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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST

CARROL KILPATRICK REPORTS THAT FORD ARRIVED IN BONN LAST NIGHT ON THE FIRST LEG OF A FIVE-NATION TOUR CLOUDED BY CRITICISM OF THE DOCUMENT HE WILL SIGN IN HELSINKI AND BY THE U.S.-TURKISH DISPUTE OVER ARMS AND BASES. NEVERTHELESS, THE PRESIDENT, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. FORD AND HENRY A. KISSINGER, SAID HE WAS UNDERTAKING "A MISSION OF PEACE AND PROGRESS ON BEHALF OF ALL AMERICANS." (A-1)

MIGUEL ACOCA REPORTS THAT THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT, NOW HEADED BY A THREE-MAN MILITARY JUNTA, HAS ORDERED PORTUGUESE TROOPS IN ANGOLA TO FIGHT AGAINST STRONG ZAIRE-BASED ANTI-COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS SEEKING TO SEIZE LUANDA, THE VIOLENCE-TORN CAPITAL OF THE RICH SOUTHWEST AFRICAN COLONY SCHEDULED TO BECOME INDEPENDENT IN NOVEMBER. (A-1)

EDWARD CODY WRITES THAT GUJARAT STATE'S REBELLIOUS OPPOSITION GOVERNMENT OPENLY DEFIED PRIME MINISTER INDIRA GANDHI BY HOLDING STATE-WIDE RALLIES YESTERDAY PROTESTING HER EMERGENCY RULE. IT WAS THE MOST EXTENSIVE OFFICIALLY SANCTIONED RESISTANCE TO MRS. GANDHI'S TACTICS SINCE JUNE 26 WHEN SHE ORDERED NATIONAL OPPOSITION LEADERS JAILED AND DECREED THE EMERGENCY SUSPENDING MOST CIVIL LIBERTIES. (A-1)

THE JOINT SOVIET-AMERICAN SPACE FLIGHT WAS REALLY A "DUEL IN SPACE" IN WHICH EACH SIDE SOUGHT TO "UNCOVER THE TECHNICAL SECRETS OF THE

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OTHER SIDE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN SUPERIORITY IN SPACE," THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER PEOPLE'S DAILY COMMENTED YESTERDAY. "THE CURTAIN OF DETENTE IS MOTH-EATEN AND THE ACROBATIC SHOW THAT RECENTLY TOOK PLACE IN SPACE WILL NOT SERVE TO REPAIR THE HOLES," THE NEWSPAPER COMMENTED. REFERRING TO THE LINKUP IN SPACE, IT SAID, "THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD UNDERSTOOD VERY WELL THAT THE ASTRONAUTS HAD KNIVES CONCEALED IN THE HANDS THAT THEY STRETCHED OUT. (A-4)

RICHARD M. WEINTRAUB WRITES THAT THE SOVIET UNION MAY BE BACK TO ITS OLD TRICKS OF DOCTORING PHOTOGRAPHS TO EMBELLISH HISTORY. THE EVIDENCE THAT HAS KREMLINOLOGISTS BUZZING IS A PICTURE THAT RAN IN THE MAJOR MOSCOW NEWSPAPERS TUESDAY SHOWING SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER LEONID BREZHNEV WITH ALEXEI LEONOV, COMMANDER OF THE SOYUZ-19 SPACE CAPSULE. IN THE BACKGROUND IS A MAN WHO APPEARS TO BE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON ANATOLLY DOBRYNIN. IT WOULD APPEAR TO BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE COSMONAUTS TO HAVE BEEN IN MOSCOW IN TIME TO HAVE PICTURES TAKEN AND DEVELOPED FOR TUESDAY'S NEWSPAPERS. WIRE SERVICE ACCOUNTS DID NOT PLACE THEM BACK IN MOSCOW UNTIL WEDNESDAY AND DOBRYNIN WAS IN WASHINGTON ALL WEEK LONG. (A-4)

DON COOK WRITES THAT BY COMMON AGREEMENT AMONG HIS PROFESSIONAL COLLEAGUES, THE STAR DIPLOMATIC PERFORMER IN THE LONG AND OFTEN TEDIOUS AND FRUSTRATING NEGOTIATIONS AT THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE HAS BEEN ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR VALENTIN LIPATTI. THE FASCINATION WESTERN DIPLOMATS HOLD FOR HIM HAS BEEN DEEPENED BY HIS AUDACIOUS AND PERSISTENT DISPLAY OF INDEPENDENCE AND OPEN OPPOSITION TO THE SOVIET UNION. (A-8)

BERNARD KAPLAN REPORTS THAT FRENCH PRESIDENT VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING AND WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT AGREED TODAY TO TAKE COORDINATED MEASURES TO REACTIVATE THE ECONOMIES OF THEIR COUNTRIES. FOLLOWING TWO DAYS OF TALKS IN BONN, THE TWO LEADERS SAID THEY ALSO WOULD INVITE FOUR OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN NATIONS, BELGIUM, THE NETHERLANDS, LUXEMBOURG AND DENMARK, TO JOIN THE ATTEMPT TO GIVE PRIORITY TO REDUCING UNEMPLOYMENT RATHER THAN RESTRAINING INFLATION. (A-15)

LINCOLN GORDON WRITES ON THE THIRD WORLD'S RIGHTS, AND OURS. DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE "THIRD WORLD" HAVE LAUNCHED AN IMMENSE VERBAL BARRAGE UNDER THE BANNER OF A "NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER" (NIEO). IT HAS DOMINATED SPECIALIZED WORLD CONFERENCES, SO THAT THE RECENT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS IN BUCHAREST, ROME AND MEXICO CITY SOMETIMES SEEMED MORE PREOCCUPIED WITH DEBATES ON NIEO THAN WITH THEIR ASSIGNED AND CRITICAL TOPICS OF POPULATION, FOOD AND WOMAN'S STATUS. THE CHINESE HAVE GIVEN THIS CAUSE UNRESTRAINED RHETORICAL SUPPORT, THE RUSSIANS ARE MORE COOLLY

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SUPPORTIVE. THE INDUSTRIALIZED WEST AND JAPAN HAVE BEEN DIVIDED AND NONPLUSSSED. A CONDITIONED REFLEX REINFORCED OVER THREE DECADES MAKES THE OTHERS LOOK TO THE UNITED STATES FOR A PROMPT RESPONSE. IN THIS FIELD, HOWEVER, THE TRUMPETS OF WASHINGTON HAVE GIVEN A VERY UNCERTAIN SOUND. (C-2)

THE LEAD EDITORIAL SAYS IT'S A PITY THAT THE ADMINISTRATION CHOSE TO WAIT UNTIL THE EVE OF THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO HELSINKI TO START EXPLAINING WHAT HE AND 33 OTHER HEADS OF GOVERNMENT (PLUS THE POPE) WILL DO AT THE "CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE." FOR THE DELAY HAS GIVEN CRITICS OF THE AMERICAN ROLE-FORTUITOUSLY REINFORCED BY ALEXANDER SOLZHENITSYN-PRETTY MUCH AN OPEN FIELD TO CHARGE THAT THE EVENT WOULD MARK AN UNCOMPENSATED MORAL SELLOUT OF THE COUNTRIES AND PEOPLE UNDER KREMLIN RULE. THE UPSHOT HAS BEEN TO PUT THE ADMINISTRATION RATHER NEEDLESSLY ON THE DEFENSIVE AND TO DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM THOSE ASPECTS OF THE CONFERENCE THAT HOLD POTENTIAL VALUE FOR THE WEST. BY SIGNING THE DECLARATION, THE U.S. YIELDS NOTHING IN PRACTICE OR SYMBOL THAT MOSCOW DID NOT ALREADY POSSESS. IT GAINS A FIRST FORMAL RUSSIAN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT BORDERS CAN ONLY BE CHANGED BY CONSENT, AND IT WINS GRUDGING SOVIET TOLERATION OF INTERNATIONAL "INTERFERENCE" IN AREAS THAT MOSCOW HAS GUARDED AS EXCLUSIVELY DOMESTIC TERRAIN. AS FOR MR. SOLZHENITSYN'S ACCUSATION THAT THE PRESIDENT IS "BETRAYING" EAST EUROPE, IT MUST BE SET AGAINST THE PLAIN FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES INDUCED THE RUSSIANS TO SWALLOW, AT LEAST IN A LIMITED MEASURE, A PROCESS OF CONTACTS AND EXCHANGES BY WHICH SOME HOPE IN EAST EUROPE CAN BE SUSTAINED. THAT MR. FORD IS TO FOLLOW HIS SOJOURN IN HELSINKI WITH TRIPS TO THREE EAST EUROPEAN STATES DEMONSTRATES THAT AMERICAN INTEREST IN THAT REGION (AND ITS INTEREST IN AMERICAN) IS VERY MUCH ALIVE. (C-6)

CHARLES W. WHALEN JR. WRITES THAT IT IS IRONIC THAT AS IT APPROACHES THE TWO HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS INDEPENDENCE, THE UNITED STATES IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S REMAINING COLONIAL POWERS. SINCE 1945, APPROXIMATELY 68 PROVINCES HAVE BEEN CEDED SOVEREIGNTY BY THEIR COLONIAL MASTERS. YET OUR COUNTRY CONTINUES TO CLING TO A 553 SQUARE-MILE ENCLAVE IN THE HEART OF PANAMA IN A MANNER BEFITTING THE NINETEENTH CENTURY BRITISH RAJ. THE FUTURE OF THE PANAMA CANAL MAY BE ONE OF THE MOST EXPLOSIVE ISSUES TO CONFRONT THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE DURING THIS CENTURY. PANAMAIANS ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT AN ALIEN POWER OPERATES A DE FACTO COLONY CUTTING A 10-MILE SWATH THROUGH THE CENTER OF THEIR NATION. CONCLUSION OF A NEW TREATY IS EXPECTED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. YET THE NEGOTIATING PRINCIPLES ALREADY HAVE COME UNDER SHARP CONGRESSIONAL ATTACK. IN THE MISTAKEN NOTION THAT THE HAY-BUNAU-VARILLA TREATY ACCORDS SOVEREIGNTY TO THE UNITED STATES IN THE CANAL ZONE (AS EARLY AS 1904 OUR GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZED THAT

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PANAMA GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZED PANAMA REMAINED THE TITULAR SOVEREIGN THERE), LEGISLATIVE CRITICS ARGUE THAT THE PROPOSED TREATY REPRESENTS A "GIVE-AWAY." IN PANAMA THE ISSUES ARE WELL DEFINED AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF OUR FAILURE TO ADOPT A NEW TREATY ARE PREDICTABLE. IF CONGRESS REJECTS THE TREATY, THE ONLY QUESTION WILL BE THE PRICE THE UNITED STATES MUST PAY TO DEFEND THE STATUS QUO. (C-6)

JOSEPH KRAFT WRITES THAT IN THE PAST WEEK, YOU HAVE BEEN CLOBBERED IN BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS AND THE WHITE HOUSE ITSELF. THE HARDEST BLOW AGAINST YOU WAS STRUCK ON THURSDAY BY THE VOTE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AGAINST REMOVAL OF THE BAN ON ALL AMERICAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY. THE VOTE REPRESENTED A CLEAR VICTORY FOR EVERY ELEMENT IN CONGRESS THAT GOES AGAINST YOUR CONCEPT OF FOREIGN POLICY AS A HIGH NATIONAL STRATEGY, FAR ABOVE THE PETTY CONCERNS OF DOMESTIC POLITICS. (FULL TEXT TO BE SENT BY STATE)

JACK ANDERSON ASKS, DID THE CASTRO PLOT BACKFIRE? "NOT ONLY WAS HE FULLY AWARE OF THE CIA'S ATTEMPTS TO KILL CASTRO, BUT AFTER PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS GUNNED DOWN IN DALLAS, ROBERT KENNEDY WAS DEVASTATED BY THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE CIA PLOT MAY HAVE BACKFIRED AGAINST HIS BROTHER. (C-7)

IN LETTERS TO THE EDITOR SENATORS JOHN CULVER, PATRICK LEAHY AND GARY HART CLARIFY SOVIET DISCUSSIONS. THE EVANS AND NOVAK COLUMN PUBLISHED IN THE POST ON JULY 21, REGARDING THE CONVERSATIONS OF A DELEGATION OF SENATORS WITH HIGH SOVIET OFFICIALS IN MOSCOW ON ARMS RESTRAINT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE USSR IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, ASIDE FROM RAISING SERIOUS QUESTIONS AS TO HOW THE STATE DEPARTMENT CLASSIFIED CABLES WERE OBTAINED, CONTAINS SOME INACCURACIES AND MISINTERPRETATIONS THAT NEED CORRECTING. (FULL TEXT TO BE SENT BY STATE)

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HENRY S. BRADSER NOTES THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT HAS MADE CLEAR THAT THE FOCUS OF THE SUMMIT GATHERING IS SHIFTING FROM THE SECURITY AGREEMENT TO CURRENT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS. A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL WHO FLEW WITH FORD GAVE REPORTERS THE IMPLICATION THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAD LITTLE IF ANY MORE ROOM TO COMPROMISE FURTHER WITH CONGRESS OVER THE ISSUE OF AID TO TURKEY. (A-1)

JEREMIAH O'LEARY WRITES THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS PINNING ITS HOPES FOR EASING THE U.S. CONFRONTATION WITH TURKEY ON TALKS PRESIDENT FORD WILL HAVE WITH TURKISH LEADERS THIS WEEK IN HELSINKI AND ON THE STRONG URGING OF SENATE LEADERS THAT THE HOUSE RECONSIDER ITS REFUSAL TO LIFT THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST AMERICA'S NATO ALLY. (A-3)

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THEODORA LUKIE DETAILS THE ITALIAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT DECISION TO REPLACE OUSTED STRONGMAN AMINTORE FANFANI WITH A CARETAKER LEADER FOR THEIR INITIAL STRUGGLE TO OFFSET GROWING COMMUNIST ELECTORAL STRENGTH. THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS CLEARLY FEEL THEY MUST MOVE SWIFTLY IF THEY ARE TO MAINTAIN THEIR 30-YEAR POSITION AS ITALY'S DOMINANT POLITICAL FORCE AND BACK THE COUNTRY'S LEFTWARD SWING WITH A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE OF THEIR OWN. (A-4)

FRED GIRARD REVEALS THAT A SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE IS INVESTIGATING CHARGES THAT THE CIA COUNTERFEITED U.S. CURRENCY DURING VIETNAM WAR, AND THAT A LARGE PORTION OF THAT MONEY IS NOW IN THE HANDS OF THE UNDERWORLD. INVESTIGATORS OF THE PERMANENT INVESTIGATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY SEN. HENRY JACKSON, D-WASH., ACKNOWLEDGED THEY ARE MAKING PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES INTO THE CHARGES. (A-5)

HENRY S. BRADSHER NOTES THAT AS THE TIME DREWS CLOSER FOR SIGNING THE EUROPEAN SECURITY AGREEMENT THAT MOSCOW HAS SOUGHT FOR 21 YEARS, DOUBTS ARE GROWING IN THE WEST. OPPOSITION PARTY CRITICS IN THE WEST GERMAN PARLIAMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, WARNED FRIDAY THAT THE AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED IN HELSINKI, FINLAND, MIGHT COMPROMISE WESTERN SECURITY, AND CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT WAS CAUTIOUSLY SKEPTICAL ABOUT ANY RELAXATION OF THE IDEOLOGICAL AND MILITARY CONFRONTATION, MOST KEENLY FELT IN THE DIVIDED GERMAN NATION. (A-6)

GEORGE C. MCGHEE, FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR TO WEST GERMANY ARGUES THAT WITH OR WITHOUT DIEGO GARCIA, OUR IMPULSE TO MATCH SOVIET NAVAL STRENGTH IN THE INDIAN OCEAN HAS LITTLE MERIT. MCGHEE CALLS FOR DEVELOPING DETENTE WITH THE SOVIETS BY PREVENTING A NEW NAVAL CONFRONTATION IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AND RELIEVING OUR FOREIGN POLICY OF THE RISKS OF ACCIDENTAL NAVAL ENCOUNTERS WITH THE SOVIETS AND AGGRAVATIONS TO THIRD COUNTRIES. THE U.S. COULD ASSURE FLEXIBILITY IN THE ASSIGNMENT OF ITS NAVAL FORCES BY NOT PINNING THEM DOWN TO SPECIFIC OCEAN AREAS BUT BY KEEPING THEM MOBILE AND READY FOR THEIR TASK ANYWHERE ON SHORT NOTICE. (E-1)

SENATOR JACOB K. JAVITS NOTES THAT WHILE SOLZHENITSYN REJECTS DETENTE AND HOLDS THE TORCH THAT LIGHTS THE PATH TO THE NOBLEST OF DESIRES, POLITICIANS MUST LIVE IN THE REAL WORLD. FOR JAVITS DETENTE, IS A WORD THAT SYMBOLIZES NOT FRIENDSHIP WITH SLAVE-MASTERS BUT AN AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO ACCOMMODATE OUR DESIRE FOR WORLDWIDE FREEDOM WITH THE COMPULSION TO ASSURE EACH OF US A CHANCE FOR THE SURVIVAL NECESSARY TO THAT FREEDOM. (E-1)

THE STAR ASSERTS FOR ALL THE RHETORIC ABOUT UPHOLDING THE RULE OF LAW AND THE "FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY," THE HOUSE DEBATE ON TURKEY REEKED OF THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SENSI-

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BILITIES OF THE MEMBERS. IT WAS AN UNTHINKING REACTION TO CHARGES THAT THE AMERICAN CONGRESS WAS BEING SUBJECTED TO "BLACKMAIL" OVER THE MATTER OF THE BASES. IT WAS, PERHAPS ABOVE ALL, A MAN-HANDED ASSERTION OF CONGRESSIONAL PREROGATIVE IN THE AREA OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, REFLECTING A GENERAL HOSTILITY TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, AND PARTICULARLY TO OBT-REPEATED OBJECTIONS TO CONGRESSIONAL INTRUSION INTO HIS DOMAIN. (E-2)

IN A LETTER TO THE EDITOR, SENATOR DOLE LISTS TEN REASONS WHY THE U.S. SHOULD SELL WHEAT TO THE RUSSIANS. HIS REASONS INCLUDE THE POINTS THAT AGRICULTURE EXPORTS GENERATE ENORMOUS TAX REVENUES, THE SALES ACT AS A STIMULUS TO THE ECONOMY, AND FARM EXPORTS MAKE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO A TENABLE U.S. BALANCE-OF-TRADE POSITION IN RECENT YEARS. (E-2)

CROSBY S. NOYES LAMENTS THE POSSIBILITY THAT YOUR STEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMACY IN THE MIDDLE EAST COULD BE RUINED BY THE ZEAL OF THE ARMS MERCHANTS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT. IT HAS BEEN TAKEN AS AXIOMATIC, THAT, WITHOUT EGYPT, THERE COULD BE NO MAJOR WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST. BUT THIS ASSESSMENT IS CHANGING RAPIDLY. RECENT SYRIAN DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES LINKING UP POTENTIAL ALLIES AND THE PROPOSED U.S. SALE OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILES TO JORDAN COULD RESULT IN THOSE TWO COUNTRIES DRAGGING EGYPT INTO ANOTHER MIDDLE EAST WAR OF THEIR OWN WITH ISRAEL. (E-3)

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