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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM  
SUBJECT: NOON NOTES

VC PROTEST UNILATERAL ICCS INVESTIGATIONS: A REUTER ITEM FROM SAIGON TODAY REPORTS THAT THE VV HAVE CHARGED THAT IRANIAN AND INDONESIAN DELEGATES ON THE ICCS WERE ACTING IN CONCERT WITH WASHINGTON AND SAIGON BY UNILATERALLY INVESTIGATING ALLEGED CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS. A VC NOTE TO THE ICCS CHAIRMAN CITED REPORTS THAT IRANIAN AND INDONESIAN TEAM MEMBERS WENT TO CHECK ON A SAIGON COMMAND ANNOUNCEMENT THAT MORTAR BOMBS HIT A VILLAGE MARKETPLACE, KILLING 13 CIVILIANS AND WOUNDING 58 ON AUGUST 25. THE COMMAND SAID THE MORTAR BOMBS WERE FIRED BY COMMUNIST GUNNERS INTO A VILLAGE AT HOA HOI IN BINH DINH PROVINCE. THE NOTE CHARGED THAT INVESTIGATIONS WITHOUT FULL AGREEMENT BY ALL FOUR ICCS MEMBERS DID NOT HELP OBJECTIVE OBSERVATIONS AND VIOLATED THE AGREEMENT THAT SET UP THE ICCS.

SOVIET DESTROYER SINKS: A SOVIET KASHIN-CLASS DESTROYER SANK IN THE WESTERN BLACK SEA FRIDAY FOLLOWING A FIRE OF UNDETERMINED ORIGIN. AT LEAST TWO CREW MEMBERS WERE REPORTED DEAD. THE SOVIETS HAVE 16 OF THESE LARGE ANTISUBMARINE WARFARE SHIPS ASSIGNED TO THE BLACK SEA FLEET.

MOZAMBIQUE NEGOTIATIONS: IN A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY, FRELIMO PRESIDENT MACHEL SAID THAT THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT AND THE MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION FRONT WILL BEGIN FULL-SCALE NEGOTIATIONS IN LUSAKA THURSDAY TO TRANSFER POWER AND SET A DATE OF INDEPENDENCE IN MOZAMBIQUE. HE INDICATED THAT PORTUGAL ACCEPTED IN SECRET TALKS LAST MONTH ALL THREE CONDITIONS WHICH FRELIMO DEMANDED BEFORE ENDING THE TEN-YEAR PORTUGUESE RULE IN MOZAMBIQUE. THESE CONDITIONS WERE TO RECOGNIZE THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF THE MOZAMBIKAN PEOPLE TO INDEPENDENCE, TO TRANSFER POWER TO THE PEOPLE, AND RECOGNITION OF FRELIMO AS THEIR SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE.

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