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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY  
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM  
SUBJECT: NOON NOTES

PRESS REPORTS GOLDA MEIR SICK: THE PRESS REPORTS INFORMED SOURCES AS SAYING THAT GOLDA MEIR HAS BEEN SUFFERING FROM SHINGLES SINCE LAST WEEK, WHICH MIGHT KEEP HER FROM MEETING WITH YOU. SHOULD SHE BE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING, ALLON, DAYAN, AND EBAN WOULD CONDUCT THE TALKS.

AFRICAN MEETING WITH ARABS ON OIL: THE ARAB LEAGUE IS ARRANGING A MEETING IN CAIRO ON JANUARY 22 BETWEEN A COMMITTEE OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) AND ARAB FOREIGN AND PETROLEUM MINISTERS TO ENSURE AN OIL SUPPLY FOR BLACK AFRICA. THEY WILL DISCUSS PLANS FOR SETTING UP AN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND AND FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. THE OAU SOUGHT THE MEETING TO SECURE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROMISES MADE LAST NOVEMBER AT THE ALGIERS SUMMIT, AFTER BLACK AFRICA SIDED WITH THE ARABS BY BREAKING RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL.

SOVIETS ASSESS CHINESE POLITICS: SOVIET SINOLOGIST BORIS ZANEGIN OF THE USA INSTITUTE IN MOSCOW CONCEDED PRIVATELY ON JANUARY 9 THAT THE SWEEPING CHANGES IN REGIONAL MILITARY COMMANDS IN CHINA DEMONSTRATE THE STRENGTH OF THE PEKING GOVERNMENT. ZANEGIN SAID THERE WAS WIDE SPECULATION AMONG SOVIET SPECIALISTS ON THE SHUFFLE. SOVIET NEWS MEDIA HAVE NOT ORIGINATED ANY MAJOR COMMENT, BUT HAVE CITED FOREIGN COMMENTARY PORTRAYING THE SHIFTS AS SYMPTOMATIC OF THE SHARPENING STRUGGLE AMONG VARIOUS GROUPS IN THE LEADERSHIP. CIA COMMENTS THAT ZANEGIN'S REMARKS REVEAL THAT THIS COMMENTARY IS PRIMARILY DESIGNED FOR EXTERNAL AUDIENCES -- PARTICULARLY IN THE WEST -- IN AN EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE CAUTION IN THEIR ATTITUDES TOWARD THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP.

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PREMIER KOSYGIN RETURNS TO PUBLIC LIFE: PREMIER KOSYGIN RE-  
CEIVED THE NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR IN THE KREMLIN ON JANUARY 8,  
ACCORDING TO MOSCOW RADIO. HE HAD NOT BEEN SEEN IN PUBLIC SINCE  
ATTENDING THE OPENING OF THE THREE-DAY SUPREME SOVIET ON DECEM-  
BER 12. KOSYGIN LEFT MOSCOW BY PLANE IN MID-DECEMBER AND RE-  
TURNED TO THE CAPITAL AT THE END OF THE MONTH. HIS DEPARTURE  
DURING THE SUPREME SOVIET SESSION HAD RAISED SPECULATION ABOUT  
HIS POLITICAL AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING. KOSYGIN, IN FACT, HAS  
NOT BEEN IN MOSCOW VERY MUCH IN RECENT MONTHS. HE HAS SPENT  
SOME TIME AT THE BLACK SEA RESORT OF PITSUNDA, POSSIBLY FOR  
HEALTH REASONS. KOSYGIN IS REPORTED TO HAVE A NUMBER OF HEALTH  
PROBLEMS, ANY ONE OF WHICH COULD INCAPACITATE HIM. HE WILL BE  
70 NEXT MONTH.

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