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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: SUNDAY NEWS SUMMARY (PART 1)

WASHINGTON POST

LEWIS SIMONS WRITES THAT PRIME MINISTER GANDHI ORDERED SEVERE RESTRICTIONS AGAINST FOREIGN JOURNALISTS YESTERDAY AND IMPOSED A VIRTUAL BLACKOUT ON OFFICIAL INFORMATION REGARDING CONTINUING ARRESTS OF HER POLITICAL OPPONENTS. THE NEW STEPS, SAID MRS. GANDHI, WERE REQUIRED NOT TO SUPPRESS DEMOCRACY, BUT TO SAVE IT INCLUDING DENYING TO PERSONS ARRESTED DURING THE CURRENT STATE OF EMERGENCY THE RIGHT TO APPEAL TO THE COURTS. MEANWHILE, POLICE CONTINUED TO ARREST RIGHT-WING POLITICAL OPPONENTS OF THE PRIME MINISTER AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF HER OWN CONGRESS PARTY WHO OPPOSE HER. RESISTANCE TO THE ACTIONS APPEARED TO BE MOUNTING IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, BUT STRINGENT CENSORSHIP MADE FACTUAL INFORMATION HARD TO COME BY. (A-1)

ACCORDING TO THE LATEST GALLOP POLL, PRESIDENT FORD HAS WIDENED HIS LEAD OVER SENATOR JACKSON AND LEADS 46 TO 37 PERCENT. THE PREVIOUS POLL IN MARCH SHOWED THE PRESIDENT WITH ONLY A 2 PERCENT LEAD. (A-8)

RICHARD M. WEINTRAUB REPORTS THAT A PRESIDENTIAL-CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION THAT CONDUCTED A TWO-YEAR INQUIRY INTO THE GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN POLICY MACHINERY RECOMMENDS

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THAT YOUR TWIN PERFORMANCE AS PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS AND AS SECRETARY OF STATE NOT BE REPEATED IN THE FUTURE. (A-5)

WHILE PRAISING YOUR PERFORMANCE IN BOTH ROLES, THE COMMISSION SAID IN ITS REPORT, THAT AN "ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT MUST BE A FACILITATOR OF DECISION, A CONDUIT TO THE PRESIDENT, A FORCE FOR BALANCE AND EVEN-HANDEDNESS IN THE PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF DECISIONS."

"THESE ARE STAFF FUNCTIONS, THEY ARE NOT EASILY MADE COMPATIBLE WITH THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A CABINET OFFICER, A LINE OFFICIAL WHO MUST NECESSARILY ACT AS THE CHIEF OF A GREAT DEPARTMENT."

THE REPORT, MADE PUBLIC YESTERDAY, INCLUDED BROAD RECOMMENDATIONS ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE COUNTRY'S FOREIGN-POLICY-MAKING APPARATUS - FROM INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS TO CONGRESSIONAL-EXECUTIVE RELATIONS TO INTERNAL STAFF ALIGNMENTS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

BERNARD KAPLAN SAYS AMERICA'S ALLIES IN THE 16-NATION INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY ARE NOT DISPOSED TO FALL IN BEHIND THE FORD ADMINISTRATION'S FIRM TALK OF OPPOSING ANOTHER BIG INCREASE IN WORLD OIL PRICES. (A-18)

WITH THE IEA'S GOVERNING BOARD SCHEDULED TO MEET MONDAY, THE MOST TEMPERATE REACTION AMONG AGENCY SOURCES TO THE LATEST WARNINGS LVELED AT OPEC BY PRESIDENT FORD AND OTHERS WAS "THESE HAVE NOT BEEN HELPFUL." AT SOME OF THE MEMBER-GOVERNMENT DELEGATIONS ATTACHED TO THE AGENCY, THE AMERICAN ATTITUDE WAS CONDEMNED IN CONSIDERABLY STERNER LANGUAGE.

AS A RESULT, THE UPCOMING GOVERNING BOARD SESSION IS EXPECTED TO MAKE LITTLE PROGRESS.

"WHEN ENDERS OR KISSINGER PROPOSES SOMETHING TO US, SAID A REPRESENTATIVE OF A EUROPEAN IEA MEMBER, "OUR FIRST REACTION IS NOT WHETHER WE ARE IN FAVOR OR NOT. IT IS WHETHER THEY ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO MAKE IT STICK WITH THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT. IF YOU WANT TO KNOW ONE REASON WHY THE IEA HASN'T GOTTEN MORE DONE, THAT IS IT."

PETER OSNOS WRITES THAT A SUSTAINED POLITICAL CRISIS IN INDIA COULD HAVE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR SOVIET POLICY IN SOUTH ASIA, WHERE NEW DELHI REPRESENTS A STRATEGIC COUNTER-WEIGHT TO MOSCOW'S ARCHRIVALS IN PEKING.

STRONG SOVIET SUPPORT FOR PRIME MINISTER INDIRA GANDHI'S

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DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND ARREST OF HUNDREDS OF OPPOSITION POLITICAL FIGURES SHOWS THAT MOSCOW IS BANKING ON HER SURVIVAL AND HOPING FOR AN EARLY RETURN TO STABILITY- NO MATTER WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES FOR INDIA'S DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM. (A-20)

AN EDITORIAL SAYS THAT PRESIDENT FORD IS IN A TERRIBLE BIND IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. THE HOUSE, CONTENDING THAT TURKEY USED AMERICAN ARMS FOR AGGRESSION IN CYPRUS LAST SUMMER, WON'T LET HIM RESUME MILITARY SHIPMENTS TO TURKEY UNTIL THE TURKS RELAX THEIR GRIP ON CYPRUS. BUT THE TURKS ARE TIGHTENING THEIR GRIP ON CYPRUS. THEY ARE ALSO THREATENING TO CLOSE DOWN IMPORTANT AMERICAN BASES UNLESS THE ARMS SHIPMENTS RESUME. THE FORD ADMINISTRATION SCARCELY BOTHERS EVEN TO MENTION CYPRUS IN PUBLIC ANY MORE, SO INTENT IS IT TO KEEP THE BASES. HOW CAN THIS IMPASSE BE BROKEN?

THE ADMINISTRATION'S APPARENT ANSWER IS TO BEAT THE HOUSE DOWN. ON MAY 19 IT DID GET THE SENATE TO VOTE 41 TO 40 TO RESUME ARMS SHIPMENTS TO ANKARA. BUT THE HOUSE, BY MOST HEAD COUNTS, REMAINS FIRMLY OPPOSED TO LIFTING THE EMBARGO, EVEN THOUGH THE ARMS CUTOFF HAS SO FAR ONLY HARDENED THE TURKS STAND AND SOME GREEK CYPRIOTS PRIVATELY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE HOUSE RELENT.

IF THE ADMINISTRATION FORCES A VOTE IN THE HOUSE AND LOSES, THE AMERICAN POSITION IN TURKEY WILL BE AN UTTER SHAMBLES. IF IT WINS, THE LAW LIMITING THE USE OF AMERICAN ARMS FOR DEFENSE AND ALLIANCE PURPOSES WILL HAVE BEEN FLOUTED AND THE SHAKY DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IN GREECE WILL HAVE BEEN DEALT A SAVAGE BLOW. SURELY THE BETTER COURSE IS TO PURSUE A COMPROMISE SHORT OF A VOTE.

THE HOUSE, AS WE MEASURE ITS MOOD ON THIS ISSUE, IS EAGER TO SERVE AMERICAN STRATEGIC REQUIREMENTS. IT IS CERTAINLY NO LESS EAGER THAN THE ADMINISTRATION TO SET ASIDE OBTRUSIVE ELEMENTS OF INSTITUTIONAL OR PERSONAL PRIDE. BUT IT IS POLITICALLY UNREALISTIC, NOT TO SAY UNFAIR, FOR THE ADMINISTRATION TO KEEP DOWNGRADING THE HOUSE'S CONCERN FOR OBSERVANCE OF THE LAW AND FOR DIPLOMATIC PROGRESS ON CYPRUS. (C-6)

EVANS AND NOVAK WRITE THAT GIDDY WITH HIS LATEST VETO TRIUMPH OVER THE DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS, PRESIDENT FORD IS NOW READY FOR A NEW ROUND OF ENERGY HARD-BALL: FORCE CONGRESS TO ACCEPT HIS PLAN TO DECONTROL "OLD" OIL, COMPRISING ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF ALL DOMESTIC PRODUCTION, OR WATCH HIM VETO LEGISLATION EXTENDING THE CONTROLS LAW, WHICH EXPIRES AUG. 30.

ON THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS RECENT VETO BATTLES WITH THE

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OVERWHELMING DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY IN THE HOUSE-FOUR BATTLES AND FOUR WINS FOR MR. FORD-THE PRESIDENT IS NOW CONFIDENT HE COULD SUSTAIN A VETO OF THE BILL EXTENDING THE BASIC PRICE CONTROL AUTHORITY, CALLED THE EMERGENCY PETROLEUM ALLOCATIONS ACT.

MOREOVER, REPUBLICAN LEADERS IN CONGRESS HAVE QUIETLY INFORMED THE WHITE HOUSE THEY WILL ACCEPT ALL POLITICAL RISKS IN SUCH A NEW GAME OF ENERGY HARD-BALL. (C-7)

THE WASHINGTON STAR

JEREMIAH O'LEARY REPORTS THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE TO PRESIDENT FORD AND CONGRESS BY A HIGH LEVEL COMMISSION STUDYING THE US FOREIGN POLICY STRUCTURE. PROPOSALS INCLUDE SPLITTING THE TWO POSITIONS YOU NOW HOLD IN THE FUTURE, RENAMING OF THE CIA TO THE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, AND SELECTING THE CIA DIRECTOR FROM OUTSIDE THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, AS WELL AS OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES IN THE NSC, STATE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENTS. SENATOR MANSFIELD ISSUED A STRONG DISSENT TO THE REPORT CLAIMING THE REPORT AIMS TO ENSHRINE THE PREMINENCE OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH IN FOREIGN POLICY. THE REPORT SHOWS LITTLE CONSIDERATION FOR THE ROLE OF CONGRESS.

CROSBY NOYES WRITES THAT MANY OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN THE WARS IN INDOCHINA ARE STILL UNRESOLVED. THERE WILL STILL BE QUESTIONING OVER THE LESSONS OF VIETNAM. WAS THE AMERICAN PERFORMANCE IN VIETNAM EXONERATIVE OR IS THE DESERTION OF AN ALLY IN ITS DESPERATE HOURS SOMETHING AMERICANS CAN LIVE WITH COMFORTABLY?

CARL ROWAN WRITES THAT THE ARMS FLOW TO THE PERSIAN GULF COUNTRIES RAISES TROUBLING QUESTIONS FOR PEACE IN THE AREA AS IRAN SEEKS TO EXTEND ITS DOMINATION IN THE AREA AND THE SOVIET-BACKED ARABS TRY TO CHECK IT.

A STAR EDITORIAL COMMENTS THAT INDIRA GANDHI, PROUD OF LEADING THE WORLD'S LARGEST DEMOCRACY HAS SETTLED FOR RUNNING THE WORLD'S SECOND LARGEST DICTATORSHIP. THE STAR CONCLUDES THAT MRS GANDHI ASSUMED EMERGENCY POWERS IN ORDER TO RETAIN OFFICE DURING HER SEVERE LEGAL EMBARRASSMENT.

ANOTHER STAR EDITORIAL NOTES THE RECENT DECISION BY THE MARIANAS TO SEEK COMMONWEALTH STATUS WITH THE U.S. IS OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE BY PROVIDING

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A POTENTIAL MILITARY BASTION FOR THE U.S. IN THE PACIFIC. POLICY-MAKERS IN WASHINGTON SHOULD MAKE SURE THE MARIANAS HAVE NO REASON TO REGRET THEIR DECISION FOR A CLOSER AMERICAN RELATION.

MARY McGRORY WRITES THAT THE MOST RIDICULOUS MISUSE OF TAXPAYER'S MONEY BY THE CIA WAS ITS INFILTRATION OF A GROUP CALLED THE WOMEN'S STRIKE FOR PEACE, MENTIONED IN THE ROCKEFELLER COMMISSION REPORT.

NEW YORK TIMES AND BALTIMORE SUN WILL FOLLOW LATER.
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