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1. FOLLOWING IS AN INTERESTING AP ARTICLE BY ENDRE MARTON, QUOTING AN UNIDENTIFIED EUROPEAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON IN SOME FRIENDLY COMMENTS ABOUT THE UNITED STATES. WE ARE TRYING TO TRACK DOWN WHO IT IS. AS NEAR AS I CAN FIGURE OUT, IT WILL PROBABLY TURN OUT TO BE THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF MONACO.
BEGIN TEXT:

2. WASHINGTON (AP)-A THE UNITED STATES, BY ITS ACTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT, HAS REGAINED THE CONFIDENCE OF SOME EUROPEAN NATIONS, A HIGH EUROPEAN DIPLOMAT SAYS.

"BY ACTING QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY IN THE MIDDLE EAST YOU HAVE REGAINED THE CONFIDENCE OF THOSE ALLIES IN EUROPE WHO HAD SOME DOUBTS THAT YOU WOULD COME TO THEIR ASSISTANCE IN AN EMERGENCY," HE SAID.

THE DIPLOMAT, WHO REPRESENTS ONE OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH ANNOYED THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION DURING THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT, INSISTED ON ANONYMITY.

THE RIFT IS NOT PERMANENT AND CAN BE HEALED, AMERICAN OBSERVERS OF THE EUROPEAN SCENE MAINTAIN. IT CAN BE DONE, THEY SAY, BY WRITING DOWN A LIST OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES TO WHICH ALL ALLIES CAN SUBSCRIBE, TO BE INCORPORATED IN THE DECLARATIONS OF PRINCIPLES SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER PROPOSED LAST APRIL.

THE UNITED STATES, HE SAID THEN, "HAS GLOBAL INTERESTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES HAVE REGIONAL INTERESTS. THESE ARE NOT NECESSARILY IN CONFLICT, BUT IN THE NEW ERA NEITHER ARE THEY

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AUTOMATICALLY IDENTICAL."

SOME EYEBROWS WERE RAISED IN EUROPE.

YET, THE AMBASSADOR ACKNOWLEDGED, EVENTS SIX MONTHS AFTER THE SPEECH CONFIRMED THAT KISSINGER WAS RIGHT, THAT THE "INTERESTS AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES" OF THE ALLIES WERE NOT AUTOMATICALLY IDENTICAL.

"IT WAS A PAINFUL EXPERIENCE, TO STAND BY HELPLESSLY. LET'S FACE IT: WE ARE NOT EQUAL, AND THAT IS THE PROBLEM," THE DIPLOMAT SAID.

THE ANSWER TO THIS PROBLEM, HE SAID, IS THE POLITICAL UNIFICATION OF EUROPE.

END TEXT.

3. WARM REGARDS.

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