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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: NOON NOTES

U.S. EMBASSY ANNEX OCCUPIED IN LAGOS: NIGERIAN TROOPS HAVE SURROUNDED THE U.S. EMBASSY ANNEX IN LAGOS AND ARE REFUSING ENTRY TO U.S. AND NIGERIAN LOCAL EMPLOYEES. THE OFFICE BUILDING IS CLOSE TO THE EMBASSY AND HOUSES THE CONSULAR SECTION, USAID, USIS, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE U.S. MISSION. THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN TRYING TO GET US OUT OF THIS OFFICE BUILDING FOR SOME TIME. OFFICE SPACE IS ALMOST NONEXISTENT IN NIGERIA'S BUSTLING, OVERCROWDED CAPITAL, AND THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT WANTS THE BUILDING FOR ITS OWN USE. THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN BADGERING US TO MOVE EVEN THOUGH THE U.S. LEASE HAS NOT EXPIRED. THEY HAVE OFFERED US ALTERNATE SPACE WHICH IS NOT ADEQUATE WITHOUT A SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT TO BRING THE ALTERNATE QUARTERS UP TO U.S. STANDARDS. UNDER FREQUENT PRODDING FROM THE NIGERIANS, THE U.S. HAS AGREED TO MOVE, BUT FUNDING HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED. AS RECENTLY AS JUNE 16, THE NIGERIANS PRESENTED US WITH AN ULTIMATUM TO MOVE IN TWO WEEKS.

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AMBASSADOR IN TEHRAN REPORTED THAT OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED BY THE TWO LEADERS INCLUDED THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND SECURITY IN THE PERSIAN GULF REGION. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT A PREPARATORY MEETING OF GULF NATIONS PRIOR TO THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE THAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN JIDDA LATER THIS MONTH.

RESISTANCE TO THE COMMUNISTS CONTINUES IN SOUTH VIETNAM:

[REDACTED] HARASSMENT TACTICS BY SMALL GROUPS OF FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS AND THE NUMEROUS "FALSE" RUMORS RAMPANT IN THE SAIGON AREA. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE HANOI GOVERNMENT WAS IN CONTROL OF THE SOUTH AND THAT THE SOVIETS AND CHINESE WERE COMPETING FOR THE CONTROLLING INFLUENCE IN VIETNAM. DISSIDENT CATHOLICS WERE REPORTEDLY THE SOURCE OF THE PROPAGANDA AND RUMORS AGAINST THE COMMUNIST POLICIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM. OTHER SOURCES HAVE CONFIRMED THE EXISTENCE OF RESISTANCE FORCES. REFUGEES, WHO HAVE SUCCEEDED IN LEAVING THE SOUTH SINCE THE FALL OF SAIGON, REPORT THAT THE MOST SIGNIFICANT RESISTANCE TO THE COMMUNISTS IS CENTERED IN THE DELTA. ELEMENTS OF THE ARVN 9TH DIVISION REPORTEDLY ESTABLISHED BASES IN CHAU DOC PROVINCE AND WERE COOPERATING WITH THE HOA HAO RELIGIOUS SECT IN MAINTAINING THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS. ANOTHER REPORT, WHICH CANNOT BE VERIFIED, INDICATES AS MANY AS 200,000 FORMER GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS, MOST OF WHOM ARE IN THE DELTA AREA, ARE CONTINUING THEIR RESISTANCE THROUGHOUT VIETNAM. THESE TROOPS ARE ENGAGING PRIMARILY IN HIT-AND-RUN TACTICS AGAINST COMMUNIST INSTALLATIONS. EVEN THOUGH THE ONGOING RESISTANCE APPEARS UNORGANIZED AND PRESENTS NO MAJOR THREAT TO THE COMMUNISTS' HOLD ON THE COUNTRY, IT APPARENTLY HAS HAD SOME EFFECT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CIVILIAN RULE. THE NVA-VC HAVE REPEATEDLY PROCLAIMED THEY WOULD RELINQUISH CONTROL TO THE CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT ONCE ORDER IS ESTABLISHED IN THE SOUTH; HOWEVER, THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE MILITARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES THROUGHOUT MOST OF THE SOUTH POINTS UP THE DIFFICULTY IN STABILIZING THE SITUATION.

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SOVIET AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION: [REDACTED]

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NEW CONSTRUCTION NOTED AT THE KAZAN PLANT IS BELIEVED RELATED TO THE FUTURE BACKFIRE BOMBER PROGRAM. THIS IS THE FIRST MAJOR EXPANSION AT THIS PLANT IN EIGHT YEARS AND WILL ADD ABOUT ONE HALF MILLION SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR SPACE

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TO THE EXISTING FACILITY, THE ADDED FLOOR SPACE COULD SUPPORT A PRODUCTION RATE SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN THE CURRENTLY ASSESSED FOUR BACKFIRES PER MONTH DURING 1977-1978.

[REDACTED] SHOW 104 MIG-23S -- A RECORD NUMBER AND AN INCREASE OF 28 OVER THE 76 NOTED THERE [REDACTED] IN ADDITION, ABOUT 15 MIG-23S WERE DELIVERED FROM THE PLANT BETWEEN [REDACTED]

THE MIG-23S OBSERVED AT LUKHOVITSY PROBABLY WERE BUILT AT MOSCOW AIRFRAME PLANT 30 AND TRUCKED TO LUKHOVITSY FOR FINAL CHECKOUT AND DELIVERY. THE SECOND MIG-23 PRODUCTION FACILITY, AT IRKUTSK, [REDACTED]

COMBINED MIG-23 OUTPUT AT THE TWO FACILITIES HAD BEEN ESTIMATED AT A RATE OF 25 PER MONTH FOR THE PAST YEAR, BECAUSE OF THIS LATEST SIGHTING AND RECENT DELIVERIES, HOWEVER, IT IS NOW ESTIMATED THAT THE RATE IS NEARING 30 PER MONTH.

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