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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BERNARD GWERTZMAN COVERS YOUR STATEMENTS YESTERDAY CONCERNING THE ARAB OIL EMBARGO. IT IS CLEARLY BEING INTERPRETED NOW THAT THE U.S. MIGHT SLOW ITS EFFORTS TO HELP BRING ABOUT A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT. (A-1)

JAMES CLARITY REPORTS ON THE SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAOTIAN ROYAL GOVERNMENT AND PATHET LAO, ESTABLISHING A JOINT POLICE FORCE OF THE TWO PARTIES MADE UP OF MILITIAMEN. (A-3)

FLORA LEWIS POINTS TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT WILL ATTEND THE WASHINGTON OIL CONFERENCE, BUT WARNED AGAINST INVOLVEMENT IN ANY "COOPERATIVE ACTION PROGRAM" BY THE U.S. (A-9)

SEYMOUR HERSH, IN REFERENCE TO YOUR TESTIMONY ON MILITARY SPYING, QUOTES YOU AS SAYING: "MILITARY SPYING IN THE WHITE HOUSE SHOULD NOT HAVE TAKEN PLACE AND SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN TOLERATED." HERSH SAYS THAT ALTHOUGH NO DETAILS OF YOUR TESTIMONY COULD BE IMMEDIATELY LEARNED, ONE SENATOR REMARKED ABOUT YOUR TESTIMONY: "THE GUY IMPRESSED ME AS TELLING THE TRUTH AND SETTING IT STRAIGHT OUT."

THE WASHINGTON POST

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MURREY MARDER COVERS YOUR REMARKS YESTERDAY THAT PROLONGATION OF THE ARAB OIL EMBARGO "MUST BE CONSTRUED AS A FORM OF BLACKMAIL." HE NOTES YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY AVOIDED USING THAT TERM. (A-1)
MICHAEL GETLER WRITES ON YOUR AND ADMIRAL MOORER'S TESTIMONY AT THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE YESTERDAY. CHAIRMAN STENNIS ANNOUNCED THAT YOU BOTH WERE VERY IMPRESSIVE WITNESSES AND NOT THE ROOT OF ANY CONSPIRACY. (A-2)
JAY MATTHEWS REVEALS THAT THE FBI HAS BEEN INTERROGATING U.S. RETURNEES FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS ABOUT POSSIBLE THREATS TO NATIONAL SECURITY. (A-10)

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JONATHAN RANDAL OFFERS A PERSONALITY SKETCH OF FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT, WHOM YOU ARE SAID TO RESPECT AS AN ABLE ADVERSARY. (A-12)

YOUR PICTURE ACCOMPANIES JOSEPH KRAFT'S ARTICLE, NOTING WE HAVE A GOVERNMENT BY PROFESSORS: YOU, SCHLESINGER, AND SHULTZ. THE PRE- DOMINANCE OF INTELLECTUALS IS A RESULT OF A DECLINE IN PRESIDENTIAL INFLUENCE. (A-19)

DUSKO DODER QUOTES WELL-INFORMED SOURCES AS BELIEVING THAT GREECE IS INTERESTED IN LARGE AMOUNTS OF U.S. WEAPONS IN EXCHANGE FOR BASING A 6TH FLEET AIRCRAFT CARRIER IN THE ATHENS AREA. (A-22)

THE BALTIMORE SUN

G.T. JEFFERSON WRITES FROM BEIRUT THAT THE DAILY ARMED CLASHES BETWEEN ISRAELI AND SYRIAN FORCES IN THE GOLAN HEIGHTS APPEARS TO POSE A MUCH MORE SERIOUS THREAT OF RENEWED WARFARE AND COL- LAPSE OF THE FRAGILE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS THAN THE CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS THAT PRECEDED THE DISENGAGEMENT OF ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN FORCES. (A-2)

RICHARD O'MARA OFFERS AN ANALYSIS OF YOUR TRIP TO PANAMA AND OB- SERVES THAT IF YOU CAN ACHIEVE A PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT WITH PANAMA, YOU CAN AVOID CONFRONTING THE CANAL ISSUE AT THE MEETING OF HEMIS- PHERIC FOREIGN MINISTERS. (A-2)

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