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SUMMARY UPDATE

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE OF POSSIBLE INTEREST AS YOU PREPARE TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON AND TO A BROADER FOCUS FOR BRIEFINGS.

BELGIAN PURCHASE OF THE F-16

FOLLOWING A MEETING BETWEEN BELGIAN DEFENSE MINISTER PAUL VANDEN BOEYNANTS AND U.S. SECRETARY SCHLESINGER ON THE PURCHASE BY BELGIUM OF THE AMERICAN F-16 FIGHTER AIRCRAFT, THE TWO LEADERS MAINTAINED A "NO COMMENT" IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ON THE FINAL BELGIAN DECISION. VANDEN BOEYNANTS SAID THAT A FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE NEXT WEEK. A DECISION TO PURCHASE IS EXPECTED.

DEBATE ON DOD AUTHORIZATION BILL

UPON YOUR RETURN I WILL HAVE SUMMARY SHEETS ON THE DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BILL FOR WEAPONS PROCUREMENT AND RESEARCH. THE PRESIDENT HAS REQUESTED \$29.8 BILLION FOR FY 76; SENATE AND HOUSE LEGISLATION WOULD PUT THE FIGURE AT 3 TO 6 BILLION LESS DEPENDING ON WHAT IS FINALLY PASSED. KEY AMMENDMENTS THE ADMINISTRATION IS OPPOSING INCLUDE:

- A. THE IMPOSITION OF A \$23.8 BILLION SPENDING CEILING,
- B. CUTTING TROOP LEVELS OVERSEAS.

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- C. DELETION OF ALL FUNDS FOR THE B-1 BOMBER.
- D. DELETION OF THE CRUISE MISSILE R AND D PROGRAM.
- E. DELETION OF ABM SITE DEFENSE R & D PROGRAM.
- F. REDUCTION OF 16 DIVISIONS OF THE ARMY.
- G. DELETION OF 12 PATROL FRIGATES.
- H. DELETION OF PROCUREMENT OF 50 MINUTEMAN III MISSILES.
- I. DELETION OF THE AIRBORNE RADAR WARNING PLANE.
- J. DELETION OF THE YIELD AND ACCURACY IMPROVEMENTS R & D PROGRAMS.

#### SENATE DEBATE

HARRISON HUMPHRIES (AP) CARRIES A STORY TODAY TO THE EFFECT THAT SEVERAL LONG TIME SENATE OPPONENTS OF AMERICAN MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM ARE NOW ADVISING AGAINST WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS FROM SOUTH KOREA. IN SENATE DEBATE, SENATORS EAGLETON AND CRANSTON SUPPORTED PRESIDENT FORD'S REAFFIRMATION OF THE U.S. TREATY COMMITMENT TO DEFEND SOUTH KOREA IN THE EVENT OF ATTACK BY NORTH KOREA.

#### ISRAEL-EGYPT UPDATE

AS YOU KNOW, PRIME MINISTER RABIN ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT ISRAEL WOULD UNILATERALLY REDUCE THE SIZE OF ITS FORCES STATIONED IN THE FORWARD PORTION OF THE FRONT WITH EGYPT. THE PULLBACK IS PRIMARILY A POLITICAL GESTURE AND IS NOT LIKELY TO PRODUCE A MILITARILY SIGNIFICANT TROOP REDUCTION IN THE AREA.

RABIN SAID THE ACTION WAS BEING TAKEN IN HOPES OF REDUCING MILITARY TENSIONS WITH EGYPT AND WAS NOT A REPLACEMENT FOR THE CURRENT ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT.

INITIAL EGYPTIAN REACTION TO THE ISRAELI MOVE HAS BEEN HIGHLY FAVORABLE. TERMING THE ACTION A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, AN EGYPTIAN SPOKESMAN WITH PRESIDENT SADAT IN SALZBURG SAID THAT SADAT WOULD LOOK FAVORABLY ON ISRAELI "USE" OF THE CANAL IF HIS MILITARY COMMANDERS CONCLUDE THAT THE THINNING OUT IS "SERIOUS AND NOT PROPAGANDISTIC."

THE SPOKESMAN DID NOT EXPLAIN WHETHER "USE" WOULD ENTAIL THE TRANSIT OF ISRAELI FLAG VESSELS OR ONLY OF ISRAELI CARGOES ON SHIPS FLYING OTHER FLAGS. THE REFERENCE IS IN ANY CASE THE FIRST PUBLIC

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EGYPTIAN ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT ISRAEL MIGHT BE ALLOWED ACCESS TO THE CANAL IN ANY WAY.

RABIN TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE ISRAEL WILL REDUCE BY HALF THE NUMBER OF TANKS CURRENTLY WITHIN 30 KILOMETERS OF THE SUEZ CANAL. THE ISRAELIS ALSO WILL MAINTAIN NO ARTILLERY WITHIN 32 KILOMETERS OF THE CANAL, AND WILL POSITION NO MISSILES-- EXCEPT ANTI-TANK MISSILES--WITHIN 40 KILOMETERS OF THE UN BUFFER ZONE. ISRAELI TROOP STRENGTH IN THE "THINNED-OUT" AREA--PRESUMABLY THE 20-KILOMETER LIMITED ARMAMENTS AREA--IS TO BE CUT TO ONE-HALF THE LEVEL PERMITTED BY THE CURRENT DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT.

UNDER THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, ISRAEL AND EGYPT CAN HAVE NO MORE THAN 30 TANKS, 30 FIELD ARTILLERY PIECES, AND 7,000 TROOPS EACH IN THEIR RESPECTIVE LIMITED-ARMAMENTS AREA. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE SIZE OF FORCES THAT CAN BE STATIONED BEYOND THE LIMITED AREA, NO SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES, HOWEVER, CAN BE STATIONED WITH 30 KILOMETERS OF THE UN BUFFER ZONE.

THE ANNOUNCED PULLBACK ACTUALLY WILL RESULT IN LITTLE SHIFTING OF ISRAELI FORCES. THE ISRAELIS HAVE FEW MILITARY UNITS STATIONED WITHIN 30 KILOMETERS OF THE CANAL, AND THERE ARE LESS TANKS AND SIGNIFICANTLY FEWER TROOPS IN THE LIMITED-ARMAMENTS AREA THAN PERMITTED BY THE AGREEMENT.

PRIME MINISTER RABIN IS SCHEDULED TO MEET THE PRESIDENT AND OTHER HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON JUNE 11 AND 12.

#### TANZANIA UPDATE

THE SITUATION IN TANZANIA HAS CHANGED VERY LITTLE. AS YOU MAY BE AWARE, PETER STEINER, AN ECONOMICS PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AND CURRENTLY VISITING PROFESSOR AT NAIROBI UNIVERSITY IN KENYA HAS OFFERED HIS SERVICES IN AN UNOFFICIAL CAPACITY TO ASSIST OPENING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN U.S. OFFICIALS AND THE KIDNAPPERS OF THE THREE AMERICAN STUDENTS AND A DUTCH WOMAN. STEINER HAS SAID THAT HE WOULD REPRESENT THE HOSTAGES' PARENTS AND STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

THE FOUR YOUNG PEOPLE WERE ABDUCTED FROM A TANZANIAN WILDLIFE STATION MAY 19 BY A GROUP DESCRIBED AS OPPOSING THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE. ONE STUDENT WAS LATER RELEASED WITH THE KIDNAPPERS' DEMANDS. THE SITUATION IS COMPLICATED BY THE FACT THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF ZAIRE AND TANZANIA ARE FRIENDLY TO EACH OTHER. THE TANZANIA GOVERNMENT HAS SAID THAT IT DOES NOT HOLD SOME OF THE MEN WHOSE FREEDOM THE KIDNAPPERS ARE SEEKING.

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BOTH PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA AND THE LAO COMMUNISTS ARE APPARENTLY DOING THEIR BEST TO AVOID ANY ANTI-AMERICAN INCIDENTS DURING ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB'S TWO DAY STAY IN VIENTIANE FOR TALKS ON THE FUTURE U.S. ROLE IN LAOS.

AS OF THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 2, THERE WERE 149 AMERICAN OFFICIALS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS AND 99 PRIVATE AMERICANS STILL IN LAOS. ACCORDING TO STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN, "THERE IS STILL A GREAT DEAL OF WORK INVOLVED IN CLOSING OUT THE AID ORGANIZATIONS, TURNING OVER PROJECT EQUIPMENT TO THE LAO GOVERNMENT AND REMAINING AMERICAN PERSONAL PROPERTY."

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