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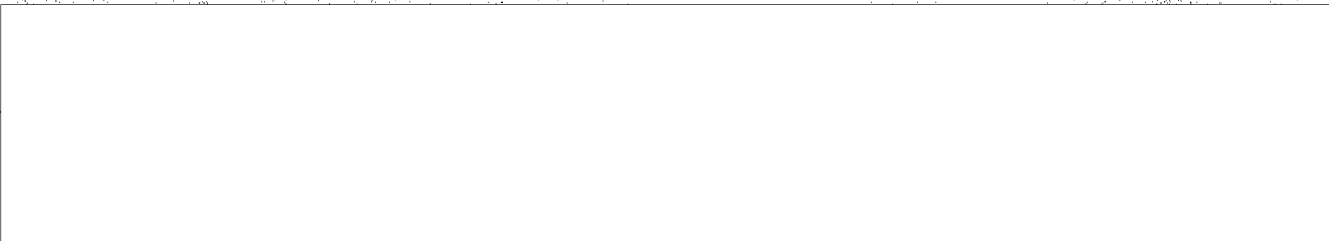
TOKYO: PASS TO DRIVER FOR THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY MISSINGRA
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: SUNDAY CABLE SUMMARY

NOVEMBER 24, 1974

VC-10 HIJACKING: NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN AUTHORITIES AND THREE
ARAB GUNMEN, HOLDING 29 HOSTAGES IN A BRITISH AIRLINES VC-10 AT IJUIS
CARIBBEAN AIRPORT, HAVE BEEN RECESSED FOR SEVERAL HOURS TO GIVE
NEGOTIATORS SOME "REST". THE HIJACKERS HAVE AGREED TO RELEASE ALL
PASSENGERS ON CONDITION THAT TWO PALESTINIAN FIDAYEEN HELD BY THE
DUTCH ARE ALSO RELEASED. THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT DECLARED IN THE MORNING
EARLY SUNDAY IT IS WILLING TO RELEASE THE TWO PALESTINIAN PRISONERS
IN EXCHANGE FOR THE VC-10 HOSTAGES. IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER THE
HIJACKERS HAVE ACCEPTED HOLLAND'S OFFER.

NEW JORDAN GOVERNMENT: KING HUSAYN DISSOLVED PARLIAMENT AND PRIME
MINISTER RIFAI FORMED A NEW 20-MEMBER CABINET. THE OFFICIAL
ANNOUNCEMENT ALSO REVEALED THAT FIVE OF HUSAYN'S TOP ADVISERS
RESIGNED. RIFAI RETAINS THE DEFENSE AND FOREIGN PORTFOLIOS IN THE
NEW GOVERNMENT, WHICH INCLUDES SEVEN MEMBERS WHO WILL TAKE UP
MINISTERIAL POSTS FOR THE FIRST TIME. FOUR OF THE NEWCOMERS IN THE
GOVERNMENT ARE FROM THE ISRAELI-OCCUPIED WEST BANK.



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ETHIOPIA'S MILITARY RULERS ANNOUNCED THAT 60 FORMER CABINET MINISTERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WERE EXECUTED LAST NIGHT. IN A STATEMENT OVER ETHIOPIAN RADIO, THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL SAID THOSE EXECUTED INCLUDED GENERAL AMAN ANDOM, FORMER PRIME MINISTER ENDAL YACHEW MAKONNEN, AND HAILE SELASSIE'S GRANDSON, ADMIRAL ISKENDER DESTA, WHO WAS COMMANDER OF THE ETHIOPIAN NAVY UNTIL HIS GRANDFATHER WAS OVERTHROWN IN A MILITARY COUP LAST SEPTEMBER. THE COUNCIL MADE NO REFERENCE TO SELASSIE, NOW IN ARMY CUSTODY.