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FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY TO PETER RODMAN AND L. PAUL BREMER  
FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER:

SECRETARY'S TRIP TO CHINA - III (TAKE ONE OF TWO)

FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF FOREIGN MEDIA REACTION AS OF 12  
NOON EST, NOVEMBER 27, 1974, PREPARED BY USIA:

SUMMARY:

COVERAGE OF DR. KISSINGER'S PEKING VISIT WAS MODERATE IN THE  
WORLD PRESS WEDNESDAY WITH THREE THEMES PREVAILING: THE SECRETARY  
IS SPENDING MUCH OF HIS TIME EXPLAINING (JUSTIFYING) THE VLAD-  
IVOSTOK MEETING TO CHINESE LEADERS; THE VISIT IS ROUTINE AND NO  
SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN SINO-U.S. RELATIONS CAN BE EXPECTED;  
AND IMPROVEMENTS OF DIPLOMATIC TIES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CHINA  
IS CONDITIONAL ON SETTLEMENT OF THE TAIWAN ISSUE. THERE WAS  
CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION IN THE MEDIA ON THE TRIPOLAR WORLD WITH  
PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE ROLE CHINA PLAYS IN SUCH AN  
ARRANGEMENT. END SUMMARY.

LONDON: THE BRITISH PRESS DID NOT EXPECT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS  
FROM THE PEKING VISIT. "THE LONDON TIMES' PEKING CORRESPONDENT  
DAVID BONAVIA SAID DR. KISSINGER "IS RELIABLY UNDERSTOOD TO  
EXPECT NO SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS ON THE TAIWAN QUESTION FOR THE TIME  
BEING. HOWEVER, THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE  
QUESTION OF AMERICAN ASSETS FROZEN IN CHINA...MIGHT BE SOLVED  
IN PRINCIPLE IF THE CHINESE SIDE WERE PREPARED TO TAKE A POLITICAL  
DECISION ON IT...THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE AGREEMENT (WITH THE  
SOVIETS ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS CONTROL) ARE SO HIGHLY COMPLEX THAT  
DR. KISSINGER MAY SPEND A GOOD DEAL OF TIME EXPLAINING  
THEM TO THE CHINESE LEADERS WHO ARE UNLIKELY TO BE IMPRESSED BY  
THE PROSPECTS OF A LASTING PEACE OR A LONG TERM SLOWING DOWN OF  
THE ARMS RACE."

THE GUARDIAN'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT HELLA PICK STATED:  
"CHINESE LEADERS...ARE HINTING THAT THEY ARE UNHAPPY AND  
SUSPICIOUS ABOUT THE VLADIVOSTOK AGREEMENT. DR. KISSINGER...HAS  
BEEN GIVEN A CORRECT BUT COOL RECEPTION...LITTLE PROGRESS IS  
EXPECTED OUT OF THIS VISIT."

PARIS: REPORTS ON THE SECRETARY'S VISIT ARE GENERALLY FACTUAL  
ACCOUNTS. LES ECHOS NOTED: "MR. KISSINGER'S SEVENTH VISIT TO  
PEOPLE'S CHINA APPEARS AS PURE ROUTINE TO PEKING OBSERVERS."

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IT IS EXPECTED TO LEAD TO NO SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN SINO-U.S. RELATIONS. NOTHING IN PARTICULAR INDICATES THAT ANY INITIATIVE WHATSOEVER IS BEING TAKEN ABOUT THE TAIWAN PROBLEM. IN ALL APPEARANCES, MR. KISSINGER'S VISIT IS CHIEFLY INTENDED TO MAINTAIN THE CONTACT BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND PEKING."

LE MONDE'S ALAIN BOUC FROM PEKING SAID, "THE CHINESE DO NOT BELIEVE IN THE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TOWARD DETENTE WHICH THE SOVIETS AND AMERICANS CLAIM TO HAVE MADE IN VLADIVOSTOK... THE IMPRESSION SO FAR IS THAT SPECTACULAR INITIATIVES ARE NOT TO BE EXPECTED. THIS APPLIES IN PARTICULAR TO THE TAIWAN QUESTION. THE CHINESE ARE WAITING FOR THE SITUATION TO RIPEN, FOR THE NATIONALISTS TO REALIZE THAT THEY ARE LEFT NO HONORABLE OUTCOME EXCEPT FOR NEGOTIATION. MR. KISSINGER'S TRIP TO PEKING, THOUGHT UTTERLY IRRITATING FOR THE KUOMINTANG, IS AN ELEMENT IN THE WAR OF NERVES BY WHICH THE CHINESE LEADERS ARE HOPING TO BRING THE STUBBORN ISLANDERS TO SHOW REPENTANCE."

BONN: THE GERMAN PRESS DISCUSSED PEKING'S REACTION TO THE VLADIVOSTOK TALKS AND U.S. RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN. INDEPENDENT RIGHT-CENTER DIE WELT REPORTED THAT CHINA FINDS ITSELF CONFRONTED WITH A DEVELOPMENT (THE AGREEMENTS IN VLADIVOSTOK) WHICH IT HAS ALWAYS CONSIDERED WITH THE GREAT SKEPTICISM. AS FAR AS BILATERAL RELATIONS ARE CONCERNED, THE PAPER SAID DR. KISSINGER'S DISCUSSIONS IN PEKING ARE NOT EXPECTED TO BECOME A NEW MILESTONE ON THE LONG ROAD TO FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

RIGHT-CENTER FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE IN A FRONT-PAGE REPORT FROM PEKING BY ULRICH GRUDINSKI, SAID: THE UNEXPECTED CHINESE REQUEST THAT THE U.S. RETRACT ITS DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF TAIWAN INDICATES THAT THE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT CAST A HEAVY SHADOW ON KISSINGER'S DISCUSSIONS IN PEKING. THAT KISSINGER HIMSELF CALLED VLADIVOSTOK A BREAKTHROUGH COULD ONLY INCREASE PEKING'S CONCERN ABOUT COLLUSION OF THE TWO NUCLEAR SUPERPOWERS AT CHINA'S EXPENSE. NOW PEKING OBVIOUSLY EXPECTS SOME AMERICAN MOVE INDICATING THAT THE POWER TRIANGLE AS IT EXISTED IN THE NIXON ERA REMAINS UNCHANGED...THE ATMOSPHERE IS MARKEDLY COOLER THAN IT WAS DURING HIS LAST VISIT TO PEKING A YEAR AGO, AND IT IS NOT EASY FOR KISSINGER TO CONVINCHE HIS CHINESE DISCUSSION PARTNERS THAT NORMALIZATION OF U.S.-PRC RELATIONS IS A PRINCIPLE OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY.

PRO-SPD, WESTFAELISCHE RUNDSCHAU SAID: "WHILE MOSCOW HAS BEEN FORBIDDEN A REAL LOOK BEHIND THE BAMBOO CURTAIN, KISSINGER HAS BEEN PERMITTED FOR A LONG TIME NOW TO OBSERVE THE PEKING POWER PATTERN ON THE SPOT. YET WASHINGTON...DOES NOT WANT PREMATURELY TO HAUL DOWN THE FLAG OVER TAIWAN. AND THE U.S. IS TAKING ITS TIME ABOUT EXCHANGING AMBASSADORS WITH CHINA. KISSINGER'S MAIN TASK IN PEKING MAY WELL BE, THEREFORE, TO DISPEL CHINESE SUSPICIONS... THAT THE FORD-BREZHNEV CONSULATION IN VLADIVOSTOK MIGHT HAVE BEEN A CONSPIRACY BY THE TWO SUPER-POWERS."

WEST BERLIN: INDEPENDENT DER TAGESSPIEGEL SAID THAT DR. KISSINGER'S APPEARANCE IN PEKING IMMEDIATELY AFTER BREZHNEV'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD PROVES THAT WASHINGTON STILL ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL GAME WITH THREE BALLS. NEVERTHELESS, THE CHINESE PIPE DREAMS IN THIS RESPECT HAVE NOT COME TRUE. ALONE THE CHOICE OF

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VLADIVOSTOK FOR THE AMERICAN-SOVIET SUMMIT WAS AN AFFRONT AGAINST PEKING. BREZHNEV'S FURTHER TRIP TO MONGOLIA'S CAPITAL ULAN BATOR AND HIS SPEECH ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLES REPUBLIC MADE THAT EVEN MORE EVIDENT...KISSINGER INDUBITABLY WISHED TO MEET THE NEW MEN IN PEKING WHO ARE MOVING TO THE FORCE WHILE MAO AND CHOU ARE RETIRING FOR REASONS OF ILLNESS...THE BREZHNEV-FORD AGREEMENT ON A FURTHER LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC WEAPONS CAN HARDLY BE TO THE TASTE OF THE CHINESE WHO HAVE REPEATEDLY VOICED THEIR SUSPICION ABOUT SUCH AN INTERPLAY OF THE SUPERPOWERS...A CERTAIN TAGNATION OF ITS RELATIONS WITH WASHINGTON IS OBVIOUS...PEKING'S STRENGTH DOES NOT SUFFICE FOR A SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL CRISES, AND THAT IS THE REASON WHY IN SUCH CASES THE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW IS STILLBD GIVEN PRIORITY."

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