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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER:  
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SOVIET ARMS DELIVERIES TO IRAQ: THREE SOVIET YEVGENYA-CLASS MINESWEEPERS HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO IRAQ. THESE SHIPS, WHICH ARE DESIGNED FOR CLEARING MINES FROM INSHORE WATERWAYS LIKE THOSE APPROACHING THE PORTS OF UMM QASR AND BASRAH, HAVE FIBERGLASS-REINFORCED PLASTIC HULLS, PERMITTING THEIR USE AGAINST MAGNETIC MINES. IN ADDITION TO THE STANDARD MECHANICAL SWEEPING GEAR, THE CRAFT NORMALLY CARRY UNDERWATER TELEVISION MINE-HUNTING EQUIPMENT AND FLOODLIGHTS THAT CAN ILLUMINATE UP TO DEPTHS OF 30 METERS.

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POLES AROUSED OVER SHORTAGES: SEVERAL POLISH JOURNALISTS HAVE DESCRIBED THE PUBLIC AS "AROUSSED AND IN BAD HUMOR" OVER SHORTAGES, ESPECIALLY OF MEAT, AND SOURCES OF THE U.S. EM-BASSY IN WARSAW SAY THAT MINOR DISTURBANCES RECENTLY TOOK PLACE IN THE CITY'S TWO LARGEST SUPERMARKETS. POLICE RE-PORTEDLY HAD TO BE CALLED IN TO RESTORE ORDER, AND THE AUTHORITIES BEGAN TO MOVE ADDITIONAL STOCKS OF MEAT INTO THE CITY'S STORES. IN NATIONALLY TELEVISED SPEECHES LAST THURSDAY, PARTY CHIEF GIEREK AND PRIME MINISTER JAROSZEWICZ TALKED FRANKLY ABOUT THE SHORTAGES. GIEREK SAID THE GOVERN-MENT IS MAKING GREAT EFFORTS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM AND THERE WOULD SOON BE "PERCEPTIBLE RESULTS." DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS, THE WAGES OF POLISH WORKERS HAVE INCREASED FASTER THAN THE AVAILABILITY OF MAJOR CONSUMER ITEMS SUCH AS HOUSING, CARS, AND FURNITURE. AS A RESULT, POLES HAVE BEEN USING SOME OF THEIR INCREASED PURCHASING POWER TO BUY HIGHER QUALITY FOODS, WHICH NOW ALSO SEEM TO BE IN SHORT SUPPLY.

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