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OCTOBER 31, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEMS

SURPRISE ATTACK AGAINST THE KURDS APPARENTLY SUCCEEDS: IRAQI FORCES REPORTEDLY LAUNCHED A SURPRISE ATTACK NORTH OF RAWANDUZ ON OCTOBER 24 AND OCCUPIED KURDISH POSITIONS THERE. THE NEXT DAY, GOVERNMENT TROOPS ALLEGEDLY GAINED CONTROL OF THE ENTIRE ZUZAK HEIGHTS, ALTHOUGH THE KURDS CLAIM THEY WITHDREW ONLY FROM THE FOOTHILLS AND STILL HOLD THE NORTHERN SLOPES. THE TRUE PICTURE IS UNCLEAR, BUT A GRAVE SITUATION HAS APPARENTLY DEVELOPED ON THE RAWANDUZ FRONT. FROM ITS ZUZAK POSITIONS, IRAQI ARTILLERY CAN SHELL MUCH OF THE TERRITORY REMAINING UNDER KURDISH CONTROL. IN APPARENTLY REACTION TO THIS, IRAN HAS AUTHORIZED A SIX-GUN 130-MM BATTERY TO REMAIN IN THE HAJI UMRANRAWANDUZ AREA TO PROVIDE LONG-RANGE FIRE SUPPORT FOR THE KURDS. ON THE 26TH, A 175-MM BATTALION POSITION NEAR SARDASHT WAS AGAIN DIRECTED TO FIRE ON SUITABLE TARGETS IN QALAT DIZEH. THE STIPULATION THAT USE OF THE 175-MM GUNS MUST BE AUTHORIZED BY THE SHAH HAS ALSO BEEN REMOVED. THE BATTALION HAS BEEN ORDERED TO FIRE WHEN REQUESTED BY KURDISH LEADER BARZANI OR ONE OF HIS REPRESENTATIVES.

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SOVIET PRISONERS REPORTED STRIKING: ANDREY SAKHAROV, THE PROMINENT SOVIET DISSIDENT PHYSICIST, LAST NIGHT TOLD WESTERN NEWSMEN IN MOSCOW THAT A HUNGER STRIKE AMONG POLITICAL PRISONERS HAD BEGUN. HE CITED TWO LABOR CAMPS IN WHICH THIS ACTIVITY IS UNDER WAY AND SAID IT WOULD END TODAY. IRAN LOAN TO PERU IRAN IS BACKING A \$50-MILLION COMMERCIAL BANK LOAN TO PERU TO HELP FINANCE CONSTRUCTION OF THE \$450-MILLION TRANSANDIAN PIPELINE. THE LOAN, TO RUN SEVEN YEARS WITH A FOUR YEAR GRACE PERIOD, BRINGS ASSURED FINANCING FOR THE PIPELINE TO ABOUT \$330 MILLION. THE PIPELINE, WHEN COM-

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TINUES THROUGH TODAY. THE REASON FOR THE LACK OF AIR ACTIV-
ITY REMAINS UNCLEAR BUT SIMILAR TACTICAL STAND DOWNS HAVE
OCCURRED IN LATE OCTOBER-EARLY NOVEMBER IN EACH YEAR SINCE
1967, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 1968 AND 1971. EXCEPT FOR LOCAL
TRAINING FLIGHTS BY FIVE AIR ACADEMY MIG-15/17S YESTERDAY AND
TWO IL-28 BOMBERS EARLY TODAY, NO TACTICAL AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN

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