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INCOMING AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO BANGKOK FROM NEW DELHI
JUL 4:

QUOTE NEW DELHI 10632

BANGKOK: KISSINGER PARIY FOR SAUCCERS.

SUBJECT: PRESS SPECULATION ON AMBASSADOR'S RESIGNATION

1. IN ADDITION FRONT PAGE STORY TODAY'S TIMES OF INDIA REPORTED
USIAC 10622 (REPEATED TO BANGKOK), HINDUSTAN TIMES ALSO
CARRIED FOLLOWING PIECE ON FRONT PAGE:

2. HEADLINE QTE KEATING QUILTS ON ARMS ISSUE? UNQTE.
QTE HAS MR. KENNETH B. KEATING, THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR,
DECIDED TO QUIT HIS NEW DELHI POST DUE TO DIFFERENCES WITH HIS
GOVERNMENT ON THE ISSUE OF THE CURRENT U.S. ARMS DELIVERIES TO
PAKISTAN?

A REPORT TO THIS EFFECT WAS CIRCULATING HERE THIS EVENING. BUT
INDIAN OR U.S. EMBASSY SOURCES HERE COULD NEITHER CONFIRM NOR
DENY IT.

MR. KEATING, AN INFLUENTIAL REPUBLICAN MEMBER OF THE U.S.
SENATE UNTIL HE TOOK THE NEW DELHI ASSIGNMENT UNDER THE NIXON
ADMINISTRATION, GOT INTO TROUBLE IITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT EARLY
IN APRIL WHEN HE SAID THE EAST BENGAL DEVELOPMENTS COULD NOT
BE TREATED AS ENTIRELY A MATTER OF PAKISTAN'S 'INTERNAL AFFAIR.'
FOUR WEEKS LATER THE ENVOY WENT TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATION.

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ACCORDING TO A U.S. EMBASSY SOURCE, MR. KEATING IS IN LONDON TONIGHT AND IS DUE TO RETURN TO NEW DELHI ON MONDAY. THE SOURCE COULD NOT SAY IF HE WAS COMING HERE MEELY TO WIND UP HIS AFFAIRS. THE EMBASSY, HE SAID, HAD HAD NO REPORT ON THIS QUESTION FROM WASHINGTON SO FAR. UNQIE.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY TAKING LINE AMBASSADOR RETURNING AS SCHEDULED TOMORROW MORING AND WE KNOW NOTHING BEYOND SPECULATION WE HAVE READ IN PRESS.

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