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TO: SECRETARY KISSINGER  
SUBJECT: WHITE HOUSE NEWS SUMMARY

INTERNATIONAL: NEWS  
GANDHI PROHIBITS APPEAL FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS

INDIA'S PRIME MINISTER INDIRA GANDHI FRIDAY STRENGTHENED HER CLAMP DOWN ON POLITICAL OPPONENTS BY DECLARING 900 PERSONS ARRESTED UNDER THE STATE OF EMERGENCY DECREE CANNOT APPEAL TO THE COURTS FOR RELEASE. AN OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN SAID ABOUT ONE THIRD OF THOSE ARRESTED WERE POLITICAL WORKERS AND THE REST WERE "ELEMENTS DETAINED TO PREVENT BREACH OF PEACE."

IN A RADIO ADDRESS FRIDAY NIGHT, MRS. GANDHI APOLOGIZED TO THE NATION FOR STRICT PRESS CENSORSHIP AND SAID THE STATE OF EMERGENCY WILL BE LIFTED SOON. MRS. GANDHI SAID SHE WOULD ANNOUNCE SOME MAJOR ECONOMIC REFORMS IN A FEW DAYS.

THE ONLY REPORTS OF VIOLENCE CAME FROM STATES OUTSIDE NEW DELHI AND WERE ONLY MINDR IN NATURE, JIM BENNETT (ABC) SAID. HOWEVER, GANDHI IS BRINGING IN ARMED FORCES OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL TO QUELL ANTICIPATED DISTURBANCES, BENNETT SAID.  
-- AP;UPI; NETWORKS (6/27/75)

AMIN ARRESTS MORE BRITONS

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PRESIDENT IDI AMIN'S GOVERNMENT SAID FRIDAY IT HAS ARRESTED AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF BRITISH CITIZENS FOR MILITARY TRIAL AND POSSIBLE DEATH SENTENCES. THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE IN LONDON WOULD NOT CONFIRM THE ARRESTS, ABC SAID.

THE UGANDAN PRESIDENT ALSO DECLARED FRIDAY HE HAS GIVEN UP THE IDEA OF BUILDING A MONUMENT TO ADOLPH HITLER IN UGANDA, BECAUSE, HE SAYS, THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR CONVINCED HIM HITLER WAS AN EVIL MAN, NBC REPORTED. -- AP/UPI/ NETWORKS (6/27/75)

US, SOUTH KOREA SUGGEST UN COMMAND BE DISCONTINUED

THE US AND SOUTH KOREA FRIDAY OFFERED TO END THE UN COMMAND ESTABLISHED IN KOREA IN 1950 PROVIDED NORTH KOREA AND CHINA AGREE THE 1953 ARMISTICE ACCORD WILL CONTINUE. SHOULD NORTH KOREA AND CHINA APPROVE THE PROPOSAL, THE UN COMMAND WOULD BE REPLACED BY US AND SOUTH KOREAN OFFICERS. AMERICAN TROOPS WOULD REMAIN THERE. --ABC (6/27/75)

BRITISH LABOR PARTY SUFFERS LOSS

BRITISH PRIME MINISTER WILSON'S LABOR PARTY LOST ONE OF ITS TRADITIONAL SEATS IN A SPECIAL ELECTION THURSDAY, ALMOST ELIMINATING LABOR'S SLIGHT MAJORITY IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, LEAVING THE CONSERVATIVES WITH ALMOST EQUAL REPRESENTATION. BASED ON THE RETURNS, IF A GENERAL ELECTION WERE HELD NOW, THE TORIES WOULD BEAT THE LABOR PARTY, NBC REPORTED. --AP/NBC (6/27/75)

WORKERS STRIKE IN BUENOS AIRES

THOUSANDS OF WORKERS DEMONSTRATED IN BUENOS AIRES FRIDAY WHILE OTHERS JOINED A NATIONWIDE STRIKE, PRESENTING PRESIDENT ISABEL PERON WITH HER WORST CRISIS SINCE SHE TOOK OVER ON THE DEATH OF HER HUSBAND LAST JULY. --AP/CBS (6/27/75)

ADMINISTRATION, AGENCIES:

NAVY GROUNDS F-14 FIGHTER JETS

THE NAVY FRIDAY GROUNDED ALL 139 OF ITS NEWEST COMBAT JET, THE F-14 FIGHTER. A SPOKESMAN SAID INSPECTORS WANT TO LOOK OVER THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR AIRCRAFT FOR POSSIBLE ENGINE PROBLEMS. --AP/UPI/ABC (6/27/75)

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WHITE HOUSE REFUSES COMMENT ON NSA ARTICLES

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THE WHITE HOUSE REFUSED TO COMMENT FRIDAY ON A PUBLISHED REPORT IN THE ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH THAT THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY MAY HAVE BEEN LISTENING IN WITHOUT PERMISSION ON THE TELEPHONE CALLS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS, CBS REPORTED.

AN AGENCY SPOKESMAN DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE REPORT, CBS ADDED. --CBS (6/26/75)

INTELLIGENCE: NEWS

FBI CHARGES TWO WITH SOVIET SPYING

FBI AGENTS IN NEW YORK AND BALTIMORE ARRESTED TWO MEN FRIDAY ON CHARGES OF SPYING IN THIS COUNTRY FOR THE SOVIET UNION, THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SAID. THE MEN, DISTANT RELATIVES, ARE IDENTIFIED AS SARKIS PASKALIAN, A NEW YORK JEWELER, CHARGED WITH A POSSIBLE MAXIMUM DEATH PENALTY FOR CONSPIRACY TO GATHER CLASSIFIED NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMATION TO AID A FOREIGN COUNTRY, AND SAHAG DEDEYAN, A ROCKVILLE, MD. MATHEMATICIAN, CHARGED WITH FAILURE TO REPORT THE ILLEGAL PHOTOGRAPHING OF NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMATION. BOTH MEN ARE OF LEBANESE EXTRACTION. DEDEYAN, WHO WAS LATER RELEASED ON BOND, IS A NATURALIZED CITIZEN AND PASKALIAN IS A RESIDENT ALIEN.

THE FBI SAID THAT THREE SOVIET INTELLIGENCE AGENTS WHO HELD DIPLOMATIC POSTS AT THE UNITED NATIONS WERE PASKALIAN'S CONTACTS. THE THREE MEN -- WHO LEFT THE U.S. "SOME TIME AGO," ABC SAID--WERE NAMED AS CO-CONSPIRATORS. PASKALIAN WAS IDENTIFIED AS A SOVIET SPY MORE THAN TEN YEARS AGO. DEDEYAN WAS AN ASSOCIATE MATHEMATICIAN AT THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY APPLIED PHYSICS LABORATORY AND LATER AT OPERATIONS RESEARCH, INC., BOTH IN SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND. BOTH ORGANIZATIONS DO RESEARCH FOR THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT.

THE FBI SAID PASKALIAN PHOTOGRAPHED ABOUT 70 PAGES OF A CLASSIFIED REPORT OF DEDEYAN'S AND PASSED IT ON TO SOVIET AGENTS. DEDEYAN AGREED NOT TO REPORT THE INCIDENT AND RECEIVED \$1,000 FROM PASKALIAN, ACCORDING TO THE FBI.

ROCKY DENIES STATEMENTS ON KENNEDY/CIA LINK IN ASSASSINATION PLOTS

VICE PRESIDENT NELSON ROCKEFELLER DENIED FRIDAY HE HAD SAID FORMER PRESIDENT JOHN KENNEDY AND ATTY. GEN. ROBERT KENNEDY MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ASSASSINATION PLOTS DEVELOPED BY THE CIA. ROCKEFELLER WAS ASKED IN AN INTERVIEW ON NBC'S "TODAY SHOW" WHETHER HE FELT HIS COMMENTS ON THE SUBJECT DURING A JUNE 15 APPEARANCE ON NBC'S "MEET THE PRESS"

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HAD BEEN MISQUOTED AND MISINTERPRETED.

"YES, MA'AM," HE TOLD INTERVIEWER BARBARA WALTERS, ASKED ABOUT CRITICISM AGAINST HIM "FOR IMPLYING THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND HIS BROTHER, ROBERT, MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION PLOT," THE VICE PRESIDENT REPLIED: "THAT IS TOTALLY FALSE CRITICISM."

ROCKEFELLER NOTED THE MATTER HAD COME UP AS PART OF AN ANSWER TO A QUESTION ON WHY HIS COMMISSION ON THE CIA HAD NOT INCLUDED MATERIAL IN ITS REPORT ON THE ALLEGED ASSASSINATION PLOTS.

"I SAID THE REASON WE DIDN'T INCLUDE IT WAS BECAUSE WE COULD NOT DEVELOP ANY HARD EVIDENCE WHICH WOULD WARRANT A DECISION," ROCKEFELLER SAID.

HE CITED AS ONE FACTOR THAT "THERE HAD BEEN TWO TRAGIC ASSASSINATIONS, AND THESE WERE THE PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN THERE IN THAT PERIOD AND THEY WEREN'T HERE AND THEREFORE WE COULDN'T GET THE INFORMATION, AND THAT IS ALL I SAID."--AP; NBC TODAY SHOW (6/27/75)

MIDEAST: NEWS

LEBANESE FIGHTING CONTINUES FOR FOURTH STRAIGHT DAY

EXPLOSIONS, SNIPER SHOTS AND EXCHANGES OF AUTOMATIC FIRE RIPPED THROUGH BEIRUT FOR THE FOURTH DAY FRIDAY AND RAISED THE DEATH TOLL THERE TO AT LEAST 40. --AP,UPI, NBC (6/27/75)

BRITAIN AND FRANCE TO SUPPLY PLANES TO EGYPT

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS QUOTES SOURCES AS SAYING THAT ENGLAND AND FRANCE ARE NEGOTIATING WITH EGYPT FOR A \$2 BILLION ARMS DEAL. THE DEAL IS BEING PRESSED DESPITE ISRAEL'S EXPRESSED CONCERN, CBS REPORTED. --AP/CBS (6/27/75)

PRESIDENT CLEARS THE AIR ON BASES  
(EDITORIAL, EXCERPTED FROM THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER)

THE FORD ADMINISTRATION IS SENDING A MESSAGE, EMINENTLY SENSIBLE, TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, ON THE SUBJECT OF AMERICAN BASES ABROAD.

IN ATLANTA, SECRETARY KISSINGER CAUTIONED AMERICAN ALLIES AGAINST ACTING AS IF THEY THINK THEY ARE "DOING US A FAVOR BY REMAINING IN AN ALLIANCE WITH US."

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IN HIS NEWS CONFERENCE, FORD THOUGHT IT DIPLOMATIC TO INSIST THAT KISSINGER HAD NOT BEEN AIMING HIS REMARKS "AT EITHER GREECE OR TURKEY OR ANY PARTICULAR ALLIANCE." BUT OF COURSE KISSINGER AND FORD WERE SPEAKING ABOUT TURKEY. THEY WERE SPEAKING, AS STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS POINTED OUT, ABOUT GREECE AND THAILAND.

U.S. BASES ABROAD ARE THERE FOR MUTUAL DEFENSE. THEY ALSO ENTAIL A DRAIN ON U.S. RESOURCES AND A BURN TO LOCAL ECONOMIES. IF SOME COUNTRIES THINK THEY CAN GO IT ALONE, THAT IS THEIR PREROGATIVE. THE U.S. SHOULD NOT TRY TO THRUST ITS UNWELCOM PRESENCE UPON THEM AND CANNOT SUCCUMB TO THREATS OR BLACKMAIL. (6/27/75)

NUCLEAR BRINKMANSHIP?  
(EDITORIAL, EXCERPTED FROM N.Y. POST)

WITHOUT ANY SEMBLANCE OF SERIOUS DEBATE IN THE CONGRESS OR IN THE COUNTRY, THE ADMINISTRATION IS DRASTICALLY AND DRAMATICALLY REPUDIATING THE AMERICAN POSITION ON "FIRST-USE" OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. WITH NOTABLE UNDERSTATEMENT, THE PRESIDENT TOLD HIS NEWS CONFERENCE WE HAD "A CHANGE OF SOME DEGREE WHEN I TOOK OFFICE."

FORD--BY FLATLY REFUSING TO SAY WHETHER WE HAVE ALTERED OUR STAND ON THE "FIRST-USE" ISSUE -- CLEARLY SUGGESTED THAT WE HAVE. CERTAINLY NO OTHER MEANING CAN BE READ INTO HIS ASSERTION THAT, UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, WE HAVE RESOLVED TO "MAXIMIZE OUR FLEXIBILITY" AND TAKE WHATEVER COURSE REFLECTS, IN HIS JUDGMENT, "OUR NATIONAL INTEREST."

THE MOST DISTURBING ASPECT WAS THE PRESIDENT'S FAILURE TO INDICATE ANY PROSPECT OF FRESH DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES -- SUCH AS A FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE OF THE U.S., JAPAN, CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION -- TO AVERT A KOREAN EXPLOSION. HAS THE MAYAGUEZ CREATED NEW FANTASIES ABOUT THE OMNIPOTENCE OF AMERICAN POWER? (6/26/75)

BACKING OFF, NO OUT  
(EDITORIAL, EXCERPTED FROM THE HOUSTON POST)

IT MAY NEVER BE FORMALIZED AS THE "FORD DOCTRINE," BUT THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT THAT THE U.S. WILL HELP OTHER NATIONS DEFEND THEIR FREEDOM WITH ARMS AND ECONOMIC AID, BUT NOT WITH AMERICAN TROOPS, IS A SIGNIFICANT SHIFT IN U.S. POLICY. THIS ASSUMES, OF COURSE, THE FORD ADMINISTRATION ADHERES TO IT. THE PRESIDENT HAS PUT OTHER NATIONS ON NOTICE WE WILL NOT FIGHT THEIR WARS FOR THEM. THIS COULD BE THE MOST VALUABLE OF VIETNAM'S BITTER LESSONS.

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IF, AFTER CONSCIENTIOUSLY APPLYING THE PRESIDENT'S NEW POLICY OF RESTRAINT, WE FIND OURSELVES DRAWN INTO ANOTHER FOREIGN MILITARY ENGAGEMENT, THE PUBLIC MAY HAVE LITTLE PATIENCE WITH A POLITICAL STRATEGY THAT PUTS AMERICAN FORCES AT A DISADVANTAGE IN FIGHTING THE ENEMY. THE NATION'S LEADERS, AS WELL AS WOULD-BE AGGRESSORS, MIGHT PONDER THAT. (6/20/75) GERMAN PAYMENTS, U.S. TROOPS (EDITORIAL, EXCERPTED FROM THE BALTIMORE SUN)

THE BONN GOVERNMENT SHOULD THINK CAREFULLY BEFORE IT WHOLLY SPURNS ANOTHER AGREEMENT TO OFFSET THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS LOSSES THE U.S. INCURS BY KEEPING 200,000 TROOPS IN WEST GERMANY. IF THIS BECOMES A FIXED POLICY POSITION, RATHER THAN AN OPENER FOR NEGOTIATIONS, CONGRESS MIGHT REACT ADVERSELY EVEN IN THIS PERIOD OF POST-VIETNAM STIFFENING ON DEFENSE MATTERS.

THE JACKSON-NUNN AMENDMENT STIPULATED THAT AMERICAN TROOP STRENGTH IN EUROPE WOULD BE REDUCED IN PROPORTION TO ANY WEST EUROPEAN FAILURE TO OFFSET AMERICAN PAYMENTS PRODUCES COSTS OF ABOUT \$2 BILLION A YEAR. THIS YEAR CONGRESS WISELY ABSTAINED FROM THIS KIND OF INTRUSION IN COMPLEX DIPLOMACY, BUT ITS ATTITUDE COULD HARDEN IF THE GERMANS BECOME ADAMANT.

THE SITUATION REQUIRES DEFT HANDLING BECAUSE THE WASHINGTON-BONN CONNECTION IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS COUNTRY'S MOST IMPORTANT ALLIANCE, NATO. SECRETARY KISSINGER WAS CORRECT IN WARNING CERTAIN ALLIES THEY WOULD UNDERMINE THEIR OWN SECURITY MORE THAN OURS BY CLOSING U.S. BASES.

WASHINGTON SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE ABOUT THE KIND OF FINANCIAL PACKAGE IT IS WILLING TO ACCEPT FROM WEST GERMANY. WHILE NATO RETAINS A USEFULNESS LOST BY SOME OTHER ALLIANCES, ITS CHARACTER IS BOUND TO CHANGE UNDER THE FORCE OF STRONG ECONOMIC AND DOMESTIC POLITICAL PRESSURES. THERE NEED BE NOTHING SACROSANCT ABOUT THE COMPOSITION OF OFFSET AGREEMENTS OR THE PRECISE LEVELS OF U.S. TROOP DEPLOYMENTS SO LONG AS THE U.S. AND WEST GERMANY RETAIN A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND MUTUAL RESPECT, A SENSE OF SHARED DANGER AND SHARED SECURITY. (6/27/75)

KISSINGER SHIFTS SHUTTLE TO THE HOME FRONT  
(BY JOSEPH HAISCH, EXCERPTED FROM C.S. MONITOR)

WHAT WASHINGTON IS DOING THESE DAYS ABOUT FOREIGN POLICY MAY SEEM PUZZLING TO FRIENDS AND ALLIES OVERSEAS -- AND TO SOME AMERICANS. BUT WHILE UNUSUAL, IT IS NOT UNPRECEDENTED. IT IS A NATURAL REACTION TO THE CONDITIONS WHICH SURROUND THE CONDUCT OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY.

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SECRETARY KISSINGER IS LABORING UNDER THREE HANDICAPS WHICH TO HIM ARE UNUSUAL AND UNNATURAL. FIRST, HE HAS LOST THAT UNIQUE "GOOD GUY" STATUS WHICH WAS HIS DURING THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION. SECOND, DR. KISSINGER IS STILL VERY MUCH LIVING IN THE WAKE OF THE "COLLAPSE" (HIS WORD) OF THE AMERICAN POSITION IN INDOCHINA. THIRD, HIS CURRENT POLICIES ON TURKEY AND ISRAEL ARE BEING RESTRICTED BY POWERFUL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE MOUNTED MASSIVE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS.

THE END RESULT OF THESE THREE NEW FACTORS IN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY MAKING IS KISSINGER CAN NO LONGER AFFORD HIS ACCUSTOMED LUXURY OF SPENDING MOST OF HIS TIME ROAMING THE WORLD WHILE AN ADMIRING, ALMOST ADORING, CONGRESS PROMPTLY VOTES HIM ANYTHING HE WANTS. IT MEANS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS PUBLIC CAREER HE IS STUMPING THE COUNTRY IN A SERIES OF APPEARANCES AIMED AT BOLSTERING HIS POLITICAL POSITION ON CAPITOL HILL.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTABLE RESULTS? WITH RESPECT TO TURKEY, THE ESSENTIAL FACT IS THE TURKS HAVE BEEN AS CONSIDERATE AS POSSIBLE FOR KISSINGER AND, WHILE THREATENING TO CLOSE AMERICAN AIR BASES, HAVE IN FACT GIVEN KISSINGER ALL THE TIME THEY DARE TO MAKE HIS ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CONGRESS. THE APPEARANCE OF A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN ANKARA AND WASHINGTON IS MORE VISIBLE THAN REAL. WITH RESPECT TO ISRAEL, KISSINGER IS GETTING SOME RESULTS. THE ISRAELI SOFTENING IS LESS THAN KISSINGER WANTS AND NEEDS. BUT AT LEAST, THERE IS SOME SOFTENING -- PERHAPS JUST BARELY ENOUGH TO PERMIT KISSINGER TO GO BACK TO THE EGYPTIANS IN ANOTHER ROUND OF PEACEMAKING. (6/27/75)

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