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MEMORANDUM FOR: DECEMBER 29, 1975  
FROM: THE PRESIDENT  
SUBJECT: BRENT SCOWCROFT  
INFORMATION ITEMS

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE  
INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

GISCARDI'S VISIT TO EGYPT: EMBASSY CAIRO REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT GISCARDI DESTAINIS VISIT TO EGYPT WAS THE MOST PUBLICIZED AND ELEGANT EVENT SINCE PRESIDENT NIXON'S ARRIVAL IN JUNE 1974. FOR SADAT, THE EMBASSY SAYS, THE VISIT MEANT IMPORTANT POLITICAL SUPPORT FROM A LEADING WESTERN STATESMAN WHO GAVE HIM ENTHUSIASTIC PUBLIC ENDORSEMENT FOR HIS MIDDLE EAST STRATEGY. ALTHOUGH MILITARY SALES AND LONG-TERM AID LOANS WERE NOT ANNOUNCED, THE FRENCH WILL HELP EGYPT WITH MILITARY INDUSTRIALIZATION. THE EMBASSY REPORTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT IS PERMITTING EXAGGERATED DISCUSSION PUBLICLY ABOUT MILITARY SUPPLY AS IT BOLSTERS SADAT'S EFFORTS TO "PROVE" THAT HE HAS A CREDIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO THE SOVIETS. FOR FRANCE, POLITICAL AGILITY IS PAYING OFF IN COMMERCIAL TERMS.

SPAIN -- U.S. AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION WITH NEW INTERIOR A LARGE SOCIALIST GROUPING CREATED. HE AVOIDED THE USE OF THE TERM "PARTY," NOTING THAT THE WORD HAD NEGATIVE POLITICAL CONNOTATIONS IN SPAIN. IN CLOSING, FRAGA INDICATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH AMBASSADOR STABLER IN THE FUTURE.  
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