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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEMS

ETHIOPIAN SITUATION : THERE WERE PRESS REPORTS FROM BEIRUT ON WEDNESDAY THAT THE ETHIOPIAN MILITARY REGIME HAD DECIDED ON THE EARLY EXECUTION OF HAILE SELASSIE. WHILE THE ETHIOPIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS OFFICIALLY INDICATED TO OUR EMBASSY IN ADDIS THESE REPORTS ARE WITHOUT FOUNDATION, THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC CONCERN EXPRESSED BOTH HERE AND ABROAD.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS INSTRUCTED OUR EMBASSY TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERNS TO THE MILITARY REGIME CONCERNING PAST EXECUTIONS AND TO ASK ON HUMANE GROUNDS AND IN THE CONTEXT OF THE TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND THE U.S. THAT NO FURTHER EXECUTIONS BE CARRIED OUT. THE STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS OFFICER HAS MADE THESE INSTRUCTIONS PUBLIC.

IN ADDITION, OUR EMBASSY HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INFORM ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES THAT THE U.S. WOULD VIEW WITH SHOCK AND REVULSION THE EXECUTION OF THE FORMER EMPEROR. THE U.S. VIEW, WHICH WE BELIEVED WOULD BE SHARED BY WORLD OPINION, IS BASED ON HAILE SELASSIE'S HISTORIC ROLE IN RESISTING FOREIGN AGGRESSION AGAINST ETHIOPIA 40 YEARS AGO AND HIS MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO AFRICAN UNITY AND INDEPENDENCE. THE STATE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT CURRENTLY PLAN TO MAKE THIS DEMARCHE PUBLIC.

IN ADDITION, WHILE AGAIN NOT MAKING THIS DECISION PUBLIC, THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS NOT CONCLUDING ANY NEW ECONOMIC OR MILITARY ASSISTANCE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ETHIOPIA UNTIL IT HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS THE SITUATION FURTHER. STATE IS ALSO PLACING A HOLD ON ANY FUTURE DELIVERIES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT THAT MIGHT BE IN THE PIPELINE. (HORAN)

CHILE EXPELS OPPOSITION LEADER: THE LEADER OF THE LEFT WING

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OF CHILE'S LARGEST POLITICAL PARTY WAS EXPELLED FROM THE COUNTRY FOLLOWING CRITICAL COMMENTS ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT TO A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT. SENATOR FUENTEALBA WAS PICKED UP AT HIS OFFICE AND PUT ABOARD AN AIRPLANE BEFORE HIS FAMILY WAS AWARE THAT HE HAD BEEN ARRESTED. A CHILEAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL TOLD OUR EMBASSY THAT THE FORMER PRESIDENT AND LEADER OF THE SAME PARTY, EDUARDO FREI, WAS IN DANGER OF THE SAME TREATMENT. THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT'S STRONG REACTION TO CRITICISM FROM THOSE CONSIDERED TO BE RELATIVELY MODERATE WILL HARDEN OPPOSITION TO IT, BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF CHILE, AND ENCOURAGE OPPOSITION WITHIN THE U.S. CONGRESS TO OUR OWN EFFORTS TO PROVIDE DEFENSIVE ARMS TO CHILE IN THE FACE OF CHALLENGE FROM PERU. (LOW)

ICELAND FIRES ON AND SEIZES WEST GERMAN TRAWLER: AN ICELANDIC COAST GUARD CUTTER FIRED FIVE SHOTS AT A WEST GERMAN TRAWLER ABOUT 35 MILES OFF THE COAST OF ICELAND YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. THE TRAWLER WAS BOARDED AND ESCORTED TO WESTMANN ISLANDS, WHERE THE TRIAL WAS TO BEGIN WEDNESDAY. THE SECRETARY GENERAL IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TOLD OUR AMBASSADOR, "IT LOOKS LIKE THE BEGINNING OF ANOTHER COLD WAR." (CLIFT)

NORTH KOREANS MAY LOSE AT UN: FOR THE FIRST TIME, ESTIMATES OF THE ASSEMBLY VOTE ON THE NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION TO GET U.S. FORCES OUT OF KOREA INDICATE THAT IT WILL BE DEFEATED. A PICKUP OF SEVERAL VOTES IN RECENT DAYS BY OPPONENTS OF THE NORTH KOREAN MOVE HAS RESULTED IN A TALLY OF 44 FOR, 45 AGAINST, 46 ABSTAINING. THE VOTE IN THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE WILL NOT COME UNTIL NEXT WEEK, HOWEVER, AND THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL SHIFTS IN BOTH DIRECTIONS. IF THE NORTH KOREANS SEE A PROSPECT OF DEFEAT NEXT WEEK, THEY MAY BECOME MORE RECEPTIVE TO PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS LOOKING TOWARD COMPROMISE, AS WAS THE CASE LAST YEAR.

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