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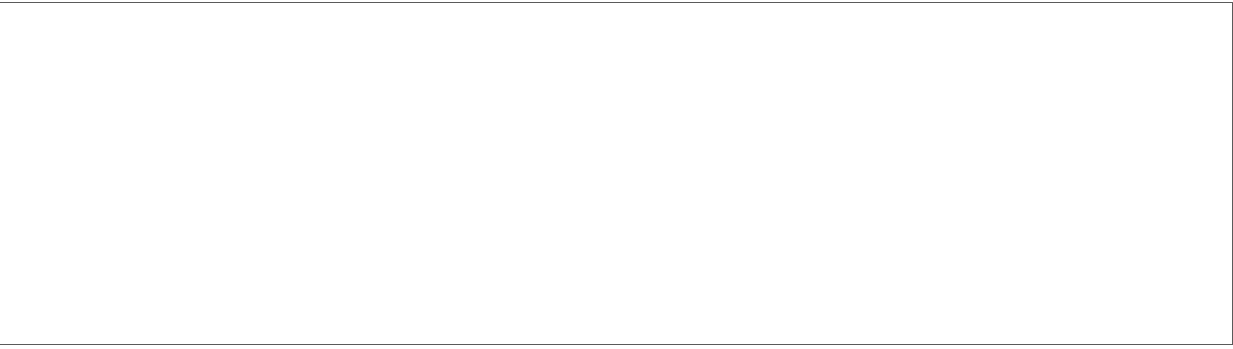
JUNE 3, 1975
MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEMS

SYRIAN CONCESSION TO IRAQ ON EUPHRATES WATER DISPUTE: DAMASCUS
RADIO ANNOUNCED ON JUNE 3 THAT, [REDACTED]
SYRIA HAS DECIDED TO SUPPLY IRAQ WITH ITS WATER REQUIREMENTS
FROM THE EUPHRATES RIVER "REGARDLESS OF THE IRAQI REGIME'S
STAND." [REDACTED] SYRIA EXPECTED THIS GESTURE
TO HELP TOWARD A PERMANENT WATER-SHARING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT CREDITED SAUDI ARABIAN
"GOOD OFFICES" AS BEING INSTRUMENTAL IN REACHING THE FIRST
APPARENT BREAK IN A GROWING CONFRONTATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND
SYRIA. A JUNE 2 CABLE FROM AMBASSADOR MURPHY SUGGESTS, HOW-
EVER, THAT A HIGH WATER LEVEL BEHIND THE TABQA DAM AND GROW-
ING COMPLAINTS FROM DOWNSTREAM SYRIAN VILLAGES WHICH HAD BEEN
SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THEIR GOVERNMENT'S ACTION COULD HAVE
BEEN ADDITIONAL FACTORS IN THE DECISION. THERE IS AS YET
NO INDICATION OF A RETURN TO THE GOLAN AREA OF THOSE SYRIAN
FORCES DEPLOYED IN RECENT WEEKS TOWARD THE IRAQI FRONTIER.
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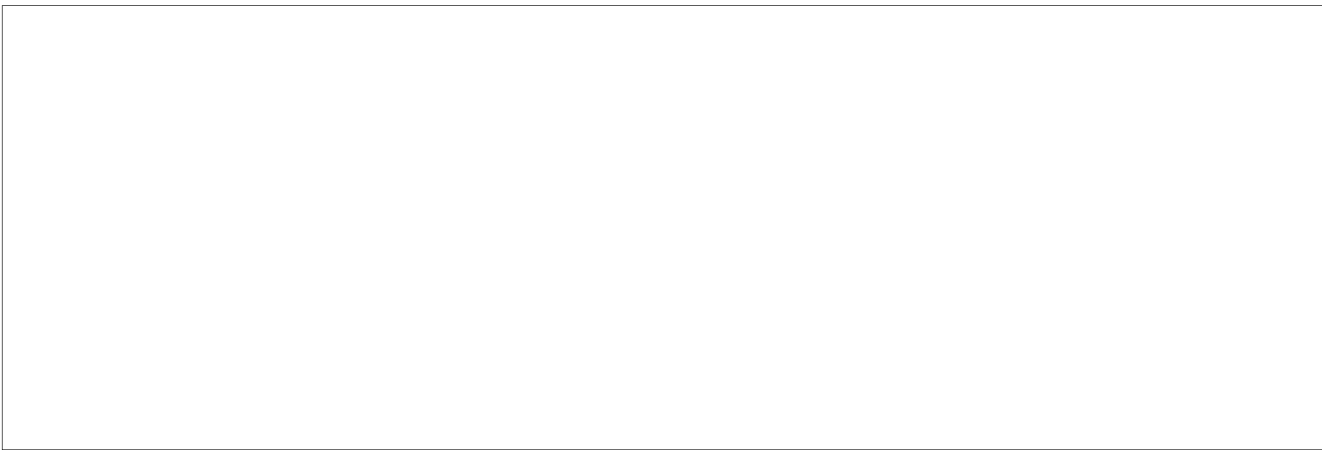
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DRV'S PHAM VAN DONG VIEWS RELATIONS WITH U.S.: FBIS HAS REPORTED ON THE FIRST SESSION OF THE DRV'S FIFTH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD THIS AFTERNOON IN HANOI. PREMIER PHAM VAN DONG STATED THAT IF "THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TRULY RESPECTS ARTICLES ONE AND FOUR OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF VIETNAM" AND "SERIOUSLY IMPLEMENTS THE SPIRIT OF ARTICLE 21 CONCERNING THE U.S. OBLIGATION TO CONTRIBUTE TO HEALING THE WOUNDS CAUSED BY THE CRIMINAL U.S. WAR OF AGGRESSION IN BOTH REGIONS OF VIETNAM, ON THIS BASIS AND ON THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY AND MUTUAL BENEFIT, THE DRV GOVERNMENT WILL NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPIRIT OF ARTICLE 22 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF VIETNAM AND WILL SOLVE THE OTHER PENDING PROBLEMS WITH THE U.S."

SUPPORT FOR SCHMIDT DOUBLES: POPULAR SUPPORT FOR WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT HAS DOUBLED DURING THE YEAR HE HAS BEEN IN OFFICE. IN CONTRAST TO MAY 1974, WHEN BARELY 30 PERCENT OF THE WEST GERMANS POLLED EXPRESSED APPROVAL OF THEIR NEW CHANCELLOR, SOME 68 PERCENT OF THOSE POLLED IN MAY 1975 SUPPORTED SCHMIDT. SEVERAL REASONS WERE CITED BY THOSE WHO HAD CHANGED THEIR OPINION OF SCHMIDT:

- SCHMIDT'S GROWING MATURITY AS CHANCELLOR;
- THE ENERGY WITH WHICH HE TACKLES THE NATION'S MAJOR PROBLEMS;
- HIS CONSERVATIVE INTERPRETATION OF HIS PARTY'S PROGRAM OR, AS SOME PUT IT, THAT SCHMIDT IS IN THE WRONG PARTY.

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