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TO: SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

THE ATTACHED WAS JUST RECEIVED FROM JOHN SCALI.
FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER FROM AMBASSADOR SCALI
SUBJECT: SENATOR HUMPHREY'S SPEECH AT UN

1. SENATOR HUMPHREY MADE TODAY (09 MAY 74) THE SPEECH AT UN ON THE
WORLD FOOD CRISIS THAT HE TOLD ME HE DISCUSSED BRIEFLY WITH YOU
BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE. (SEE REFTEL) HE CALLED ON THE
UNITED STATES TO UNDERTAKE FAR SWIFTER, EMERGENCY ACTION
AS PART OF A NATIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE TO PROVIDE FOOD AID
TO THE NEEDIEST COUNTRIES, ESTABLISHING A FOOD RESERVE
PROGRAM, URGENTLY HELPING EXPAND WORLD FERTILIZER PRODUCTION,
AND ENLISTING AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL GENIUS TO AID
FOOD DEFICIT NATIONS INCREASE THEIR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.

2. THE SPEECH, DELIVERED AT UN HEADQUARTERS, HAD AN
IMMEDIATE POWERFUL IMPACT UPON THE LARGE AUDIENCE WHICH
INCLUDED SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM, MANY FOREIGN DELEGATIONS,
AND OPINION MAKERS PLUS INFLUENTIALS FROM PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS.

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3. SOME OF HIS POINTS REITERATE PROPOSALS YOU HAVE ALREADY
MADE; SOME GO BEYOND INTO GREATER SPECIFICS; NONE CONFLICTS
WITH THE BASICS OF FORWARD-LOOKING POLICY YOU PROPOSED. BUT
HE COMMUNICATES A MUCH GREATER SENSE OF URGENCY.

State Dept. review completed

4. HUMPHREY SAID THAT IN FEW DAYS HE WOULD INTRODUCE WITH
BI-PARTISAN COLLEAGUES A WORLD FOOD ACTION RESOLUTION, URGING

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THE PRESIDENT TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS IN THE CURRENT CRISIS. I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE TO THE PRESIDENT IN WASHINGTON THAT HE RESPOND TO THIS INITIATIVE AND BUILD UPON IT, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF SENATOR HUMPHREY'S AUTHORITY, PRE-EMINENCE IN FIELD OF AGRICULTURE, AND WEIGHT IN THE CONGRESS. SPECIFICALLY, THE PRESIDENT COULD: (1) INVITE TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOR A MEETING ON THE WORLD FOOD CRISIS THE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND CO-SPONSORS OF THE PROPOSED HUMPHREY RESOLUTION. AT THIS MEETING, LED BY YOU, PERHAPS SECRETARY BUTZ, AND OTHERS, THE PRESIDENT COULD OUTLINE THE STEPS THAT EXECUTIVE BRANCH CAN TAKE IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE WITHOUT NEW LEGISLATION AND THAT FOR WHICH HE SEEKS CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT. THESE STEPS COULD INCLUDE SEVERAL ELEMENTS THAT WERE PART OF OUR PROPOSAL HERE AT THE UN IN THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. (2) A FEW DAYS AFTER THE CONGRESSIONAL MEETING, THE PRESIDENT COULD INVITE SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOR LUNCH WITH KEY ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS TO OUTLINE WHAT THE USG INTENDS TO PRESENT TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE AT THE UN WHICH NOW IN PLANNING BACKSTAGE.

5. AFTER THESE TWO INITIATIVES BY THE PRESIDENT, THE U.S. COULD IMMEDIATELY PRESENT ITS PROPOSALS IN THE UN AD HOC COMMITTEE, SCHEDULED TO MEET DURING MAY. THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE IN THE COMMITTEE WOULD THEN SPELL OUT MORE DETAILS OF OUR PLANS AND URGE OTHER COUNTRIES SUCH AS CANADA AND AUSTRALIA, AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED, TO JOIN IN EQUALLY SPEEDY ACTION.

6. I BELIEVE THAT THROUGH THESE STEPS WE COULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE BI-PARTISAN MOMENTUM GENERATED BY SENATOR HUMPHREY'S IMAGINATIVE PROPOSALS, RECOUPING DIPLOMATIC SETBACK CAUSED BY LATENESS OF OUR EARLIER PROGRAM. THIS WOULD NOT ONLY DEMONSTRATE INITIAL SINCERITY OF OUR ORIGINAL INITIATIVE, BUT ALSO EXPAND ON IT WITH EXPECTABLE BI-PARTISAN SUPPORT FOR FOREIGN AID CONCEPT GENERALLY AND PUT PRESIDENT AND USG IN POSITIVE AND HUMANITARIAN STATESMAN IMAGE AT TIME WHEN HIS PERSONAL PRESTIGE AS WORLD LEADER CAN BE ENHANCED.

COMMENT: IN PRIVATE CHAT WITH ME, HUMPHREY SAYS HE BELIEVES YOU ENCOURAGING HIM TO HELP YOU ACHIEVE POSITIVE OBJECTIVE YOU BELIEVE ENDANGERED BY KNOW-NOTHING FOES. IF HIS PLAN IS NOT THUS ANNOINTED IN ADVANCE BY YOU, HE UNDER MAJOR MISAPPREHENSION, AND YOU WILL HAVE ONE MIGHTY UNHAPPY SENATOR ON YOUR HANDS. HE PROBABLY WILL GO AHEAD ANYHOW WITH DEMOCRATIC ALLIES AND TAKE CREDIT FOR FORCING PENNY-PINCHING ADMINISTRATION TO THINK BIG.

MY PROPOSED SCENARIO FOR MOVING PRESIDENT INTO GAME PLAN NOT IMMUTABLE BUT OBJECTIVE IS TO MOVE QUICKLY ENOUGH TO HARNESS HUMPHREY'S INITIATIVE TO OUR WAGON IN COMMON INTEREST. THIS SCENARIO WOULD PLEASE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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WITHOUT INCREASING HIS PRESTIGE UNDULY, YET GIVE PRESIDENT
PROPER KIND OF INTERNATIONAL SPRINGBOARD AND BACKGROUND FOR
HIS ROLE.
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THE ABOVE IS BEING STAFFED. WE WILL HAVE SOMETHING FOR
YOU UPON YOUR RETURN.

WARM REGARDS.
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