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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST

DWIGHT CHAPIN WAS CONVICTED BY A U.S. DISTRICT COURT JURY YESTERDAY OF DELIBERATELY LYING TWICE TO A FEDERAL GRAND JURY ABOUT HIS CONNECTIONS TO DONALD SEGRETTI. (A-1)

JIM HOAGLAND AND DAVID OTTAWAY COVER YESTERDAY'S UNITED STATES-SAUDI ARABIA ANNOUNCEMENT OF MILITARY AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THEY SPECULATE AS TO WHAT THE FINAL AGREEMENTS WILL BE.

THE FIVE-WEEK-OLD GOVERNMENT OF GOLDA MEIR IS EXPECTED TO FALL BECAUSE OF THE INDECISION BY THE LABOR PARTY ON FINDINGS OF THE COMMISSION INVESTIGATING THE MISTAKES OF THE OCTOBER WAR. A SHOWDOWN IS EXPECTED WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT BEFORE THE KNESSET MEETS NEXT TUESDAY TO DEBATE THE PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE COMMISSION. (A-1)

A DISPUTE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION OVER GROUND RULES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY FORCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAS DELAYED A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TODAY. THE COUNCIL MEMBERS MET PRIVATELY YESTERDAY AND TODAY, BUT THEY FAILED TO WORK OUT A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THE PEACEKEEPING FORCE. THE DISPUTE IS OVER THE EXTENSION RESOLUTION SPELLING OUT THE RIGHT OF "FREE MOVEMENT" OF THE FORCE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE LINE. (A-17)

A PICTURE OF THE PRESIDENT STANDING BEFORE THE MEMORIAL TO PRESIDENT POMPIDOU IS ON PAGE 17, ALONG WITH AN ARTICLE BY JONATHAN RANDAL ON THE INFIGHTING OVER SUCCESSION TO POMPIDOU. (A-17)

A REPORT FROM PEKING SAYS HUANG CHEN WILL SOON RETURN TO WASHINGTON AFTER A FIVE-MONTH ABSENCE. SOURCES SAY HE WILL PROBABLY LEAVE PEKING NEXT WEEK. (A-18)

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JACK ANDERSON SAYS THAT FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS IN QUEST OF U.S. BENEFITS NOW USE REVERSE LOBBYING. INSTEAD OF CALLING UPON CONGRESS, THEY BRING THE CONGRESSMEN TO THEM. A CASE IN POINT IS SENATOR HARTKE'S TRIP LAST JANUARY IN WHICH HE TRAVELED THROUGH FIVE COUNTRIES IN THREE WEEKS. ANDERSON QUOTES STATE DEPARTMENT CABLES AS HIS INFORMATION FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL TRIPS. (A-37)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

DAVID BINDER REPORTS ON THE U.S.-SAUDI AGREEMENT TO EXPAND ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND TO NEGOTIATE THE SALE OF U.S. ARMS TO SHORE UP SAUDI DEFENSES. THE AGREEMENT STRENGTHENS U.S. CONFIDENCE THAT THE OIL EMBARGO WILL NOT BE REIMPOSED, AT LEAST BY THE SAUDIS. (A-1)

TERENCE SMITH CHARACTERIZES THE ATMOSPHERE IN JERUSALEM ON THE EVE OF THE PASSOVER WEEKEND AS REMINISCENT IN MANY WAYS TO THE YOM KIPPUR WEEKEND LAST OCTOBER, WHEN EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN FORCES LAUNCHED A SURPRISE ATTACK ON ISRAEL. (A-1)

THE FRENCH CABINET HAS FIXED MAY 5 FOR ELECTING A NEW PRESIDENT. IF NO CANDIDATE GAINS A MAJORITY IN THE FIRST ROUND, A RUNOFF

WILL BE HELD BY THE TWO TOP CONTENDERS ON SUNDAY, MAY 19. (A-1)

BERNARD GWERTZMAN'S COLUMN DEALS WITH SOVIET UNCERTAINTIES ON HOW FAR THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION CAN MANEUVER ON CERTAIN AMERICAN-SOVIET PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF WASHINGTON'S PREOCCUPATION WITH DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES. GWERTZMAN PARAPHRASES MANY OF MR. SONNENFELD'S COMMENTS MADE ON THE NBC "TODAY" SHOW. (A-11)

C.L. SULZBERGER REMEMBERS HIS MANY CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT POMPIDOU. HE SAYS THE PRESIDENT'S PRIMARY REASON FOR REMAINING IN OFFICE TO THE LAST DAYS, ALTHOUGH SERIOUSLY ILL, WAS TO PREVENT SOCIALIST LEADER FRANCOIS MITTERRAND AND HIS LEFTWING COMMUNIST COALITION FROM TAKING POWER. (A-31)

THE BALTIMORE SUN

THE POWERFUL GAULLIST PARTY LAST NIGHT DECIDED TO SUPPORT JACQUES CHABAN-DELMAS, A FORMER PREMIER, IN THE FORTHCOMING FRENCH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. THE DECISION APPARENTLY BLOCKS ANY POSSIBILITY OF THE CURRENT PREMIER, PIERRE MESSMER, FROM TAKING PART IN THE RUNNING. (A-2)

JAPAN'S PRIME MINISTER TANAKA HELD A 75-MINUTE MEETING YESTERDAY AT MOSCOW AIRPORT WITH SOVIET PREMIER KOSYGIN ON JOINT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN SIBERIA. (A-2)

SYRIAN DEFENSE MINISTER, MAJOR GENERAL TIAS SAID YESTERDAY THAT HIS COUNTRY IS NOW PREPARED TO LAUNCH AN ALL-OUT WAR AGAINST ISRAEL TO ENSURE THE LIBERATION OF ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. (A-4)

GARRY WILLS SAYS YOU LOST YOUR DIPLOMATIC MAGIC IN MOSCOW, WORKING NO MIRACLES OR EVEN WINNING ANY MARBLES. WILLS CONTENDS THAT ONE-MAN DIPLOMACY, ONE-MAN SUMMITRY, SO CLOSE A PROXIMITY TO MR. NIXON, AND THE INEVITABLE UNWINDING OF WATERGATE ARE GAINING ON YOU. (A-17)

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1. SCHEDULED PARTICIPATION OF THE PRESIDENT ALONG WITH MANY OTHER HEADS OF STATE AND HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AT PARIS CEREMONIES APRIL 6 HONORING DECEASED FRENCH PRESIDENT GIVEN FROM PAGE PROMINENCE IN TODAY'S VIENNA PRESS. MAJOR THEME OF ARTICLES IS EXPECTATION THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL USE OCCASION OF PARIS VISIT FOR "INFORMAL POLITICAL TALKS" WITH RANKING LEADERS FROM THE WEST AND PODGORNÝ FROM THE SOVIET UNION.

2. VIENNA'S LEADING INDEPENDENT PAPER DIE PRESSE CARRIED FULLEST REPORT ON EVENT UNDER HEADLINE "MEETING OF NIXON - PODGORNÝ - WALDHEIM ON PERIPHERY OF PARIS FUNERAL CEREMONIES." DIE PRESSE REPORTS THAT "PRESIDENT NIXON'S PRESENT IN PARIS AT THIS TIME IS NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR PRESIDENT'S PLANNED EUROPEAN TRIP WHICH HAS BEEN POSTPONED SINCE SEVERAL MONTHS. NEVERTHELESS IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT INFORMAL TALKS WILL OCCUR BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND A NUMBER OF OTHER PROMINENT GUESTS INCLUDING CHANCELLOR BRANDT AND SOVIET PRESIDENT PODGORNÝ.

3. DIE PRESS FURTHER REPORTS THAT "ACCORDING TO PRESIDENT'S STAFF PRESIDENT DOES NOT PLAN TO HOLD ANY INTENSIVE POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS IN PARIS BUT RATHER PLANS TO BEGIN RETURN TRIP ALREADY ON SATURDAY EVENING. ON OTHER HAND, COMMENT OF WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN THAT CHANCELLOR BRANDT WILL IN ALL PROBABILITY MEET WITH NIXON FOR DISCUSSION SUGGESTS CERTAIN INTEREST IN A MEETING."

4. ALL REPORTS OF VIENNA PRESS BASED ON WIRE SERVICE REPORTS FROM PARIS. TODAY'S PRESS CONTAINS NO COMMENTARY ON THE PRESIDENT'S

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