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MEMORANDUM FOR:  
FROM:  
SUBJECT:

THE PRESIDENT  
BRENT SCOWCROFT  
INFORMATION ITEMS

GUATEMALAN RELIEF EFFORT: SPECIAL DISASTER RELIEF CO-  
ORDINATOR DANIEL PARKER AND ASSISTANT AID ADMINISTRATOR  
HERMAN KLEINE BRIEFED MEMBERS OF THE SENATE FOREIGN  
RELATIONS COMMITTEE MONDAY AFTERNOON FOLLOWING THEIR  
MEETING WITH YOU. THE COMMITTEE BRIEFING WAS VERY  
WELL RECEIVED AND THE SENATORS PRESENT (MCGHEE, SPARK-  
MAN, AND CASE) WERE SYMPATHETIC AND EXPRESSED THEIR  
DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL IN OBTAINING NECESSARY APPROPRIA-  
TIONS FOR THE RELIEF AND RECOVERY EFFORT. WE ARE BEGIN-  
NING TO REDEPLOY SOME EQUIPMENT NO LONGER NEEDED FOR  
THE CONTINUING RELIEF EFFORT. FOUR HUEY HELICOPTERS  
HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO THEIR HOME BASE. THE FOUR REMAIN-  
ING ARE CONTINUING TO AIRLIFT SUPPLIES TO INACCESSIBLE  
RURAL AREAS. THE ARMY FIELD HOSPITAL'S FULL SERVICES  
ALSO ARE NO LONGER NEEDED AND IT WILL BE RETURNED TO  
THE U.S. THIS WEEK. SOME OF ITS EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES  
WILL REMAIN IN GUATEMALA FOR USE BY OTHER HOSPITALS IN  
THE AREA.

LOCKHEED AFFAIR: ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO STATE HABIB  
CALLED IN JAPANESE CHARGE NISHIDA, FEBRUARY 14, TO CON-  
VEY STRONG DISPLEASURE WITH THE REPORTED STATEMENT OF  
JAPANESE HOME MINISTER FUKUDA THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT  
HAD "INSULTED" JAPAN BY WITHHOLDING NAMES OF JAPANESE

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OFFICIALS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED WITH LOCKHEED. NISHIDA STATED THAT THE EMBASSY HAD EARLIER THAT DAY RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM TOKYO TO REQUEST FORMALLY THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE SEC INVESTIGATION OF LOCKHEED. HABIS EMPHASIZED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT COULD NOT TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SEPARATING OUT MATERIAL. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE DEPARTMENT INFORMED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SEC OF THE JAPANESE REQUEST FOR THE DOCUMENTS. SINCE THE LOCKHEED INVESTIGATION IS STILL UNDERWAY, THE REQUEST WILL REQUIRE CAREFUL SEC DELIBERATION.

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PEKING'S LEADERSHIP INCREASINGLY POLARIZED BY FACTIONAL CONFLICT: THE LEADERSHIP SITUATION IN PEKING IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY POLARIZED AS SENIOR CHINESE OFFICIALS WRESTLE WITH CONTENTIOUS CHOICES OF SELECTING A NEW PREMIER AND FILLING THREE VACANCIES ON THE POLITBURO'S STANDING COMMITTEE. A FEBRUARY 16 PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLE, EXPRESSING THE POSITION OF THE LEFTIST FACTION, EXPLICITLY STATES THAT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY HAS BEEN SPLIT BY DISPUTES OVER POLICY AND PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS.

AT PRESENT IT APPEARS THAT VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-P'ING HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY COMPROMISED BY THE LEFTISTS, WHO FEAR HE WILL TAKE REVENGE ON THEM FOR THEIR ACTIONS DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION PURGES OF THE LATE 1960S. HUA KUO-FENG REMAINS A TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT AS A COMPROMISE CANDIDATE. THE RADICALS, WHO HAVE A VOICE AMONG THE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND IN THE MASS MEDIA, ARE TRYING HARD TO REVIVE THE SPIRIT OF REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE AGAINST "CAPITALIST ROADERS WITHIN THE PARTY" BY CLAIMING THAT

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TENG AND HIS ALLIES ARE ATTACKING THE POLICIES OF CHAIRMAN MAO HIMSELF. IT IS NOT AT ALL CLEAR THAT MAO IS BEHIND THE ATTACKS FROM THE LEFT) AND WE BELIEVE TENG HAS IMPORTANT SYMPATHIZERS AND ALLIES IN THE MILITARY AND PARTY ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE NOT YET SHOWN THE STRENGTH OF THEIR POSITION.

THUS, WHILE IT MAY BE THAT TENG HIMSELF HAS BEEN BARRED FROM THE PREMIERSHIP BY THE CURRENT ATTACKS ON HIM, MORE MODERATE FORCES WITHIN THE MILITARY AND PARTY ARE UNLIKELY TO ALLOW THE LEFTISTS TO RETURN CHINA TO THE CONDITION OF POLITICAL CHAOS WHICH EXISTED IN 1967 AND 1968. PEKING'S POLITICS ARE LIKELY TO REMAIN FLUID FOR SOME TIME, BUT OUR PRESENT EXPECTATION IS THAT ULTIMATELY THE LEFT MAY OVERPLAY ITS HAND AND COME OUT THE LOSER IN A TEST OF STRENGTH WITH MANY OTHERS WITHIN THE PRC WHO WANT CHINA TO PROCEED IN DEVELOPING ITS ECONOMY AND NATIONAL DEFENSE STRUCTURE IN AN ORDERLY FASHION.

KENNEDY STAFF MEMBERS ARRANGE RETURN OF MARINE BODIES FROM VIETNAM: EMBASSY VIENTIANE REPORTS THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE EXPECT SENATOR KENNEDY'S STAFF MEMBERS TO ARRIVE IN HANOI ON FEBRUARY 22 TO RECEIVE THE BODIES OF THE TWO MARINES KILLED DURING THE EVACUATION OF SAIGON. THE VIETNAMESE HAVE ASKED THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR) TO ARRANGE TRANSPORT OF THE REMAINS FROM SAIGON. JACQUES CUENOD, THE UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE FOR LAOS, TOLD OUR EMBASSY OFFICIALS THAT THE REMAINS ARE TO BE HANDED OVER IN A MID-DAY CEREMONY AT THE TAN SON NHUT AIR BASE IN SAIGON ON FEBRUARY 22.

UK-ICELAND -- NATO SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS PESSIMISTIC: USNATO REPORTS THAT SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS IS DISCOURAGED BY THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN RESOLVING THE UK-ICELAND FISHING DISPUTE BUT THINKS ICELAND IS BLUFFING IN THREATENING TO WITHDRAW FROM NATO. IN A MEETING WITH SEVERAL NATO REPRESENTATIVES LUNS SAID:

- PRIME MINISTER HALLGRIMSSON PERSONALLY BELIEVES THE UK PROPOSALS ARE UNACCEPTABLE AND FORESEES A DIPLOMATIC BREAK.
- ICELAND IS "PUTTING THE HEAT ON" HIM WHEN THERE IS VERY LITTLE HE CAN DO.
- THE NATO PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASK THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO AUTHORIZE DEMARCHES TO THE ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT.

LUNS IS DUBIOUS ABOUT A SUGGESTION THAT THE BRITISH

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WITHDRAW THEIR FRIGATES AND TRAWLERS TEMPORARILY, AS THAT WOULD PROBABLY INDUCE ICELAND TO PROPOSE UN- REALISTICALLY LOW FISHING LIMITS AND SIMPLY PROLONG THE STALEMATE.

MOBUTU DISCUSSES ANGOLA: IN A DISCUSSION WITH OUR AMBAS- SADOR IN KINSHASA FEBRUARY 16, MOBUTU RECOUNTED A MEETING HE HAD A DAY EARLIER WITH CONGO PRESIDENT NGOUABI CONCERN- ING ANGOLA. ACCORDING TO MOBUTU, THE MEETING WAS MPLA CHIEF NETO'S IDEA AND NETO HAD SENT EMISSARIES TO NGOUABI WITH A MESSAGE THAT HE WANTED TO WORK OUT AN ACCOMMODATION WITH MOBUTU. MOBUTU DID NOT TELL OUR AMBASSADOR EXACTLY WHAT NGOUABI SAID OTHER THAN NETO WANTED TO SEND ONE OF HIS TOP ASSISTANTS TO KINSHASA NEXT WEEKEND TO TALK DIRECTLY WITH MOBUTU OR A REPRESENTATIVE. MOBUTU AGREED BUT SAID THAT NETO HAD TO UNDERSTAND ANY DISCUSSION MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ZAIRE'S INSISTANCE ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- MPLA ASSURANCE THAT THE KATANGAN GENDARMES WOULD NOT BE USED AGAINST ZAIRE;
- SOVIET/CUBAN WITHDRAWAL;
- THE RETURN TO ANGOLA OF REFUGEES NOW IN ZAIRE;
- RETURN TO CABINDA OF REFUGEES NOW IN ZAIRE AND AN "AUTONOMOUS STATUS" FOR THE ENCLAVE.

MOBUTU ALSO SAID THAT WHILE HE WOULD NOT BEG NETO, HE HAD TO GET THE BENGUELA RAILROAD OPEN AND THAT THIS ISSUE WOULD BE ON THE HIDDEN AGENDA. HE SAID HE WOULD NOT RETREAT IN HIS DISCUSSION WITH THE MPLA FROM HIS CALL FOR A COALITION GOVERNMENT, BUT HE RECOGNIZED THAT NETO COULD NOT ACCEPT HOLDEN OR SAVIMBI. HE DID THINK NETO COULD BRING OTHER FNLA/UNITA REPRESENTATIVES INTO A COALITION AND SAID HE WOULD PUSH FOR THIS.

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