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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
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THE WASHINGTON POST

MURREY MARCER REPORTS THAT CUBAN PREMIER FIDEL CASTRO WELCOMED THE RELAXATION OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMIC EMBARGO AGAINST HIS NATION AS "A POSITIVE GESTURE" BUT HE SAID THE BAN ON DIRECT TRADE WITH THE U.S. IS STILL "A DAGGER AT OUR THREAT." CASTRO AGREED THAT THERE CAN BE "NEGOTIATION ON HOW TO NEGOTIATE" ABOUT THE TOTAL PROHIBITION ON TRADE WITH THE U.S. (A-1)

LEWIS SIMONS WRITES THAT BANGLADESH FACES THE PROBABILITY OF MORE BLOODSHED BECAUSE OF SERIOUS DIVISIONS AMONG THE NEW MILITARY AND CIVILIAN LEADERS. SENIOR ARMY COMMANDERS ARE ATTEMPTING TO REASSERT THEIR CONTROL OVER THE GROUP OF CAPTAINS AND MAJORS WHO CARRIED OFF THE BLOODY COUP. THE CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT, UNDER PRESIDENT AHMED, IS TRYING DELICATELY TO ESTABLISH ITS LEADERSHIP OVER THE ARMY, WITH THE UNCOMFORTABLE KNOWLEDGE THAT ONLY MARTIAL LAW CAN AVERT CHAOS. (A-1)

MARILYN BERGER REVEALS THAT THE U.S. AND ISRAEL HAVE HELD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS ON A WRITTEN AGREEMENT TO CONSULT IN THE EVENT OF SOVIET INTERVENTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, U.S. OFFICIALS SAID TODAY. THE AGREEMENT, WHICH WOULD BECOME PART OF THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PACKAGE NOW BEING NEGOTIATED, WOULD SIMPLY FORMALIZE A SITUATION THAT ALREADY EXISTS. U.S. OFFICIALS WERE RELUCTANT TO TALK ABOUT SUCH A POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENT, WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN WIDELY REPORTED IN THE IS-

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RAELY PRESS. A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL SAID CONGRESS WOULD BE INFORMED OF ANY SUCH AGREEMENTS, WHICH COULD TAKE THE FORM OF A PRESIDENTIAL LETTER, BUT NOT ALL PARTS OF THE ACCORD WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC. YOUR PICTURE WITH PRESIDENT SADAT ACCOMPANIES THE ARTICLE. (A-1)

GEORGE WILSON REPORTS THAT THE PENTAGON'S DRIVE TO DESIGN WEAPONS TO COST LESS HAS "FAILED TO TAKE HOLD" BECAUSE THE MILITARY SERVICES "ARE UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO MAKE THE HARD DECISIONS," ACCORDING TO AN INTERNAL DEFENSE DEPARTMENT MEMO LABELED "FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY." UNLESS THE TREND IS REVERSED, WARNED LEONARD SULLIVAN, JR. IN HIS MEMO, COST INCREASES ON NEW WEAPONS WILL HAVE TO BE ADOPTED BY BUYING FEWER OF THEM, STRETCHING OUT THEIR PURCHASES OR CUTTING ELSEWHERE IN THE MILITARY BUDGET. (A-1)

DOUGLAS WATSON REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT FORD IS CONSIDERING A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A QUASI-PUBLIC FEDERAL CORPORATION THAT COULD BORROW UP TO \$100 BILLION FROM PRIVATE INVESTORS TO FINANCE PROJECTS AIMED AT MAKING THE U.S. SELF-SUFFICIENT IN ENERGY. (A-2)

MARILYN BERGER COVERS YOUR PILGRIMAGE TO MEMORIAL FOR SLAIN JEWS. PHOTO ACCOMPANIES. (A-10)

WILLIAM HEECHER SAYS THE U.S. HAS AGREED FORMALLY TO SELL ISRAEL TWO ADVANCED TYPES OF JET FIGHTERS, A LONG-DESIRED SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILE AND HIGH PRECISION, LASER-GUIDED BOMBS IN A LAST-MINUTE EFFORT TO OBTAIN ISRAELI AGREEMENT ON A SECOND WITHDRAWAL IN THE SINAI DESERT, ACCORDING TO WELL-PLACED ADMINISTRATION SOURCES. (A-10)

CHARLES YOST WRITES THAT THE INTERIM AGREEMENT IN THE SINAI BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT, WHICH NOW SEEMS TO BE IMMINENT, WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT AND NECESSARY STEP IN THE PROCESS OF PEACEMAKING. HE SHOULD HAVE NO ILLUSIONS, HOWEVER, THAT AN AGREEMENT IN THE SINAI SOLVES THE PROBLEM OR EVEN BUYS MUCH TIME. THERE IS NOTHING IN IT FOR SYRIA AND JORDAN, WHOSE TERRITORIES ARE STILL OCCUPIED; FOR THE PLO, WHICH WANTS AN AUTONOMOUS PALESTINE STATE; OR FOR OTHER ARAB NATIONS WHICH HAVE A RELIGIOUS INTEREST IN JERUSALEM AND A POLITICAL INTEREST IN PALESTINE. NOR DOES IT SEEM LIKELY THAT OTHER INTERIM STEPS WILL PROVE FEASIBLE AT THIS TIME. AN ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS FROM THE HIGH GROUND OVERLOOKING KUNEITRA IS NOT IN THE CARDS EXCEPT AS PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT. INTERIM STEPS ON THE WEST BANK COULD HARDLY BE TAKEN WITHOUT EVERYBODY AGREEING WHO REPRESENTS THE WEST BANKERS. HIS CONCLUSION ABOUT THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE WOULD THEREFORE BE THAT SOME FURTHER MOVE WILL BE REQUIRED ALMOST AT ONCE TO

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GIVE SATISFACTION TO THOSE NOT TOUCHED BY THE SINAI AGREEMENT, THAT NO FURTHER INTERIM STEPS WILL MEET THIS NEED, AND THAT THE ONLY FEASIBLE RECOURSE WILL BE TO RECONVENE THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WITHIN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE MONTHS. (A-14)

JACK ANDERSON CONTENDS THAT THE PENTAGON IS QUIETLY CONSIDERING PLANS TO ESTABLISH A FLOTILLA OF FLOATING SPY BASES TO REPLACE THE INTELLIGENCE INSTALLATIONS IN TURKEY. THE MOST LIKELY PLAN, NOW UNDER DISCUSSION AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS, WOULD CALL FOR TAKING OLD SHIPS OUT OF MOTBALLS AND EQUIPPING THEM FOR INTELLIGENCE GATHERING. THUS, THE SOVIET UNION WOULD BE MONITORED FROM INTERNATIONAL WATERS. (B-7)

THE WASHINGTON STAR

A UPI ACCOUNT OF YOUR SHUTTLE CITES A REPORT IN YESTERDAY'S BOSTON GLOBE THAT AS AN INDUCEMENT TO ISRAEL TO SIGN AN INTERIM ACCORD, THE U.S. HAS AGREED TO SELL THE ISRAELIS TWO KINDS OF ADVANCED JET FIGHTERS -- F15S AND F16S -- LANCE SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILES AND LASER-GUIDED BOMBS. YOU ARE CARRYING WITH YOU A "PRESIDENTIAL COMMITMENT" FOR CONTRACTS RUNNING INTO THE 1980S, WHICH WOULD PERMIT ISRAEL TO MODERNIZE ITS FORCES. IT QUOTED SOURCES AS CITING THE FOLLOWING ARMS SPECIFICS: 25 F15S, SEVERAL HUNDRED F16S, ABOUT 100 LANCES, AND 1,000 BOMBS. (A-1)

HENRY BRADSHAW WRITES THAT THE POLITICAL CHAOS IN PORTUGAL IS HURTING THE ECONOMY, AND THE ECONOMIC DECLINE IN TURN IS MAKING THE POLITICAL SITUATION EVEN MORE VOLATILE. SOMETIME IN THE AUTUMN, PORTUGAL MIGHT RUN OUT OF FOREIGN RESERVES FOR VITAL IMPORTS AND AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE NOW AT AROUND 10 PERCENT COULD SOAR AS HIGH AS 33 PERCENT. (A-1)

IN THE SECOND OF TWO ARTICLES, CRISTINE RUSSELL EXPLORES THE USES OF WEATHER AS A SECRET WEAPON. WEATHER MODIFICATION IS AN INFANT TECHNOLOGY AND IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER RAIN WARFARE WILL BE OUTLAWED BY THE BROAD LANGUAGE OF THE DRAFT INTERNATIONAL TREATY TO A UN DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE MEETING IN GENEVA. (A-1)

NAPOLEON LECHOCO WAS SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR TAKING OVER THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON LAST NOVEMBER. (A-3)

YOU ARE PICTURED BEGINNING DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT SADAT ON PAGE A-4.

JOHN VINOCUR REPORTS THAT FRANCE HAS DECIDED TO PUMP MONEY AND SETTLERS INTO FRENCH GUIANA IN AN EFFORT TO LAUNCH FRANCE

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AS A MAJOR PAPER PRODUCER. (A-4)

IN ARGUING THAT THE NIXON WATERGATE PAPERS BELONG TO THE PEOPLE AND NOT TO NIXON, THE STAR EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT ULTIMATELY THE CONGRESS AND THE COURTS WILL MAKE IT PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT PAPERS PRODUCED DURING THE COURSE OF FEDERAL SERVICE AT ANY LEVEL BELONG TO THE PEOPLE AND NOT TO TEMPORARY "MONARCHS," LARGE OR SMALL, WHO MAY OCCUPY POSITIONS OF PUBLIC TRUST. (A-6)

THE BALTIMORE SUN

YOUR PICTURE TAKEN AT THE YAD VASHEM MEMORIAL IS ON A-1.

CHARLES W. CONDRY WRITES THAT UNDER THE PROSPECTIVE NEW ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, EGYPT WILL BE ALLOWED TO MAN A RADAR EARLY WARNING STATION ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE SINAI MOUNTAIN PASSES AND THUS PLACE A SMALL TROOP CONTINGENT IN THAT AREA FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE 1967 WAR. AUTHORITIES DISCLOSED YESTERDAY THAT THIS RESOLUTION OF A MAJOR ISSUE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAD BEEN REACHED IN RETURN FOR CAIRO'S AGREEMENT THAT ISRAELIS MAY REMAIN AT THE LARGE UMM KHUSHAYB RADAR STATION WEST OF THE GITDI PASS, FROM WHICH ISRAEL CAN MONITOR MILITARY ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT MOST OF EGYPT. (A-1)

MOBS OVERRAN ANOTHER COMMUNIST HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN PORTUGAL YESTERDAY, INJURING NINE PERSONS, AND SEPARATISTS BLEW UP THE STATE RADIO TRANSMITTER ON THE PORTUGUESE ISLAND OF MADEIRA. THE VIOLENCE CAME AS PRESSURE MOUNTED FOR THE OVERTHROW OF PROCOMMUNIST PREMIER GONCALVES. GONCALVES' SUPERIOR, PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES, HAS PUBLICLY MEASURED THE PREMIER'S POLITICAL LIFE IN DAYS, BUT WAS SAID TO BE WAITING FOR ANTI-COMMUNIST OFFICIERS TO COME UP WITH A PEACEFUL FORMAT FOR CHANGE. (A-1)

GILBERT LENTHWAITE NOTES THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN FRANCE'S COMMUNISTS AND SOCIALISTS, FEUDING PARTNERS IN A FRAGILE LEFT-WING ALLIANCE, HIT A NEW LOW YESTERDAY UNDER PRESSURE FROM POLITICAL HOSTILITIES IN PORTUGAL. GEORGES MARCHAIS, THE COMMUNIST LEADER, ACCUSED HIS SOCIALIST PARTNER, FRANCOIS MITTERRAND, OF "POISONING" THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE COMMON FRONT. MITTERRAND WILL DOUBTLESS REPLY IN THE ESCALATING ROW WHICH THREATENS THE CONTINUANCE OF THE LEFT-WING ALLIANCE. (A-2)

HENRY TREWHITT WRITES THAT BOTH THE U.S. AND CUBA WENT ON RECORD YESTERDAY IN FAVOR OF DIRECT POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS OVER IMPROVED RELATIONS, BUT LEFT OPEN THE DELICATE PROBLEM OF WHO WOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE. (A-2)

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GARRY HILLS CONTENDS THAT DEFENDERS OF THE CIA HAVE GONE LACHRYMOSE IN THEIR LAMENT OVER ITS "TIED HANDS" IN PORTUGAL. NOTHING COULD BETTER DEMONSTRATE THE WAY THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY'S VERY EXISTENCE ENCOURAGES AN ADMINISTRATIVE ARROGANCE. WHAT IS TYING THE CIA'S HANDS? ONE MATTER ONLY: THAT THE PUBLIC HAS GOT A WHIFF OR TWO OF THE ORGANIZATION'S WAYS OF DOING THINGS -- THROUGH THE MAFIA OR THROUGH HOWARD HUGHES; WITH LSD OR WITH RED WIGS AND "VOICE ALTERATORS." IN SHORT, THE CIA IS UNFAIRLY TREATED IF ANYBODY KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT IT. THE CLAIM IS SO MONSTROUS THAT IT SHOULD BE LAUGHABLE. BUT THE SPOOKS SINCERELY FEEL AGGRIEVED THAT THEIR MAXIMUM CLAIMS ARE NOT TREATED AS UNCHALLENGEABLE. (A-15)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

PHOTOGRAPHS OF YOUR MEETING IN JERUSALEM AND WITH SADAT IN ALEXANDRIA APPEAR ON PAGE 1.

PREMIER RABIN, HOURS AFTER YOU LEFT FOR EGYPT, ASSURED THE ANXIOUS ISRAELI PUBLIC THAT THE IMPENDING INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT WOULD COMMIT BOTH NATIONS NOT TO RESORT TO FORCE. (1)

PREMIER GONCALVES WAS REPORTED TO HAVE STIFFENED HIS RESOLVE TO FIGHT TO KEEP HIS POST AGAINST THE PRESSURE OF A MAJORITY OF THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY FORCES IN PORTUGAL. THE MOVE TO FORCE HIM OUT RAN INTO FURTHER SNAGS AS TWO FACTIONS OF THE MILITARY THAT HAD AGREED LAST TUESDAY ON A PLATFORM TO REPLACE HIM SUDDENLY DEVELOPED DISAGREEMENTS OF AN UNDISCLOSED NATURE. (1)

THE SECURITY OF OIL RICHES IS FADING FAST FOR CANADA, WITH POTENTIALLY SEVERE EFFECTS IN THE U.S. AS WELL. IN A DRAMATIC TURNABOUT, CANADA HAS LOST HER TRADITIONAL PLACE AS THE LEADING FOREIGN SUPPLIER OF OIL TO THE U.S., AND HAS SUDDENLY BECOME A NET IMPORTER FOR HER OWN NEEDS. PRESIDENT FORD IS EXPECTED TO DISCUSS THE DETERIORATING CANADIAN SITUATION WITH THE CANADIAN MINISTER OF ENERGY, MINES, AND RESOURCES ON SUNDAY IN LIBBY, MONTANA. (1)

CHRISTOPHER WREN REPORTS THAT THE KREMLIN, IN ITS FIRST SUBSTANTIAL REACTION TO LAST WEEK'S COUP D'ETAT IN BANGLADESH, HINTED YESTERDAY THAT IT WAS CONCERNED THAT THE OVERTHROW OF SHAYKH MUJIBUR RAHMAN MIGHT SWING HER AWAY FROM THE SOVIET UNION AND TOWARD CHINA. (3)

BERNARD GWERTZMAN WRITES THAT BOTH YOU AND SADAT EXPRESSED OPTIMISM TO REPORTERS ABOUT THE LIKELIHOOD THAT AN ACCORD

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WOULD BE REACHED DURING YOUR "SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY" THAT BEGAN IN ISRAEL YESTERDAY. "I HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE IS A GAP, BUT IS IS NARROW," YOU SAID. (8)

FULL TEXT OF C. L. SULZBERGER'S ARTICLE ENTITLED: "A PEACE CORPS FOR HENRY" WILL BE SENT.

LATE PRESS REPORTS INDICATE OUSTED GREEK DICTATOR GEORGE PAPADOPOULOS AND HIS TWO CLOSEST ASSOCIATES WERE SENTENCED TO DEATH TODAY. THIS, AFTER A COURT IN ATHENS FOUND THEM GUILTY OF INSURRECTION AND HIGH TREASON FOR STAGING THE 1967 ARMY COUP THAT SUSPENDED DEMOCRACY IN GREECE.

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