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FM THE SITUATION ROOM TOWAK 41

TO PETER RODMAN FOR DR KISSINGER

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: EVENING NOTES

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THE ISRAELIS INDICATED THAT THE ISRAELI DEFENSE
MINISTRY CONSIDERS THE BATTLE ON THE WEST BANK TO BE STILL
IN DOUBT.

THE SITUATION ON THE SYRIAN FRONT REMAINED ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED
TODAY WITH BOTH GROUND AND AIR ACTIVITY AT A LOW LEVEL. A

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INCREASED POSSIBILITY OF CLASHES BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN; PAKISTAN CONTINUES TO TAKE ALLEGEDLY PRECAUTIONARY MILITARY MEASURES ALONG ITS BORDER WITH AFGHANISTAN. THE FORWARD POSITION OF PAKISTANI TROOPS ---EVEN THE NUMBER IS RELATIVELY SMALL SO FAR--- HEIGHTENS THE RISK OF ISOLATED ARMED CLASHES IN THE BORDER AREA. ONE INDICATOR THAT PAKISTAN IS PREPARING FOR THE EVENTUALITY OF ARMED INCIDENTS IS THE DEPLOYMENT OF A 1,500-MAN ARMORED UNIT TO AN AREA ON THE AFGAN BORDER NORMALLY GUARDED BY FRONTIER FORCES. THERE IS NO AVAILABLE EVIDENCE OF PREPARATIONS OR MOVEMENT BY THE AFGAN ARMED FORCES IN ANTICIPATION OF MILITARY ACTION AGAINST PAKISTAN, BUT THE TRAINING AND ORGANIZATION OF TRIBALS, PARTICULARLY FOR GUERRILLA WARFARE COULD GO UNDETECTED. PAKISTAN IS CONTINUING TO MEET PRESIDENT DAUD'S RHETORICAL BELLIGERENCE WITH RESTRAINT; HOWEVER, PRESIDENT BHUTTO RECENTLY DISCLOSED DECISIONS TO REACTIVATE AN OLD ROAD-BUILDING PROJECT CLOSE TO THE BORDER AND TO STATION MORE TROOPS THERE; THIS INDICATES BHUTTO'S GROWING CONCERN ABOUT DAUD'S DETERMINATION TO PURSUE A LONGSTANDING GOAL OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE TRIBALS WHO

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LIVE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE PAKISTAN-AFGHANISTAN BORDER,

CAMBODIAN MILITARY SITUATION: HEAVY COMMUNIST PRESSURE CONTINUES ON GOVERNMENT TROOPS THAT EVACUATED THE TOWN OF TRAM KHNAH ON ROUTE 3 ON OCTOBER 18. THE COMMUNISTS ARE FIRING ON NEARBY SRANG, SIX MILES WEST OF TRAM KHNAH. SRANG IS NOW THE SOLE REMAINING GOVERNMENT ENCLAVE IN THE AREA SOME 25 MILES SOUTH OF PHNOM PENH. COMMUNIST MESSAGES REFLECT PLANS FOR AN ATTACK ON SRANG. THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT CONTROL SUFFICIENT GROUND AROUND THE BELEAGUERED TROOPS FOR HELICOPTER EVACUATION AND

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CANNOT SPARE FORCES FOR LINK-UP OPERATIONS. THE GOVERNMENT HAS HAD TO SUPPLY THE TWO ENCLAVES BY AIRDROP SINCE THEY WERE ISOLATED LAST MAY. ON OCTOBER 19, CLASHES OCCURRED NORTH OF KOMPONG CHAM A HALF MILE FROM THE CITY'S AIRFIELD, WHERE NO PLANES HAVE LANDED SINCE LATE AUGUST.

SOUTH VIETNAM MILITARY SITUATION: THE LEVEL OF MILITARY ACTION HAS INTENSIFIED SOMEWHAT, BUT MOST OF THE FIGHTING CONTINUES TO BE ON A SMALL SCALE. SHELLING AND GROUND ATTACKS HAVE BEEN CONCENTRATED IN KONTUM, DINH TUONG, AND CHUONG THIEN PROVINCES. ACTION REMAINS LIGHT IN MR-3, DESPITE FURTHER REPORTS OF COMMUNIST PLANS TO STEP UP THE FIGHTING. SOUTH VIETNAMESE FORCES IN BINH DUONG PROVINCE HAVE LAUNCHED PRE-EMPTIVE OPERATIONS TO HEAD OFF EXPECTED COMMUNIST ATTACKS. THUS FAR, THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE HAVE RUN INTO LITTLE RESISTANCE.

SAUDI'S TO HALT OIL TO U.S.: SAUDI ARABIA HAS DECIDED TO CUT OFF OIL SHIPMENTS TO THE U.S. BECAUSE OF THE U.S. ARMS SUPPLIES TO ISRAEL. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OVER RYIAQH RADIO ISSUED BY THE SAUDI ROYAL CABINET SAID: "ON THE BASIS OF A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE ROYAL CABINET ON THURSDAY IN WHICH THE SAUDI ARABIAN KINGDOM ANNOUNCED ITS DECISION TO CUT OIL PRODUCTION BY 10 PERCENT IMMEDIATELY... AND IN VIEW OF THE INCREASE IN AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL, THE SAUDI ARABIAN KINGDOM HAS DECIDED TO STOP THE EXPORT OF OIL TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR ADOPTING SUCH A STAND."

ALGERIA TO REDUCE OIL PRODUCTION BY TEN PER CENT: THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT, FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS PUT FORWARD BY ARAB OIL EXPORTING COUNTRIES AT THEIR MEETING IN KUWAIT, HAS DECIDED TO REDUCE BY TEN PER CENT ITS ANNUAL OIL PRODUCTION OF 52 MILLION TONS. AN UNCONFIRMED PRESS REPORT INDICATES THAT ALGERIA HAS CUT OFF COMPLETELY THE PUMPING OF OIL TO THE U.S.

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