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

WASHINGTON POST

MARILYN BERGER SAYS THAT HAVING COMPLETED THE OPENING ROUND OF PERSONAL CONTACTS WITH ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN LEADERS, YOU APPEAR CONVINCED THAT THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE OF WINDING UP NEGOTIATIONS ON A NEW SINAI AGREEMENT WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK. (A-1)

GREECE'S FORMER MILITARY RULER, GEORGE PAPADOPOULOS, AND TWO OFFICERS WHO HELPED HIM ENGINEER THE 1967 COUP IN GREECE WERE SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR TREASON TODAY, BUT THE YEAR-OLD DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT PROMPTLY INDICATED THE SENTENCES MAY BE COMMUTED. (A-1)

MIGUEL ACOSA SAYS IN A SURPRISE MOVE, THE TOP LEADERS OF THE RIVAL PORTUGUESE MILITARY FACTIONS MET FACE-TO-FACE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE TODAY AS PRESIDENT FRANCISCO DA COSTA GOMES SOUGHT TO AVOID A THREATENED ARMED UPRISING. HE INVITED TO THE PALACE NOT ONLY THE PRO-COMMUNIST PRIME MINISTER VASCO GONCALVES BUT THE DISSIDENT MODERATE OFFICERS WHO HAVE THREATENED A COUP IF GONCALVES IS NOT REMOVED QUICKLY. THE FACE-TO-FACE MEETING FOLLOWED MOUNTING EVIDENCE THAT GONCALVES HAD GAINED ENOUGH SUPPORT WITHIN THE MILITARY DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS TO BE ABLE TO FIGHT THE ISSUE IN THE STREETS IF THE MODERATES EVER RESORTED TO ARMS. (A-1)

YUVAL FLIZUR SAYS THAT DESPITE RELUCTANCE WITHIN THE COAL-

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ITION CABINET OF ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK RABIN AND A SPLIT IN HIS OWN LABOR PARTY, HE IS EXPECTED TO WIN NARROW APPROVAL FOR THE INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT WHEN IT IS PUT TO A VOTE IN PARLIAMENT. (A-15)

DAVID FOUQUET CONTENDS THAT A \$5 MILLION TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE SOVIET UNION TO PORTUGAL PASSED THROUGH A BALGO-SOVIET SHIPPING FIRM IN ANTWERP EARLIER THIS YEAR, ACCORDING TO INFORMED SOURCES IN BRUSSELS. BELGIAN AUTHORITIES SAY ONLY THAT THEY HAVE HEARD SUCH REPORTS. HOWEVER, OTHER WESTERN SOURCES BELIEVE THE FUNDS WERE PROBABLY PART OF WHAT THEY ESTIMATE TO BE A TOTAL OF \$45 MILLION PIPED BY THE SOVIET UNION INTO PORTUGAL TO BOLSTER COMMUNIST INTERESTS SINCE THE 1974 REVOLUTION. (A-20)

CHALMERS M. ROBERTS SAYS THAT YOUR RELATIONS WITH CONGRESS ARE AT A LOW EBB, SOMETIMES EVEN DESCRIBED IN PRINT AS "POISONOUS." YOU COMPLAINED IN A RECENT SPEECH THAT "THE ADMINISTRATION IS HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR VIRTUALLY EVERY DIFFICULTY AROUND THE WORLD-- WHETHER OR NOT THEY RESULTED FROM ITS POLICIES-- AND THEN IS HAMSTRUNG IN ITS CAPACITY TO ACT FLEXIBLY AND PURPOSEFULLY." HISTORICALLY, SECRETARIES OF STATE TAKE A LOT OF HEAT FOR POLICIES OF THEIR PRESIDENTS, POLICIES THEY ARE SUSPECTED OF CONCOCTING IN THE FIRST PLACE. IT MAY NOT BE MUCH CONSOLATION TO YOU TO POINT OUT THAT YOU ARE JUST ANOTHER IN A LONG LINE OF SECRETARIES WHO HAVE FELT THE HEAT--OR WRATH--OF CONGRESS IN THE POST-WORLD WAR II ERA. A GLANCE AT THE RECORD BEARS THIS OUT. (B-6)

A POST EDITORIAL ON THE DEVELOPING ISRAEL-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT SAYS THAT FROM EVERYTHING WE HAVE HEARD ABOUT THE DEAL THAT SEEMS TO BE RAPIDLY MOVING TO A CONCLUSION, IT WILL BE ANYTHING BUT CLEAN-CUT. INSTEAD, THE SIGNS SUGGEST ONE OF THOSE ARRANGEMENTS HELD TOGETHER BY THE FINE INVISIBLE WIRES OF CONTRADICTIONARY PROMISES HELD OUT TO CONFLICTING PARTIES, LOOSELY CONNECTED COMMITMENTS OF HEAVY AND CONTINUING AMERICAN SUPPORT OF ONE KIND OR ANOTHER, UNACKNOWLEDGED UNDERTAKINGS QUIETLY MADE THROUGH THIRD PARTIES, A HEAVY RELIANCE ON AMBIGUITIES, AND LAVISH RESORT TO EUPHEMISMS AND CODE WORDS. IN SHORT, THE EMERGING NEXT STEP TO "PEACE" IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAS ABOUT IT THAT ALL TOO FAMILIAR SUGGESTION OF THE QUICK FIX TO BUY TIME, WHICH HAS PROVED TO BE SO DANGEROUS IN THE RECENT PAST. (B-6)

THE WASHINGTON STAR

NICHOLAS HORROCK WRITES THAT THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE IS CONDUCTING AN "INTENSIVE INTERNAL INVESTIGATION" TO DETERMINE

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WHETHER THE CIA SECRETLY RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM INDIVIDUAL TAX RETURNS. (A-1)

ERIC PACE WRITES THAT AFTER TWO YEARS OF HUGE PETRODOLLAR INFLOWS AND EXPENSIVE OUTSIDE INVESTMENTS, IRAN HAS BEGUN TO BORROW MONEY. (A-4)

JEREMIAH O'LEARY REPORTS THAT IRAQ IS ON THE VERGE OF A CHANGE IN NATIONAL POLICY WHICH WOULD RESULT IN LOOSENING TIES WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND RESUMING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. (A-6)

RICHARD DUDMAN WRITES THAT YOU ARE QUOTED TO HAVE SAID THAT YOU WOULD NEVER LET ANYONE TAKEOVER YOUR WHITE HOUSE JOB "BECAUSE THEN HE'D DO TO ME WHAT I DID TO ROGERS." (A-9)

A STAR EDITORIAL COMMENTS THAT AS THE EFFORT TO REACH A NEW INTERIM PEACE AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL NEARS ITS CLIMAX, AMERICANS MIGHT WELL REFLECT ON THE COSTS INVOLVED - THE COSTS OF SUCCESS AS WELL AS THE COSTS OF FAILURE.

THE UNITED STATES' EVER-DEEPENING INVOLVEMENT IN THE FORTUNES OF THE MIDDLE EAST ANTAGONISTS DOES NOT COME CHEAPLY. ISRAEL HAS SUCCEEDED THE FORMER GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM AS THE BIGGEST CLAIMANT TO AMERICAN AID.

INCREASED AID TO EGYPT ALSO IS IN THE CARDS, IF THAT COUNTRY CONTINUES TO BE RECEPTIVE TO OUR MEDIATORY ROLE, KEEPING THE SOVIET UNION AT ARMS LENGTH AND SERVING AS A MODERATING INFLUENCE.

THE N.Y. TIMES AND BALTIMORE SUN WILL FOLLOW LATER.

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