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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ITEMS

EQUADOR -- OIL PRICE POLICY: EQUADOR'S NEW MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN GUAYAQUIL LAST WEEK THAT EQUADOR "WILL ACCEPT DECISIONS OF OPEC AS SUGGESTIONS BUT NOT AS OBLIGATIONS." HE ALSO SAID THAT EQUADOR WILL TRY AT THE NEXT OPEC MEETING TO OBTAIN PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR ITS CRUDE OIL. THE LOCAL PRESS IS INTERPRETING THESE AND OTHER RECENT STATEMENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT EQUADOR WILL FOLLOW THE PETROLEUM POLICY THAT BEST SUITS ITS INTERESTS AS EVIDENCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS ASSUMING A NEW ATTITUDE OF GREATER INDEPENDENCE TOWARDS OPEC. (LOW)

DIA review(s) completed.

ROMANIANS DELIGHTED WITH GENERAL WEYAND'S VISIT: THE VISIT OF THE U.S. ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF, GENERAL WEYAND, TO BUCHAREST EARLY THIS MONTH DELIGHTED ROMANIAN OFFICIALS AND SENT WARSAW PACT MILITARY ATTACHES SCRAMBLING FOR DETAILS. BUCHAREST'S ILL-CONCEALED PLEASURE WITH THE VISIT HAS LED PACT ATTACHES TO CLAMOR FOR INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED. THE BULGARIAN ATTACHE, FOR EXAMPLE, GRILLED THE U.S. DEFENSE ATTACHE ON SUCH SPECIFICS OF THE VISIT AS WHO WELCOMED AND SAW THE GENERAL OFF, THE ITINERARY, AND WITH WHOM GENERAL WEYAND TALKED. THE SOVIET ATTACHE, WHO HABITUALLY ASKS QUESTIONS BY MAKING STATEMENTS, WONDERED IF SECRETARY SCHLESINGER WILL VISIT ROMANIA "THIS YEAR OR NEXT." ALL THE PACT ATTACHES OBVIOUSLY

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SUSPECT THAT ARMS PURCHASES WERE DISCUSSED. ROMANIAN GENERAL COMAN WHIMSICALLY SUGGESTED THAT THE U.S. ATTACHE TELL HIS OVERLY CURIOUS FACT COUNTERPARTS THAT "ROMANIA HAS ORDERED 2,000 U.S. TANKS, HALF HAVE BEEN DELIVERED, AND THE AIRCRAFT ARE ON THE WAY."

CHINESE VISIT TO NORTH KOREA: A HIGH-LEVEL CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY DELEGATION UNEXPECTEDLY LEFT PEKING THIS MORNING FOR A "FRIENDLY VISIT" TO NORTH KOREA. THE DELEGATION IS LED BY STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER CHANG CHUN-CHIAU, WHO HAS NOT TRAVELED ABROAD SINCE HE CAME TO NATIONAL PROMINENCE DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, AND INTERNATIONAL LIAISON DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR KENG PIAD. THE CHINESE PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VISIT GAVE NO HINT OF THE DELEGATION'S OBJECTIVES, BUT A REVIEW OF STRATEGIES FOR THE UPCOMING UNGA DEBATE ON THE KOREA QUESTION IS ALMOST CERTAINLY ON THE AGENDA.

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