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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: NOON NOTES

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PEKING CRITICIZES GANDHI'S ACTIONS: PEKING HAS SHARPLY CRITICIZED INDIAN PRIME MINISTER GANDHI'S LATEST ACTIONS, LEVELING THE HARDEST PERSONAL ATTACK AGAINST HER IN SOME TIME. THE CHINESE PAID SPECIAL ATTENTION TO SOVIET SUPPORT FOR GANDHI'S MOVES; THEY CHARGED THAT SHE IS ATTEMPTING TO ACT AS MOSCOW'S "SUBREGENT," SO THAT THE USSR CAN MAINTAIN ITS CONTROL OF INDIA AND ITS INFLUENCE IN SOUTH ASIA. THE CHINESE HAD HANDLED WITH DISCRETION THE PRIME MINISTER'S CONVICTION ON JUNE 12.

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REACTION WHICH WOULD OCCUR IF HE WENT DOWN AND ATTEMPTED TO SIT IN ON THE TRIWEEKLY AFTERNOON MEETINGS OF THE JCS. ON THE PANAMA CANAL HE SAID THAT THE U.S. SHOULD KEEP A MILITARY PRESENCE IN PANAMA INDEFINITELY. HE SAID HIS PREFERENCE IS FOR A BILATERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U.S. TO PROTECT THE CANAL. HE DECLINED TO SPECIFY WHERE THE PENTAGON AND STATE DIFFER IN THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS. HE ALSO SAID THAT TANKS ARE OUR BIGGEST PROBLEM BECAUSE SO MANY HAVE BEEN TAKEN AWAY FROM THE ARMY AND GIVEN TO OTHERS -- SUCH AS ISRAEL DURING THE 1973 WAR. THE INCREASED PRODUCTION SHOULD EASE THIS SHORTAGE IN THE FUTURE.

A WASHINGTON POST EDITORIAL TAKES MRS. GANDHI TO TASK. SHE RECENTLY SAID THAT SHE HAD DRAWN INSPIRATION FROM JEFFERSON AND LINCOLN. NOTING THE OUSTER OF LEWIS SIMONS AND THE RESTRICTIVE MEASURES MRS. GANDHI HAS IMPOSED, THE POST OFFERS TO REFRESH HER MEMORY OF WHAT JEFFERSON STOOD FOR BY SENDING A "GIFT OF HIS (UNCENSORED) WORKS."

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