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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEMS

SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA: IN CAMBODIA, THE SEESAW FIGHTING WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED THE CONTEST FOR CONTROL OF ROUTE 5 NORTHWEST OF KOMPONG CHHANG IS CONTINUING. THE KHMER COMMUNISTS RETAIN A SUFFICIENTLY LARGE FORCE IN THE AREA TO INTERDICT ROUTE 5 ALMOST AT WILL FOR SHORT PERIODS OF TIME, AND THEY SEEM INTENT ON DISRUPTING THE USE OF THE ROUTE 5-TONLE SAP SUPPLY LINK WITH THE RICE-PRODUCING NORTHWEST. COMMUNIST COMMANDERS HAVE INDICATED THEY ARE NOT WILLING TO TAKE HEAVY CASUALTIES, HOWEVER, AND CAMBODIAN ARMY UNITS WILL PROBABLY BE ABLE TO CLEAR THE INTERDICTIONS AS THEY OCCUR. THIS WILL MAKE USE OF THE ROAD IN THIS AREA A DAY-TO-DAY PROPOSITION. IN THE CAPITAL REGION, THE KC TROOPS LAUNCHED STRONG ATTACKS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT'S NEW DEFENSE LINE IN THE UPPER BASSAC CORRIDOR EARLY IN THE WEEK, BUT THEY WERE REPULSED. TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT HAS BEEN A KEY FACTOR IN THE FIGHTING, AND ALL GOVERNMENT POSITIONS ARE HOLDING. THE EXTENSION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PERIMETER IN THIS AREA HAS LIMITED THE EFFECTIVENESS OF COMMUNIST ROCKET ATTACKS ON THE CAPITAL, BUT FURTHER COMMUNIST COUNTERATTACKS ARE LIKELY. SOME HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE COMMUNIST AGENT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTIVITY IN PHNOM PENH, ARE APPARENTLY MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE. WITH THE DEBATE ON THE ISSUE OF CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION IN THE UN MOVING CLOSER, ONE REASON FOR THE MEETING MAY BE TO PREPARE FOR A DISRUPTIVE HIGHLY VISIBLE ACTION IN PHNOM PENH THAT WOULD SERVE TO ENHANCE THEIR CAUSE. THE COMMUNISTS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO AGGRAVATE AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LOCAL UNREST IN THE PAST, BUT FOR THE MOST PART THEY HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. OVERALL ACTION IS LIGHT THROUGH SOUTH VIETNAM. MOST OF THE FIGHTING HAS OCCURRED IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE, WHERE SOUTH VIETNAMESE FORCES ARE READYING AN ASSAULT ON A COMMUNIST HILLTOP POSITION OVERLOOKING THE PHU BAI AIRBASE. BECAUSE OF BAD WEATHER AND

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NORTH VIETNAMESE COUNTERATTACKS AGAINST SUPPORTING GOVERNMENT  
UNITS, THE MAIN ASSAULT WAS CANCELED UNTIL SATURDAY. GOVERNMENT  
SPOKESMEN ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT COMMUNIST TERRORISTS  
ATTACKED LOCAL SOUTH VIETNAMESE SECURITY FORCES FIVE MILES FROM  
SAIGON ON WEDNESDAY. ROCKETS ALSO WERE FIRED INTO A HAMLET WEST  
OF THE CITY. THE INCIDENTS WERE THE CLOSEST COMMUNIST ACTION TO  
THE CAPITAL IN SEVERAL MONTHS.Z

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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEMS

ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE : REUTER SAYS THAT THE ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS TODAY AGREED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE OPENING TOMORROW SHOULD RECONFIRM THE PALESTINIAN COMMANDO LEADERSHIP AS THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. ALL ARAB DELEGATES VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE RECOMMENDATION THIS MORNING WITH THE EXCEPTION OF JORDAN.

SOVIET NUCLEAR MATERIAL SENT TO WEST GERMANY: THE USSR HAS INFORMED THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY THAT IT HAS BEGUN SHIPPING SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIAL TO THE WEST GERMANS. CONTRARY TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, THE SOVIETS ARE NOT PLACING THE MATERIAL UNDER THE AGENCY'S SAFEGUARDS. MOSCOW CONTENDS THAT IN SO DOING IT IS MERELY FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF THE U.S. THE SOVIETS HAVE SIGNED WITHIN THE PAST YEAR SEVERAL CONTRACTS WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES FOR THE PROVISION OF URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES AND HAVE SHOWN AN INTEREST IN NEGOTIATING MORE. BY ADMITTING THAT MATERIAL TO BE TRANSFERED UNDER THE CONTRACTS IS NOT BEING SUBJECT TO THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCY'S SAFEGUARDS, THE SOVIETS HAVE IMPLICITLY RECOGNIZED THAT EURATOM SAFEGUARDS -- WHICH WILL COVER THE MATERIAL BEING SHIPPED -- ARE SUFFICIENT. THE SOVIETS HAD PREVIOUSLY ARGUED AGAINST THEIR EFFICACY.

FAHMI'S MOSCOW VISIT: A SENIOR EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL HAS CONFIRMED EARLIER INDICATIONS THAT NO AGREEMENTS RESULTED FROM FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMI'S VISIT TO MOSCOW LAST WEEK, EXCEPT FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF SECRETARY BREZHNEV'S INTENTION TO TRAVEL TO CAIRO IN JANUARY. ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL, THE SOVIETS POLITELY AVOIDED ECONOMIC AND MILITARY COMMITMENTS BY ASSURING THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION THAT THEY WERE AWARE OF EGYPT'S NEEDS AND WOULD PLAN FOR SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENTS DURING THE SUMMIT IN JANUARY. THE SOVIETS INDICATED NEGOTIATIONS ON

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FUTHER AID COMMITMENTS CAN PROCEED BETWEEN NOW AND JANUARY, BUT ANY FINAL AGREEMENTS MUST WAIT UNTIL THE BREZHNEV VISIT.

NEW LEBANESE GOVERNMENT TO BE FORMED: LEBANESE PRESIDENT FRANJIYAH HAS ASKED RASHID AL-SULH, A RELATIVE UNKNOWN TO FORM A NEW GOVERNMENT. SINCE SAIB SULAM ABANDONED HIS EFFORTS EARLIER THIS WEEK TO FORM A CABINET, FRANJIYAH HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR A CANDIDATE BOTH PLIABLE AND ACCEPTABLE TO THE VARIOUS CONFESSIONAL AND POLITICAL BLOCS IN PARLIAMENT. IT WILL TAKE WEEKS FOR THE NEW PREMIER-DESIGNATE TO PUT TOGETHER A SLATE SATISFACTORY TO THE VARIOUS PARLIAMENTARY FACTIONS -- IF, INDEED, HE CAN DO IT AT ALL. SULH IS SAID TO HAVE CONNECTIONS WITH KAMAL JUMBLATT, WHO HAS STRONG TIES WITH THE FEDAYEEN AND SYRIANS. JUMBLATT'S SUPPORT COULD ELIMINATE A MAJOR SOURCE OF THE OPPOSITION ENCOUNTERED BY SAIB SULAM.

TITO VISIT TO DENMARK: BELGRADE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT PRESIDENT TITO WILL GO TO DENMARK NEXT TUESDAY FOR A THREE-DAY STATE VISIT. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TRIP, TITO'S FIRST OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY SINCE HIS VISIT TO WEST GERMANY LAST JUNE, IS ANOTHER INDICATION THAT HE CURRENTLY IS IN REASONABLY GOOD HEALTH.

PAKISTAN CABINET SHUFFLE: THIS WEEK AN IMPORTANT CHANGE BY PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO WAS THE REMOVAL OF MUBASHIR HASAN AS FINANCE MINISTER. HASAN HAS BEEN GENERALLY REGARDED AS ONE OF THE MORE LEFT-LEANING, SOCIALIST-ORIENTED MEMBERS OF THE CABINET. HIS REPLACEMENT IS A LITTLE-KNOWN FIGURE, EX-LABOR MINISTER MOHAMMAD HANIF. THE OUTGOING MINISTER OF LAW AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, ABDUL HAFIZ PIRZADA, IS A YOUNG (33) PROTEGE OF BHUTTO'S. HE HAS BEEN REGARDED IN SOME QUARTERS AS THE PRIME MINISTER'S EVENTUAL SUCCESSOR. CIA NOTES THAT BHUTTO MAY HAVE RELIEVED PIRZADA OF THE IMPORTANT LAW PORTFOLIO TO PREVENT HIM FROM ACHIEVING MORE POWER AND PRESTIGE. PIRZADA HAS RETAINED TWO OTHER MINISTRIES AND HAS BEEN NAMED MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. CIA ALSO POINTS OUT THAT THIS JOB COULD PROVE IMPORTANT, GIVEN THE BHUTTO GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN ABOUT INDIA'S RECENT ENTRY INTO THE NUCLEAR CLUB AND ITS OWN LONG-TERM PLANS TO DEVELOP PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES. BHUTTO CONTINUES TO HOLD THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE PORTFOLIOS HIMSELF. HIS CLOSEST FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR, AZIZ AHMED, REMAINS AS MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE OF RUNNING BOTH OF THESE KEY MINISTRIES.

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