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OCTOBER 5, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:

SUBJECT:

THE PRESIDENT

HENRY A. KISSINGER

INFORMATION ITEMS

CHILEAN DEVELOPMENTS: CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER ADMIRAL ISMAEL HUERTA FLEW TO NEW YORK YESTERDAY TO REPORT TO THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHY THE ARMED FORCES SEIZED POWER ON SEPTEMBER 11. HUERTA IS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OCTOBER 8. HE TOLD JOURNALISTS IN SANTIAGO WEDNESDAY NIGHT THAT HE KNEW THERE WAS AN UNFAVORABLE ATTITUDE IN THE UN TOWARD THE JUNTA. HE MENTIONED CHARGES BY SOVIET UN DELEGATE MALIK CLAIMING THAT CHILEAN COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL CORVALAN WAS TO BE SHOT ON WEDNESDAY. HUERTA SAID THAT CORVALAN -- WHO WAS ARRESTED LAST FRIDAY -- WAS IN GOOD HEALTH AND ENJOYING EXCELLENT TREATMENT. THE CHILEAN COMMUNIST LEADER IS UNDER INVESTIGATION ON CHARGES OF HIGH TREASON AND WILL BE TRIED BY A MILITARY TRIBUNAL.

MEANWHILE THE CHILEAN MINISTER OF INTERIOR SAID WEDNESDAY THAT THE O NOT STOP THOSE WHO WANTED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY AND THAT, UNLESS A SPECIAL CASE CAME UP, SAFE CONDUCTS WOULD BE PROVIDED TO ALL THOSE WHO TOOK ASYLUM IN FOREIGN EMBASSIES. THE JUNTA PRESS SECRETARY ADVISED AMBASSADOR DAVIS THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD INVITED SENATOR KENNEDY TO COME TO CHILE TO INVESTIGATE CONDITIONS THERE -- WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO REFUGEES. THE CHILEAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONVEY A SIMILAR INVITATION TO SENATOR HUMPHREY AND/OR HIS SISTER.

THE CHILEAN LEGAL MEDICAL INSTITUTE REPORTED OFFICIALLY ON OCTOBER 3 THAT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO DIED FROM BULLET WOUNDS

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BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 11 AND OCTOBER 2 WAS 476, OF WHOM 462 WERE CIVILIANS AND 14 WERE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND POLICE. THE JUNTA ALSO ISSUED A DECREE ON WEDNESDAY APPOINTING MILITARY OFFICERS TO HEAD CHILE'S MAJOR UNIVERSITIES. FORMER AIR FORCE COMMANDER IN CHIEF GENERAL RUIZ WAS NAMED RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHILE IN SANTIAGO AND PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF RECTORS.

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SITUATION IN INDOCHINA: MILITARY ACTIVITY ALONG PHNOM PENH'S SOUTHERN FRONT WAS LIGHT YESTERDAY. OUTPOSTS NEAR THE PREK HO BRIDGE WERE TARGETS FOR INSURGENT SHELLINGS, BUT THERE WERE NO GROUND ACTIONS. GOVERNMENT OFFICERS ARE COMMANDEERING SAMPANS TO MOVE THEIR TROOPS INTO THE FLOODED AREA NORTH OF ROUTES 2 AND 201 IN ORDER TO TRY TO REGAIN HIGH GROUND ALONG THESE ROADS. TWENTY MILES SOUTHWEST OF PHNOM PENH, GOVERNMENT TROOPS AT THE ISOLATED TOWNS OF TRAM KHAR AND SRANG ARE UNDER INCREASING COMMUNIST PRESSURE. ELSEWHERE, GOVERNMENT UNITS AT KOMPONG CHAM HAVE BROKEN THE COMMUNISTS' MONTH-LONG ENCIRCLEMENT OF THE AIRFIELD JUST NORTHWEST OF THE CITY AND CONTINUE TO EXPAND THEIR AREA OF CONTROL AGAINST LIGHT RESISTANCE. FIGHTING WAS MODERATE TO HEAVY THROUGHOUT SOUTH VIETNAM YESTERDAY. IN MILITARY REGION 1, FIGHTING WAS MODERATE, DESPITE RECENT REPORTS THAT THERE WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN ATTACKS IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE. IN THE HIGHLANDS, COMMUNIST SHELLING ACTIVITY CONTINUED TO CENTER IN NORTHERN BINH DINH PROVINCE. FIGHTING WAS LIGHT IN MILITARY REGION 3, WHILE THE DELTA WAS MODERATELY ACTIVE. GOVERNMENT GUNNERS IN CHAU DOC PROVINCE REPORTEDLY CAUGHT A NORTH VIETNAMESE BATTALION IN THE OPEN ALONG THE CAMBODIAN BORDER, KILLING AT LEAST 80 SOLDIERS WHILE SUSTAINING ONLY ONE WOUNDED.

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