEY STATES THAT IN SUMMING UP YOUR SERIES OF TALKS TO THE NATION ABOUT U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, YOU SEEM TO WANT TO LEAVE US WITH A THOUGHT THAT AMERICAN POWER IS NOT UNLIMITED AND THAT MEDDLING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF

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OTHER COUNTRIES IS OFTEN A RISKY AND DUBIOUS BUSINESS. IF THESE CONCLUSIONS MEAN THE ADMINISTRATION IS GOING TO PRACTICE WHAT YOU ARE NOW PREACHING, THEY ARE DOUBLY WELCOME. IT IS TRUE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION NOW RECOGNIZES THE DANGER AND IMPRACTICALITY OF INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SUPERPOWERS, SUCH AS RUSSIA AND CHINA, BUT IT IS BY NO MEANS CLEAR THAT IT HAS DEFINITELY BROKEN THE HABIT OF THROWING ITS WEIGHT AROUND IN AREAS IN WHICH THERE IS LITTLE THREAT OF MASSIVE RETALIATION. (A-15)  
THE WASHINGTON STAR

A STAR EDITORIAL COMMENTS THAT WHATEVER HIS REASONS WERE FOR STAGING A CLIFFHANGER PERFORMANCE, IT IS GRATIFYING THAT EGYPT'S PRESIDENT SADAT HAS HAD THE GOOD SENSE TO RETREAT TO SAFER GROUND BEFORE IT WAS TOO LATE. HIS DECISION TO EXTEND THE MANDATE OF THE UN PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN THE SINAI FOR THREE MORE MONTHS THE DAY BEFORE THAT MANDATE WAS TO HAVE EXPIRED HAS RESTORED A MEASURE OF CONFIDENCE THAT A NEW EXPLOSION IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS NOT IMMINENT AFTER ALL. (A-6)

THE BALTIMORE SUN

PETER KUMPA COVERS PRESIDENT FORD'S SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS YESTERDAY OF A SECOND COMPROMISE OIL DECONTROL PROGRAM THAT WOULD PROVIDE FOR GRADUAL PRICE INCREASES OVER 39 MONTHS AND LIMIT DOMESTICALLY PRODUCED PETROLEUM TO \$11.50 A BARREL. (A-1)

STEPHEN NOROLINGER WRITES THAT DEMOCRATIC LEADERS IN CONGRESS DIVIDED YESTERDAY OVER PRESIDENT FORD'S LATEST PLAN TO REMOVE PRICE CONTROLS FROM DOMESTIC OIL AMID SIGNS THAT THE PRESIDENT PROBABLY SWEETENED THE PROPOSAL SUFFICIENTLY TO PREVENT CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL. (A-1)

HAL PIPER SAYS THAT THE U.S. SERVED NOTICE ON THE SOVIET UNION YESTERDAY THAT IT TAKES A SERIOUS VIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE UN -- SPECIFICALLY, OF POSSIBLE MOVES TO SUSPEND ISRAEL. (A-2)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

JAMES NAUGHTON REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT FORD DECLARED YESTERDAY THAT THE EUROPEAN SECURITY AGREEMENT HE WILL SIGN NEXT WEEK IN HELSINKI WILL PROVIDE A "YARDSTICK" TO GAUGE ADVANCES IN HUMAN RIGHTS FOR SUB-EASTERN EUROPE. THE PRESIDENT OFFERED THAT ASSURANCE, IN A WHITE HOUSE MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND LEADERS OF EMIGRE ORGANIZATIONS, AS PART OF A CONCERTED LAST-MINUTE EFFORT TO REBUT CRITICISM

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OF HIS TEN-DAY JOURNEY TO EUROPE. (2)

MALCOLM BROWNE NOTES THAT AMERICAN HOPES OF ESTABLISHING VALUABLE POLITICAL CONTACTS WITH MILITARY LEADERS IN BELGRADE HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN STALEMATED. THE POTENTIAL SALES CAME TO BE REGARDED BY AMERICAN POLICY-MAKERS AS IMPORTANT, MAINLY BECAUSE OF THE CONTACTS THEY WOULD AFFORD WITH THE YUGOSLAV MILITARY COMMANDERS ON A DIRECT AND, IT WAS HOPED, FRIENDLY BASIS. (2)

PAUL KENEZIS WRITES THAT THE OPPOSITION CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION DEMANDED DURING A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE WEST GERMAN PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT REFUSE TO SIGN THE CLOSING DECLARATION OF THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE NEXT WEEK. (2)

WILLIAM BORDERS SAYS THAT THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT, CONTINUING ITS CRACKDOWN ON DISSIDENTS, ARRESTED KULDIP NAYAR, ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S MOST PROMINENT JOURNALISTS. (4)

THOMAS JOHNSON SAYS THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN KAMPALA TO PREPARE THE AGENDA FOR THE OAU CONFERENCE NEXT WEEK YESTERDAY NAMED A COMMITTEE TO PREPARE A RESOLUTION SEEKING THE OUSTER OF ISRAEL FROM THE UN. (5)

GENERAL BROWN SAID AT A HEARING OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE YESTERDAY THAT THE CHIEFS OF STAFF HAD UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED THE SALE TO JORDAN OF ONLY SIX BATTERIES OF HAWK AIRCRAFT MISSILES, NOT THE 14 BATTERIES PROPOSED BY THE FORD ADMINISTRATION. (8)

HENRY TANNER STATES THAT SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM SAID YESTERDAY THAT HE WAS CONVINCED PRESIDENT SADAT WAS IN FAVOR OF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WITH ISRAEL AND GENUINELY IMPATIENT OVER THE SLOW PACE OF NEGOTIATIONS. (9)

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