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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
 FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
 SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL BRIEFING ITEMS

MIDDLE EAST MILITARY SITUATION: LITTLE MILITARY ACTION OCCURRED YESTERDAY ALONG ISRAEL'S BORDERS WITH EGYPT, SYRIA, AND LEBANON. THE ONLY AIR ACTIVITY REPORTED WAS A SINGLE RECONNAISSANCE MISSION OVER THE NORTHWESTERN SINAI PENINSULA BY TWO ISRAELI AIRCRAFT. SPORADIC SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS REPORTED NEAR ISMAILIA, EGYPT EARLY YESTERDAY. EGYPTIAN PERSONNEL WERE ALSO NOTED ENTERING THE UN BUFFER ZONE NEAR ISMAILIA, BUT WERE ESCORTED BACK TO EGYPTIAN TERRITORY BY UN OFFICIALS. NO OTHER GROUND ACTION WAS REPORTED.

~~ARAB MILITARY COOPERATION:~~
 PAKISTANI ~~AND MOROCCO~~ ~~COOPERATION:~~ PAKISTAN HAS MADE SOME NEW MILITARY AGREEMENTS WITH LIBYA, SAUDI ARABIA, AND KUWAIT, UNDER THESE AGREEMENTS, WHICH THE SOURCE SAYS WERE FINALIZED AT THE ISLAMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE, PAKISTAN IS TO PROVIDE INCREASED MILITARY TRAINING TO THE THREE ARAB STATES, BOTH IN PAKISTANI MILITARY SCHOOLS, AND VIA ADDITIONAL PAKISTANI TECHNICIANS IN THE THREE STATES. IN RETURN, THE THREE ARAB GOVERNMENTS ARE TO FINANCE PAKISTANI DEFENSE PRODUCTION PROJECTS. PAKISTAN ALREADY HAS 175 MILITARY TECHNICIANS IN LIBYA, 680 IN SAUDI ARABIA, AND 200 IN KUWAIT. THE ARAB MONEY MAY BE USED TO DEVELOP PAKISTAN'S TANK PRODUCTION CAPACITY AND POSSIBLY TO FINANCE THE PRODUCTION IN PAKISTAN OF MIRAGE AIRCRAFT. ISLAMABAD FOR SOME TIME HAS BEEN SEEKING LICENSES TO PRODUCE SOPHISTICATED FRENCH WEAPONS INCLUDING MIRAGES. LIBYA AND SAUDI ARABIA REPORTEDLY ALSO WILL FINANCE PAKISTANI MILITARY TRAINING ACTIVITIES IN SEVERAL AFRICAN COUNTRIES. (APPELBAUM)

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SITUATION IN MOROCCO: AS HAS BEEN THE CASE ANNUALLY IN THE PAST AT THIS TIME, RUMORS OF A DETERIORATING SECURITY SITUATION ARE RIFE AS MOROCCO PREPARES FOR ITS NATIONAL DAY TOMORROW (SUNDAY) THE 13TH ANNIVERSARY OF KING HASSAN'S ACCESSION TO THE

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THRONES. LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME THERE WERE SOME SHORT-LIVED DIS-
ORDERS IN CENTRAL MOROCCO, AGAINST A BACKDROP WHICH HAS ALSO
INCLUDED TWO ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS AGAINST THE KING IN 1971
AND 1972. THIS YEAR THE GOVERNMENT IS TAKING A NUMBER OF SECURITY
PRECAUTIONS, INCLUDING PUTTING THE MOROCCAN MILITARY ON ALERT
DURING THIS PERIOD. THERE IS NO HARD EVIDENCE OF ANY PARTICULAR
PLOT AGAINST THE KING AT THIS TIME, AND HE HAS SUCCESSFULLY IN
THE PAST GOTTEN THROUGH DIFFICULT PERIODS. NONETHELESS, THE
CURRENT SITUATION IS A REMINDER OF THE CONTINUING INSTABILITY
THAT PLAGUES MOROCCO'S DOMESTIC POLITICAL LIFE. (NIEHUS/GUANDT)

INDOCHINA SITUATION: IN SOUTH VIETNAM, MOST OF THE MILITARY
ACTIVITY CONTINUES TO BE CENTERED IN SCATTERED DISTRICTS IN
THE CENTRAL DELTA. FIGHTING HAS PASED THROUGHOUT THE REST OF
THE COUNTRY. RECENT MOVES IN DINH DUONG PROVINCE BY ELEMENTS
OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE 7TH AND 9TH DIVISIONS INDICATE THAT
SOME INCREASE IN MILITARY ACTION MAY TAKE PLACE THERE SHORTLY.
FROM THEIR NEW POSITIONS NEAR LAI KHE, THESE UNITS COULD BLOCK
GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTS TO MOVE INTO COMMUNIST BASE AREAS OR DIS-
RUPT SOUTH VIETNAMESE ROAD CLEARING OPERATIONS NORTHWARD ALONG
ROUTE 13 OR ON ROUTE 1A TO THE NORTHEAST.
MILITARY ACTIVITY IN CAMBODIA WAS GENERALLY LIGHT YESTERDAY IN
THE PHNOM PENH REGION ALTHOUGH GOVERNMENT FORCES SWEEPING NORTH-
WEST OF THE CITY DID ENGAGE A BATTALION SIZE ENEMY FORCE. MINOR
CLASHES OCCURRED ALONG THE CITY'S SOUTHERN FRONT AND GOVERNMENT
CLEARING OPERATIONS CONTINUED TO MAKE SOME PROGRESS IN THE AREA
BETWEEN ROUTE 1 AND THE BASSAC RIVER SOUTHEAST OF THE CAPITAL.
IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, GARRISON TROOPS HAVE MOVED SOUTH FROM THE
PROVINCIAL CAPITAL OF TAKEO TO SECURE GROUND AROUND THE CITY'S
AIRFIELD. THE AIRFIELD HAS BEEN CLOSED SINCE COMMUNIST UNITS
BEGAN THEIR SIEGE OF TAKEO IN MID-NOVEMBER.

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UK ELECTIONS: PRIME MINISTER HEATH HOPES TO KNOW ON MONDAY WHETHER HE CAN CARRY ON OR WHETHER HE WILL HAVE TO RESIGN. THE NEW PARLIAMENT WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY. THE LATEST TALLY, WITH ONE SEAT STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR, GIVES THE CONSERVATIVES 296, LABOR 301, LIBERALS 14, AND OTHER PARTIES 23. ANY NEW GOVERNMENT MUST RELY ON THE LIBERALS AND THE OTHER SMALL PARTIES. THE LATTER CATEGORY INCLUDES SCOTTISH AND WELSH NATIONALISTS, THE PARTIES IN ULSTER, AND INDIVIDUAL POLITICIANS NOT ALIGNED WITH ANY PARTY. LIBERAL LEADER THORPE SAYS HIS PARTY WILL DECIDE ITS COURSE ON MONDAY. BEFORE THE ELECTIONS HE SAID THAT HE DID NOT APPROVE OF THE LEADERSHIP OF EITHER WILSON OR HEATH.

THE OTHER SMALL PARTIES, WHOSE REPRESENTATION IN PARLIAMENT INCREASED DRAMATICALLY, LARGELY BECAUSE OF VOTER DISSATISFACTION WITH THE MAJOR PARTIES, PROBABLY CANNOT ACT AS A COHESIVE GROUP AND IN GENERAL WILL TEND TO FOLLOW THEIR OWN SEPARATE INTERESTS. THIS FACTOR WILL TEND TO MAKE ANY POLITICAL ALLIANCE MADE WITH THEM VERY TENUOUS.

FRENCH CABINET SHUFFLE: ON MARCH 1, FRENCH PRIME MINISTER PIERRE MESSMER ANNOUNCED THE MINISTERS OF THE NEW FRENCH GOVERNMENT. ALL KEY MINISTERS CONTINUE TO HOLD THE SAME POSITIONS THEY HELD BEFORE THE SHUFFLE: JOBERT, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS; D'ESTAIN, FINANCE MINISTER; AND GALLEY, DEFENSE MINISTER.

IN KEEPING WITH PRESIDENT POMPIDOU'S INSTRUCTIONS TO MESSMER, THE NUMBER OF MINISTERIAL POSTS IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM 22 TO 16. INTERIOR MINISTER MARCELLIN HAS BEEN MOVED TO AGRICULTURE, AND AGRICULTURE MINISTER CHIRAC HAS BEEN MOVED TO INTERIOR. THE SHUFFLE DID NOT PRODUCE THE CREATION OF A NEW MINISTERIAL POST FOR ENERGY AS ANTICIPATED BY SOME. THE RESULTS OF THE CABINET SHUFFLE WOULD SEEM TO CONFIRM THAT PRESIDENT POMPIDOU MADE THIS MOVE TO DEMONSTRATE HIS CONFIDENCE IN MESSMER, AND TO INDICATE THAT THE MESSMER GOVERNMENT IS CAPABLE OF RESPONDING EFFECTIVELY TO THE MAJOR ISSUES FACING FRANCE.

ETHIOPIAN MILITARY REBELLION: THE SITUATION IN ASMAFA CONTINUES CALM THIS MORNING. HOWEVER, AIRPORTS, BANKS, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS ARE STILL CONTROLLED BY THE REBEL FORCES AND

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CLOSURE ESPECIALLY OF BANKS AND AIRPORTS IS BEGINNING TO CAUSE SOME PUBLIC CONCERN. REPORTEDLY, ADDITIONAL AIR FORCE AND NAVY OFFICERS WERE PICKED UP AND PLACED UNDER CONFINEMENT YESTERDAY.

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TENSIONS HAVE LESSENED CONSIDERABLY IN ADDIS ABABA. OUR US-ATTACHE REPORTS TROOPS ARE NO LONGER MAINTAINING ROAD-BLOCKS AND LARGE TROOP MOVEMENTS WITHIN THE CITY HAVE ENDED. THE AIRPORT IS APPARENTLY FUNCTIONING NORMALLY BUT THE DISSIDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTING ETHIOPIANS TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. STUDENTS MARCHED IN THE CAPITAL YESTERDAY CALLING FOR TRIAL OF DEPOSED MINISTERS AND DEMANDING REPLACEMENT OF NEWLY-APPOINTED PRIME MINISTER ENDALKATCHER. THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT DOUBTLESS HAS MIXED FEELINGS ABOUT CURRENT EVENTS IN ETHIOPIA. WHATEVER WEAKNESS THAT NEIGHBOR DISPLAYS IS WELCOME IN MOGADISCIO. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT HAS ITS OWN PROBLEMS WITH RISING PRICES AND MILITARY TROUBLE AND DOES NOT WANT THE ETHIOPIAN UNREST TO SPREAD TO SOMALIA. LOOKING BEYOND THE CURRENT CRISIS AND ASSUMING THE NEW PRIME MINISTER IS CAPABLE OF RESTORING ORDER, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS LIKELY TO RECEIVE NEW AND MORE PERSISTENT REQUESTS FOR INCREASED MILITARY ASSISTANCE. THERE HAS BEEN ONE REPORT THAT ONE OF THE ELEMENTS THAT LED TO THE MILITARY REBELLION WAS DISSATISFACTION OVER THE QUALITY OF ETHIOPIAN MILITARY HARDWARE AS OPPOSED TO THAT OF SOMALIA, SUPPLIED BY THE SOVIET UNION.

GUATEMALAN ELECTIONS: PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD SUNDAY IN GUATEMALA. THE CANDIDATE OF THE GOVERNING COALITION, GENERAL LAUGERUD, HAS THE BEST CHANCE OF WINNING WHAT IS EXPECTED TO BE A CLOSE ELECTION. HIS CHIEF OPPONENT IS GENERAL RIOS MONTT OF THE LEFTIST NATIONAL OPPOSITION FRONT FOLLOWED BY COLONEL PAIZ OF THE CENTRIST REVOLUTIONARY PARTY.. IF NO CANDIDATE WINS A MAJORITY, THE ELECTION WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED CONGRESS WHICH WILL ELECT ONE OF THE TWO TOP VOTE-GETTERS. THE GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO AVOID THE NECESSITY OF A CONGRESSIONAL DECISION AND IS LIKELY, IF NECESSARY, TO RIG ELECTION RESULTS IN PLACES WHERE IT IS LEAST LIKELY TO BE CHALLENGED, PRIMARILY IN THE INTERIOR OF THE COUNTRY. IT WILL AVOID FLATBELL EXCESSES, HOWEVER, OUT OF CONCERN THAT RIOS' SUPPORTERS MIGHT TAKE TO THE STREETS IN PROTEST. IN LAST MINUTE CAMPAIGNING, LAUGERUD HAS CHARGED THAT RIOS MONTT WOULD BRING COMMUNISM TO GUATEMALA. THE SPEECH PROBABLY WILL HAVE SOME SUCCESS IN DRIVING VOTERS AWAY FROM RIOS MONTT.

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SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY: THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPECIAL SESSION REQUESTED BY THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT WILL OPEN APRIL 9 AND PROBABLY CONTINUE FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS. THE FORMAL AGENDA PROVIDES A SINGLE SUBSTANTIVE ITEM "STUDY OF THE PROBLEMS OF RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT." AS THE DATE OF THIS SPECIAL SESSION APPROACHES, WE HAVE IN-

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CREATING REPORTS OF PLANS BY MANY GOVERNMENTS TO SEND HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATIONS (AT THE FOREIGN OR OTHER MINISTERIAL LEVEL) WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF THE ATTENDANCE BY SOME CHIEFS OF STATE. NEGOTIATIONS PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENNE IS EXPECTED TO ADDRESS THE SES-

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