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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM.

SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEMS

NEW CHANCE FOR ECEVIT TO FORM GOVERNMENT:: PRESI-
DENT KOROTURK WILL PROBABLY TURN TO ECEVIT ONCE AGAIN TO TRY
TO FORM A GOVERNMENT IN THE WAKE OF THE RESOUNDING DEFEAT OF
THE PROPOSED IRMAK GOVERNMENT IN PARLIAMENT TODAY. IN THE
FIRST HOPEFUL SIGN THAT A BREAK IN THE TWO-AND-A-HALF MONTH
STALEMATE OVER ESTABLISHING A GOVERNMENT MAY BE IMMINENT,
DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER BOZBEYLI HAS ECHOED ECEVIT'S CALL FOR
EARLY ELECTIONS AS THE ONLY WAY OUT OF THE IMPASSE. SECRET
NEGOTIATIONS ECEVIT HAS BEEN HOLDING WITH THE DEMOCRATS IN AN
EFFORT TO FORM A COALITION TO RETURN HIM TO POWER HAVE IN-
CLUDED A COMMITMENT TO HOLD ELECTIONS BY JUNE 1975. ALTHOUGH
BOZBEYLI TURNED ECEVIT DOWN TWICE BEFORE, THE DETERIORATING
DOMESTIC SITUATION MAY HAVE CONVINCED HIM, AS WELL AS OTHER
POLITICIANS, THAT NEW ELECTIONS ARE NECESSARY TO SECURE A CLEAR
MANDATE TO GOVERN. THERE IS A GROWING FEAR AMONG THE POLITICIANS
THAT IF THEY ARE UNABLE TO FORM A WORKABLE GOVERNMENT, THE MILI-
TARY WILL.

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PHNOM PENH'S UN VICTORY HOLDS UP: THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HAS CONCLUDED DEBATE ON THE CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION ISSUE.
IN TODAY'S SESSION PRINCE SIHANOUK'S BACKERS DID NOT ATTEMPT
ANY PARLIAMENTARY MANEUVERS TO REVERSE THE ASSEMBLY'S FAVORABLE
VOTE ON THE PRO-PHNOM PENH RESOLUTION, AND THE LON NOL GOVERN-
MENT IS THUS GUARANTEED ITS UN SEAT FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

SOVIET CRITICISM OF U.S. AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE TO PORTUGAL:
THE PORTUGUESE CHIEF OF CABINET TOLD A U.S EMBASSY OFFICER
ON NOVEMBER 25 THAT SOME VISITING RUSSIANS HAD SAID PORTUGAL
SHOULD NOT ACCEPT CARLUCCI AS AMBASSADOR. THE SOVIETS RELAYED
A DISTORTED ACCOUNT OF CARLUCCI'S ACTIVITIES IN ZANZIBAR, THE
CONGO, AND BRAZIL. THE PORTUGUESE OFFICIAL TOLD THE SOVIETS

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THE MATTER WAS NONE OF THEIR BUSINESS.

MEXICO SEVERS TIES WITH CHILE: MEXICO'S DECISION TO SEVER RELATIONS WITH CHILE WAS PROBABLY TAKEN TO CURRY FAVOR IN THE NONALIGNED WORLD BY DRAMATIZING MEXICAN DISTASTE FOR THE CHILEAN MILITARY. PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA WAS FRIENDLY WITH ALLENDE AND HAS BEEN DECIDEDLY COLD TOWARD THE PINOCHET GOVERNMENT. MEXICO CONSIDERS THE PINOCHET GOVERNMENT TO BE "ILLEGITIMATE," BUT PRESS REPORTS LINKING THE DIPLOMATIC BREAK TO ALLEGED CIA INVOLVEMENT IN ALLENDE'S OVERTHROW WOULD SEEM OUT OF CHARACTER FOR ECHEVERRIA.

VENEZUELAN ORGANIZE MEETING OF CENTRAL AMERICAN PRESIDENTS IN CARACAS: VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ HAS INVITED THE CHIEFS OF STATE FROM CENTRAL AMERICA AND PANAMA TO A SUMMIT MEETING TO BE HELD IN CARACAS DECEMBER 13-14. THE MEETING IS REPORTEDLY TO DISCUSS REGIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION, INCLUDING SUPPORT OF RAW MATERIAL PRICES. IT IS ALSO ANOTHER EFFORT BY THE VENEZUELAN TO EXERT LEADERSHIP THROUGH THEIR ECONOMIC INFLUENCE. (LOW)

SOVIET AND CENTO SHIP INCIDENT: A FORMATION OF U.S. AND CENTO NAVAL SHIPS PARTICIPATING IN AN ANNUAL EXERCISE HAD TO CHANGE COURSE TWICE TO AVOID COLLIDING WITH A SOVIET SPACE VEHICLE RECOVERY SHIP IN THE ARABIAN SEA ON NOVEMBER 26. THE SOVIET SHIP SEVAAN WAS FIRST IDENTIFIED HEADING DIRECTLY FOR THE ALLIED FORMATION AT A DISTANCE OF FOUR MILES. THE U.S. AND CENTO GROUP SHIPS CHANGED COURSE. THE SEVAN, HOWEVER, ALSO ALTERED ITS COURSE, WHICH REQUIRED STILL ANOTHER COURSE CHANGE BY THE FORMATION. THE SEVAN PASSED WITHIN 500 YARDS OF ONE U.S. SHIP, THEN TURNED AND BEGAN TAILING THE GROUP. INCIDENTS OF THIS KIND HAVE BEEN RARE SINCE THE U.S.-USSR AGREEMENT IN 1972 ON PREVENTING INCIDENTS AT SEA.

EC NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS FAIL TO AGREE ON SUMMIT AGENDA: THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE EC NINE FAILED TO REACH AGREEMENT THIS WEEK ON THE ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE EC SUMMIT SCHEDULED FOR PARIS DECEMBER 9 AND 10. THE MINISTERS WILL MAKE A FINAL EFFORT TO RECONCILE THEIR DIFFERENCES EARLY NEXT WEEK. THEY ARE NOT LIKELY TO SUCCEED ON THE KEY AREAS -- ENERGY, REGIONAL POLICY, AND INFLATION -- BUT THE SUMMIT WILL PROBABLY BE HELD ANYWAY. ENERGY QUESTIONS -- IN PARTICULAR THE FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR A CONFERENCE OF OIL CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS, FRENCH ASSOCIATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY FAVORED BY THE OTHER EIGHT, AND U.S. PROPOSALS FOR CONSUMER COOPERATION -- WILL HAVE A PROMINENT PLACE AT THE SUMMIT. SOME ADVANCES APPARENTLY HAVE BEEN MADE IN RESOLVING THE DIFFERENCES ON INTERNAL ENERGY POLICIES, BUT THERE IS NO AGREEMENT YET TO SET GUIDELINES FOR REDUCING ENERGY CONSUMPTION. EC INSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS -- AMONG THEM PROPOSALS FOR PERIODIC

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MEETINGS OF THE NINE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT, MAJORITY VOTING IN THE COUNCIL, AND DIRECT ELECTIONS FOR THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT -- ARE ON THE SUMMIT AGENDA. PARIS INITIALLY WANTED THE SUMMIT DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO THESE MATTERS, BUT THIS HAS NOT PROVED POSSIBLE. A CONSENSUS IS POSSIBLE ON REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT, PERHAPS AS OFTEN AS THREE OR FOUR TIMES A YEAR.

WASHINGTON STAR-NEWS: OSWALD JOHNSTON REPORTS THAT YOUR SCHEDULED FORMAL TALKS WITH CHINESE LEADERS ENDED JUST AS THEY BEGAN: CORRECT, SUBDUED, AND, BY ALL OUTWARD SIGNS, INCONCLUSIVE. JOHNSTON LISTS THE "OBJECTIVE SIGNPOSTS" MISSING FROM THIS TRIP WHICH HIGHLIGHTED YOUR PREVIOUS VISITS: NO MEETING WITH MAO TSE-TUNG AND NO DECISIVE MOVE TOWARD "NORMALIZATION," EVEN THOUGH THE CHINESE ARE WIDELY REPORTED IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES TO BE IMPATIENT FOR SUCH A MOVE. CARL ROWAN JOINS THE GROWING LIST OF COLUMNISTS AND COMMENTATORS WHO CAUTION AMERICANS TO BE WARY OF THE "BREAKTHROUGH" AT VLADIVOSTOK. FROM THE VIEW OF AN OLD "JOINT COMMUNIQUE" WRITER, REMARKS ROWAN, HYPERBOLE IS ONE OF THE MOST OFTEN USED TOOLS OF POLITICIANS BENT ON PRESENTING THE NOTION THAT PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE IS ALWAYS BEING PURSUED. THE COLUMNIST CITES THREE FACTORS WHICH SHOULD MAKE AMERICANS TAKE THE ACCORD WITH "A GRAIN OF SALT" (SIC). FIRST, THE DOMINANT GROUP IN THE KREMLIN HAS TOO MUCH INVESTED IN DETENTE TO SEE THE MOVEMENT COLLAPSE. SECOND, PRESIDENT FORD SIMPLY MUST PROVE THAT HE IS CAPABLE OF HANDLING GREAT AND DELICATE ISSUES OF WORLD AFFAIRS. THIRD, IT IS AN ALMOST UNBREAKABLE RULE OF DIPLOMACY THAT TWO MAJOR CHIEFS OF STATE MUST NEVER GO TO THE SUMMIT WITHOUT AT LEAST APPEARING TO ACHIEVE SOMETHING HISTORIC. GARY WILLS DESCRIBES YOU AS BEING PLACED IN A MOST PRECARIOUS POSITION WITH RESPECT TO WORLD AFFAIRS; THIS RESULTS FROM YOUR OWN UNDERTAKINGS. WILLS COMMENTS THAT THE PROBLEMS FACING THE WORLD DEMAND INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION WHICH YOU CANNOT PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY HANDLE ADEQUATELY BECAUSE OF SHEER VOLUME. YOU ARE CHARGED WITH FAILING BY TRYING TOO HARD. THE ONLY HOPE FOR YOU IS TO HAVE THE PRESIDENT BEGIN TO PONDER SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS HIMSELF AND STOP RELYING ON YOU TO SHOULDER THE PROBLEM-SOLVING BURDEN AD INFINITUM.A

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