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MAY 19, 1974

TO: SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM: SONNENFELDT
THROUGH GENERAL SCOWCROFT.

1. REGARDING YOUR MESSAGE ABOUT MY CONTRIBUTION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT PRINCIPALS DAILY ACTIVITY REPORT, I HAD NOT THOUGHT IT WISE TO REFER IN THAT DOCUMENT, GIVEN ITS DISTRIBUTION, TO THE MATTERS ON WHICH WE HAVE BEEN REPORTING TO YOU WITH CONSIDERABLE FREQUENCY IN THE WHITE HOUSE CHANNEL. LIKEWISE, I HAVE NOT REPEATED IN THE ACTIVITIES REPORT MATERIALS ALREADY SENT TO YOU SEPARATELY IN STATE CHANNELS, PARTICULARLY THOSE SENSITIVE ONES ON CSCE AND THE NATO DECLARATION, WHICH ARE DEALT WITH IN MESSAGES MORE TIGHTLY HELD THAN THE ACTIVITIES REPORT.

2. AS REGARDS THE NATO DECLARATION, DE ROSE TOLD RUMSFELD LATE FRIDAY THAT THE QUAI DOES NOT REPEAT NOT WISH TO USE THE NEW BRITISH TEXT AS THE BASIS BUT WISHES TO HAVE PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH REVIEW OF THE PREVIOUS FRENCH TEXT. WE HAVE INSTRUCTED USNATO TO MAINTAIN FIRM SUPPORT OF THE NEW BRITISH TEXT AND TO COORDINATE TACTICS CLOSELY AND PRIVATELY WITH THE UK. RUMSFELD, LUNS AND CALLAGHAN WILL ALL BE HERE THIS WEEK WHICH WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE BIDDING, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF FRENCH ELECTION RESULTS. LUNS TOLD ME AT DINNER THAT IN HIS VIEW DE ROSE'S INSTRUCTIONS WERE LAST GASP FROM JOBERT BEFORE ELECTION. AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, BRITISH HAVE HAD STATIC FROM DAVIGNON WHO IS CONCERNED ABOUT FRENCH

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ADVERSE REACTION TO BRITISH TEXT. WE WILL HAVE BETTER IDEA OF PROSPECTS WHEN NAC BEGINS MONDAY, ALBEIT MINUS LUNS AND RUMSFELD, TO BEGIN FORMAL CONSIDERATION OF DECLARATION ISSUE. OUR DCM HAS STRONG INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPPORT BRITISH AND TO MAKE A FEW CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS, PRE-ARRANGED WITH UK TO AVOID APPEARANCE OF COLLUSION.

3. I HAD NOT SEEN IKLE'S MESSAGE TO YOU ON INDIAN TEST BEFORE IT WENT, BUT IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES IT WAS PROBABLY JUST AS WELL FOR HIM TO GET YOUR DIRECT REACTION. IN ANY EVENT, WE ARE MAKING CERTAIN THAT NOTHING FURTHER GOES OUT THAT YOU HAVE NOT APPROVED, INCLUDING TALKING POINTS FOR OHIRA VISIT IN WHICH INDIAN TEST IS BOUND TO FIGURE PROMINENTLY.

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