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VY'S COMMENTS ON RELATIONS WITH U.S.: NORTH VIETNAM IS ENTERING INTO "AN ENTIRELY NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S." ACCORDING TO NGUYEN MINH VY, THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF HANOI'S DELEGATION TO THE PARIS TALKS.

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NORTH VIETNAM, SAID VY, CONSIDERS IT TO BE OF "IMMEASURABLE IMPORTANCE" TO ESTABLISH "FRIENDLY AND LASTING TIES" WITH THE U.S. DISCUSSING THE SITUATION IN THE SOUTH, VY CLAIMED THAT BOTH HANOI AND THE PRG HAD ACCEPTED THE FACT THAT MILITARY WAR WAS "NO LONGER PRACTICABLE" AND THAT THEY MUST NOW CONCENTRATE ON POLITICAL STRUGGLE. HE BELIEVED THAT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD WOULD BE EFFECTIVE AND SAID THE COMMUNISTS WOULD PRESS FOR ITS ORGANIZATION. VY COULD "IMAGINE" THE COUNCIL GRADUALLY REPLACING SOME FUNCTIONS OF THIEU'S GOVERNMENT, BUT IN A SEEMING CONTRADICTION, ADMITTED THAT SELECTING A TRULY INDEPENDENT "THIRD ELEMENT" CONSTITUTED AN "ALMOST INSURMOUNTABLE PROBLEM." VY MORE OR LESS WROTE OFF THE PARIS EXILE ELEMENTS AS PARTICIPANTS.

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SAIGON SELECTED AS SITE FOR RVN-NFL MEETINGS: AN INFORMATION OFFICIAL IN SAIGON TOLD NEWSMEN THAT THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE CAPITAL HAD BEEN SELECTED AS THE SITE FOR BILATERAL MEETINGS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT FOR CONSULTATIONS ON INTERNAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

LON NOL PRESSES FOR SIRIK MATAK AS VICE PRESIDENT :

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MARSHAL LON NOL SUMMONED

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PRINCIPAL LEADERS OF THE SOCIO-REPUBLICAN PARTY YESTERDAY TO DISCUSS SIRIK MATAK'S NOMINATION TO THE VICE PRESIDENCY. AFTER UPBRAIDING SEVERAL OF THEM, INCLUDING LON NON, HE SAID HE WANTED MATAK IN THAT POSITION AND INTENDED TO HAVE HIS WAY. IF NOT, HE WOULD RESIGN AND TAKE THE ENTIRE GOVERNMENT DOWN WITH HIM. HE ALSO TOLD PRIME MINISTER HANG THUN HAK THAT HE WANTED HIS IMMEDIATE AND TOTAL ACCEPTANCE OF SIRIK MATAK AS VICE PRESIDENT, AND THE PRIME MINISTER AGREED WITHOUT RESERVATION.

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SOUTH KOREAN ELECTION: SOUTH KOREA WILL HOLD A GENERAL ELECTION ON FEBRUARY 27 FOR A NEW NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. THE OLD ASSEMBLY WAS DISSOLVED LAST OCTOBER WHEN PRESIDENT PARK DECLARED MARTIAL LAW.

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PALME'S RESPONSE TO ROGERS' STATEMENT: IN RESPONSE TO SECRETARY ROGERS' COMMENTS IN HIS EXCHANGE WITH CONGRESSMAN FRASER YESTERDAY, PRIME MINISTER PALME SAID THAT THIS DID NOT INFLUENCE THE SWEDISH ATTITUDE TOWARD U.S. POLICIES IN VIETNAM NOR THE VIEWS ON THE CEASE-FIRE. NEITHER DID IT INFLUENCE THE SWEDISH DESIRE FOR NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CONDITIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. HE CLAIMED THAT SWEDISH OPINION HAD CONTRIBUTED TO SHORTENING THE WAR. IF THERE HAD BEEN NO OPINION EXPRESSED AND IF ANY METHODS COULD HAVE BEEN USED IN THE WAR, THERE COULD HAVE SOME KIND OF PEACE, "BUT THE PRICE FOR THAT PEACE WOULD HAVE BEEN INFINITELY HIGH." SWEDISH STATEMENTS REFLECTED HONEST OPINIONS. IT WAS RIGHT TO MAKE THEM, EVEN IF THEY IRRITATED A GREAT POWER, ACCORDING TO PALME.

UK RECOGNIZES EAST GERMANY: AN EAST GERMAN COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT GREAT BRITAIN BECAME THE FIRST OF THE BIG THREE WESTERN POWERS TO RECOGNIZE THE EAST GERMAN GOVERNMENT. THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL EXCHANGE DIPLOMATS ON AN AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL AFTER EAST AND WEST GERMANY RATIFY THEIR NORMALIZATION TREATY AND AFTER BONN SENDS ITS OWN REPRESENTATIVE TO EAST BERLIN. FRANCE AND EAST GERMANY ANNOUNCED THEY WERE ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND WOULD EXCHANGE AMBASSADORS AT AN UNSPECIFIED TIME.

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5 OAU CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL : A PRESS REPORT FROM ADDIS ABABA STATES THAT AN ORGANIZATION FOR AFRICAN UNITY COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED A DRAFT DECLARATION CONDEMNING ISRAEL , INDIRECTLY CONGRATULATING THE AFRICAN STATES WHICH HAVE BROKEN OFF TIES WITH THAT COUNTRY, AND CALLING ON ALL MEMBER STATES TO STRENGTHEN THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH EGYPT.

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5 ANOTHER FISHING BOAT SEIZED: EMBASSY QUITO REPORTS THAT THE ECUADOREAN NAVY SEIZED AN AMERICAN FISHING VESSEL OFF THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS THIS MORNING. A SECOND VESSEL WAS INSPECTED AND RELEASED.

5 THE EVENING STAR AND WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS: AP QUOTING AMERICAN SOURCES SAID YOUR OVERNIGHT STAY IN VIENTIANE EN ROUTE TO HANOI WAS UNLIKELY TO INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNIST PATHET LAO REBELS.

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LEE COHN STATES PRESIDENT NIXON SOON MAY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY CRISIS TO SQUEEZE ECONOMIC CONCESSIONS FROM FOREIGN COMPETITORS. INFORMED SOURCES SAID THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT NIXON MAY MAKE A MAJOR MOVE WITHIN A FEW DAYS. (A 2)

GEORGE SHERMAN REPORTS PRESIDENT NIXON PLANS TO MEET THIEU IN THE LAST PART OF MARCH, POSSIBLY IN WASHINGTON ACCORDING TO INFORMED SOURCES.

GEORGE ESPER REPORTS THAT THE POW RELEASES PROMISED IN THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT WILL BEGIN MONDAY MORNING, SAIGON TIME.

JEREMIAH O'LEARY STATES THAT COSTA RICA'S PRESIDENT FIGUERES HAS THROWN THE HALF-MILLION CUBAN EXILES INTO A STATE OF SHOCK BY HIS DECLARATION THAT THEY SHOULD SEEK A DIALOGUE WITH FIDEL CASTRO.

ANDREW BOROWIEC WRITES THAT PRESIDENT POMPIDOU HAS STEPPED INTO THE NERVOUS FRENCH PRE-ELECTORAL SCENE WITH A SOMBER WARNING ABOUT THE DANGER OF A COMMUNIST TAKE-OVER.

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