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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: NOON NOTES

NO PEACE PRIZE: THE NOBEL COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT IT HAS DECIDED NOT TO AWARD ANY PEACE PRIZE THIS YEAR.

MARINE COMMANDER ASSESSES QUANG TRI SITUATION: SOUTH VIETNAM'S MARINE COMMANDER, GENERAL BUI THE LAN, BELIEVES THAT LOW MORALE AND SUPPLY PROBLEMS WILL PREVENT THE NVA FROM MAKING HEAVY NEW ATTACKS AGAINST QUANG TRI CITY AND HUE DURING THE RAINY SEASON. IN A RECENT CONVERSATION, LAN TOLD A U.S. OBSERVER THAT HIS UNITS WOULD CONDUCT ONLY LIMITED OPERATIONS NORTH OF QUANG TRI CITY DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AND THAT THEY WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO HOLD TERRITORY. AIRBORNE UNITS WILL SECURE THE THACH HAN RIVER LINE SOUTH OF THE CITY, BUT DO NOT PLAN TO RECAPTURE THE NORTHERN AND WESTERN BANKS.

LAN MAINTAINED THAT THE MARINE DIVISION IS NOT SUFFERING FROM MANPOWER SHORTAGES AND THAT IT HAS SUFFICIENT NUMBERS OF TRAINED NON-COMMISSIONED AND COMPANY GRADE OFFICERS. HE SAID THE MARINES LOST ALMOST 1,000 KILLED WHILE RETAKING THE CITY AND CLOSE TO 4,000 WOUNDED, BUT HE ESTIMATED THAT AT LEAST 70 PERCENT OF THE WOUNDED TROOPS WOULD RETURN TO DUTY.

UGANDA - TANZANIA REPORTEDLY MAKE PEACE: SOMALI FOREIGN MINISTER ARTEH, WHO HAS BEEN SHUTTLING BETWEEN KAMPALA AND DAR ES SALAAM, ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT UGANDA AND TANZANIA HAD ACCEPTED A SOMALI PEACE PROPOSAL. ARTEH GAVE NO DETAILS, BUT DID INDICATE THAT SOME ISSUES REMAINED UNRESOLVED. TENSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES APPEAR TO BE EASING AND MILITARY ACTIONS BY UGANDAN TROOPS NOW SEEMS TO BE LIMITED TO HOPPING UP OPERATIONS NEAR THE TANZANIAN BORDER.

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POOR HARVEST OUTLOOK IN USSR: PROSPECTS FOR THE SOVIET GRAIN HARVEST CONTINUE TO DETERIORATE WITH THE ONSET OF FREEZING TEMPERATURES IN MUCH OF THE "NEW LANDS" AREA OF SIBERIA AND KAZAKHSTAN. RECENT REPORTS OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR WHEAT FROM WEST GERMANY AND ROMANIA MAY REFLECT A REASSESSMENT OF SOVIET NEEDS. CONFIRMED SOVIET PURCHASES OF GRAIN FOR DELIVERY BY MID-1973 NOW STAND AT ALMOST 27 MILLION TONS, OF WHICH ABOUT 18 MILLION TONS IS WHEAT.

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ATTENTION PETER RODMAN: GEORGE SCOTT SLAMMED A TWO-RUN HOMER IN THE EIGHTH INNING AT FENWAY PARK LAST NIGHT TO WIPE OUT A 4-3 DEFICIT AND LEAD THE BREWERS TO A 6-4 VICTORY OVER THE RED SOX. BOSTON NOW HAS A HALF-GAME LEAD OVER SECOND PLACE DETROIT, WHILE BALTIMORE AND NEW YORK ARE BOTH 2 1/2 GAMES OUT OF FIRST PLACE.

TEAM CANADA WON A 4-3 DECISION OVER THE SOVIET HOCKEY TEAM TO EVEN THE 8-GAME INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY SERIES AT 3-3 WITH ONE TIE.

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