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PLEASE DELIVER TO BREMER/RODMAN FOR THE SECRETARY

DELIVER OPENING OF BUSINESS

TO: JERRY BREMER/PETER RODMAN FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

1. I THINK WE HAVE THINGS BACK UNDER CONTROL NOW. AFTER OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION I MADE A STRONG PITCH TO HAIG. HE WAS STRONGLY AGAINST SEPARATING THE LEADERSHIP BRIEFING FROM A TRIP ANNOUNCEMENT, BUT AFTER LONG ARGUMENT HE DID AGREE TO RAISE IT WITH THE PRESIDENT. YOUR PHONE CALL TO HIM WAS VERY TIMELY BECAUSE I THINK IT CONVINCED HIM TO PUT THE ARGUMENTS IN A MORE FAVORABLE LIGHT THAN HE WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE DONE. AS YOU KNOW FROM HAIG'S CALL BACK TO YOU, THE PRESIDENT AGREED TO GO BACK TO THE FRIDAY LEADERSHIP MEETING.

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2. THE PRESIDENT CALLED ME OVER THIS AFTERNOON TO ASK IF YOU WERE STILL UPSET, SO I GUESS HAIG MUST HAVE PUT THE ARGUMENTS IN FAIRLY STRONG TERMS. I TOLD HIM THAT YOU WERE NOT UPSET, THAT YOU SIMPLY FELT STRONGLY ABOUT SEPARATING THE EVENTS SOLELY ON THE MERITS OF THE SITUATION. THE PRESIDENT SEEMED VERY CONCILIATORY ABOUT THE WHOLE MATTER AND WENT ON TO SAY YOU MUST BE REALLY EXHAUSTED (I THEN MENTIONED TO HIM THE FACT THAT YOU HAD CALLED ME LAST NIGHT AT 4:45 A.M. JERUSALEM TIME). HE SAID WE WOULD HAVE TO FIGURE SOME WAY TO GET YOU A LITTLE REST WHEN YOU RETURN. SO, I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT LITTLE PROBLEM HAS BEEN LAID TO REST.

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3. THE PRESIDENT ALSO RAISED SALT AGAIN IN THE CONTEXT OF

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YOUR HAVING TO MAKE ANOTHER TRIP TO MOSCOW. I POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS YET TO BE SEEN WHETHER OR NOT ANYTHING WAS POSSIBLE IN THE AREA OF MIRV'S, AND THAT A TRIP BY YOU WOULD TAKE PLACE ONLY IF THE SUBSTANCE WARRANTED IT. I POINTED OUT THAT WE WERE QUITE SOME DISTANCE FROM AN AGREEMENT ON MIRV'S, BUT THAT WHATEVER THE OUTCOME IN THAT AREA OF SALT, WE WOULD HAVE FOR THE SUMMIT A TEST BAN AND ABM AGREEMENT. DEFENSE HAS GOTTEN TO HAIG WITH THEIR CONCERNS ON SALT, AND I PRESUME THAT HAIG HAS MENTIONED TO THE PRESIDENT THAT WE HAVE SALT PROBLEMS. I THINK HAIG IS IN GOOD SHAPE ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ISSUES, AND I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT THE PRESIDENT IS SOLIDLY BEHIND YOU, BUT THE BUREAUCRACY IS OBVIOUSLY NOT DISPOSED TO BE HELPFUL.

WARM REGARDS.

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