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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST

THE UN MOVED FRIDAY TOWARD THE ADOPTION OF AN ARAB RESOLUTION DEFINING ZIONISM AS A FORM OF RACISM IN THE FACE OF A BLUNT AMERICAN WARNING THAT "THIS RESOLUTION PLACES THE WORK OF THE UN IN JEOPARDY." THE U.S. CLAIMED THAT BY DETERMINING "THAT ZIONISM IS A FORM OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION" AS THE RESOLUTION SAYS, THE UN WOULD "OFFICIALLY ENDORSE ANTI-SEMITISM." (A-1)

MUTINOUS TROOPS ACCUSED PORTUGAL'S NORTHERN MILITARY COMMAND IN OPORTO FRIDAY OF RENEGING ON AN AGREEMENT AND THREATENED ARMED REVOLT UNLESS THE SITUATION CHANGED. THEY SAID THEY WERE SEEKING SUPPORT FROM OTHER UNITS OF THE ARMED FORCES AROUND THE COUNTRY. (A-1)

PRIME MINISTER RABIN SAID THURSDAY THAT ISRAEL CAN MANAGE WITHOUT THE U.S.-BUILT PERSHING SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILE AND THE ISSUE SHOULD NOT BECOME A TEST CASE OF AMERICAN-ISRAELI RELATIONS. RABIN ALSO SAID ISRAEL DOES NOT SEE THE POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATING AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT WITH SYRIA SIMILAR TO THE SINAI ACCORD WITH EGYPT. HE INDICATED THAT ISRAEL WOULD REQUIRE MORE FROM SYRIA IN ANY NEW AGREEMENT THAN A COMMITMENT "NOT TO RESORT TO THE THREAT OR USE OF FORCE" -- THE WORDING OF THE CENTRAL CLAUSE IN THE SINAI ACCORD. (A-5)

ACCORDING TO PETER OSNOS, SOVIET LEADER LEONID BREZHNEV AND FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING SIGNED A DECLARATION OF "FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION" FRIDAY, THAT POSED MORE QUESTIONS THAN IT ANSWERED. THE DOCUMENT, WHICH PLEDGES THE COUNTRIES TO UPHOLD LAST SUMMER'S EUROPEAN SECURITY AGREEMENT, WAS OVER-SHADOWED BY A FLAP OVER WHY BREZHNEV HAD ABRUPTLY POSTPONED A MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY WITH

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HIS VISITOR AND CANCELED ANOTHER PLANNED FOR SATURDAY. BREZHNEV TOLD FRENCH REPORTERS THAT HE HAD CAUGHT A "CHILL," AND SPENT THE LAST TWO DAYS AT HOME, WHICH EXPLAINS WHY HE TELEPHONED GISCARD WEDNESDAY MORNING AND ASKED HIM TO PUT OFF TALKS. THE WARMTH OF BREZHNEV'S GREETING TO GISCARD AND THE CONCILIATORY TONE OF THE FINAL DOCUMENT THEY SIGNED, PLUS THE PINK-CHEEKED GOOD HUMOR OF THE SOVIET LEADER, APPEARS TO REBUTE BOTH MAJOR THEORIES ABOUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO DISRUPT THE SUMMIT. ON THE HEALTH MATTER, BREZHNEV'S QUICK COLD AND RECOVERY IS CERTAIN TO REVIVE SPECULATION OF THE PAST YEAR THAT HIS HEALTH IS DETERIORATING. THE PLAIN FACT IS -- AS IT HAS BEEN ALL ALONG -- THAT NO OUTSIDERS KNOW FOR SURE ABOUT THE STATE OF BREZHNEV'S HEALTH. (A-10)

JEANNETTE SMYTH WRITES OF YOUR APPEARANCE THURSDAY NIGHT AT THE BRADEN'S. YOU ARE PICTURED CHATTING WITH THREE OF THE BRADEN CHILDREN. (A-14)

A POST EDITORIAL SAYS THAT THE DANGER IN LEBANON IS THAT STRIFE BETWEEN THE MOSLEM AND CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES WILL OVERFLOW INTO THE BROADER DIPLOMACY OF THE MIDEAST. TO SAY THIS IS NOT TO DEPRECIATE THE IMMENSE HUMAN AND ECONOMIC TOLL OF THE STRIFE IN LEBANON ITSELF. IT IS TRUE, NONETHELESS, THAT THE LEBANESE CIVIL WAR COULD PROVOKE MILITARY INTERVENTION BY EITHER SYRIA OR ISRAEL, IN WHICH CASE THE OTHER MIGHT SEE A THREAT TO ITS OWN SECURITY REQUIRING A MILITARY RESPONSE. EVEN IF THIS KIND OF WAR SITUATION CAN BE AVOIDED, THE GROWING TENSION BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL OVER LEBANON CAN ONLY MAKE MORE DIFFICULT THE COMPROMISES THAT WILL BE REQUIRED OF THEM BOTH IN ORDER TO FOLLOW UP THE RECENT SINAI AGREEMENT AND CONTINUE DOWN THE ROAD TOWARDS A MIDEAST SETTLEMENT. IN THIS MESS, PERHAPS ONLY ONE THING IS CLEAR, AND THAT IS THAT IT WOULD BE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE FOR ANY OUTSIDE STATE TO MOVE ITS MILITARY FORCES INTO LEBANON, ESPECIALLY SOUTHERN LEBANON. THE ISRAELIS ARE JITTERY. BUT NO ONE SHOULD BE UNDER ANY CONFUSION ABOUT THE FACT THAT OUTSIDE MILITARY INTERVENTION IN LEBANON FROM ALMOST ANY QUARTER WOULD CONSTITUTE A VERY LONG STEP TOWARDS ANOTHER MIDEAST WAR. (A-22)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

HENRY GINIGER REPORTS MOROCCANS FLOCKED TO RECRUITING STATIONS YESTERDAY IN RESPONSE TO A CALL BY KING HASSAN II FOR A MARCH OF 350,000 UNARMED PEOPLE TO TAKE OVER THE SPANISH SAHARA. (1)

ACCORDING TO AN AP REPORT, PRINCE NORODOM SIHANOUK'S PRESS SECRETARY SAYS THE CAMBODIAN CHIEF OF STATE HAS BEEN "DOUBLE-

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CROSSED" BY HIS COUNTRY'S COMMUNIST LEADERS AND SOME OF THEM "WANT TO GET RID" OF HIM, THE FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW REPORTED YESTERDAY. THE REVIEW SAID THAT THE PRESS SECRETARY, NOUTH CHEOUM, ALSO SAID PRINCE SIHANOUK WAS APPREHENSIVE ABOUT LEAVING PEKING, WHERE HE HAD LIVED IN EXILE SINCE 1970, TO RETURN TO CAMBODIA IN SEPTEMBER FOLLOWING THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER. (3)

FOX BUTTERFIELD SAYS GROUPS OF AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN AND CONGRESSIONAL STAFF AIDES HAVE RECEIVED ALL-EXPENSE-PAID TRIPS TO TAIWAN FROM A FOUNDATION THAT APPEARS TO HAVE CLOSE LINKS TO THE CHINESE NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT. (3)

JOHN M. CREWDSON SAYS IN A NEWS ANALYSIS ARTICLE THAT, AS THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE CLOSES ITS DOORS TO PREPARE THE NEXT PHASE OF ITS INVESTIGATION, IT LEAVES BEHIND WHAT MANY SEE AS A TROUBLING ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF HOW WELL AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE PERFORMS ITS PRINCIPAL TASK -- PREDICTING EVENTS OF INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE IN TIME TO ALLOW THE MAKERS OF FOREIGN POLICY TO PREPARE OR REACT. THE CONCLUSION THAT SEEMS TO EMERGE FROM PUBLIC HEARINGS OVER THE LAST MONTH IS THAT THE HALF-DOZEN OR SO FEDERAL AGENCIES CHARGED WITH GATHERING AND EVALUATING FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE DO NOT PROVIDE A RELIABLE EARLY-WARNING SYSTEM WHERE SUCH THINGS AS WARS, INVASIONS, AND POLITICAL UPHEAVALS ARE CONCERNED. (14)

AN EDITORIAL SAYS WHEN THE FOREIGN POLICY VIEWS OF GEORGE MEANY AND YOU COLLIDE, THE INCREASING TENDENCY IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND CONGRESS APPEARS TO BE TO RECOGNIZE MR. MEANY AS ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE. WHAT IRKS MR. MEANY IS THE ILO'S DECISION OF LAST JUNE TO GRANT "OBSERVER" STATUS TO THE PLO. INTENSE LOBBYING BY THE AFL-CIO HAS INDUCED CONGRESS TO CUT OUT OF A STATE DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION BILL A \$5.6-MILLION PAYMENT TO THE ILO FOR THE LAST HALF OF THIS YEAR AS WELL AS THE FULL U.S. PAYMENT OF 25 PERCENT OF THE ILO BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR. HOWEVER, MR. MEANY HAS GIVEN PRIVATE INDICATIONS OF HIS READINESS TO UNFREEZE THE MONEY -- BY GIVING AN APPROPRIATE SIGNAL TO CAPITOL HILL -- IF THE FORD ADMINISTRATION BEGINS FILING THE REQUIRED TWO-YEAR NOTICE OF FORMAL U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ILO. A CABINET DECISION TO DO WHAT MR. MEANY WANTS WITHIN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE WEEKS HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN TAKEN. THERE IS UNDOUBTED MERIT TO THE COMPLAINT THAT THE ILO HAS BECOME A DO-NOTHING AGENCY THESE DAYS AND THAT, LIKE EVERY OTHER WORLD BODY, IT IS OFTEN USED AS AN IDEOLOGICAL PLAYGROUND BY THIRD WORLD AND COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS. BUT THE REMEDY LIES IN THE INFUSION OF CREATIVE IDEAS BY A HIGH-QUALITY DELEGATION FROM THE U.S., NOT IN ANOTHER DUBIOUS EXERCISE IN SHOCK THERAPY THAT MERELY CONTRIBUTES

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TO ISOLATING THE U.S. IN AN INTERDEPENDENT WORLD. (28)

C.L. SULZBERGER WRITES THAT SPAIN TODAY HAS AN EXTENSIVE, WELL-ESTABLISHED MIDDLE CLASS, SOMETHING THAT DID NOT EXIST IN 1936. AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, WHICH THEN CONSTITUTED A SIGNIFICANT IDEOLOGICAL FORCE, HAS CHANGED. LARGE ELEMENTS OF THE SPANISH CLERGY HAVE SWUNG LEFTWARD. IF SAME REACTIONARY ELEMENTS STILL EXIST IN SPAIN, THERE IS NO LONGER A MONOLITHIC "RIGHT." TWO BIG POLITICAL FACTORS -- FASCISM AND ANTIFASCISM -- ARE DEAD; AND COMMUNISM HAS CHANGED IN METHODOLOGY AND IN ITS ELECTRIC CAPACITY TO INCITE. SOME KIND OF FORMAL CONFRONTATION MIGHT ERUPT IN FRANCO'S STEAD. SHOULD THAT HAPPEN, IT COULD LEAD EITHER TO CHAOS OR TO ANOTHER SPANISH UPHEAVAL. BUT THE EXISTENCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TODAY MAKES FOREIGN INTERVENTION JUST ABOUT IMPOSSIBLE. (29)

THE WASHINGTON STAR

YOU ARE PICTURED ON PAGE THREE WITH HAN SHU AND AMBASSADOR YASUKAWA AT ANDREWS.

A STAR EDITORIAL COMMENTS THAT A PHASE-OUT OF THE 26-YEAR-OLD MILITARY AID PROGRAM -- ONCE A MAJOR ELEMENT OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY -- NOW SEEMS INEVITABLE. IN RECENT YEARS, THE WISDOM OF SUPPLYING ARMS TO OUR ALLIES HAS COME UNDER INCREASING ATTACK IN CONGRESS. NOW THERE IS CLEARLY A SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY IN BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE IN FAVOR OF ELIMINATING THE DIRECT AID PROGRAM OVER A PERIOD OF ABOUT TWO YEARS. THE OBJECTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATION ARE UNLIKELY TO PREVAIL. THE PHASING OUT OF DIRECT AID -- EASED BY THE EXTENSION OF CREDIT SALES OVER A PERIOD OF TIME -- APPEARS THOROUGHLY JUSTIFIED. SO, IN THE STAR'S VIEW, IS THE MOVE IN CONGRESS TO IMPOSE FAR MORE RIGID SUPERVISION ON THE SALE OF ARMS OF ALL SORTS TO SUCH INFLAMED AREAS OF THE WORLD AS THE MIDDLE EAST. THE TIME HAS COME TO KICK THE HABIT OF CONSIDERING WEAPONS OF WAR AS A USEFUL DIPLOMATIC TOOL OR A STANDARD COMMODITY OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE. THE OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE TO PERSUADE OTHER NATIONS TO DO THE SAME.

THE BALTIMORE SUN

CONCERNING YOUR CURRENT TRIP, HENRY L. TREWHITT SAYS ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS SAID NO DRAMATIC PUBLIC RESULTS WERE EXPECTED FROM YOUR EFFORTS, A POINT THAT UNDERSCORES THE REMARKABLE CHANGE IN BILATERAL RELATIONS OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS. ONE SOURCE REMARKED THAT ANY SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENT, HOWEVER MEAGER, WILL BE HELD BACK TO ADD SPICE TO THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP. EVEN THEN, HOWEVER, THE RESULTS ARE EX-

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PECTED MERELY TO BUILD ON THE SLOW IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS,
WITHOUT DRAMATIC CHANGE. (A-2)

A SUN EDITORIAL SAYS POLITICAL REALITIES ARE SUCH THAT THERE IS ALMOST NO HOPE FOR A NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATY UNTIL AFTER THE 1976 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. THAT BEING THE CASE, BOTH THE U.S. AND PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENTS WILL HAVE TO TRY TO KEEP THEIR RESPECTIVE HARDLINERS IN CHECK UNTIL NEGOTIATIONS CAN MOVE TO A DECISIVE STAGE. PRESIDENT FORD'S MAJOR PROBLEM IS WITH THE RIGHT WING OF HIS OWN PARTY, AS PERSONIFIED BY RONALD REAGAN. CONSERVATIVES WELL KNOW THEY CAN MARSHAL STRONG SUPPORT ON CAPITOL HILL AND IN THE COUNTRY AGAINST WHAT THEY CALL A "GIVEAWAY" OF THE CANAL. BECAUSE HE HAS FAILED TO ALERT THE PUBLIC TO THE DANGERS OF PROCRASTINATING ON A TREATY, MR. FORD IS HARDLY IN A POSITION TO START SOUNDING THE ALARM AT THIS LATE DATE. HIS MORE PRUDENT COURSE WILL BE TO TRY TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE ON PANAMA SO THAT THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION, WHOEVER IS AT ITS HEAD, CAN MAKE IT A PRIORITY ITEM ON THE FOREIGN POLICY AGENDA. (A-16)

GARRY WILLS WRITES THAT MR. AMIN HAPPENS TO HOLD THE LEADERSHIP OF THE OAU ABOUT MOYNIHAN'S ATTACK ON AMIN. HE STATES IN COURSE OF ROTATION; EACH HEAD OF STATE TAKES THE CHAIR IN TURN. IN OTHER WORDS, IT IS AN ACCIDENT THAT MR. AMIN IS IN CHARGE. MR. MOYNIHAN GOOFS AGAIN -- AND THAT IS NO ACCIDENT. HE WILL MAKE THOSE HAPPY WHO WANT TO INSULT AFRICAN COUNTRIES; AND HE HAS ALREADY UNDERMINED YOUR SPEECH. TO DEFEND HIS SWEEPING DISMISSAL OF THE WHOLE CONTINENT IS TO CONFIRM THE BELIEF THAT AMERICA DOES NOT TAKE SERIOUSLY ITS OWN PROFESSIONS OF CONCERN. SERIOUS PEOPLE DO NOT SEND PAT MOYNIHAN TO MUCK THINGS UP. (A-17)

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