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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
 FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
 SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST:
 CARROLL KILPATRICK REPORTS ON ANOTHER ENORMOUS EGYPTIAN WELCOME GIVEN THE PRESIDENT AS HE TRAVELED BY TRAIN FROM CAIRO TO ALEXANDRIA. HE NOTES THE PRESIDENT'S PLEDGE OF AMERICAN SUPPORT IN DEVELOPING A FORMULA FOR A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT BEFORE THE REOPENING OF THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE. THE FRONT PAGE CARRIES A PHOTO OF THE PRESIDENT ON THE TRAIN BEING CHEERED BY A LARGE NUMBER OF EGYPTIANS. (1)
 JIM HOAGLAND WRITES THAT THE WELCOME GIVEN THE PRESIDENT WAS PLANNED. HE CITES AN INSTANCE WHERE A MAN SHOUTED TO THE PEOPLE THAT THEY MUST GIVE A GOOD WELCOME TO THE PRESIDENT. BUT THE APPRECIATION OF THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS BY PRESIDENT NIXON AND YOU HAVE PLAYED AN EVEN GREATER ROLE IN SHAPING A GENUINELY ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME FOR A LEADER WHO ONE YEAR AGO WAS BEING STRONGLY DENOUNCED IN EGYPT. (1)
 LAURENCE STERN SAYS YOU ARE INITIATING YOUR OWN INVESTIGATION ON THE CHARGES OF YOUR CONNECTION IN THE WIRETAPPING AND WATER-GATE CASE. STERN SAYS YOU HAVE INSTRUCTED MAW TO LOOK INTO

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"EVERYTHING RELEVANT TO ANYTHING ANYBODY HAS SAID ON YOUR CONNECTION IN THE WIRETAPPING, WATERGATE, ETC." (1)
 MARILYN BERGER COVERS THE ABC SPECIAL OF YOUR INTERVIEW TAPED LAST SATURDAY TO BE AIRED TONIGHT. SHE STARTS OFF WITH YOUR STATEMENT THAT YOU WOULD RESIGN IF YOU FELT FOREIGN POLICY WAS BEING MANIPULATED FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL PURPOSES. (10)
 JOE ALSOP PUTS THE BLAME ON THE MEDIA FOR YOUR DECISION TO RESIGN UNLESS CLEARED. HE SAYS "IT IS HYPOCRISY TO PRETEND THE PRESS WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE." YOUR RECEPTION, AFTER ONE OF THE GREATEST AND MOST TOTALLY EXHAUSTING DIPLOMATIC FEATS IN MORE THAN A CENTURY, WAS A SAVAGE AND DISGUSTING PRESS CONFERENCE DURING WHICH YOU WERE TREATED LIKE A COMMON CRIMINAL. THE CLIMAX, ALSOP SAYS, WAS THE NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL ACCUSING YOU OF "DISSEMBLING" IN TONES MAJESTICALLY COMBINING SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PECKSNIFFERY. ALSOP SAYS HE HAS SEEN NO ACCOUNT OF YOUR THREAT TO RESIGN THAT HAS SET FORTH THE FACTS EITHER FULLY OR FORTHRIGHTLY. OVERALL, HE SAYS, IT SEEMS A MITE ODD FOR THE MAJOR POLITICAL ROLE OF THE PRESS TO BE LEFT OUT OF THE ACCOUNTING, WHEN WE HAVE TAKEN TO HOLDING OUR PUBLIC MEN SO STRICTLY ACCOUNTABLE. (29)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

JOHN CREWDSON INDICATES THAT ACCORDING TO HIGHLY RELIABLE SOURCES, YOU WERE NOT "A TARGET" OF THE SPECIAL WATERGATE PROSECUTORS INVESTIGATION OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION'S WIRE-TAPPING OPERATIONS. (A-1)

ROME -- PRESIDENT GIOVANNI REJECTED THE RESIGNATION THAT PREMIER MARIANO RUMOR AND HIS MINISTERS TENDERED ON MONDAY. (A-3)

BRUSSELS -- THE NETHERLANDS, UNDER PRESSURE FROM NATO AND DOMESTIC POLITICAL GROUPS, PROMISED YESTERDAY TO MAKE NO IMMEDIATE CUTS IN THE SIZE OF HER ARMED FORCES. THE DUTCH INDICATED THAT REDUCTIONS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT ONLY IN THE FRAMEWORK OF GENERAL MILITARY REDUCTIONS UNDER EAST-WEST ACCORD. (A-4)

CHRISTOPHER WREN REPORTS ON A TOP SOVIET OFFICIAL SAYING THAT DEVELOPMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY WAS PROCEEDING MORE SLOWLY IN THE SOVIET UNION THAN IN THE U.S. BECAUSE RUSSIANS ENJOYED AN ABUNDANCE OF THE ORGANIC FUELS. (A-7)

BERNARD GWERTZMAN SAYS THAT A MAJORITY OF THE SENATE WAS BACKING A RESOLUTION THAT YOUR "INTEGRITY AND VERACITY ARE ABOVE REPROACH." IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT 52 SENATORS SIGNED THE RESOLUTION YESTERDAY. (A-13)

MOSCOW -- SOVIET PRESIDENT PODGORNYY WARNED THE WEST YESTERDAY NOT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ITS IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPE BY TRYING TO WIN CONCESSIONS IN MILITARY FIELDS OR IN THE MOVEMENT OF IDEAS AND PEOPLE ACROSS BORDERS. (A-14)

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JAMES RESTON ENTITLES HIS COLUMN "THE ART AND STYLE OF RESIGNING." RESTON SAYS THAT "THE PEOPLE WHO SHOULD RESIGN WONIT, AND THE PEOPLE WHO SHOULDNIT THREATEN TO DO SO." IN YOUR CASE, YOU SOMEHOW MISPLACED TWO OF YOUR MOST CELEBRATED QUALITIES -- A SENSE OF HUMOR AND YOUR GIFT OF LOGIC. HE SEES YOUR "PERFORMANCE" LIKE AN ACTOR WHO THREATENS TO QUIT THE THEATER BECAUSE HE GOT A COUPLE OF BUM REVIEWS. RESTON ASKS WHAT YOU THINK PRESIDENT NIXON SHOULD DO FACING MUCH MORE SERIOUS AND PROLONG CHARGES ABOUT HIS CREDIBILITY. HE GOES ON TO APPLAUD YOUR INTELLIGENCE, PERSONALITY AND CHARACTER AND HOW YOU HAVE CHANGED U.S. FOREIGN RELATIONS. CONCLUSIVELY, RESTON ASSERTS THAT THE HEAVY DIVISIONS IN THE COUNTRY THAT YOU SPEAK OF, IS NOT LIKELY TO BE OBTAINED BY RESIGNING AT THE WRONG TIME AND ON THE WRONG ISSUE.

THE BALTIMORE SUN

SADAT AND NIXON AGREED ON A "STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH" TO TRY TO REACH A MIDDLE EAST PEACE "NOT BECAUSE WE WANT TO GO SLOW BUT BECAUSE WE WANT TO GET THERE." (A-1)

MENA REPORTS ON THE NORTH YEMEN COUP RESULTING FROM A THREAT BY PRESIDENT IRYANI TO RESIGN. (A-2)

A MULTI-NATION TASK FORCE SET UP TO OVERHAUL THE WORLD MONETARY SYSTEM ENDED 14 MONTHS OF NEGOTIATIONS BY ADOPTING A SERIES OF "INTERIM" MEASURES DESIGNED TO CONTINUE THE PRESENT MAKESHIFT SYSTEM OF FLOATING RATES. (A-4)

THREE LEBANESE VILLAGES ON THE EASTERN SLOPES OF MOUNT HERMON CAME UNDER ISRAELI SHELLING AND THE FIRE WAS RETURNED BY THE LEBANESE ARMY.

PODGORNY OUTLINED SOME OF THE PROBLEMS THAT MOSCOW FEELS STAND IN THE WAY OF IMPROVED EAST-WEST RELATIONS. HE SPECIFICALLY DENOUNCED EFFORTS BY WESTERN COUNTRIES TO WIN POLITICAL LIBERALIZATION IN THE SOVIET UNION AND IN EASTERN EUROPE AS THE PRICE OF THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE. (A-6)

AN EDITORIAL ADMONISHES EFFORTS TO SOLVE THE "KISSINGER CASE" VIA IRRESPONSIBLE EMOTIONALISM, I.E., A RESOLUTION PRAISING YOU AS A PATRIOTIC AMERICAN "WHOSE INTEGRITY AND VERACITY ARE ABOVE REPROACH." THE SUN SEES THE ISSUE AS WHETHER OR NOT YOU DISSEMBLED IN TESTIMONY BEFORE A SENATE COMMITTEE, AND THE ANSWER CAN ONLY COME COOLLY AND FACTUALLY. (A-16)

A SECOND EDITORIAL NOTES THAT THE TALKS BETWEEN KREISKY AND NIXON HAVE BEEN "LOST-IN-THE-SHUFFLE" -- YOUR RESIGNATION THREAT AND GENERAL PREOCCUPATION WITH THE MIDDLE EAST TRIP. THE SUN RHETORICALLY PONDERES WHETHER KRIESKY MADE IT CLEAR TO THE PRESIDENT THAT MANY WESTERN EUROPEANS ARE RESISTING A SECURITY CONFERENCE SUMMIT UNTIL IT MEANS SOMETHING. THERE IS A FEELING THAT THE U.S. WOULD NOT OBJECT TO SOVIET INSISTANCE ON A 35-NATION SUMMIT CONFERENCE TO COUGH UP A NOTHING COMMUNIQUE -- SO LONG

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