

978 \*\*\*\*\* T O P S E C R E T \*\*\*\*\*S COPY

ROUTINE  
DE WTE 02075 1838251  
R 020258Z JUN 75  
FM THE SITUATION ROOM//TOMAK 93//

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

TO BOMPERT/RODMAN FOR THE SECRETARY/GEN SCONCROFT

INFO DONALD RUMSFELD

T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE CONTAINS CODEWORD EXCLUSIVELY EYES ONLY

WHS1813

DOS Review Completed.

TOMAK 93

JUNE 2, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT  
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER  
SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEMS

AMERICANS CONTINUE TO DEPART VIENTIANE: THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS IN LAOS CONTINUES TO DECLINE. OUR EMBASSY REPORTS THAT AS OF YESTERDAY, THERE WERE 181 OFFICIAL AMERICANS STILL AT THEIR POSTS, THE NUMBER OF NON-OFFICIAL AMERICANS HAS BEEN REDUCED TO 99.

NEAR-TERM PROSPECTS FOR INDIA: A NEAR-TERM ASSESSMENT OF INDIA INDICATES THAT IT IS ENTERING A PERIOD OF GROWING POLITICAL FERMENT. MRS. GANDHI'S PRESTIGE WILL CONTINUE TO DECLINE, AND SHE WILL PROBABLY BE FORCED TO RELINQUISH SOME OF HER UNPRECEDENTED CONCENTRATION OF POWER, BUT SHE WILL REMAIN THE DECISIVE FACTOR IN INDIAN POLITICS. THE NEXT NATIONAL ELECTIONS, DUE BY THE SPRING OF 1976, WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY RETURN THE CONGRESS PARTY TO POWER BUT WITH A REDUCED MAJORITY. PUBLIC PROTESTS ARE LIKELY TO GROW IN SIZE AND FREQUENCY, AND THE GOVERNMENT IS LIKELY TO REACT MORE OFTEN WITH FORCE. YET THERE APPEARS LITTLE PROSPECT EITHER FOR SERIOUS INSTABILITY OR FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE DURING THIS PERIOD. THE GOVERNMENT IS UNLIKELY TO MAKE THE CHANGES IN POLICY NECESSARY TO EXPLOIT INDIA'S POTENTIAL FOR MORE RAPID ECONOMIC GROWTH OR TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ITS GROW-

\*\*\*\*\*WHSR COMMENT\*\*\*\*\*

SEC FILE

RECALLED  
PSN1885246 PAGE 01 TOR:153/02:51Z DTG:020258Z JUN 75

\*\*\*\*\* T O P S E C R E T \*\*\*\*\*S COPY

\*\*\*\*\* T O P S E C R E T \*\*\*\*\*S COPY

ING POPULATION.

INDIA WILL CONTINUE TO BE PREEMINENT IN SOUTH ASIA BUT ITS INTERNATIONAL ROLE WILL REMAIN LIMITED. THE LIKELIHOOD OF MAJOR ARMED CONFLICT IN SOUTH ASIA INVOLVING INDIA IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS SEEMS SMALL, AND PRESENT TRENDS INDICATE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN WILL BE STABLE. INDIA AND CHINA MAY RESTORE FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, BUT THERE IS LITTLE MOTIVATION ON EITHER SIDE FOR A RESOLUTION OF FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES. INDO-SOVIET RELATIONS ARE NOT LIKELY TO REGAIN THE CLOSENESS OF 1971, IN SPITE OF CONTINUED EXTENSIVE SOVIET MILITARY ASSISTANCE. INDIA IS UNLIKELY TO MAKE MAJOR CONCESSIONS TO MOSCOW ON THE LATTER'S ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY PROPOSALS OR ON THE USE OF INDIAN BASES. ALTHOUGH INDO-U.S. RELATIONS ARE LIKELY TO BE MORE STABLE THAN IN THE PAST, THEY WILL PROBABLY REMAIN SHALLOW AND SUBJECT TO UNCERTAINTIES. INDIAN SUSPICIONS AND DOMESTIC POLITICS WILL CONTINUE TO GENERATE PERIODS OF ANTI-U.S. INVECTIVE.

8455

RECALLED

PSN:005246

PAGE 02

OF 02

TOR:153/02:51Z

DTG:020256Z JUN 75

\*\*\*\*\* T O P S E C R E T \*\*\*\*\*S COPY