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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEMS

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FINNISH GOVERNMENT MAY RESIGN TODAY: FINNISH PRIME MINISTER SORSA IS EXPECTED TO HAND IN HIS GOVERNMENT'S RESIGNATION TODAY. PRESIDENT KEKKONEN WILL THEN DISSOLVE PARLIAMENT IN JUNE AND CALL AN ELECTION FOR LATE SEPTEMBER. HELSINKI MAYOR AURA WILL PROBABLY BE CALLED ON TO HEAD A NONPOLITICAL CARETAKER GOVERNMENT UNTIL THE ELECTION IS HELD. THE FINAL BREAKUP OF THE DIVIDED FOUR-PARTY COALITION BECAME ALL BUT INEVITABLE WHEN KEKKONEN'S CENTER PARTY, TWO WEEKS AGO, REFUSED TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT'S REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PACKAGE. THE MAJOR PARTIES TOOK THE POINT THAT KEKKONEN WANTED A NEW PARLIAMENT AND BEGAN PREPARING FOR AN ELECTION. MOSCOW HAD ALREADY REGISTERED ITS CONCERN THAT POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY IN HELSINKI MIGHT AFFECT THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE SUMMIT TO BE HELD THERE. DURING FOREIGN MINISTER KARJALAINEN'S RECENT VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION, PRESIDENT PODGORNYY WARNED THAT SUCH UNCERTAINTY COULD GIVE OPPONENTS OF THE CONFERENCE AN EXCUSE TO POSTPONE THE SUMMIT. KEKKONEN HAS ASSURED THE SOVIETS, HOWEVER, THAT FINLAND WOULD

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BE READY TO PLAY HOST TO A SUMMIT FINALE AT ANY TIME.

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PROBABLE MIG-23 GROUND-ATTACK VARIANT IDENTIFIED IN IRAQ:
THE FIRST PROBABLE EXPORT VERSION OF THE SOVIET MIG-23 GROUND-
ATTACK VARIANT IN IRAQ HAS BEEN NOTED. SIX OF THE NINE OB-
SERVED AT HABBANIYAH AIRFIELD HAD THE BLUNT-NOSE CHARACTERISTIC
OF THIS VARIANT, WHICH WAS OBSERVED LAST MONTH AT FINSTERWALDE
AIRFIELD IN EAST GERMANY. THE ELECTRONICS AND WEAPONS PACKAGE
OF THOSE IN IRAQ CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM PHOTOGRAPHS. DIA
BELIEVES THAT THE EXPORT OF THE LATEST MODEL TO IRAQ INDICATES
HOW FAR THE SOVIETS ARE WILLING TO GO IN MAINTAINING INFLUENCE
WITH THE BAGHDAD REGIME. IT HAS NOT YET BEEN IDENTIFIED IN
SYRIA OR EGYPT. IRAQ CURRENTLY HAS A TOTAL OF ABOUT 42 MIG-
23S IN ITS INVENTORY.

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