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NORMAN KEMPSTER REPORTS THAT TWO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE HAVE LAUNCHED A NEW INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF THE CIA OR THE FBI MISLED THE WARREN COMMISSION ABOUT THE DETAILS OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. (A-3)

JEREMIAH O'LEARY REPORTS THAT LAST NIGHT YOU SET FORTH THE BROAD OUTLINES OF A NEW POLICY TOWARD THE CONTINENT OF AFRICA. (A-4)

DAN KURZMAN REPORTS THAT ISRAELI OFFICIALS EAGERLY WANT THE PERSHING GROUND-TO-GROUND MISSILE IN ORDER TO SOLIDIFY THE AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL'S SURVIVAL AND TO WEAKEN SUPPORT FRONT-LINE ARAB NATIONS RECEIVE FROM THEIR REAR-GUARD BRETHERN. (A-4)

RUDOLPH PYATT REPORTS THAT CITIES SERVICE COMPANY HAS INFORMED THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION THAT SOME OF ITS OVERSEAS SUBSIDIARIES APPARENTLY MADE ILLEGAL POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS OR UNLAWFUL PAYMENTS TO FOREIGN OFFICIALS. (A-5)

A STAR EDITORIAL SAYS THAT "ARAB UNITY" AT THE BEST OF TIMES IS SOMETHING OF A MYTH, PROVIDING RHETORICAL PLASTER TO COVER DEEP ANTAGONISMS AND IDEOLOGICAL DIVISIONS WITHIN THE ARAB WORLD. OFTEN, RESOUNDING DECLARATIONS OF SOLIDARITY HAVE SPELLED BAD NEWS FOR EVERYONE CONCERNED WITH PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WHAT ALL THIS MAY BE LEADING TO IS A PERMANENT RIFT BETWEEN THOSE ARAB NATIONS THAT WANT TO MOVE TOWARD A SETTLEMENT WITH ISRAEL OR AT LEAST A COOLING DOWN OF THE CONFLICT FOR THE TIME BEING -- AND THOSE WHO DO NOT. THE AGREEMENT HAS DRIVEN A DEEP WEDGE BETWEEN RADICAL AND MORE MODERATE ARAB STATES. SINCE THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT, THE FORTUNES OF THE ARAB RADICALS HAVE DECLINED SIGNIFICANTLY. THE TIME MAY BE NOT LONG IN COMING WHEN ARAFAT WILL BE SHUNTED ASIDE IN FAVOR OF HUSAYN AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE IN FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS. IN THE END, SADAT'S BRAND OF ARAB MODERATION SEEMS ALMOST CERTAIN TO PREVAIL. AND IF SO, THE CHANCES OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED. (A-16)

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