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DELIVER TO BREMER/RODMAN FOR THE SECRETARY.

MAY 10, 1974

TO: SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM: GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FOLLOWING IS FROM SONNENFELDT.

THE ACTING SECRETARY IS SENDING YOU A FRONTCHANNEL MESSAGE REQUESTING CERTAIN INSTRUCTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA. THE THRUST OF THE GUIDANCE REQUESTED IS TO PUT US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS BACK ON COURSE FULL SPEED AHEAD, BASED ON YOUR RECENT MEETING WITH MINIC. IT IS ALSO CONSONANT WITH YOUR AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO VISIT YUGOSLAVIA YOURSELF.

IT WOULD BE MY JUDGMENT THAT UNLESS YOU HAVE SOME ASSURANCE OF A POSITIVELY HELPFUL YUGOSLAV POSTURE ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND OTHER ISSUES OF INTEREST TO US, THE IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA OUGHT TO BE PURSUED IN SOMEWHAT MORE MEASURED DOSAGES THAN IMPLIED IN THE ACTING SECRETARY'S PROPOSED COURSES OF ACTION. THUS, I BELIEVE MILITARY SALES AND A SCHLESINGER VISIT OUGHT NOT TO BE BOTH APPROVED AT THIS TIME. PROPOSED POSITION ON PRIMEMINISTER'S VISIT TO THE US IN 1975 SEEMS OK. DENT VISIT EARLY THIS SUMMER WOULD IN MY VIEW BE OVERLOADING CIRCUITS IF RUSH AND YOU BOTH GO. IN ANY EVENT, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOUR RESPONSE TO THE ACTING SECRETARY SHOULD INCLUDE GUIDANCE WHEREBY HE WOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT RETURN TO EARLIER COURSE IN US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS IS BOUND TO BE AFFECTED BY YUGOSLAV CONDUCT ON ISSUES THAT MATTER TO US.

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