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THE PRESIDENT
HENRY A. KISSINGER
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ETHIOPIAN TROOPS REBEL IN ASMARA: REUTERS REPORTS THAT ETHIOPIAN TROOPS HAVE SEIZED CONTROL OF THE NORTHERN CITY OF ASMARA. THE SOLDIERS, APPARENTLY LED BY JUNIOR OFFICERS, HAVE CLOSED THE CITY'S AIRPORT, ALL BANKS, TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICES, AND ROADS, THE REPORT SAID. THE REASON FOR THE REVOLT WAS NOT CLEAR BUT FIRST REPORTS SAID IT APPEARED TO BE A PROTEST OVER PAY RATHER THAN AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. THE REPORT SAID A NUMBER OF SENIOR ETHIOPIAN OFFICERS HAD BEEN PLACED UNDER GUARD IN ASMARA, ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT KNOWN WHO THEY

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