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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER

FROM: JIM FAZIO

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ITEMS

SIRIK MATAK LETTER TO PRESIDENT NIXON: ON AUGUST 27 SIRIK MATAK, FORMER CAMBODIAN PRIME MINISTER, SENT PRESIDENT NIXON A PERSONAL LETTER OF GRATITUDE WHICH AMBASSADOR SWANK AGREED TO TRANSMIT. THE LETTER EXPRESSED PROFUSE THANKS FOR UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE TO CAMBODIA AND HOPES FOR THE PRESIDENT'S SUCCESS IN BRINGING PEACE. MATAK REFERRED OBLIQUELY TO CAMBODIA'S CURRENT DOMESTIC POLITICAL TROUBLES, NOTING ONLY THAT HE "HAD TO LEAVE THE GOVERNMENT LAST MARCH BECAUSE OF CERTAIN INTERNAL PROBLEMS" (E.G., DISAGREEMENT WITH PRESIDENT LON NOL). HOWEVER, HE POINTEDLY RECALLED HIS VISIT TO THE WHITE HOUSE LAST YEAR AND PRESIDENT NIXON'S FRIENDSHIP FOR HIM.

SIRIK MATAK PRESENTLY HAS NO OFFICIAL POSITION IN THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT AND IS A PRINCIPAL CRITIC OF PRESIDENT LON NOL. THE LETTER PROBABLY REPRESENTS AN INDIRECT PROBING FOR AMERICAN SUPPORT IN HIS IMPASSE WITH LON NOL OVER POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN THE GOVERNMENT AND CANCELLATION OF THE NEW UNCONTESTED LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS STILL SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 3. (ADAMS)

AMBASSADOR RABIN ON EGYPTIAN STRATEGY: IN A SHORT CHAT WITH JOE SISCO OVER THE WEEKEND, AMBASSADOR RABIN ASSESSED EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATIC STRATEGY AS LEANING IN THE DIRECTION OF A MID EAST PEACE CONFERENCE IDEA THAT WALDHEIM AND THE FRENCH AS WELL HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN. CONCURRENTLY, RABIN FELT, THE EGYPTIANS ARE WEIGHING THEIR FALL UN TACTICS WHERE THEY MIGHT MOVE DIPLOMATICALLY TO RAISE THE MID EAST ISSUE PER SE OR INTRODUCE THE MID EAST ISSUE IN THE CONTEXT OF A PEACE CONFERENCE AND SECURE A GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION IN THIS REGARD TO SUPPLEMENT RESOLUTION 242 AS THE BASIS FOR SUCH A CONFERENCE. RABIN DIDN'T FEEL THE SOVIETS WERE ENTHUSIASTICALLY BACKING SUCH THINKING ABOUT A CONFERENCE, BUT BELIEVED THEY WOULD ULTIMATELY BE OBLIGED TO LEND SUPPORT.

THE ISRAELIS, OF COURSE, ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ANY ACTION AT THE UN. (NEAHER/SAUNDERS)

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UK WANTS U.S. HELP WITH UGANDA ASIANS: GENERAL IDI AMIN'S AUGUST 9 UNALTERABLE DECISION TO EXPEL ALL ASIANS WHO HOLD FOREIGN PASSPORTS WITHIN 90 DAYS SEEMS TO BE POSING MAJOR PROBLEMS FOR THE UK, WHICH WILL HAVE TO RECEIVE 50 TO 60,000 BRITISH PASSPORT HOLDERS. UK APPEALS FOR HELP TO NATIONS SUCH AS OURSELVES ORSKANADA HAVE SO FAR NETTED MINIMAL RESULTS GIVEN STRICT IMMIGRATION LAWS. INDIA IS APPARENTLY NOT PREPARED TO ADMIT RESPONSIBILITY FOR BRITISH ASIANS. AS A RESULT, THE UK IS URGENTLY APPEALING FOR HELP FROM SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM (WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT THE UN CAN DO) AND IT IS LIKELY THAT AN APPEAL WILL BE MADE TO THE PRESIDENT. THE UK WOULD PROBABLY LIKE TO SEE US ADMIT AS MANY ASIANS AS POSSIBLE UNDER PAROLE, A PROCEDURE WHICH WAIVES THE NEED FOR AN IMMIGRANT VISA. A FULL MEMORANDUM FROM STATE ON THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE COMING SOON TO US.

IN UGANDA, THE SITUATION BECOMES WORSE DAILY. THE ASIAN EXODUS WILL FURTHER DISRUPT UGANDA'S ALMOST BANKRUPT ECONOMY. THE UK HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL SUSPEND ITS AID AND NO OTHER WESTERN NATIONS SEEM LIKELY TO BAIL OUT AMIN. OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL, AN UNDISCIPLINED ARMY HAS MADE TOURISM A HAZARDOUS ADVENTURE FOR THE MANY THOUSANDS -- INCLUDING 12,000 AMERICANS -- WHO ANNUALLY VISIT THE GAME PARKS. SOME OF OUR CITIZENS HAVE, IN FACT, BEEN SLAPPED AROUND AT BORDER POSTS LEADING US TO INFORMALLY ADVISE TOURISTS TO STAY AWAY FROM UGANDA. IN ANOTHER ACTION, THE PARANOIAC AMIN HAS THREATENED TO BOMB NEIGHBORING (AND HELPLESS) RWANDA BECAUSE OF IMAGINED ISRAELI SCHEMES AGAINST HIM. BEFORE THIS IS ALL OVER, UGANDA'S IRRATIONAL LEADER WILL PROBABLY HAVE WORSE THINGS IN SIGHT FOR THE U.S., (YOU'LL RECALL THAT OUR TOURISTS AND PEACE CORPS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ACCUSED OF ESPIONAGE) AND THE UK. ALTHOUGH OUR INTERESTS THERE ARE MINIMAL, WE HAVE 1,200 CITIZENS; THE UK HAS 7,000 CITIZENS TO WORRY ABOUT. (RONDON)

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ARGENTINE DISPLEASURE WITH CHILE: THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAS EXPRESSED "DEEP DISPLEASURE" WITH THE CHILEAN DECISION TO SEND TO CUBA THE ARGENTINE TERRORISTS WHO HIJACKED AN AIRLINER TO CHILE TWO WEEKS AGO RATHER THAN EXTRADITING THEM. THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAS RECALLED ITS AMBASSADOR TO CHILE. ACCORDING TO A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, THIS MAY BE ONLY THE FIRST RETALIATORY MEASURE TAKEN BY ARGENTINA. HE SAID ARGENTINA MAY EVEN RESORT TO ECONOMIC SANCTIONS. WHILE IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT ARGENTINA WILL IN FACT FOREGO IMPORTANT TRADE DEALS OR BILATERAL PROJECTS, ARGENTINE-CHILEAN RELATIONS HAVE MOVED TO A NEW LOW AND PRESIDENT LANUSSE'S POLICY OF DROPPING "IDEOLOGICAL BARRIERS" WILL SUFFER A MAJOR SETBACK. (JORDEN)

CUBAN NAVAL EXERCISES: CUBAN NAVAL FORCES IN THE CIENFUEGOS AREA CONDUCTED THEIR LARGEST AND MOST SOPHISTICATED ANTI-INVASION EXERCISE TO DATE ON TUESDAY. THE EXERCISE WAS APPARENTLY TARGETED AGAINST A SIMULATED INVASION OF CUBA WITH U.S. AIR SUPPORT AND IT DEMONSTRATED A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE CUBAN NAVY'S CAPABILITY TO CONDUCT COORDINATED OPERATIONS. CUBAN UNITS INVOLVED INCLUDED SUBCHASERS, TORPEDO BOATS, A TORPEDO RETRIEVER, AND A PATROL LAUNCH. (JORDEN)

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