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

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

NORTH KOREA SEEKS TRIDENTS FOR ITS CIVIL AIR FLEET: PYONGYANG IS APPARENTLY PLANNING TO SEND A DELEGATION TO THE UK TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF AT LEAST THREE TRIDENT MEDIUM-RANGE COMMERCIAL JET TRANSPORTS. TO ACCELERATE DELIVERY, IT MAY ALSO APPEAL TO PEKING TO AUTHORIZE LONDON TO DIVERT THREE TRIDENTS CURRENTLY BEING BUILT FOR CHINA. INTEREST HAS ALSO BEEN SHOWN IN PROCUREMENT OF LONG-RANGE COMMERCIAL PLANES, INCLUDING BOEING 707S OR DOUGLAS DC-8S THROUGH A FRENCH FIRM. REPORTEDLY, THE SOVIET IL-62 WILL BE PURCHASED IF THE U.S. PLANES ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

THE WASHINGTON STAR-NEWS

JEREMIAH O'LEARY REPORTS THAT YOU NOW HAVE A FIRM SCHEDULE FOR YOUR MIDDLE EAST TRAVEL AIMED AT SOUNDING OUT THE SHAKY SITUATION IN THE AREA FOLLOWING THE ARAB SUMMIT MEETING IN RABAT. INFORMED SOURCES SAID THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF NEGOTIATIONS ON A SHUTTLE BASIS DURING YOUR EIGHTH SWING THROUGH THE REGION SINCE THE OCTOBER 1973 WAR.

JUDITH RANDAL STATES THAT ALTHOUGH THE ROME CONFERENCE WHICH CONVENES TOMORROW, WAS INITIATED BY YOU, THERE IS LITTLE TO SUGGEST THAT EVEN YOUR PRESTIGE CAN BE COUNTED ON TO PRODUCE SENSIBLE AND CONCERTED PLANNING, MUCH LESS MIRACLES.

MILTON VIORST WRITES THAT YOU REGARD IT AS A PERSONAL AFFRONT, AND PRIME MINISTER RABIN'S GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS IT A DISASTER -- BUT IT WOULD BE FOLLY, HE BELIEVES, IF BOTH DEAL WITH THE ACTION TAKEN AT THE ARAB SUMMIT LAST WEEK AS IF IT WERE THE END OF THE LINE.

A STAR EDITORIAL ON "ULSTER GLOOM" STATES THE BLOODY STALEMATE BETWEEN EXTREMISTS IN NORTHERN IRELAND SHOWS NO SIGN OF YIELDING TO ANYTHING THAT REASONABLE MEN ARE LIKELY TO THINK OF AS A SOLUTION. BUT THE ATTEMPT TO DEVISE A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT MUST GO ON, AND MUST BE SEEN TO BE PRESSED IN A VIGOROUS WAY WITH NO ADMITTING THE POSSIBILITY OF A FINAL FAILURE. IT IS A TIME FOR MORE IDEAS ON BREAKING THE IMPASSE, BUT THE WILSON GOVERNMENT SEEMS TO BE SHORT OF THEM.

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