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NOVEMBER 4, 1974

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

PREPARATIONS FOR CHINESE SATELLITE LAUNCH: THE CHINESE
ARE AGAIN PREPARING TO LAUNCH AN ARTIFICIAL EARTH SATELLITE

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LAUNCH VEHICLE PROBABLY WILL BE THE CSS-X-4, CHINA'S LARGEST
ICBM AND SPACE VEHICLE. THIS SYSTEM HAS BEEN LAUNCHED FIVE
TIMES, BUT ONLY THE FIRST FLIGHT IN 1971 APPEARED SUCCESSFUL.
THE LAST TWO FIRINGS OF THE VEHICLE, BOTH OF WHICH FAILED,
WERE SATELLITE LAUNCH ATTEMPTS. CHINA'S TWO SUCCESSFUL SATELLITE
LAUNCHES WERE LAUNCHED IN 1970 AND 1971.

ROMANIAN MINISTER ARRIVING IN FRANCE: ROMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER
MACOVESCU ARRIVES IN FRANCE TODAY FOR A TWO-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT.
HE WILL CONCENTRATE ON ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS, PARTICULARLY
THE ACQUISITION OF A LOW INTEREST LOAN OF ABOUT 100 MILLION AND
THE PURCHASE OF PUMA-330 HELICOPTERS. OTHER TOPICS ON THE AGENDA
INCLUDE THE MIDDLE EAST, THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE, CYPRUS,
AND THE POSSIBLE RECIPROCAL OPENING OF CONSULATES. THE FRENCH
REPORTEDLY ARE SOMEWHAT RIPPED THAT MACOVESCU REQUESTED LAST-MINUTE
CHANGES IN HIS SCHEDULE SO THAT HE COULD REMAIN IN BUCHAREST FOR
TALKS WITH YOU YESTERDAY.

MORI/CDF per C03196003

LENINGRAD MAY MAKE TWO MORE VISITS: THE SOVIET HELICOPTER

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SHIP LENINGRAD NOW ON ITS WAY HOME FROM MINECLEARING OPERATIONS IN THE RED SEA, MAY BE CONDUCTING A PORT CALL IN EQUATORIAL GUINEA. THE LENINGRAD IS ALSO EXPECTED TO VISIT DAKAR, SENEGAL BEFORE RETURNING TO THE BLACK SEA. IT HAS ALREADY CALLED AT PORT LOUIS IN MAURITIUS. THE SHIP MADE NO STOPS ON ITS VOYAGE OUT TO THE RED SEA.

SOVIETS TO SUPPLY SHIPS TO INDIA: THE USSR HAS AGREED TO SUPPLY INDIA WITH AT LEAST ONE BRIGADE, AN 400 TON MISSILE BOAT, AND A NUMBER OF MINESWEEPERS.

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INDIA HAS REQUESTED TRAINING IN THE USSR FOR THE NAVAL PERSONNEL WHO WILL ACCEPT THE SHIPS. NEW DELHI INTENDS TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR DELIVERY IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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THE SOVIETS ALSO ASKED THE INDIAN CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF DURING HIS VISIT TO MOSCOW LAST MONTH FOR PERMISSION FOR SUBMARINES TO CALL AT VISHAKHAPTNAM ON INDIA'S EAST COAST FOR MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT. THE SOVIETS ARE PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BASE AT VISHAKHAPTNAM, WHICH IS INTENDED PRIMARILY FOR INDIA'S SOVIET-SUPPLIED SHIPS. NEW DELHI WILL PROBABLY AGAIN REFUSE, ON THE GROUNDS THAT SOVIET USE WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO AN INCREASE IN THE GREAT POWERS' PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

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