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SUMMARY: POST LEADS KISSINGER OFFERS OWN PROPOSALS; STAR LEADS WITH SAME ADDING AMERICAN PROPOSALS CONSTITUTED AN ESCALATION OF KISSINGER'S EFFORTS; AND NYT LEADS KISSINGER'S PEACE MISSION APPROACHES DECISIVE POINT. UPI FROM JERUSALEM SAYS AIDES GIVE HAK MISSION "NO MORE THAN 50-50 CHANCE" FOR SUCCESS AND HIS HOPES APPEARED TO BE WANING. END SUMMARY

1. BERGER FROM JERUSALEM FRONT PAGE REPORTS KISSINGER, IN A LAST EFFORT TO EXTRACT AGREEMENT, HAS FORMULATED A NUMBER OF AMERICAN PROPOSALS FOR A SETTLEMENT. INFORMED OFFICIALS SAID IF HE FAILS TO DETECT SUFFICIENT "GIVE" IN SYRIAN POSITION HE WILL STOP ONLY IN TEL AVIV TO REPORT TO ISRAELI LEADERS GO ON TO CAIRO BEFORE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON PROBABLY SUNDAY. IF DEAL SEEMS POSSIBLE, SECRETARY CAN BE EXPECTED TO STAY IN ME A FEW MORE DAYS DESPITE COMMITMENTS IN US. IF KISSINGER CANNOT GET AN AGREEMENT NOW HE IS EXPECTED TO SEEK STATEMENTS FROM EACH SIDE CONCERNING THE ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN SOLVED AND THE PROBLEMS THAT REMAIN.

2. NYT PAGE 1 BY GWERTZMAN FROM JERUSALEM REPORTS HAK FRUSTRATED BY INABILITY OF SYRIA AND ISRAEL TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES ON TROOP-SEPARATION ON GOLAN HEIGHTS AND PROPOSED HIS OWN IDEAS TO ISRAEL AS CURRENT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS APPROACHES DECISIVE POINT. BRIEF INSERT IN STORY FROM UN SAYS LEBANON PROTESTED ISRAELI AIR ATTACKS BUT AFTER BEING PRESSED BY US AND OTHER NATIONS NOT TO ENDANGER HAK'S PEACE EFFORTS, SHE DID NOT CALL FOR SC MEETING. KISSINGER HAS SAID THESE NEGOTIATIONS WERE MOST DIFFICULT OF HIS CAREER LARGELY BECAUSE OF EMOTIONAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED. STORY WRAP UP SAYS

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HAK FEELS THAT EVEN IF TALKS END WITHOUT COMPLETE AGREEMENT, THIS WOULD NOT MEAN BREAK-UP OF NEGOTIATIONS OR DISASTER FOR US POLICY IN ME. OTHER MAJOR ARAB STATES HAVE ALL SUPPORTED HAK'S EFFORTS AND HAVE ASSURED HIM OIL EMBARGO WILL NOT BE REIMPOSED.

3. STAR - O'LEARY PAGE 1 FROM JERUSALEM SAYS ANDERSON TOLD REPORTERS KISSINGER INTRODUCED AMERICAN IDEAS AT MEETINGS WITH PM MEIR AND ABBA EBAN. INJECTION OF AMERICAN PROPOSALS CONSTITUTES AN ESCALATION OF KISSINGER'S EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE MILITARY DISENGAGEMENT. O'LEARY SUGGESTS HAK'S EFFORTS MAY NOT BE ENOUGH TO OVERCOME REACTION TO DEATH OF ISRAELI CHILDREN AND RETALIATORY RAIDS AGAINST PALESTINEAN BASES IN LEBANON.

4. REUTERS FROM DAMASCUS JUST IN REPORTS SECRETARY KISSINGER SAID TODAY SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TOWARDS REACHING SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES. HAK SAID "THE PROGRESS TOWARDS AGREEMENT HAS BEEN ADVANCED THEREFORE I HAVE AGREED TO STAY IN THE AREA FOR A FEW MORE DAYS TO ASSIST THE PARTIES REACH AN AGREEMENT ON DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES." RUSH

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