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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: The Situation Room  
SUBJECT: Information Items

New Argentine Cabinet Formed: President Peron appointed a new cabinet today according to an FBIS report. Only two members of the old cabinet have been retained -- the defense and justice ministers. The former foreign minister and education and cultural minister, who have been severely criticized recently, were among those dropped.

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Soviet-Supplied SAM Equipment Readied for Use in Libya: An SA-2 brigade, the equipment for which was reportedly delivered to Libya in February, was recently observed occupying three firing positions near the port of Benghazi. When operational, they will guard the port and nearby Benina airfield as well as the oil-fields to the south. Another brigade, first observed in May, is still located in its support facility near Tripoli. These units are manned by Libyans, reportedly assisted by some 20 Soviet advisors with each battalion.

The Washington Star

Everett Holles reports that Navy commandos have received special training for possible assignment to American embassies in countries plagued by guerrilla terrorism, according to informed sources in San Diego.

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Fred Hoffman reports that U.S. intelligence analysts believe Thailand and Malaysia have about 18 months to prepare for major communist insurgencies.

A Star editorial says another African tragedy is being played out in Angola, once the brightest jewel in Portugal's imperial crown. The accompanying gain for African independence promises to be a costly one for the nominal beneficiaries as well as the routed colonialists. Ceasefires have broken down repeatedly among the three major guerrilla organizations that agreed in January to participate with the Portuguese in a transition government. Besides an all-out civil war, the budding nation faces an economic paralysis that could negate much of its rich potential, with the departure of whites who have monopolized the skilled jobs and administrative machinery. There are many reasons for the mess. The most basic problem in the plan to make Angola independent is the fact that, as in the rest of black Africa, the colonial boundaries that served to delineate European ownership bear only an accidental relationship, if any, to Africa's tribal divisions. From the viewpoint of Angola's inheritors, three reasonably cohesive states might be preferable to one facing the certainty of civil war.

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