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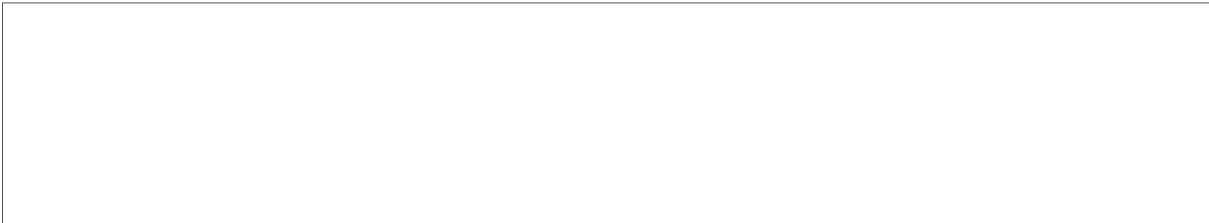
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger

SUBJECT: Coup in Sudan



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On the basis of what we know, it is too early to say what this development may mean. Nimeiri has for some time been playing off the local Communists against the more conservative officer class but it is not clear who may now have the upper hand. In any event, Sudan plays a very marginal role in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

U. S. interests in Sudan are minimal. We have not had diplomatic relations since the 1967 Arab-Israeli war and there are no significant U. S. financial or economic interests. There are very few Americans in Sudan.

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