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MARCH 26, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST
YOU ARE PICTURED WITH BREZHNEV ON PAGE ONE.
MURREY MARDER, REPORTING FROM MOSCOW, STATES THAT THE U.S. AND
THE SOVIET UNION ARE GOING AHEAD WITH PLANS FOR A SUMMIT VISIT
BY THE PRESIDENT IN SPITE OF DOMESTIC PROBLEMS. BOTH SIDES ARE
PLEGGED TO AN IRREVERSIBLE COURSE TOWARD DETENTE. (A-1)
FIGHTING IN THE MEKONG DELTA HAS ALL BUT ENDED AS THE INHABITANTS
OF THE AREA ATTEMPT TO RESTRUCTURE THEIR LIVES IN THE AFTERMATH
OF SOME OF THE MOST SAVAGE FIGHTING OF THE WAR. (A-1)
AL AHRAH REPORTS THAT KING HUSSEIN IS PLANNING TO RECOGNIZE THE
PLO AS THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. (A-13)
ASAD WILL PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION. (A-13)
THE ARAB LEAGUE BEGAN ITS FOUR-DAY MEETING YESTERDAY IN TUNIS
TO ASSESS THE EFFORTS OF YOU AND SADAT TO HALT THE SHOOTING ON
THE GOLAN HEIGHTS. (A-13)
SAUDI ARABIA HAS INCREASED PRODUCTION OF OIL TO THE U.S. TO A
LEVEL HIGHER THAN THAT WHICH EXISTED BEFORE THE EMBARGO. (A-13)
THE SOVIET UNION AND NORWAY AGREED TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS IN THE
FALL ON DIVIDING UP THE POTENTIALLY OIL-RICH BARENTS SEA. (A-13)
AMBASSADOR KOSCIUSKO-MORIZET DELIVERED AN ORAL PROTEST TO RUSH
WITH RESPECT TO NEWS STORIES ATTRIBUTED TO AMERICAN SOURCES,
CHARGING THAT JOBERT HAD URGED THE ARABS NOT TO LIFT THE EMBARGO.
(A-13)
THE ATLANTIC COUNCIL OF THE U.S. HAS RECOMMENDED BROADER POWER
FOR THE IMF TO APPROVE ALL MEASURES TAKEN IN ADVANCE BY COUN-
TRIES WHICH AFFECT WORLD TRADE. (A-13)

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UGANDAN SOURCES REPORT AMIN HAS BEGUN TO SUMMARILY EXECUTE ALL ARMY OFFICERS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE ABORTIVE COUP OVER THE WEEKEND. (A-15)
 ICELAND'S PRIME MINISTER JOHANNESSEN ANNOUNCED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAS INSISTED ON U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM KEFLAVIK BY THE MIDDLE OF 1976. (A-15)
 AN EDITORIAL URGES THE SENATE TO VOTE FOR THE ALLOCATION OF \$1.5 BILLION OVER FOUR YEARS TO ICA FOR LOW-COST DEVELOPMENT LOANS. (A-16)
 KOSCIUSKO-MORIZET, IN A LETTER-TO-THE-EDITOR, REPLIES TO THE EVANS AND NOVAK COLUMN OF MARCH 23 CRITICIZING FRENCH FOREIGN POLICY. (A-17)
 YOU ARE PICTURED ON PAGE A-14 AT A CONFERENCE TABLE WITH BREZHNEV, DOBRYNIN, GROMYKO, ET AL.

THE NEW YORK TIMES
 YOU ARE PICTURED ON THE FRONT PAGE BEING WELCOMED BY SOVIET LEADER BREZHNEV. MR. SONNENFELDT DISTINCTLY APPEARS NEXT TO YOU DURING THE WELCOMING CEREMONY. (A-1)
 BERNARD GWERTZMAN COVERS YOUR EIGHT-HOUR SESSION OF TALKS WITH MR. BREZHNEV AND SAYS THAT NO DETAILS OF THE DISCUSSIONS WERE DISCLOSED. MR. BREZHNEV DID TELL U.S. CORRESPONDENTS THAT HE WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT THE TALKS ON A NEW ARMS ACCORD WOULD PROVE FRUITFUL. (A-1)
 IN A RECENT PRAVDA ARTICLE, THE SOVIET UNION ATTACKED CAIRO FOR DRIFTING AWAY FROM SOCIALIST PROGRAMS OF THE LATE PRESIDENT NASSER. (A-1)
 A JOINT SOVIET-NORWEGIAN COMMUNIQUE ISSUED TODAY INDICATES THAT THE USSR HAS FAILED TO PERSUADE NORWAY TO BACK THE SOVIET CALL TO HAVE THE CURRENT TALKS ON EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION END EARLY THIS YEAR ON THE SUMMIT LEVEL. (A-4)
 NAN ROBERTSON REPORTS ON THE ASSOCIATION FORMED BY MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT IN THE COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES FOR LONG-TERM ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL, AND CULTURAL COOPERATION BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE ARAB WORLD. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ASSOCIATION SAID MESSAGES WILL BE SENT TO YOU AND THE CHIEFS OF STATE OF THE ARAB NATIONS INFORMING THEM OF THE GROUPS' CREATION AND GOALS. (A-11)

THE BALTIMORE SUN
 AILING FRENCH PRESIDENT POMPIDOU POSTPONED ANOTHER OFFICIAL FUNCTION YESTERDAY AS HE RESTED AT HIS PRIVATE RESIDENCE. HE ALSO CALLED OFF A TRIP TO JAPAN SCHEDULED FOR THE END OF APRIL. HIS SCHEDULED TRIP TO BONN IN EARLY APRIL IS BEING LOOKED ON AS A CRUCIAL TEST OF HIS FITNESS TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE. (A-2)
 CHILE HAS AGREED TO TERMS FOR PARTIAL REPAYMENT OF ITS FOREIGN DEBT OF ABOUT \$4 BILLION, HALF OF WHICH IS OWED TO THE U.S. (A-2)
 THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY DAILY, PRAVDA, YESTERDAY PUBLISHED AN ATTACK ON EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT FOR ALLOWING EGYPT TO DRIFT AWAY FROM SOCIALISM AND GRAVITATING TOWARD THE WEST IN

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FOREIGN POLICY. THE ARTICLE FOLLOWED OTHER CRITICISM OF EGYPT FOR BREAKING THE UNITY OF ARAB RANKS ON THE OIL EMBARGO AGAINST THE U.S. AND FOR OPENING THE DOOR TO WESTERN CAPITAL INVESTMENTS.

(A-6)

JOSEPH KRAFT WRITES THAT THE YEAR OF EUROPE CAN BE SALVAGED AFTER-ALL, THROUGH QUIET COOPERATION IN PARTICULAR AREAS. HE SAYS THAT THE PRESIDENT AND YOU ARE BACKING OFF OF YOUR DEMAND FOR A STATEMENT OF OVERALL PRINCIPLES. AS A RESULT, ALLIED COOPERATION IN MILITARY, ECONOMIC, AND POLITICAL FIELDS IS PROBABLY MORE FRUITFUL NOW THAN IT HAS BEEN IN YEARS. (A-17)

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