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SUBJECT: UPI STATEMENT

FOR MR. EAGLEBURGER

WHITE HOUSE PLEASE PASS SALZBURG

1. THE FOLLOWING IS UPI STATEMENT OF JUNE 11, 1974:
 "IN WASHINGTON, SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER MIKE MANSFIELD
 REVEALED KISSINGER HAD TOLD HIM LAST WEEK HE WAS "SERIOUSLY
 CONSIDERING" RESIGNING BECAUSE OF THE WIRETAPPING DISPUTE.

2. "MANSFIELD TOLD REPORTERS THE TWO MET LAST SATURDAY AND
 KISSINGER SAID HE MIGHT STEP DOWN. THEY MET AGAIN SUNDAY
 AND AT THAT MEETING KISSINGER SAID HE WAS GIVING CONSIDERA-
 TION TO NOT ACCOMPANYING NIXON ON THE MIDEAST TRIP,

3. "MANSFIELD SAID AT SATURDAY'S BREAKFAST MEETING THAT
 KISSINGER WAS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING AT THAT TIME OF
 RESIGNING BECAUSE HE COULD NOT CARRY ON HIS FOREIGN POLICY
 RESPONSIBILITIES...BECAUSE THIS THING WAS HANGING AROUND
 ALL THE TIME."

4. "AT SUNDAY'S MEETING, MANSFIELD SAID KISSINGER TOLD HIM
 HE WAS "SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING WITHDRAWING FROM THE MIDDLE
 EAST TRIP BECAUSE OF THE SAME THING."

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5. MANSFIELD SAID KISSINGER FEARED HIS EFFECTIVENESS IN
CARRYING OUT THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THIS COUNTRY MIGHT BE
MITIGATED. "I URGED HIM NOT TO RESIGN," THE SENATE
DEMOCRATIC LEADER SAID. "I SAID THE COUNTRY NEEDED HIM." 1"
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