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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEMS

SOVIET-CHINESE INFLUENCE IN WEST AFRICA: RECENT SOVIET AND CHINESE COMMUNIST MILITARY DELIVERIES INDICATE THAT BOTH ARE INTERESTED IN MAINTAINING THEIR INFLUENCE IN WEST AFRICA. MOSCOW REPORTEDLY HAS DELIVERED THREE PATROL CRAFT TO EQUATORIAL GUINEA THIS YEAR AND IS PLANNING TO DELIVER A HELICOPTER. AN INCREASE IN SOVIET ADVISERS MAY FOLLOW. 13 ARE CURRENTLY AIDING THE ARMY, WHILE SOME TEN CHINESE ARE ASSISTING THE NAVY. THERE ALSO ARE SOME 400 CUBANS IN THE COUNTRY AS TECHNICAL AND MILITARY ADVISERS. THE GAMBIA WILL RECEIVE 500 SUBMACHINE GUNS FROM THE SOVIETS FOR ITS 800-MAN POLICE FORCE, THE ONLY ARMED FORCE IN THE COUNTRY. PEKING HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE ENOUGH SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION TO EQUIP A 1,000-MAN BATTALION, SUGGESTING THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO EXPAND ITS SECURITY FORCES. ALTHOUGH BOTH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES HAVE OFFERED MILITARY ADVISERS, THE GAMBIAN GOVERNMENT REPORTEDLY HAS TURNED THEM DOWN. IN CAMEROON, THE ARMED FORCES INVENTORY IS ALMOST ENTIRELY OF NONCOMMUNIST ORIGIN, PRIMARILY FRENCH. TWO CHINESE PATROL CRAFT, HOWEVER, ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE SHORTLY, AND PEKING RECENTLY DELIVERED A GIFT OF 400 TONS OF MILITARY ARMS AND AMMUNITION. SOVIET INFLUENCE THERE IS NEGLIGIBLE. CAMEROON HAS ONLY A FEW ITEMS OF SOVIET ORIGIN, INCLUDING ONE MI-4 HELICOPTER AND A FEW JEEPS. MOSCOW HAS NOT DELIVERED MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO CAMEROON SINCE 1970.

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LISA MYERS REPORTS THAT THE SENATOR CALLS IT A "FACT-FINDING MISSION." AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT, IT IS DESCRIBED AS "A DIPLOMAT'S NIGHTMARE." WHICHEVER, IT COST TAXPAYERS ABOUT \$15,787 FOR A MIDDLE EAST REPORT BY SENATOR WILLIAM SCOTT, HIGHLIGHTED BY SUCH FINDINGS AS "THE PLO SEEMED TO POSE A PROBLEM TO ISRAEL," ACCORDING TO A SOURCE INVOLVED WITH THE TRIP, SCOTT, A MEMBER OF THE SENATE ARMED SERVICE COMMITTEE:

- ASKED ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER RABIN "WHAT'S THIS GAZA STUFF? I NEVER HAVE UNDERSTOOD THAT."
- THANKED EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SAGAT, WHILE OVERLOOKING THE SUEZ CANAL "THIS IS BEAUTIFUL. I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE THE PERSIAN GULF."
- RELUCTANTLY VISITED A MOSLEM MOSQUE AFTER COMPLAINING IT WASN'T "A CHRISTIAN BUILDING."

SCOTT'S ODYSSEY HAS BECOME A BIBLE OF DONITS FOR DIPLOMATS AND CONGRESSIONAL STAFF. "TO PUT IT BLUNTLY, IT WAS A DIPLOMAT'S NIGHTMARE," SAID ONE STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL, WHO INSISTED ON ANONYMITY. "SCOTT MANAGED TO INSULT ALMOST EVERY COUNTRY...." (A-1)

THE HOUSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED TO SHUN PRESIDENT FORD'S OFFER TO SACKS OF CIA SECRETS AND INSTEAD WILL PRESS FOR ANSWERS TO ITS OWN QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NATION'S SPYING. (A-3)

NORMAN KEMPSTER REPORTS THAT THE HOUSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE'S EFFORT TO INVESTIGATE THE 1974 CYPRUS COUP DISSOLVED IN AGRIBURY AND FRUSTRATION TODAY AFTER THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S ONETIME CYPRUS EXPERT SAID HE WAS PROHIBITED FROM DISCUSSING MATTERS OF POLICY. AFTER ATTEMPTING TO QUESTION BOYATT BOTH IN PUBLIC AND SECRET SESSIONS, PIKE SAID IT WAS "PREPOSTEROUS" THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WOULD PROHIBIT ITS CYPRUS CHIEF FROM TESTIFYING ABOUT THE EVENTS THAT LED UP TO THE COUP. PIKE ACCUSED YOU OF ATTEMPTING TO BLOCK THE COMMITTEE'S INVESTIGATION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CIA AND OTHER INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES. ASKED WHY YOU SHOULD DO SUCH A THING, PIKE REPLIED, "I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT HE IS UP TO." (A-3)

HENRY BRADSHAW REPORTS THAT AFTER ANOTHER FLURRY OF EFFORTS TO SIGN PEACE TREATIES WITH CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION, JAPAN STILL LACKS A FORMAL CONCLUSION OF WORLD WAR II WITH ITS TWO BIG NEIGHBORS. AGREEMENT ON TREATIES REMAINS HUNG UP ON POLITICAL COMPETITION BETWEEN THE TWO BIG COMMUNIST COUNTRIES FOR INFLUENCE IN JAPAN, DESPITE TALKS AT THE UN LAST WEEK TO TRY TO FIND SOLUTIONS. (A-4)

CROSBY NOYES WRITES THAT IF THEY REALLY PUT THEIR MINDS TO IT, OUR STATESMEN ON CAPITOL HILL MAY YET SUCCEED IN

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WRECKING THE CHANCES OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. FURTHER CONGRESSIONAL STALLING COULD IMPERIL THE WHOLE PLAN FOR DISENGAGEMENT OF ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN FORCES IN THE SINAI. IT IS NOT AS IF CONGRESS HAD ANY SERIOUS OBJECTIONS TO THE AGREEMENT OR AS IF ANYONE FELT THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WAS TRYING TO STAMPEDE THE LEGISLATORS INTO ACTION. IT IS RATHER THE PREDICTABLE PROBLEM OF CONGRESSIONAL PREROGATIVES THAT IS INVOLVED HERE, TOGETHER WITH THE INEVITABLE COMPLAINTS ABOUT SECRECY AND LACK OF CONSULTATION BEFORE THE AGREEMENT WAS CONCLUDED. PRESSURES ON BOTH PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT ARE ENORMOUS, AND NEITHER ISRAELIS NOR EGYPTIANS CAN WAIT INDEFINITELY FOR CONGRESS TO MAKE UP ITS MIND. ANY FURTHER DELAY COULD BE AS DANGEROUS AS IT IS FRIVOLOUS. (A-11)

REUTER REPORTS THAT THE U.S. TODAY VETOED FOR THE SECOND TIME THE APPLICATIONS OF NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM FOR ADMISSION TO THE UN. THE 14 OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTIONS TO RECOMMEND THE VIETNAMESE STATES FOR ENTRY.

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