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DELIVER TO BREMER/RODMAN FOR THE SECRETARY

TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

THE PRESIDENT WENT DIRECTLY TO CAMP DAVID LAST NIGHT WHEN HE RETURNED FROM HIS TRIP. HE CALLED ME THIS MORNING AND TALKED A BIT ABOUT YOUR LATEST REPORT AND ASKED WHEN YOU THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE GETTING BACK. HIS GENERAL ATTITUDE SEEMS TO BE THAT, BASED ON YOUR LAST REPORT FROM JERUSALEM (HAKD40) THINGS WERE GOING ROUGHLY AS COULD BE EXPECTED. I EMPHASIZED YOUR COMMENT ABOUT THE IMPACT OF HIS LETTER AND SAID THAT IF IF YOU WENT TO THE GULF STATES YOU WOULD PROBABLY RETURN SOME- TIME AROUND MAY 14. THE PRESIDENT SAID TO TELL YOU TO KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, THAT YOU WERE DOING A TERRIFIC JOB WITH IMPOSSIBLE PEOPLE.

THERE IS NOTHING UNUSUAL IN THE NEWS TODAY EXCEPT ONE EDITORIAL IN THE STAR, "KISSINGER AND ELLSBERG". I WILL SEND THE TEXT SEPARATELY, BUT THE EDITORIAL CLOBBERS COLSON'S AFFIDAVIT FOR IMPLYING THAT YOU HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PLUMBERS AND DEPLORES THIS ATTEMPT TO BESMIRCH YOUR REPUTATION. IT IS A VERY HEARTENING ARTICLE.

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FLANIGAN HAS TALKED TO CARDINAL KROL ABOUT THE GIEREK VISIT AND HAS GOTTEN A GREEN LIGHT, SO WE CAN NOW START THINGS MOVING WITH THE POLES ON THE VISIT.

HAIG WILL BE ON "ISSUES AND ANSWERS" THIS AFTERNOON.
WARM REGARDS.

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