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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT

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SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST

BERNARD D. NOSSITER WRITES THAT PORTUGAL'S MILITARY REGIME FIRED THE DIRECTORS AND SUSPENDED THE EDITORIAL BOARDS OF SIX STATE-OWNED PAPERS BASED IN LISBON, AND TWO OTHERS IN OPORTO. IT REFLECTS THEIR NEW-FOUND DETERMINATION TO PREVENT ANOTHER REBELLION LIKE THE ABORTIVE AFFAIR STAGED BY ULTRA-LEFT SOLDIERS TUESDAY. (A-1)

SPENCER RICH COVERS PRESIDENT FORD'S NOMINATION OF JOHN PAUL STEVENS TO THE SUPREME COURT. (A-1)

JULES WITCOVER REPORTS THAT FORD AIDES DOWNPLAY THE MEANING OF THE CHINA TRIP. (A-2)

UPI REPORTS THAT PUERTO RICAN RADICALS BACKED BY CUBAN PREMIER FIDEL CASTRO MAY LOOSE A WAVE OF TERRORISM IN THE U.S. NEXT YEAR TO DISRUPT THE BICENTENNIAL, ACCORDING TO TESTIMONY BEFORE A SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE. (A-3)

DAVID S. OTTAWAY REPORTS THAT SOUTH AFRICA AND ZAMBIA HAVE APPARENTLY AGREED ON A POLICY OF SUPPRESSING THE MILITANT SOUTHWEST AFRICA PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION (SWAPO), WHICH HAS BEEN THREATENING TO UPSET A SOUTH AFRICAN-BACKED CONSTITUTIONAL SOLUTION TO THE NAMIBIA DISPUTE. (A-10)

A SPECIAL TO THE POST COVERS CLARENCE MITCHELL'S ATTACK ON SOUTH AFRICA YESTERDAY AT THE UN IN WHICH HE CHARGED THAT "THE SOUTH AFRICAN SYSTEM OF DETENTION AND REPRESSION

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IS BUILT INTO THE LEGAL STRUCTURE ITSELF." (A-10)
 ACCORDING TO BRUCE HANDLER, RELATIONS ARE STRAINED BETWEEN
 THE U.S. AND CHILE'S ANTICOMMUNIST MILITARY JUNTA. THE
 U.S. IS EMBARRASSED BY CONTINUING REPORTS OF ILLEGAL AR-
 RESTS -- AND SOMETIMES, THE TORTURE AND KILLING -- OF
 SUSPECTED LEFTISTS INSIDE CHILE. CHILEAN OFFICIALS CON-
 TEND THAT THE U.S. IS BEING "TAKEN IN" BY WORLDWIDE COM-
 MUNISM AND SHOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE SUCH STAUNCH ANTI-MARXIST
 ALLIES AS THEMSELVES. (A-11)

CLAYTON FRITCHIE WRITES THAT AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN HAS IR-
 RITATED SOME OF HIS COLLEAGUES BY WHAT THEY REGARD,
 RIGHTLY OR WRONGLY, AS HIS SHOWBOATING, WHICH HAS IN-
 SPIRED CONSPICUOUS PERSONAL PUBLICITY. THE REACTION OF A
 NUMBER OF DELEGATES AT THE UN NO DOUBT SPRINGS TO SOME EX-
 TENT FROM PIQUE AT THE PUBLIC ATTENTION MOYNIHAN IS EN-
 JOYING, BUT, AS CAREER DIPLOMATS, IT IS ONLY FAIR TO NOTE
 THAT MOST OF THE NATO REPRESENTATIVES DO NOT CULTIVATE THE
 SOMEWHAT ROCCO STYLE OF THE U.S. AMBASSADOR. MOYNIHAN
 HAS NOT HELPED HIS CASE BY LECTURING THE REST OF THE WORLD
 ON GOVERNMENT MORALITY. IT WAS HIS MISFORTUNE TO TAKE
 THIS SANCTIMONIOUS LINE JUST AT THE MOMENT A SENATE IN-
 VESTIGATION WAS PUBLICLY DISCLOSING THAT THE U.S. GOVERN-
 MENT HAS SECRETLY BEEN PLOTTING THE ASSASSINATION OF
 VARIOUS FOREIGN LEADERS AND PROMOTING COUPS D'ETAT TO
 OVERTHROW OTHER REGIMES. (A-15)

JACK ANDERSON AND LES WHITTEN WRITE THAT FORMER VICE
 PRESIDENT, AGNEW, SOUGHT TO BE IMPEACHED BY CONGRESS RATHER
 THAN INDICTED BY A GRAND JURY. BUT THAT PRESIDENT NIXON
 WORKED BEHIND THE SCENES ON CAPITOL HILL TO UNDERMINE
 AGNEW. "WHITE HOUSE LOBBYISTS HAD CUT THE GROUND OUT FROM
 UNDER THEIR OWN VICE PRESIDENT." (B-16)

THE WASHINGTON STAR

JEREMIAH O'LEARY WRITES THAT A SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL SAID
 HE WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF THE U.S. AND CHINA CAME TO
 PARALLEL CONCLUSIONS ABOUT THE CIVIL WAR IN ANGOLA. IT
 APPEARS HOWEVER, THAT THE U.S. AND THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC
 OF CHINA WILL NOT PURSUE A COORDINATED COURSE ON THE
 ANGOLAN CONFLICT. (1)

THE LEAD EDITORIAL SPECULATES ON THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO
 PEKING. IT IS QUITE CLEAR THAT NO RESULTS OF MAJOR MO-
 MENT ARE TO BE EXPECTED. THE SERIOUS ISSUES OF THE MEET-
 ING BOIL DOWN TO TWO: DETENTE AND TAIWAN, ON BOTH OF
 WHICH THE AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT ARE MORE CONSPICUOUS THAN
 THE AREAS OF UNDERSTANDING. AS LONG AS THIS REMAINS SO,
 THE SUBJECTS OF FRUITFUL CONVERSATION WITH THE RULERS IN
 PEKING WILL REMAIN CIRCUMSCRIBED AND THE POSSIBILITIES OF
 A REAL IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS WITH CHINA SEVERELY LIMITED.

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THE BALTIMORE SUN

HAL PIPER REPORTS THAT THE SOVIET U

THE SUN COMMENTS ON PRIME MINISTER

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THE NEW YORK TIMES

AN EDITORIAL STATES THAT WHATEVER THEY SAY FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES AT HOME, THE LEADERS OF TURKEY AND THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY NOW KNOW THAT THEIR INTRANSIGENCE ON CYPRUS HAS ISOLATED THEM FROM MOST OF THE WORLD. THEY ALSO KNOW THAT, UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE ACT EASING THE AMERICAN ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY, PRESIDENT FORD IS

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OBLIGATED EARLY NEXT MONTH TO REPORT TO CONGRESS ON THE "PROGRESS" OF NEGOTIATIONS LOOKING TOWARD A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT. IN LIGHT OF GREEK CYPRIOT CONCESSIONS, WHICH WERE TRANSMITTED IN SUBSTANCE TO SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM AS LONG AGO AS LAST FEBRUARY, MR. DENKTASH OUGHT TO SUBMIT THE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS HE PROMISED AT THE CONCLUSION OF A NEGOTIATIONS ROUND IN VIENNA LAST SUMMER. IN THEIR OWN INTEREST AND TO END THEIR ISOLATION FROM THE WORLD COMMUNITY, THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WOULD BE WELL-ADVISED TO SEE TO IT THAT HE DOES SO. (26)

JEROME ALAN COHEN WRITES THAT VOTENISE, IT'S GOP TIME AGAIN (GOOD OLD PEKING). REMEMBER THOSE 1972 ELECTION COMMERCIALS ON TELEVISION? THEY SHOWED RICHARD NIXON, THE ARCH COLD WARRIOR, IN PEKING, DESCENDING THE STEPS OF AIR FORCE ONE TO SHAKE HANDS WITH CHOU EN-LAI AS THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER PROCLAIMED AN END TO SINO-AMERICAN ENMITY. GERALD FORD HOPES THAT CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG AND HIS COHORTS WILL GIVE HIM A SIMILAR BOOST IN THE 1976 CAMPAIGN. ONCE AGAIN, DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS UNDERLIE A PRESIDENT'S PEKING TRIP. OF COURSE, THE PRESIDENT IS NOT PUTTING ALL HIS POLITICAL EGGS IN CHINA'S BASKET. HE HAS ADDED TO THE ITINERARY BRIEF STOPOVERS IN INDONESIA AND THE PHILIPPINES, WHERE HE CAN BE GUARANTEED A POPULAR RECEPTION. STILL, THE GERALD FORD WHO USE TO CAMPAIGN AGAINST CHAIRMAN MAO IS NOW HOPING THAT THE CHAIRMAN'S FEEBLE HANDSHAKE WILL CERTIFY THE CREDENTIALS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S NEWEST PUPIL. (27)

C. L. SULZBERGER WRITES THAT ON A VISIT TO SANTIAGO FOUR YEARS AGO FRENCH AMBASSADOR RENE ST. LEGER TOLD HIM THAT CHILE LAY "AT THE HEART OF THE SINO-SOVIET ARGUMENT." ALTHOUGH ST. LEGER HAD BEEN GENERAL DE GAULLE'S DIPLOMATIC COUNSELOR AND BOASTED A DISTINGUISHED REPUTATION, AT THE TIME SULZBERGER THOUGHT ST. LEGER WAS NUTS. NOW HE IS NOT SO SURE. PERHAPS, YET ONE SHOULD REMEMBER THAT IN ITS FURIOUS COMPETITION WITH MOSCOW, PEKING HAS BEEN BRUTALLY REALISTIC ON MANY ISSUES THAT WOULD SEEM BECLOUDED BY DOGMA. THUS IT COURTS WEST GERMANY AND VIGOROUSLY URGES A STRONGER NATO. ONE WESTERN DIPLOMAT FULLY OBSERVES: "MAYBE CHINA RECKONS THERE MUST BE SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT ANY REGIME THAT IS AS VIOLENTLY ANTI-SOVIET AS THAT OF GENERAL PINOCHET." CHILE IS CERTAINLY NOT, IN ST. LEGER'S WORDS, "AT THE HEART" OF THE COLDEST WAR BETWEEN THE COMMUNIST BEHEMOTHS, BUT IT FIGURES. (27)

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