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SEPTEMBER 25, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT  
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER  
SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEMS

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SNYDER AMENDMENT ON PANAMA NEGOTIATIONS STILL LIVE ISSUE: THE HOUSE YESTERDAY SENT BACK TO CONFERENCE THE STATE DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL, INSISTING ON INCLUSION OF THE SNYDER AMENDMENT TO DENY FUNDS FOR CONTINUATION OF THE TREATY NEGOTIATIONS WITH PANAMA. THE ACTION IS A SERIOUS SETBACK FOR US AFTER WE HAD ACHIEVED COMPROMISE LANGUAGE ON THE PANAMA ISSUE IN THE BILL REPORTED OUT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE. THAT LANGUAGE NOTED THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS THAT ANY NEW TREATY SHOULD PROTECT THE VITAL INTERESTS OF THE U.S. IN MATTERS CONCERNING THE CANAL. STATE WILL BE WORKING TO ENCOURAGE AGREEMENT ON MORE ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE TO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE SNYDER AMENDMENT, THOUGH SOMEWHAT HARDER THAN THE PREVIOUS COMPROMISE LANGUAGE.

State Dept. review completed

TRUDEAU TO VISIT VENEZUELA, MEXICO, AND CUBA: PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE AND MRS. TRUDEAU WILL MAKE OFFICIAL VISITS TO VENEZUELA, MEXICO, AND CUBA AT THE END OF JANUARY. THE TRIP, HIS FIRST MAJOR TOUR IN LATIN AMERICA, WILL LAST SLIGHTLY OVER ONE WEEK AND IS "IN ACCORDANCE WITH CANADA'S POLICY OF EXPANDING ITS TIES WITH THE REGION." THE CUBAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, CARLOS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ, IS CURRENTLY IN OTTAWA TO SIGN A BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENT AND TO DISCUSS TRADE EXPANSION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT, TRADE WILL BE A MAJOR TOPIC OF DISCUSSION IN ALL THREE OF THE COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED. CANADA'S AIR PROGRAM ALSO WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH CUBA.

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

THE ISRAELI/UN ISSUE: OUR MISSION IN NEW YORK REPORTS THAT THE ARAB UN DELEGATION DECIDED SEPTEMBER 23 NOT TO CHALLENGE FORMALLY ISRAEL'S CREDENTIALS TO THE PRESENT UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. LIBYA REPORTEDLY MADE VOICE OBJECTIONS IN THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE TO ISRAEL'S PARTICIPATION IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AND THE ARAB GROUP CHAIRMAN WILL MAKE AN APPROPRIATE RESOLUTION IN PLENARY, BUT NEITHER WILL CALL FOR A VOTE.

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