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MEMORANDUM FOR:
FROM:
SUBJECT:

THE PRESIDENT
HENRY A. KISSINGER
INFORMATION ITEMS

LARGE SOVIET NAVAL EXERCISE IN PREPARATION: NAVAL AIRCRAFT
FLIGHTS, A CONCENTRATION OF HIGH-RANKING OFFICERS,

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State Dept. review
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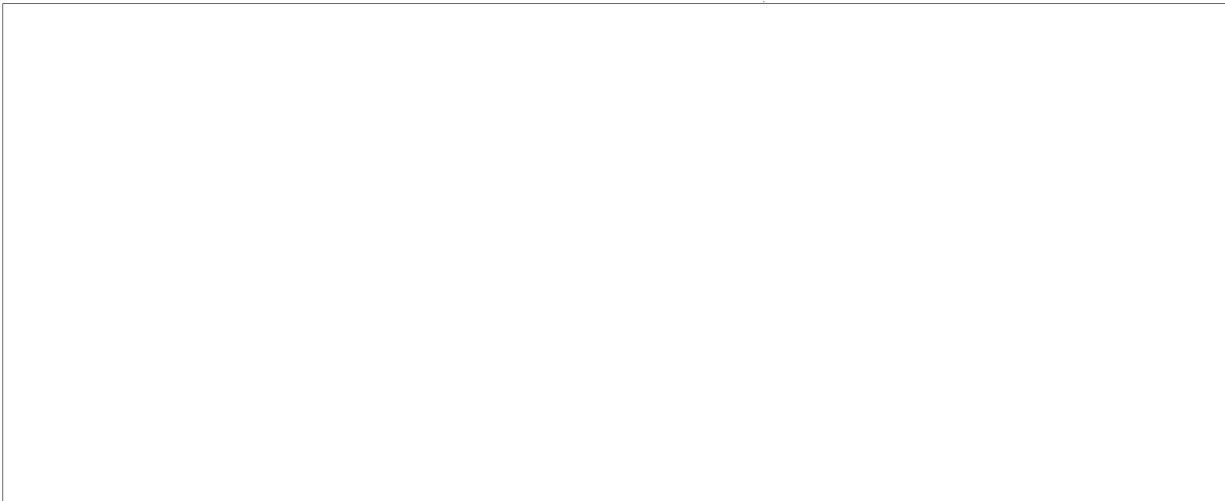
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-- THE SOVIETS MAY BE PREPARING TO TEST THEIR ABILITY TO COUNTER U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND TO CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE OF THE ATLANTIC APPROACHES TO THE MEDITERRANEAN, A SCENARIO DERIVING FROM THE SITUATION DURING THE OCTOBER MIDEAST WAR. AS THE EXERCISE UNFOLDS, IT COULD INVOLVE SOVIET NAVAL FORCES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, THE NORWEGIAN SEA, AND THE NORTHWESTERN PACIFIC.

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KIDNAPPING IN MEXICO: THERE CONTINUES TO BE NO NEW INFORMATION ON THE KIDNAPPING ON MARCH 22 OF U.S. VICE CONSUL PATTERSON IN HERMOSILLO, MEXICO. NO CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE BY THE KIDNAPPERS.

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