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MIDEAST/NEGOTIATIONS

UPI LEADS: NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER HAK SOUGHT PEACE IN MID EAST AT 2 HOUR MEETING W/RUSS LEADERS AT KREMLIN, BUT ON BATTLEFIELDS ISRAEL PUSHED ITS TANK SPEARHEAD CLOSER TO CAIRO AND ISRAELIS SAID ONLY VICTORY AND DESTRUCTION OF EGYPTIAN ARMY WOULD BRING PEACE. "... FILM OF HAK ARRIVAL WAS #3 STORY ON BOTH NETS, FOLLOWING REPORTS ON TAPES... UPI SAYS ON ARRIVAL, "THE SPIRIT OF DETENTE THAT HAK HELPED BUILD WAS MUCH IN EVIDENCE DESPITE WAR-SPAWNED TENSIONS. HAK, SMILING BROADLY RECEIVED WARM WELCOME FROM GROMYKO. "... NBC'S MONTGOMERY SIMILARLY SAID DIPLOMATIC TEMPERATURES WERE WARMER THAN THE WEATHER... ONLY HAK COMMENT WAS THAT HE'D NOT BE STAYING AS LONG AS 4 DAYS, NOTED NBC... CBS SAID HE'D PROBABLY STILL BE GOING TO PRQ NEXT WEEK, HE'S THERE AT "URGENT" SOVIET INVITE, SAID NBC, AND NO SOONER THAN HE ARRIVED, WAS HE CALLED TO KREMLIN FOR FIRST DIRECT SUPERPOWER TALKS ON ME... CBS ALSO NOTED SURPRISE TRIP CAME AT USSR REQUEST. HAK HAD BARELY ADJUSTED HIS WATCH SAID FROMSON AND HE WAS OFF TO KREMLIN IN INDICATION THAT SOVIETS OBVIOUSLY ATTACH SOME URGENCY TO FINDING A SOLUTION. HAK EXPECTED TO STAY 48 HOURS.

"THE SIGNS ARE THE SOVIETS WANT TO NEGOTIATE," A WESTERN DIPLOMAT SAID, "THEY'RE TALKING FACE TO FACE AND THEY DO RESPECT HAK." (UPI REPORT FROM MOSCOW.)

MANSFIELD HOPES HAK AND RUSSIANS "GIVE CONSIDERATION" TO HIS PROPOSAL FOR A SUMMIT OF US, USSR, FRANCE UK, W. GERM, AND JAPAN... WALDHEIM "IS VERY HOPEFUL SOMETHING WILL COME" OF HAK VISIT BUT "VERY WELL AWARE OF DIFFERENCES THAT EXIST."

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HAK TRIP ISN'T EXPECTED TO RESULT IN IMMEDIATE PLAN, US SAID, RUSS INVITE WAS SIGN OF IMPORTANT PROGRESS, OFFICIALS SAID. HOWEVER, THEY EMPHASIZED NOTHING HAS BEEN PUT ON PAPER AND HAK WAS NOT GIVEN A SPECIFIC SOVIET PROPOSAL. MEETINGS SEEM AS ATTEMPT TO NARROW OPTIONS AND REACH MEETING OF THE MINDS, WHATEVER EMERGES ALSO MUST BE CLEARED W/ISRAEL, US SOURCES SAID AND SOVIETS HAVE TO CONSULT W/ARABS AS WELL.

VALERIANI/KALB BOTH NOTED US EFFORTS TO RESTRAIN SPECULATION AGAINST ANY EXPECTATIONS, BUT MOSCOW IS APPARENTLY READY TO SEE FIGHTING STOP, SAID VALERIANI, THEY'VE GAINED NEW SUPPORT IN ARAB WORLD FOR THEIR SUPPLIES BUT SITUATION HAS ALSO STRAINED DETENTE AND USSR DOESN'T WANT IT TO WORSEN, FURTHER SOVIETS SEE TIDE TURNING IN THE WAR AND THEY DON'T WISH THE ARABS WIPED OUT AGAIN AS MOSCOW WOULD HAVE TO BUILD THEM UP AGAIN, VALERIANI SAID KOSYGIN TRIED BUT FAILED TO STOP FIGHTING EARLIER THIS WEEK WHEN ARABS HAD MADE SOME GAINS, BUT CAIRO DOESN'T WANT IN-PLACE C-F; IT WANTS LAND BACK, VALERIANI SEES MOSCOW WANTING MORE THAN JUST A C-F OUT OF HAK TRIP -- AND THEY WANT PROGRESS BEFORE ISRAEL LAUNCHES A DECISIVE OFFENSIVE,

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KALB REPORTED WH VIEW THAT HAK MISSION ISN'T TO BE SEEN AS DISTRACTION FROM COX OR WGate, BUT RESULT OF A SERIOUS RUSS INVITE AND INTEREST GROWING OUT OF KOSYGIN MISSION, KALB NOTED RN HAS BEEN IN VERY CLOSE CONTACT W/RUSS IN PAST FEW DAYS AS US OFFICIALS WERE INDICATING INTEREST IN IN-PLACE C-F, THUS THAT POSSIBILITY STANDS AT TOP OF HAK'S DISCUSSIONS.

MARITIME UNIONS WILL BEGIN BOYCOTTING HANDLING OF ALL CARGO AND SHIPS BOUND FOR USSR BY MON OR TUES UNLESS RUSS MOVE TO BRING PEACE TO MID EAST AND HALT MILITARY AID TO ARABS, UPI NOTES GRAIN SHIPMENTS ARE CORNERSTONE OF RN'S DETENTE, ... GLEASON SAID THEY CONSIDERED BEGINNING IMMEDIATELY BUT DECIDED TO GIVE HAK A CHANCE TO NEGOTIATE, GLEASON SAID SOVIETS AGREED IN NEGOTIATIONS W/RN TO HELP KEEP PEACE, SO "LET THEM LIVE UP TO IT, IT'S NOT A ONE-WAY STREET," CBS NOTED,

DAYAN "ABSOLUTELY REJECTS IDEA THAT WAS WILL END BY SUPERPOWERS COMPELLING ITS END, ... THIS IS (NOT) WAY TO DO IT, AND I HOPE IT WON'T HAPPEN," ... UPI SEES DAYAN DELIVERING SUGGESTION TO ARABS TO PROPOSE A TRUCE BEFORE ISRAELIS MOVE ANY CLOSER TO THEIR CAPITALS, HE SAID IF ARABS PROPOSE EITHER A "STANDSTILL" CEASE-FIRE OR A TRUCE CALLING FOR RETURN OF BOTH SIDES TO BORDERS, "I DON'T THINK ISRAEL IS IN POSITION" TO SAY NO, BUT ISRAEL ITSELF WOULD NOT PROPOSE C-F, ... ABBA EBAN SAID ARABS WOULD NOT ACCEPT C-F TIL THEY CONCLUDE "CONTINUATION OF FIGHTING IS MORE HARMFUL AND DAMAGING," BOTH DAYAN/EBAN ON NBC FILM W/EBAN SEEN AS TAKING "MUCH HARDER LINE,"

THOSE TALKING OF DETENTE'S FAILURE DON'T UNDERSTAND IT IS FIRST

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PLACE AND ARE PROMPTED IN THEIR CONCLUSION BY SYMPATHY FOR ISRAEL, RICHARD WILSON ASSERTS AS HE NOTES DETENTE DIDN'T PREVENT BIG POWERS FROM HELPING THEIR ALLIES IN VN EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER C-F, WILSON SAYS "ADMIN. IS MOVING ON CONVICTION THAT (172 AND 173 US/ USSR) MEETINGS, W/THEIR FIRM COMMITMENT TO DETENTE HAVE SUBSTANTIAL AND MATERIAL MEANING," IF A FAIR ME SETTLEMENT CAN'T BE ARRANGED, SAYS WILSON, DETENTE'S RESULTS "WON'T BE VERY REASSURING TO THOSE WHO'VE BELIEVED AN KNEW WHAT HE WAS DOING,"

SHIEKHDOM OF BAHREIN ANNOUNCED IT'S CLOSING US NAVAL BASE THERE, BOTH NETS NOTED SAUDI ARABIA WILL NOW CUT ALL OIL SHIPMENTS TO US BECAUSE OF ARMS TO ISRAEL, SAUDI ARABIA IS THIRD AMONG US FOREIGN SUPPLIERS, TRAILING CANADA AND VENEZUELA, IT SUPPLIES 20M BARRELS/ MONTHS OUT OF 400M US PROCESSES...ALGERIA WILL CUT PRODUCTION 10 PERCENT, CBS NOTED,

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ISRAEL SAYS THEIR TANKS "WIDENED AND DEEPENED" AND BROADENED THEIR GATEWAY INTO EGYPT" AND FOUGHT TO W/IN 45 MILES OF CAIRO, "WE FEEL WE'RE ON WAY TO DESTROYING EGYPTIAN ARMY, "...DAYAN/ ELAZAR SHOWN ON FILM FROM ISRAELI TV ON THE W BANK...CBS NOTED ISRAEL SEES SITUATION AS CRITICAL AND POSSIBLY DECISIVE, SAVAGE FIGHTING REPORTED THO EGYPT IS BELITTLING IMPORT OF W, BANK FIGHTING, SAYING IT'S DEVERSION FROM MAIN BATTLE IN SINAI...CBS NOTED ISRAELIS SAY THEY'RE NOT AFTER CAIRO, JUST OUT TO HOLD THEIR OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, THEY FEEL THEIR POSITION IS IMPROVING DAY-BY-DAY, SO NO HURRY FOR C-F,

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ISRAEL IS USING US "SMART BOMBS" ON CANAL FRONT, A BRITISH EXPERT SAID, THE "SMART BOMBS" GUIDED BY LASER BEAMS OR TELEVISION CAMERAS FOR PINPOINT ACCURACY, WERE USED BY THE US IN VN, AIR VICE MARSHAL MENAUL SAID "THOSE HIGHLY ADVNCD WEAPONS ARE UNDOUBTEDLY ...SWINGING CONFLICT MOST IMPRESSIVELY IN FAVOR OF ISRAEL."

POPE PAUL CALLED FOR GRADUAL AND CONTROLLED DISARMAMENT TO RESCUE MAN FROM "MENANCE OF AN ACCUMULATION OF THE MOST HOMICIDAS DEVICES," HE REFERRED INDIRECTLY TO MIDEAST WAR

OTHER FOREIGN AFFAIRS

THIEU ORDERED ARVN TO TAKE "PREVENTIVE ACTION" IF COMMUNIST ATTACK OR BUILDUP APPEARS IMMINENT, ORDER AMOUNTS TO AUTHORIZATION FOR "PRE-EMPTIVE MEASURES" EVEN THO CF FORBIDS ALL AGGRESSIVE ACTS, NOTES UPI,

ERVIN COMM/HILL REACTION TO TAPES COMP.

FOR A TIME SAT, WHAT ERVIN/BAKER APPROVED WAS OPEN TO SOME QUESTION, SAID NBC AS GORALSKI SAW COLLISION COURSE DEVELOPING, SIMILARLY, SCHURR ASSERTED THAT COMM IDRS "DISASSOCIATED" THEMSELVES FROM WH STATEMENT, THUS PROMPTING FLURRY OF ACTIVITY FOLLOWED BY APPARENT WH BACKDOWN, BOTH NETS NOTED THAT LATE SAT PM, BUZHARDT TOLD ERVIN THAT WH WAS IN FULL ACCORD W/SEN'S VIEW THAT VERRATIM

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TRANSCRIPTS WOULD BE PROVIDED, SCHORR CALLED IT "A QUICK TURNAROUND" BY A WH THREATENED NOT ONLY W/COX'S OBJECTIONS, BUT ALSO THOSE OF ERVIN, BAKER AND EVEN STENNIS.

AP SAYS COMPROMISE "APPEARED THREATENED BY ERVIN'S INTERPRETATION," BUT BAKER SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS A "BATTLE OF SEMANTICS... I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER WORDS PARTIAL TRANSCRIPTS OR COMPLETE TRANSCRIPTS EVEN BEING USED, IT WAS MADE ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THE SUMMARIES WOULD BE FULL AND COMPLETE, I'VE GOT A HUNCH (THAT IS) JUST ABOUT EQUIVALENT OF VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT."

ON NBC FILM, PRIOR TOWARD AGREEMENT W/WH ERVIN SAID: "I'D NEVER ACCEPT ANYBODY'S SUMMARY OF ANYTHING," ERVIN SAID, INDICATING HE EXPECTED PARTIAL VERBATIM TRANSCRIPTS... "THE REASON I'M WILLING TO ACCEPT WHAT STENNIS SAYS IS THAT I DON'T KNOW ANY HUMAN THAT EXPRESSES HIGHER DEGREE OF ABILITY OF INTELLECTUAL INTEGRITY."

WH SAID "REPORT WILL BE VERIFIED BY STENNIS, WHO'LL HAVE FULL ACCESS TO TAPES (AND WHO) CAN ADD TO OR CHANGE LANGUAGE IN REPORT IF HE DEEMS IT NECESSARY."

UPI LEADS: "RN PROPOSAL TO RELEASE SELECTIVE SUMMARIES OF TAPES DREW HEAVY FIRE FROM NUMBER OF DEMS WHO SHOWED SIGNS OF LINING UP BEHIND COX IN A POSSIBLE CONFRONTATION."

MONDALE TURNED RN OFFER "A BRAZEN AND ARRUGANT ATTEMPT TO EVADE JUDICIAL PROCESS AND FULL CONSEQUENCES OF THE LAW," MONDALE IS "CONFIDENT COX WILL HAVE VIGOROUS SUPPORT OF SENATE IN HIS EFFORT,"

MUSKIE SAID RN MOVE "REPRESENTS UNACCEPTABLE REFUSAL TO OBEY THE COURT."

FOUR DEM MEMBERS OF JUDICIARY SAID THEY FULLY SUPPORT COX AND URGED RN "TO PULL BACK FROM THIS NEW AND DANGEROUS CONSTITUTIONAL BRINK," STATEMENT MADE BY EMK, HART, BAYH AND TUNNEY.

GURNEY DESCRIBED IT "AN EXCELLENT COMPROMISE" THAT W/HELP OF STENNIS WOULD "CLEAR UP ONCE AND FOR ALL THE UNANSWERED QUESTIONS OF THE TAPES MYSTERY."

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SIMILAR TO SUN'S GORDON, DELSNER IN LATE EDITION OF TIMES SAYS WHILE RN CLAIMED DESIRE TO AVOID CONST'L CONFRONTATION, CONST'L EXPERTS FEEL "RN INSTEAD CREATED BIGGEST CONST'L CRISIS OF THIS ALREADY CRISIS-RIDDEN YEAR," IN CONTRAST, HOWEVER W/2NBC'S FRI, NITE REPORT OF LEGAL REACTION AND W/THAT OF BICKEL, TIMES SAYS LEGAL EXPERTS W/WHOM IT TALKED SEE RN AS "NOW VIOLATING THE LAW," CHICAGO LAW PROF KALVEN AND MICHIS KAMISAR SAY ONLY THRU IMPEACHMENT CAN RN BE FORCED TO OBEY, SUNDAY PAPERS

STARIS QILEARY NOTES "STRONG SPECULATION IN DC THAT SOVIETS HAVE TAKEN PEACE INITIATIVE BECAUSE TIDE OF BATTLE NOW APPEARS SWIMMING AGAINST ARABS."

"REGARDLESS OF OUTCOME OF HAK MISSION," REPORTS STARIS BORDWIEC FROM BEIRUT, "ARABS ARE CONVINCED USSR WON'T LET THEM DOWN,".... "DESPITE HIGHLY VISIBLE CAMPAIGN TO PORTRAY RUSS AS MAIN VILLAINS OF

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WAR," REPORTS STARIS JOHNSTON, "ISRAELI STRATEGISTS ARE CONVINCED ATTACK WAS INITIATED BY EGYPT AND CARRIED OUT FOR EXCLUSIVELY ARAB AIMS," AND CIVILIAN POLICY MAKERS ARE IN FULL AGREEMENT W/HARDLINE MILITARY OBJECTIVE: "TO FIGHT ON TIL ARAB ARMIES ARE DESTROYED OR DEBILITATED AND ACCEPT NO CF IMPOSED FROM OUTSIDE,"

NOYES SAYS "THERE'S QUITE REASONABLE QUESTION WHETHER OR NOT HAK IS REALLY THE EFFECTIVE PRAGMATIST THAT HE'S CRACKED UP TO BE, OR 1 OF MORE ACCOMPLISHED ILLUSIONISTS OF OUR DAY...THERE'S NOT REALLY MUCH QUARREL W/WHAT HAK IS TRYING TO DO SO MUCH AS A GROWING SKEPTICISM THAT RABBIT (HE'S OFTEN PULLING OUT OF HAT) IS REAL AND THAT (HIS) SLOGANS...HAVE MORE THAN RHETORICAL SIGNIFICANCE,"

NOYES SAYS "ESSENCE OF CRITICISM IS THAT HAK HIMSELF MAY BE TOO WILLING TO BELIEVE IN SUBSTANCE OF HIS OWN ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND THIS, IN SECY OF STATE, MAY BE A DANGEROUS QUALITY"...(BAVARIAN CITY PROUD OF NATIVE SON, HEINZ KISSINGER) BANNERS AN INSIDE SECTION OF POST WHICH REPORTS THAT FUERTH, WGERM IS "BASKING IN GLORY REFLECTED BY NATIVE HA,")

SIHANOUK HAS ASKED PRG AND NVN FOR ARMS TO COUNTER US AID TO LON NOL, HE ALSO INDICATED BOTH HAD TURNED DOWN PREVIOUS REQUESTS ON BASIS THAT SUCH SHIPMENTS ARE BANNED "BY THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE-WINNING CF ACCORD,"SAYS UPI...SIHANOUK SAID HE'D BE IN PEKING OR SCHINA AT TIME OF HAK VISIT, BUT, "I'M NOT AUTHORIZED TO SEE HIM, ON OTHER HAND I'LL SEE W/GREATEST OF PLEASURE, AND AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN, MANSFIELD,"

SZUK IN POST'S LEAD OUTLOOK PIECE PROVIDES ONCE-SECRET COLBY DAVIS TESTIMONY TO HOUSE SUBCOM WHICH FINDS MANY SUSPICIONS OF CIA INVOLVEMENT IN CHILEAN COUP "CONFIRMED" SZULE FINDS A "VERY EXTENSIVE COVERT" CIA ROLE IN CHILE LEADING UP TO COUP.

BROADSHER W/STAR FEATURE ON PESSIMISM "GRIPPING"INDIA W/GANDHI SEEN UNABLE TO HANDLE EVER-GROWING AND SERIOUS PROBLEMS.

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"RN FIRES COX, RUCKLESHAUS OVER TAPES; RICHARDSON QUITS" IS 2-TIERED STAR BANNER W/SUBHEADS: "CONFUSION ON COMPROMIS" AND "BORK NAMED TO FILL IN,"

"RICHARDSON, RUCKLESHAUS OUT IN DISPUTE W/NIXON ON TAPES" BANNERS POST BULLDOG W/SUBHEAD: "COX FIRING EXPECTED" AND ANOTHER P. 1 PIECE BENEATH 3-COL CENTER OF PAGE COX PHOTO: "COX DRAWS SHOWDOWN LINES,"...RN, WRIGHT, ERVIN, BAKER PHOTO AT BOTTOM OF P.1.

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"RN'S BRUTAL VIOLATION OF (SOLEMN COMPACT BETWEEN ADMIN AND SENATE) RE: AG AND COX CONFIRMATIONS HAS BROUGHT ON THE CRISIS," SAYS POST WHICH SAYS PAST WH PROBES OF W/GATE WERE "DEMONSTRABLY INCOMPLETE IF NOT CRIMMINALLY NEGLIGENT," POST SAYS RN HAS "ATTEMPTED

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TO SEIZE IMMEDIATE CONTROL OF PROSECUTION OF CRIMINAL CASES IN WHICH HE IS AT LEAST POTENTIALLY A DEFENDANT... COX RESPONDED AS MAN OF HONOR AND INTEGRITY AS DID (AGERUCK)," BUT POST SAYS RN'S ACTIONS HAVE NOT ONLY RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS HONOR, BUT "HIS COMPETENCE TO CONDUCT THE GOVT."

NY TIMES SAYS RN COMPROMISE DISOBEYS "PLAIN LANGUAGE OF COURT ORDERS... RN CONTINUES TO BE ONE THRUSTING US TOWARD CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS... IN TRYING TO EVADE POWER OF COURTS, RN IS NOT DEFENDING PREROGATIVES OF PRESIDENCY, HE IS USING THEM TO SHIELD POSSIBLE EVIDENCE OF CRIMINAL WRONG-DOINGS BY HIS CLOSEST ASSOCIATES AND PERHAPS BY HIMSELF... ABOVE ALL, RN PLAN REPRESENTS SHOCKING BREACH OF FAITH W/US... IT'S A BRAZEN AND CLEVER SCHEME THAT CAN'T BE ALLOWED TO SUCCEED..." SAYS TIMES.

THERE IS "A FANTASTIC BUT DEADLY SERIOUS EFFORT BY FIRE-EATING LIB DEM MCS TO BLOCK FORD, IMPEACH RN AND HAND (WH) TO ALBERT," REPORT EVANS-NOVAK, TIME'S MACNEIL ON NET REPORTED PRETAPES COMPROMISE THAT THERE WERE GROWING DEM DOUBTS RE: CONFIRMATION OF FORD GIVEN GROWING FEELING THAT W/TAPES AND REBOZO MATTERS THAT IMPEACHMENT MAY COME ABOUT AND THUS FORD HEARINGS WOULD, IN EFFECT, BE CHOICE OF A PRES. MACNEIL SAID REBOZO AFFAIR POTENTIALLY COULD BE AN "ENORMOUS EXPLOSION." APPROVAL DATE NOW SEEM IN DEC.

ON NBC SPECIAL CHANCELLOR REPEATEDLY CALLED THE DEVELOPMENTS "STUNNING" AND TOTALLY UNPRECEDENTED, NOTING FBI SEALINGS OF OFFICES IN ADDITION TO FIRINGS/RESIGNATION, HE SAID NOTHING LIKE IT HAS EVER HAPPENED BEFORE. IT'S A "GRAVE AND PROFOUND CRISIS." RN IS SET HIMSELF AGAINST HIS OWN JUSTICE, DEPT, THUS "THE WORST DREAMS OF EVERYONE WHO HAS WORRIED ABOUT TAPES HAVE NOW COME TRUE." "US NEVER THOUGHT IT'D SEE SOMETHING LIKE THIS, RN'S SET IN MOTION EVENTS THE END RESULT OF WHICH CHANCELLOR NEVER THOUGHT HE'D SEE. (90-MINUTE NBC SPECIAL--1130-1AM)

SCHUMACHER NOTED THAT 5 MONTHS OF CAREFUL LEGAL PREPARATION FOR THE PROSECUTIONS OF SUCH AS HRH, JDE AND MITCHELL WERE NOW PERMANENTLY IN THE CONTROL OF RN ALONE. SIRICA HAS OPTION OF PURSUING CASE HIMSELF, GRAND JURY MIGHT HIRE ITS OWN PRIVATE ATTY, OR HILL MIGHT TAKE LEAD ON IMPEACHMENT--AN IDEA NOTED IN COX REMARK THAT HILL MUST NOW DECIDE WHETHER GOVT IS TO BE OF LAWS OR OF MEN, SAID ABC'S MAN.

ON NBC SPECIAL BRINKLEY CALLED IT A "HUGE GAMBLE" FOR RN -- TRYING ONCE AND FOR ALL TO REMOVE THE MILLSTONE OF TAPES WHICH HAVE HUNG "LIKE THE ANCHOR OF THE LOSITANIA" AROUND HIS NECK. BRINKLEY THINKS RN MUST HAVE CONSIDERED POSSIBILITY HE'D BE IMPEACHED IN ADVANCE AND SIMPLY DECIDED ODDS WERE IT'D BE DIFFICULT FOR HOUSE, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE... BROKAW NOTED THAT RN'S ACTIONS FOLLOWED RECENT PATTERN OF "A LARGE CONVULSIVE ACT" FOLLOWED BY WH STATEMENTS ABOUT NEW BEGINNINGS. HE CITED AS PRECEDENTS WHH PRESS CONFERENCE ON WGate AND STA RESIGNATION, WH SOURCES ARE REPORTEDLY TRYING

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