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MEETING WITH BIPARTISAN LEADERSHIP

Wednesday, October 24, 1973
8:30 a. m. (1 hour)

From: Henry A. Kissinger

I. PURPOSE

To brief the bipartisan leadership of Congress on the current situation in the Middle East.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS PLAN

- A. Background: This meeting will provide another opportunity to bring the bipartisan leadership up to date on the situation in the Middle East. You last met with them on October 10.
- B. Participants: Bipartisan Leadership of Congress, Secretary Kissinger and key members of White House staff.
- C. Press Plan: Meeting to be announced. Press photo opportunity.

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III. TALKING POINTS [Attached]

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