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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: NOON REPORT

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ACCORDING TO THE USDAO OFFICE:

IN SAIGON THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE NAVAL FORCES HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO WITHDRAW FROM THE AREA AND TO AVOID FURTHER CONTACT WITH THE CHINESE SHIPS. SAIGON HAS NO PLANS TO REINFORCE OR TO EXTRACT THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS LEFT ON THE ISLANDS. THE STATUS OF AN AMERICAN CIVILIAN LOCATED ON PATTLE ISLAND IS UNKNOWN, HOWEVER, SOUTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY SOURCES CONSIDER ALL PERSONNEL ON THE ISLAND LOST.

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ARAB STATES/USSR REACTION TO DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT:

DAMASCUS HAS SO FAR WITHHELD OFFICIAL REACTION TO THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT. A STATEMENT IS NOT EXPECTED UNTIL PRESIDENT ASAD COMPLETES TALKS SCHEDULED THIS WEEKEND WITH PRESIDENT SADAT AND SECRETARY KISSINGER. SYRIAN LEADERS HAVE BEEN MEETING SINCE JANUARY.

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17 TO DISCUSS DISENGAGEMENT, ACCORDING TO A DAMASCUS PRESS REPORT. ASAD HAS ALSO SPOKEN BY TELEPHONE WITH PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE AND WITH KING HUSAYN, AND ON JANUARY 18 RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT QADHAFI.

IN EGYPT, THE PRESS AND RADIO HAVE MADE PUBLIC GENERAL TERMS OF THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, AND HAVE SPOKEN APPROVINGLY OF IT AS HAVING COMPLETED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EARLIER SIX POINT AGREEMENT. AL AHRAM CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT THE LATEST ACCORD IS BUT A PRELIMINARY STEP TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION OF MORE BASIC UN RESOLUTIONS, AND THAT DISENGAGEMENT MUST ALSO TAKE PLACE ON THE SYRIAN FRONT.

JORDAN'S PRESS HAS WELCOMED THE AGREEMENT, BUT HAS REFLECTED OFFICIAL ANXIETIES ABOUT THE RISKS TO JORDAN OF EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENTS BY EMPHASIZING THAT IT SHOULD BE A FIRST STEP TOWARD A COMPREHENSIVE MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT. AMMAN RADIO APPEALED TO ARABS NOT TO LET THE AGREEMENT BECOME A CAUSE FOR INTER-ARAB DIFFERENCES.

LIBYA'S DOMESTIC RADIO HAS CRITICIZED THE AGREEMENT BY SUGGESTING THAT THE PLANNED SEPARATION OF FORCES WILL HAVE THE EFFECT OF PROVIDING TEL AVIV "TOTAL SECURITY." TRIPOLI RADIO ALSO REPEATED ITS FAMILIAR THEMES THAT ARAB PARTICIPATION IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS IS A GAIN FOR ISRAEL, AND THAT EGYPT'S INITIATIVE WEAKENS ARAB UNITY.

THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO THE GENEVA TALKS HAS BEEN OPENLY CRITICAL OF THE WAY THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WAS REACHED AND HAS CRITICIZED THE EGYPTIANS FOR "HAVING FORGOTTEN THEIR TRUE FRIENDS." HE HAS CLAIMED TO BE UNDER PRESSURE FROM CERTAIN ARAB STATES, WHICH HE REFUSED TO IDENTIFY, TO RECONVENE THE FULL CONFERENCE IN GENEVA.

SOVIET DELEGATION IN GENEVA IN THE DARK:

THE NUMBER TWO MAN ON THE SOVIET DELEGATION AT THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE TOOK THE INITIATIVE YESTERDAY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TWO WEEKS TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIS US COUNTERPARTS. HIS MAIN PURPOSE WAS TO GATHER INFORMATION ON THE TERMS OF THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, ADMITTING THAT MOSCOW WAS SENDING THE GENEVA DELEGATION ALMOST NOTHING. HE ALSO EXPRESSED THE VIEW--WITHOUT BELABORING THE POINT--THAT THE GENEVA TALKS SHOULD BE REACTIVATED SOON. PRESUMABLY THE SOVIETS ARE UPSET WITH WASHINGTON'S MONOPOLY OVER THE DISENGAGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS AND WANT TO RETURN THE TALKS TO THE FORUM IN GENEVA WHERE MOSCOW IS REPRESENTED.

INDEED, THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA INFORMED

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THE US YESTERDAY THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR VINOGRADOV HAS BEEN OPENLY CRITICAL OF THE WAY THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WAS ACHIEVED. VINOGRADOV CRITICIZED THE EGYPTIANS FOR "HAVING FORGOTTEN THEIR TRUE FRIENDS" AND CLAIMED THAT HE WAS UNDER PRESSURE FROM CERTAIN ARAB STATES TO RECONVENE THE FULL CONFERENCE IN GENEVA. WHEN ASKED TO IDENTIFY THESE COUNTRIES, VINOGRADOV REPORTEDLY BACKED OFF.

JAPANESE RATIFICATION OF NPT:

DESPITE PRIME MINISTER TANAKA'S RECENT CALL FOR JAPANESE RATIFICATION OF THE NPT DURING THE DIET SESSION WHICH BEGINS ON JANUARY 21, IT APPEARS RATIFICATION MAY SLIP BACK UNTIL AT LEAST AFTER THE UPPER HOUSE ELECTIONS THIS SUMMER. CABINET-LEVEL OPPOSITION, PRIMARILY FROM TRADE MINISTER NAKASONE AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MINISTER MORIYAMA, IS CONTRIBUTING TO THE DELAY. CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT FOR RATIFICATION EXISTS WITHIN THE RULING PARTY, HOWEVER, AND THE EXACT TIMING WILL DEPEND ON HOW HARD TANAKA DECIDES TO PUSH FOR EARLIER RATIFICATION.

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