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FOR HENRY KISSINGER

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER

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SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST

JONATHAN RANDAL REPORTS FROM PARIS THAT RUMORS ARE RAMPANT IN THE FRENCH PRESS THAT AN AGREEMENT IS PENDING. HE SUGGESTS THE PUBLIC CORDIALITY SHOWN AT THE BEGINNING AND END OF THE MEETING TENDS TO SUPPORT THESE OPTIMISTIC RUMORS. NEITHER SIDE DEPARTED FROM THEIR STANDARD NEWS BLACKOUT. THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED THAT ANOTHER MEETING WILL BE HELD TODAY. THE FRENCH PRESS CONTINUES TO SPECULATE THAT YOU AND LE DUC THO MAY BE WORKING ON THE FINAL WORDING OF A CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT. THE OPTIMISTIC VIEW WAS HELPED ALONG BY WORD FROM THE WHITE HOUSE OF HEAVY DIPLOMATIC TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND YOU, AS WELL AS BY SIAGON NEWSPAPER DISPATCHES PREDICTING A CEASE-FIRE BY CHRISTMAS. AFTER THE MEETING, YOU BRIEFED THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE, AND THO BRIEFED THE VIET CONG DELEGATION. A PICTURE OF YOU AND LE DUC THO SHAKING HANDS AFTER THE MEETING APPEARS ON PAGE A-1.

FORMER F No Objection to Declassification in Part 2010/08/09 : LOC-HAK-247-10-15-0
PITAL SPOKESMEN SAID HE HAS " PASSED THROUGH AN UNTRACRITICAL
PERIOD." THE HOSPITAL BULLETIN REPORTED: " HE IS NOT IN A COMA
AND IS BECOMING MORE RESPONSIVE TO STIMULI." (A-1)

JOHN GOSHKO REPORTS FROM BRUSSELS THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE
U. S., BRITAIN, AND FRANCE AGREED TO BEGIN PRELIMINARY CONTACTS
ABOUT DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF EAST GERMANY AFTER THE SIGNING
OF THE TREATY BETWEEN THE TWO GERMANY'S ON DECEMBER 1. THERE
HAS BEEN NO SET TIME TABLE FOR THE ACTUAL RECOGNITION OF EAST
GERMANY. (A-14)

EVANS AND NOVAK REPORT ON THEIR RECENT INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT
SADAT. SEDAT HOPES FOR "GOOD, NEW RELATIONS BETWEEN CAIRO AND
MOSCOW, BUT HE BELIEVES MOSCOW'S COMMITMENT TO DETENTE WITH
WASHINGTON OVERWHELMS EVERY OTHER ASPECT OF KREMLIN POLICY.
SADAT HAS NO ASSURANCE ON HOW MUCH MUSCLE BREZHNEV WILL USE
TO CHAMPION EGYPT'S CASE WHEN HE MEETS THE PRESIDENT NEXT
SPRING. SADAT FEELS AS LONG AS THE PRESENT SOVIET LEADERSHIP
SURVIVES, IT WILL NOT PERMIT PERIPHERAL CRISES SUCH AS VIETNAM

AND THE MIDDLE EAST TO THREATEN MOSCOW'S TIES WITH WASHINGTON,
DESPITE THEIR VAST INVESTMENT IN THE ARAB WORLD. HE HAS PLAYED
HIS TRUMP CARD -- INVITING SOVIET TECHNICIANS OUT OF EGYPT AS
THE WHITE HOUSE HAS DEMANDED -- AND MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON ARE
DIDDLING EGYPT. IN AN EFFORT TO END THIS DIDDLING, EGYPT MAY
NOW RISK THOUSANDS OF CASUALTIES BY A RENEWAL OF HOT WAR AGAINST
ISRAEL. (A-19)

MARILYN BERGER REPORTS ON A RECENT INTERVIEW WITH KENNETH RUSH.

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HE PREDICTS THAT THE U. S. WILL GIVE FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION TO EAST GERMANY WITHIN MONTHS. THE U. S. HAS ALWAYS FOLLOWED THE LEAD OF WEST GERMANY AND WOULD TAKE ITS VIEW STRONGLY INTO CONSIDERATION. HE SAID: "DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION SHOULD NOT BE USED AS AN INSTRUMENT OF POWER POLITICS." HE HOLDS A VERY OPTIMISTIC VIEW THAT A CSCE WILL BE HELD. HE ADMIRES YOU AND IS FOND OF SECRETARY ROGERS. ON YOUR ROLE HE SAID: "IF THERE WAS NO KISSINGER, THE PRESIDENT WOULD HAVE TO CREATE ONE, FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE CANNOT FULFILL ALL HIS DUTIES AND STILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE WHITE HOUSE AT ALL TIMES." THE PRESIDENT IS FULLY INFORMED ABOUT THE VIEWS OF ALL DEPARTMENTS. ON VIETNAM, RUSH STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW. HE SAID: "THE PRESIDENT TOOK EXACTLY THE ACTION THAT WAS NEEDED TO START CATALYZING TOWARD AN EFFECTIVE SETTLEMENT." (A-29)

THOMAS LIPPMAN REPORTS THAT ORGANIZERS OF A NEW NATIONWIDE POLITICAL PARTY BACKED BY PRESIDENT THIEU AND COMMITTED TO HIS POLICIES HAS FILED REGISTRATION PAPERS AND PREPARING FOR PUBLIC DEBUT. IT IS TO PROVIDE THIEU WITH THE MEANS FOR POLITICAL STRUGGLE WITH THE COMMUNISTS IN THE PERIOD AFTER A CEASEFIRE. (A-21)

THE BALTIMORE SUN

THE WESTERN BIG FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS LAST NIGHT AGREED THAT BILATERAL TALKS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS BY NATO COUNTRIES WITH EAST GERMANY COULD BEGIN AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE BASIC TREATY BETWEEN EAST AND WEST GERMANY ON DECEMBER 21.

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THE HOPE ^{No Objection to Declassification in Part 2010/08/09 : LOC-HAK-247-10-15-0} OF A SETTLEMENT IN PARIS THIS WEEK WAS EXPRESSED IN AN EDITORIAL BY NICK THIMMESCH. THIMMESCH SAYS THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT YOU WERE A BIT GENEROUS TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE IN ANNOUNCING THE TERMS OF THE "PEACE IS AT HAND" SETTLEMENT LAST OCTOBER 26TH. BUT, THIS WAS NOT A POLITICAL ERROR ON YOUR PART BECAUSE IT WAS HANOI WHICH FORCED THE TIMING. HE NOTES HOW YOU HAVE LABORED HARD FOR A PEACE SETTLEMENT AND THAT YOU AND GENERAL HAIG HAVE GIVEN MUCH IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS. SUCH MEN, HE DECLARES, IN HIGHER POSITIONS ARE HUMAN LIKE THE REST OF US. (A-4)

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