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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER  
FROM: SITUATION ROOM  
SUBJECT: NOON NOTES

PRG REPLIES TO CHARGE OF MISSILE SITE AT KHE SANH: THE VIET CONG REJECTED TODAY U.S. CHARGES THAT MISSILES HAD BEEN SET IN THE KHE SANH VALLEY AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE VIET CONG'S DELEGATION TO THE JMC TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE THE U.S. CHARGES WERE PART OF A "CAMPAIGN TO COVER UP THE ILLEGAL INTRODUCTION OF U.S. ARMAMENTS FROM JAPAN." WHEN ASKED WHETHER MISSILE SITES WERE INSTALLED AT KHE SANH BEFORE THE CEASE-FIRE CAME INTO EFFECT, HE REPLIED: "IT IS KNOWN TO ALL JOURNALISTS WHO FOLLOWED THE FIGHTING IN THOSE AREAS LAST YEAR THAT MANY TIMES AMERICAN HELICOPTERS AND AIRCRAFT WERE SHOT DOWN THERE BY MISSILES." HE SAID ALL VIET CONG WEAPONS HAD REMAINED IN PLACE SINCE THE CEASE-FIRE.

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SIHANOUK IN CAMBODIA: THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ASIAN AFFAIRS AT THE QUAI HAS TOLD EMBASSY PARIS THAT THERE IS WIDESPREAD SPECULATION IN PEKING ABOUT SIHANOUK'S WHEREABOUTS AND PLANS. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT EXPECTS DEVELOPMENTS SOON AND DOES NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT HE MAY APPEAR IN CAMBODIA IN AN EFFORT TO MOBILIZE HIS CAUSE. ANOTHER FRENCH OFFICIAL TOLD EMBASSY PARIS THAT SIHANOUK MAY WELL ALREADY BE THERE AND MAY SURFACE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

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UGANDA-TANZANIA CLASH: ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, UGANDA CLAIMED TODAY THAT A 3,500 MAN FORCE FROM TANZANIA WAS ATTEMPTING AN INVASION. UGANDA SAYS THE INVASION WAS PLANNED BY PRESIDENT NYERERE OF TANZANIA AND DEPOSED UGANDAN PRESIDENT OBOTE. THE FORCE IS REPORTEDLY MADE UP OF TANZANIAN TROOPS AND UGANDAN ASIANS WHO WERE EXPELLED LAST YEAR. RADIO UGANDA SAID SOME OF THE INVADERS HAD BEEN CAPTURED, BUT IT WAS NOT CLEAR IF ANY ACTUAL FIGHTING TOOK PLACE. RELATIONS BETWEEN UGANDA AND TANZANIA HAVE BEEN STRAINED SINCE JANUARY 1971 WHEN IDI AMIN OVERTHREW PRESIDENT OBOTE, AND OBOTE TOOK REFUGE IN TANZANIA. TANZANIA HAS NEVER RECOGNIZED THE AMIN REGIME.

INDIAN NATIONALIZATION OF GRAIN TRADE: THE GOVERNMENT'S NATIONALIZATION OF THE WHOLESALE GRAIN TRADE HAS EVOKED A WIDE-SPREAD PROTEST BY BUSINESSMEN. THEIR FORECASTS OF MASSIVE UNEMPLOYMENT ARE UNLIKELY TO BE BORNE OUT IN VIEW OF NEW DELHI'S PLAN TO USE THE PRIVATELY-OWNED DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. THE ARTIFICIALLY LOW OFFICIAL PRICES UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS WILL MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO SECURE MUCH GRAIN, HOWEVER, AND PRODUCERS OF THE BETTER GRADES WILL FIND THEIR INCENTIVES ESPECIALLY REDUCED.

U.S.-CHILE DISCUSSIONS END DISAPPOINTINGLY: NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CHILE ON COMPENSATION AND RELATED MATTERS CLOSED INCONCLUSIVELY MARCH 23. BOTH SIDES AGREED ON A COORDINATED, NOT JOINT, PRESS STATEMENT DISCLOSING THAT NO PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE. THE DEPARTMENT'S BUREAU OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS COMMENTS THAT THE MEETINGS IN THEIR PRESENT FORM AND AT THEIR PRESENT LEVEL ARE OVER. PROSPECTS FOR PROGRESS EVEN AT A HIGHER LEVEL ARE DISCOURAGING.

THE EVENING STAR AND WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS: AN EDITORIAL COMMENTS THAT THERE CAN BE NO COMMON-SENSE EXPLANATION FOR THE REPREHENSIBLE DECISION OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO SEND TWO CUBAN DEFECTORS BACK TO FACE CASTRO JUSTICE WITHOUT THE JUDICIAL PROCESS TO WHICH ANYONE IS ENTITLED HAVING SET FOOT ON U.S. SOIL. WASHINGTON'S DIPLOMATS ARBITRARILY DECIDED THAT THE TWO WOULD-BE DEFECTORS WERE "UNLANDED ALIENS." THIS RULING WAS BASED ON THE FLIMSY GROUNDS THAT WHILE THE PAIR HAD ASKED TO REMAIN IN THIS

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COUNTRY, THEY HAD NOT DONE SO FORMALLY. "QUITE APPARENTLY, THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS BENDING OVER BACKWARDS TO DEMONSTRATE GOOD FAITH IN HAVANA ON THE RECENTLY-CONCLUDED HIJACKING AGREEMENT," IT ALL SMACKED OF THE INFAMOUS CASE OF THE LITHUANIAN

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SAILOR, THE EDITORIAL COMMENTS, AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT DIDN'T  
COVER ITSELF WITH GLORY IN THAT CASE EITHER.

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