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MEMORANDUM FOR: AL HAIG

FROM: WINSTON LORD

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE
INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

Sorry I missed you with the attached text. However, I believe there are no problems. I plan to make the following points verbally:

- They can, of course, put the PRC before U.S. in the text.
- HAK cannot arrive any earlier than the 19th.
- We cannot make the public announcement earlier than noon on the 14th.

If the other side has a protest concerning ships or territorial space, I plan to use the talking points that HAK approved for the last meeting; i. e.:

- We will report this immediately to HAK.
- We will make an immediate investigation.
- This would have to be an accident or violation despite the strictest possible orders.
- We can have absolutely no interest in (involving your vessels) (violating your territory).

If by any chance they cancel HAK's trip, I would say what HAK instructed me to say last time; i. e., "Dr. Kissinger asked me to say -- in case this contingency came up -- that we think this is the first serious mistake the PRC has made and that the PRC does not have that many friends." Since they asked for this meeting and have a message for us, I will hear him out first and if they cancel the trip I will not hand over our message.

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If I have time, I will call in to you before the meeting to see if there are any problems or new developments. In any event, I will call in right after the meeting.

Attachment

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