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CHOU-SUCCESSOR

TOKYO (AP) -- DEPUTY PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING, WHO WAS PRESIDENT FORD'S OFFICIAL HOST ON HIS VISIT TO PEKING LAST MONTH, IS THE MOST TALKED-ABOUT PERSONALITY IN THE CHINESE HIERARCHY TO SUCCEED PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI.

TENG, BELIEVED TO SUPPORT CHOU'S MODERATE LINE, FAVORS CONTINUING GOOD TIES WITH THE UNITED STATES, BUT HE MADE IT CLEAR TO FORD DURING THE VISIT THAT CHINA WAS OPPOSED TO U.S. DETENTE WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

TENG IS 71 AND AN OLD PROTEGE OF CHOU. HE CARRIED OUT THE DAY-TO-DAY FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT WHILE CHOU WAS AILING IN A HOSPITAL.

THE DEPUTY PREMIER, HOWEVER, WAS LISTED FOURTH TOSDY IN THE 107-MEMBER FUNERAL COMMITTEE FOR CHOU, BEHIND CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG, WANG HUNG-WEN AND YEH CHIEN-YING. WHETHER THERE WAS ANY SIGNIFICANCE IN THE ORDER OF NAMES LISTED ON THE FUNERAL COMMITTEE COULD NOT BE IMMEDIATELY DETERMINED.

WANG, 40, HAS BEEN MENTIONED AS A POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR TO MAO, WHO IS 82. WANG HAS BEEN REFERRED TO BY WESTERN EXPERTS ON CHINA AS AN UP-AND-COMING "WHIZ KID" IN THE HIERARCHY. YEH, WHO IS 79, IS THE DEFENSE MINISTER.

TENG (PRONOUNCED DUNG) FELL INTO DISGRACE IN 1967 DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE GREAT PROLETARIAN CULTURAL REVOLUTION EVEN THOUGH HE WAS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY, A MEMBER OF THE POLITBURO AND A DEPUTY PREMIER. HIRZLAUPN):4858: 2-)8, 08-9, THEN DEFENSE MINISTER AND THE MAN DESIGNATED AS MAO'S HEIR APPARENT.

BUT LIN DIED IN A PLANE CRASH EN ROUTE TO THE SOVIET UNION IN 1971 AND THIS PAVED THE WAY FOR CHOU TO BRING ABOUT TENG'S REHABILITATION IN 1973.

BOTH MAO AND CHOU LOOKED TO TENG IN THE FORMATIVE YEARS OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND POLITICAL DIRECTION.

CHOU AND TENG STUDIED IN FRANCE TOGETHER IN THE EARLY 1920S AND WHILE THERE FORMED A BRANCH OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY.

TENG HAS BEEN A SHARP CRITIC OF THE SOVIET UNION AND IS SAID TO BELIEVE THAT CHINA HAS A FUTURE IN DETENTE WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THE WEST.

IN ADDITION TO SERVING AS DEPUTY PREMIER, TENG IS A DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION, A MEMBER OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE POLITBURO AND CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY.

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U.S.-CHINA

AN AP NEWS ANALYSIS

BY KENNETH J. FREED

WASHINGTON (AP) -- THE DEATH OF CHINESE PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI IS NOT EXPECTED TO AFFECT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE AMERICAN RELATIONS WITH THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT IN PEKING.

THE PREMIER'S DEATH WAS REPORTED WEDNESDAY BY THE CHINESE NEWS AGENCY HSIHUA AND WAS MONITORED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON AND RADIO PRESS, A JAPANESE NEWS AGENCY IN TOKYO.

EVEN THOUGH HE WAS THE ARCHITECT OF THE CHINESE POLICY OF CREATING RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, THE DRIVE FOR FRIENDLIER CONTACTS EXPANDED BEYOND HIS PERSONAL EFFORTS.

U.S. OFFICIALS IN MAKING THIS ANALYSIS POINTED OUT THAT CHOU HAS NOT EXERCISED ANY REAL LEADERSHIP IN PEKING SINCE HE BECAME SERIOUSLY ILL 15 MONTHS AGO.

NEVERTHELESS, THE CHINESE CONTINUED THE POLICY OF SEEKING BETTER RELATIONS WITH WASHINGTON, INCLUDING INVITING SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER AND PRESIDENT FORD TO VISIT THE ASIAN NATION.

THE MAN EXPECTED TO TAKE CHOU'S PLACE, DEPUTY PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING, IS CONSIDERED A STRONG SUPPORTER OF INCREASED CONTACTS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

TENG HAS EXERCISED THE EFFECTIVE DAY-TO-DAY LEADERSHIP OF CHINA SINCE CHOU BECAME ILL. HIS POSITION IS FULLY SUPPORTED BY COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER MAO TSE-TUNG, WHO HIMSELF HAS GIVEN INCREASING RESPONSIBILITY TO TENG IN RECENT MONTHS.

THE CHINESE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE UNITED STATES HAS BECOME INSTITUTIONALIZED, U.S. OFFICIALS SAID, AND HAS OUTSTRIPPED THE PERSONALITIES IN THE GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP.

IN EFFECT, ANY STRUGGLE FOR LEADERSHIP TOOK PLACE MORE THAN A YEAR AGO WHEN IT WAS APPARENT THAT CHOU WOULD NOT RECOVER FROM HIS ILLNESS, U.S. OFFICIALS ADDED.

THIS MEANS THE UNITED STATES CAN BE REASONABLY CONFIDENT THAT CHINA WILL CONTINUE ITS INTEREST IN AVOIDING CONFLICT WITH THE UNITED STATES.

01-08-76 16:10EST

(REACTION)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD TODAY PAID TRIBUTE TO THE "REMARKABLE" CHOU EN-LAI, AND TOLD PEKING THE DEATH OF THE CHINESE PREMIER IS NO BAR TO CONTINUING THE SINO-AMERICAN COOPERATION HE HELPED ESTABLISH.

"PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI WILL BE LONG REMEMBERED AS A REMARKABLE LEADER WHO HAS LEFT HIS IMPRINT NOT ONLY ON THE HISTORY OF MODERN CHINA BUT ALSO ON THE WORLD SCENE," FORD SAID IN A STATEMENT ISSUED AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

"WE AMERICANS WILL REMEMBER HIM ESPECIALLY FOR THE ROLE HE PLAYED IN BUILDING A NEW RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THIS RELATIONSHIP WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP ON THE FOUNDATION OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION WHICH HE HELPED TO ESTABLISH.

"THE UNITED STATES OFFERS ITS CONDOLENCES TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA."

SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER EXPRESSED SORROW AT CHOU'S DEATH, BUT LIKE FORD PREDICTED IT WILL PRODUCE NO CHANGE IN U.S.-CHINESE RELATIONS.

PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN SAID FORD PLANS TO WRITE LETTERS OF CONDOLENCE TO COMMUNIST PARTY CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG, TO CHOU'S WIDOW, TENG YING-CHAO, AND TO TENG HSIAO-PING, CHINA'S CHIEF VICE PREMIER AND DAY-TO-DAY RULER.

THE WHITE HOUSE SAID IT WAS AWAITING WORD ON PEKING'S PLANS FOR CHOU'S LAST RITES BEFORE DECIDING IF AMERICA COULD AND WOULD BE REPRESENTED.

FORD VISITED CHINA EARLY IN DECEMBER, BUT DID NOT SEE THE AILING CHOU. HE DID MEET WITH THE PREMIER DURING A 1972 VISIT WHEN HE WAS STILL IN CONGRESS.

"I HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT OF PRIME MINISTER CHOU EN-LAI AS A VERY CONSIDERABLE MAN AND A GREAT LEADER," KISSINGER TOLD REPORTERS AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT. "I REGRET HIS DEATH."

"THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ARE DETERMINED BY PERMANENT INTERESTS," HE SAID, "AND THEREFORE WILL CONTINUE ON THEIR PRESENT COURSE."

"I ADMIRER CHOU EN-LAI VERY MUCH," KISSINGER SAID. ASKED WHAT EFFECT HIS DEATH MIGHT HAVE ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS GENERALLY, HE RESPONDED: "I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO CHANGE THE WORLD'S BALANCE OF POWER."

SEN. EDWARD KENNEDY, D-MASS., IN A STATEMENT RELEASED BY HIS OFFICE HERE, SAID:

"THE DEATH OF PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI REMOVES FROM THE WORLD SCENE A MAN WHO HELPED TO MOVE AND SHAPE HIS NATION OF 800 MILLION PEOPLE AND TO CHANGE FUNDAMENTALLY THE POLITICAL FACE OF ASIA.

"ALONG WITH OUR ALLIANCE WITH JAPAN, U.S.-CHINESE RELATIONS ARE VITAL TO THE FUTURE OF ASIA AND TO PROSPECTS FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD.

"WITH NEW LEADERS COMING TO POWER IN CHINA IT IS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT FOR THE UNITED STATES TO BUILD ON THE NEW RELATIONSHIP THAT SO MANY AMERICANS HAVE WORKED FOR IN RECENT YEARS."

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UP-069

ADD 1 MIAS, WASHINGTON (UP-064)

BUCKLEY OF SIOUX CITY, IOWA, WAS LOST ON A FLIGHT AUG. 21, 1967, AND PUGH, OF LANCASTER, CALIF., PERISHED APRIL 12, 1966, THE SOURCES SAID. THEIR ASHES ARE BEING RETURNED BY THE CHINESE RED CROSS TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, THE SOURCES SAID.

THE CHINESE ALSO MADE A SEARCH FOR 20 OTHER AMERICANS WHO WERE THOUGHT BY U.S. OFFICIALS TO BE MISSING ON CHINESE TERRITORY, BUT TURNED UP NO NEW INFORMATION.

THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT PLANS AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT LATER IN THE DAY.

SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER SAID IN PEKING THE CHINESE HAD REPORTED ON SEVEN AMERICAN PERSONNEL. THE FIGURE INCLUDED THE FOUR DECEASED AMERICANS, AS WELL AS DOWNEY AND FECTEAU. THE CHINESE ALSO MENTIONED CMDR. ROBERT FLYNN, WHO WAS DOWNED WITH BUCKLEY AND RELEASED IN 1973.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN PRESSING SINCE 1973 FOR INFORMATION ABOUT U.S. PERSONNEL THOUGH TO BE MISSING IN CHINA. THE CHINESE MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT AS A GOOD WILL GESTURE DURING PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT TO PEKING.

UPI 12-05 01:35 PES

UP-064

(MIAS)

(BY NICHOLAS DANILOFF)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- CHINA IS RETURNING THE ASHES OF TWO U.S. PILOTS -- LT. CMDR. JAMES L. BUCKLEY AND PRCS KENNETH W. PUGH -- WHO WERE LOST DURING THE VIETNAM WAR IN 1967 AND 1966, ADMINISTRATION SOURCES DISCLOSED TODAY.

THE CHINESE ALSO REPORTED TO PRESIDENT FORD THIS WEEK IN PEKING THAT THE BODIES OF PILOT ROBERT C. SNODDY, OF ROSEBURG, ORE., AND CO-PILOT NORMAN A. SCHWARTZ, OF LOUISVILLE, KY., WERE BURIED AT THE SITE WHERE THEIR C47 WAS SHOT DOWN ON AN ILL-FATED CIA COVERT FLIGHT OVER CHINA NOV. 29, 1952.

A SEARCH WAS MADE OF THE CRASH SITE, THE SOURCES SAID, BUT THE BODIES WERE NOT RECOVERED.

THIS FLIGHT CARRIED CIA EMPLOYEES JOHN T. DOWNEY AND RICHARD G. FECTEAU ON A FLIGHT TO PICK UP AGENTS WHO HAD BEEN DROPPED INTO CHINA. THEIR AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN BY SMALL ARMS FIRE, AND DOWNEY AND FECTEAU WERE TAKEN PRISONER.

BOTH DOWNEY AND FECTEAU WERE SEIZED, TRIED AND IMPRISONED. FECTEAU WAS RELEASED DEC. 13, 1971, AFTER SERVING MOST OF A 20-YEAR TERM. DOWNEY, NOW A STUDENT AT THE HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, WAS RELEASED MARCH 12, 1973 AFTER PRESIDENT NIXON PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE HAD BEEN ON A CIA MISSION.

UPI 12-05 01:20 PES

UP-073

(PEKING TRIP)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- AS PRESIDENT FORD'S ADVANCE TEAM PREPARED TO LEAVE FOR PEKING, A GEORGIA CONGRESSMAN SAID TODAY HE HAD GATHERED 203 CO-SPONSORS FOR A RESOLUTION URGING CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR TAIWAN.

"WE HAVE 203 CO-SPONSORS, AND WE ARE HOPING FOR 218 BEFORE PRESIDENT FORD LEAVES FOR PEKING," AN AIDE TO REP. DAWSON MATHIS, D-GA., SAID.

THE RESOLUTION URGES PRESIDENT FORD TO DO NOTHING TO COMPROMISE THE FREEDOM OF NATIONALIST CHINA WHEN HE MAKES HIS FIRST PRESIDENTIAL TRIP TO PEKING.

IT SAYS: "IT IS THE SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT THE UNITED STATES, WHILE ENGAGED IN A LESSENING OF TENSIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, DO NOTHING TO COMPROMISE THE FREEDOM OF OUR FRIEND AND ALLY, THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND ITS PEOPLE."

UPI 11-17 02:06 PES

UP-025

(U.S.-CHINA)

NEW YORK (UPI) -- ASIAN AFFAIRS EXPERTS SAID TODAY CHINA IS IN SUCH A STATE OF TURMOIL THAT PRESIDENT FORD'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO PEKING WILL BE ONLY A SYMBOLIC REAFFIRMATION OF LONG-RANGE INTENTIONS AND WILL SHOW THE VERY SHALLOWSNESS OF SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

THEY SAID IT IS A VISIT THAT NEITHER CHINA NOR THE UNITED STATES REALLY WANTS BUT ARE POWERLESS TO CALL OFF LEST THE WORLD MISINTERPRET A CANCELLATION AS A WORSENING OF THESE TENUOUS TIES.

THE FORD VISIT BEGINNING NOV. 29 COMES AT A PARTICULARLY AWKWARD TIME FOR THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC BECAUSE IT IS FACED WITH QUESTIONS OF ITS OWN LEADERSHIP, INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND ECONOMIC WOES.

HERE IS A RUNDOWN OF THE TROUBLES BESETTING CHINA AS OUTLINED BY ASIAN AFFAIRS EXPERTS:

LEADERSHIP -- THE MEN WHO LED THE CHINESE REVOLUTION IN THE 1930-49 ERA ARE AGING BUT HESITATE TO GIVE POWER TO THE YOUNG.

SECURITY -- STRATEGY IS TO BE ABLE TO INFLICT SUCH UNACCEPTABLE DAMAGE AS THE DESTRUCTION OF VLADIVOSTOK AND TO ACCEPT AN INVASION IT WOULD DEFEAT BY SHEER MASS OF HUMANITY.

ECONOMY -- IT HAS PERFORMED WELL FOR A DECADE AND AGRICULTURE HAS KEPT PACE WITH POPULATION GROWTH. INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION SPEARHEADED BY OIL PRODUCTION IS UP 10 PER CENT. BUT THE RATE OF GROWTH IS SLOWING DANGEROUSLY. THERE ARE SIGNS OF WORKER DISCONTENT WITH FROZEN WAGES AND DEMANDS FOR CONSUMER GOODS THAT ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

FOREIGN POLICY -- CHINA IS WORRIED BY THE RAPID RISE OF THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH IT SEES AS DOMINATED BY A RAPACIOUS BUREAUCRACY BENT ON SPREADING ITS INFLUENCE EVERYWHERE IN A THREAT TO WORLD PEACE.

TAIWAN -- THE KEY ISSUE PREVENTING FULL U.S.-CHINESE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

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UP-072

ADD 3 FORD, WASHINGTON

ASKED AT A WHITE HOUSE NEWS BRIEFING IF FORD WOULD MEET WITH CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG AND PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI IN PEKING, PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN SAID "WE ASSUME THE PRESIDENT WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE HIGHEST OFFICIALS."

GOVERNMENT SOURCES SAID FORD WOULD REGARD IT AS A DIPLOMATIC INSULT IF HE DID NOT MEET MAO UNLESS HEALTH PREVENTED THE AGING CHINESE LEADER FROM GREETING THE PRESIDENT. THEY SAID NO SPECIFIC DATE OR TIME HAD BEEN SET FOR ANY FORD-MAO MEETING BUT NOTED THE CHINESE DO NOT GIVE ADVANCE WORD OF MAO'S APPOINTMENTS.

WHEN FORMER PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON VISITED PEKING IN 1972 HE DID NOT KNOW UNTIL MINUTES BEFORE THAT HE WOULD BE MEETING MAO.

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UP-117

(FORD)

(BY HELEN THOMAS)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD SAID TODAY HIS JOURNEY TO CHINA NEXT WEEK HAS "GREAT SIGNIFICANCE" AND REPRESENTS ANOTHER STEP IN A CONTINUING EFFORT TO STABILIZE SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

FORD SPENT MOST OF FRIDAY GOING THROUGH BRIEFING BOOKS FOR THE LO-DAY ASIAN TOUR WHICH BEGINS WITH A ONE-DAY STOP IN ALASKA TOMORROW. HE TOOK TIME OUT TO WELCOME THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN A ROSE GARDEN CEREMONY.

SPEAKING OF HIS VISIT TO CHINA, FORD SAID: "IT IS A TRIP OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE. IT WILL BE ANOTHER STEP IN THE EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO EXPAND OUR RELATIONS AND TO BROADEN THE NORMALIZATION" BETWEEN PEKING AND WASHINGTON.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS ALREADY HAVE RULED OUT ANY DIPLOMATIC BREAKTHROUGH IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA OR ANY RESOLUTION OF THE TAIWAN QUESTION.

"I WOULD NOT LOOK FOR A BREAKTHROUGH OR MAJOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS," WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN TOLD REPORTERS. "AT THE SAME TIME, THE PRESIDENT CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN CONTINUITY...AND TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WHERE THERE IS AGREEMENT AND WHERE THEY HAVE DIFFERING VIEWS."

THERE HAS BEEN SOME PUBLIC CRITICISM OF THE TRIP AS UNNECESSARY AND PROBABLY NONPRODUCTIVE. REP. DAWSON MATHIS, D-GA. CLAIMS SUPPORT OF NEARLY HALF OF THE HOUSE FOR A RESOLUTION TELLING FORD "TO DO NOTHING TO COMPROMISE" THE FREEDOM OF NATIONALIST CHINA WHEN HE VISITS PEKING.

FORD FLIES TO FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, TOMORROW TO VIEW THE CONSTRUCTION SITE OF THE ALASKA PIPELINE AND DELIVER WHAT NESSEN SAID WOULD BE A "SUBSTANTIVE SPEECH" DEALING WITH THE U.S. ENERGY SITUATION, ALASKA'S NEWLY DEVELOPING RESOURCES AND THE AMERICAN ROLE IN THE PACIFIC.

LATER, THE PRESIDENT ATTENDS A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR SEN. TED STEVENS, R-ALASKA, IN ANCHORAGE AND SPENDS THE NIGHT THERE BEFORE FLYING ON TO JAPAN FOR A REFUELING STOP EN ROUTE TO A MONDAY ARRIVAL IN PEKING.

FORD WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE BETTY AND DAUGHTER SUSAN. THE FORDS TRAVELED TO CHINA IN THE SUMMER OF 1972 WHEN HE WAS THE REPUBLICAN HOUSE LEADER.

SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER AND A NUMBER OF TOP WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBERS ALSO WILL ACCOMPANY THE PRESIDENT. TWO PRESS CHARTERS CARRYING NEARLY 200 NEWSPAPER AND BROADCAST CORRESPONDENTS AND TECHNICIANS WILL BE IN THE TRAVELING PARTY.

FORD WILL STOP IN INDONESIA, THE PHILIPPINES AND HAWAII BEFORE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON DEC. 8.

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WASHN - ADD FORD-CHINA (N068)

BUDGET DIRECTOR JAMES T. LYNN WILL ACCOMPANY THE PRESIDENT TO CHINA. WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMEN HAVE SAID LYNN AND THE PRESIDENT WILL SPEND BETWEEN THREE AND FOUR HOURS EACH DAY WORKING ON THE FISCAL 1977 BUDGET.

HOWEVER, THE PRESIDENT'S MAIN PURPOSE WILL BE TO CONTINUE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA.

HE TOLD THE WOMEN BASKETBALL PLAYERS: "IT IS VITAL FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW THAT THIS DIALOGUE, THESE DISCUSSIONS, ARE CONTINUED."

MEMBERS OF THE BASKETBALL TEAM WHICH WITH FORD WERE SELECTED FROM REGIONAL TEAMS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE RECENT THIRD CHINESE NATIONAL GAMES.

THE TEAM HAS SPLIT ITS FOUR GAMES PLAYED IN THE UNITED STATES, HAVING BEATEN CALIFORNIA STATE-FULLERTON AND QUEENS COLLEGE AND LOST TO DELTA STATE AND THE AMERICAN NATIONAL WOMEN'S TEAM.

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UP-054

ADD 1 FORD, WASHINGTON (UP-049)

MRS. FORD, WHO WILL MAKE THE TRIP WITH HER HUSBAND, AND KISSINGER STOOD BY THE PRESIDENT WHEN HE TOLD THE TALL ATHLETES THAT WHEN HE AND HIS WIFE VISITED CHINA IN 1972 HE NOTICED THERE SEEMED TO BE MORE BASKETBALL COURTS THERE THAN AT HOME IN AMERICA.

THE FIRST LADY LEANED FORWARD, SIGNALING TO THE PRESIDENT. HE LEANED HIS HEAD TOWARD HIS WIFE AND GRINNED WHEN SHE WHISPERED INTO HIS EAR. FORD STEPPED BACK IN FRONT OF THE MICROPHONE AND SAID THAT HE HAD FORGOTTEN TO MENTION SOMETHING.

"I TRIED A LITTLE PING PONG," HE SAID OF THE 1972 TRIP. "AND I QUIT AFTER THE FIRST EXCHANGE."

THE FORDS BOTH LAUGHED. THE CHINESE HAVE DEVELOPED WORLD CHAMPION PING PONG PLAYERS.

IT WAS AN AMERICAN VISIT BY A CHINESE PING PONG TEAM IN 1971 THAT HERALDED THE RESUMPTION AFTER A GENERATION OF COLD WAR RELATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND PEKING.

FORD PAID TRIBUTE TO PING PONG, BASKETBALL AND OTHER SINO-AMERICAN SPORTS AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES. HE SAID THEY "ARE ALL IMPORTANT IN IMPROVING RELATIONS."

THE TEAM HAS LOST TWO AND WON TWO GAMES IN AMERICA AND PLAYS ITS FINAL U.S. CONTEST TONIGHT IN THE WASHINGTON AREA BEFORE FLYING BACK TO CHINA SUNDAY.

FORD JOKINGLY ADMITTED TO BEING "A LITTLE PREJUDICED ABOUT WHO I HOPE WILL WIN" TONIGHT. CHINESE SPEAKERS AMONG THE PRESS CORPS NOTICED THAT THE TEAM'S OWN TRANSLATOR DID NOT RELAY TO THE ATHLETES THIS REMARK BY FORD.

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UP-060

ADD 2 FORD, WASHINGTON

FORD CONFERRED WITH KISSINGER EARLIER IN THE DAY ON THE ASIAN TOUR, WHICH INCLUDES A FOUR-DAY STOP ON THE CHINA MAINLAND.

HE WILL FLY TO ALASKA SATURDAY MORNING TO INSPECT THE SITE OF THE ALASKAN PIPELINE. FROM PEKING, HE WILL FLY TO INDONESIA FOR A TWO-DAY STAY THEN GO ON TO THE PHILIPPINES.

EN ROUTE HOME, FORD WILL STOP IN HAWAII AND WILL BE IN THAT STATE ON THE DEC. 7 ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORLD WAR II JAPANESE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR. HE IS DUE BACK IN WASHINGTON THE FOLLOWING DAY.

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UP-061

(TAIWAN)

WASHINGTON (UPI)--REP. DAWSON MATHIS, D-GA. SAID TODAY HE HAS STRONG SUPPORT IN THE HOUSE FOR A RESOLUTION CALLING ON PRESIDENT FORD "TO DO NOTHING TO COMPROMISE" THE FREEDOM OF NATIONALIST CHINA WHEN HE VISITS PEKING.

AN AIDE TO MATHIS SAID THE GEORGIA DEMOCRAT ALREADY HAD 214 CO-SPONSORS FOR THE RESOLUTION AND HOPES TO GET FOUR MORE ON MONDAY -- THE DAY THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA BEGINS.

THE HOUSE RETURNS TO WORK MONDAY AND IF MATHIS GETS 218 CO-SPONSORS -- A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE HOUSE'S 435 MEMBERS -- HE IS CONSIDERING A LETTER TO THE WHITE HOUSE, THE AIDE INDICATED.

THE NON-BINDING MATHIS RESOLUTION READS:

"IT IS THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, WHILE ENGAGED IN LESENING TENSIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, DO NOTHING TO COMPROMISE THE FREEDOM OF OUR FRIEND AND ALLY, THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND ITS PEOPLE."

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FOURIPRIP(CAP5 -- AN ANTI-COMMUNIST LEADER HERE TODAY EXPRESSED
"PROFOUND REGRET" OVER PRESIDENT FORD'S TRIP TO PEKING AND URGED THE
PRESIDENT NOT TO TAKE "ANY STEP THAT MAY PROVE INJURIOUS TO THE
RIGHTS AND INTERESTS" OF NATIONALIST CHINA.

ON THE EVE OF FORD'S DEPARTURE, KU CHENG-KANG, HONORARY CHAIRMAN OF
THE WORLD ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAGUE AND A NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMAN, SAID THE
TRIP "NOT ONLY IS AGAINST CHINESE WISHES, BUT ALSO GOES COUNTER T
THE FEELINGS OF ALL FREEDOM-LOVING PEOPLE."

HE SAID THE WORLD ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAGUE HAS REPEATEDLY DECLARED THAT
THE POLICY OF DETENTE WITH THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS "BRINGS NOTHING
BUT DISASTERS TO THE FREE WORLD."

PEKING'S TREATMENT OF THE UNITED STATES "AS ITS NO. 1 ENEMY AND ITS
GOAL TO BURY THE FREE WORLD HAVE NOT CHANGED AND WILL NEVER CHANGE,"
KU ADEED.

11-28-75 10:16EST

UP-049

(FORD)

(BY RICHARD E. LERNER)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD SAID TODAY ON THE EVE OF HIS TRIP TO CHINA THAT HIS JOURNEY IS OF "GREAT SIGNIFICANCE" IN EXPANDING SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

"IT IS A TRIP OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE. IT WILL BE ANOTHER STEP IN THE EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO EXPAND OUR RELATIONS AND TO BROADEN THE NORMALIZATION" BETWEEN PEKING AND WASHINGTON, HE SAID IN GREETING 19 MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM OF THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

"IT IS VITAL FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW THAT THIS DIALOGUE, THESE DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE," HE TOLD THE VISITORS IN THE WHITE HOUSE ROSE GARDEN.

FORD LEAVES SATURDAY ON A 10-DAY TRIP TO CHINA AND THE FAR EAST.

A SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL TOLD REPORTERS EARLIER THAT ONLY TALKS WITH CHINESE LEADERS BY FORD AND SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER CAN PRODUCE THE RESULTS THE ADMINISTRATION SEEKS FROM ITS RELATIONS WITH PEKING.

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BY FRED S. HOFFMAN

WASHINGTON (AP) -- TENG HSIAO-PING, WHO MAY SUCCEED MAO TSE-TUNG, REPORTEDLY IS STRENGTHENING HIS POWER BASE AND U.S. INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS SAY PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO HIM DURING HIS TRIP NEXT WEEK TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

TENG IS CONSIDERED BY MANY ANALYSTS AS THE MOST POWERFUL LEADER IN CHINA, SECOND ONLY TO MAO.

NOW VICE PREMIER AND NOMINALLY SUBORDINATE TO AILING PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI, TENG HAS BEEN SLOWLY BUILDING HIS POWER BASE.

FOR EXAMPLE, U.S. INTELLIGENCE SOURCES SAY TENG RECENTLY WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN MOVING CHEN HSI-LIEN, THE PEKING REGION MILITARY COMMANDER AND A TENG ALLY, INTO POSITION TO BECOME DEFENSE MINISTER.

AL O, TENG HAS BEEN SHIFTING CERTAIN PROVINCIAL LEADERS AROUND TO PREVENT THEM FROM ESTABLISHING THEIR OWN POWER BASES, ANALYSTS SAY.

THE CURRENT READING BY U.S. INTELLIGENCE IS THAT TENG AT THE LEAST WILL BECOME THE TOP FIGURE IN A COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP AFTER THE DEATHS OF MAO, 82, AND CHOU, 77.

HOWEVER, THE ANALYSTS BELIEVE TENG IS LIKELY TO EMERGE AS DOMINANT IF HE IS ABLE TO CONSOLIDATE HIS POWER BASE ENOUGH TO REPEL CHALLENGES, PRINCIPALLY FROM THE RADICAL WING OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY.

BASED ON HIS PAST PERFORMANCE, IT APPEARS THAT TENG WOULD CONTINUE CHINA'S ESTRANGEMENT FROM THE SOVIET UNION.

IN THE EARLY YEARS OF THE CHINESE-SOVIET SPLIT, TENG PUBLICLY ACCUSED THE SOVIET UNION OF WEAKENING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT. ONE U.S. INTELLIGENCE APPRAISAL OF TENG SAID THAT BY THE ~~NEBREMEIREBUTMEIONHOB~~ BEING A MAN ABLE TO STAND UP TO AND INFURIATE THE SOVIET LEADERS."

TENG WAS IN DISGRACE FOR ABOUT SIX YEARS AFTER FALLING VICTIM TO THE "CULTURAL REVOLUTION" ENGINEERED BY THE RADICALS. BUT HE WAS RESTORED TO POWER NEAR THE TOP IN 1973.

LAST YEAR, TENG BECAME THE FIRST HIGH-LEVEL CHINESE COMMUNIST OFFICIAL TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES WHEN HE LED HIS COUNTRY'S DELEGATION TO A SPECIAL UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING ON WORLD RESOURCES.

AT 71, TENG IS HARDLY A "YOUNG TURK." HE WAS ONE OF THE EARLY ACTIVISTS IN THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY ABOUT 50 YEARS AGO AND JOINED MAO IN THE "LONG MARCH" OF THE 1930S.

HE STUDIED IN FRANCE AND RUSSIA, SPEAKS FRENCH FLUENTLY AND REPORTEDLY HAS RECENTLY LEARNED A SMATTERING OF ENGLISH.

INTELLIGENCE EXPERTS DESCRIBE HIM AS SHORT, HEAVY SET AND TOUGH. THEY SAY HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN ENERGETIC LEADER WITH A KEEN MIND AND A TALENT FOR ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION.

MEANWHILE, AN AMERICAN HISTORIAN WHO INTERVIEWED MAO'S WIFE, CHIANG CHING, DECLINED TO COMMENT ON REPORTS THAT THE RADICAL LEADER OF THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION HAS COME UNDER ATTACK BECAUSE OF INFORMATION DISCLOSED TO THE AMERICAN SCHOLAR.

"I WOULD NOT WANT TO COMMENT UNLESS SOMETHING WAS SAID BY THE PARTY IN CHINA ABOUT A CHANGE IN MISS CHIANG'S STATUS, IF THERE HAS BEEN ANY CHANGE, AND RELATING THAT CHANGE TO HER EXTRAORDINARY INTERVIEWS," SAID ROXANE WITKE, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BINGHAMTON.

THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTED TODAY THAT MISS CHIANG CAME INTO DISFAVOR BECAUSE OF THE INTERVIEWS WITH PROFESSOR WITKE.;

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AS ALWAYS, MAO'S VISITORS WERE SUMMONED WITHOUT ADVANCE WARNING, AND NOTHING WAS DISCLOSED ABOUT THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED. BUT SENIOR U.S. OFFICIALS HAD SAID EARLIER THAT "THE MEETING IS THE MESSAGE," SIGNIFICANT IN ITSELF IN REFLECTING CHINA'S ABSORBING INTEREST IN CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES.

OTHER WESTERN DIPLOMATS SAID MAO SEEMED TO BE INTERJECTING HIMSELF MORE DIRECTLY INTO CHINESE NEGOTIATIONS WITH A FOREIGN VISITOR, POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF THE URGENCY OF HIS CONCERN OVER SOVIET INTENTIONS AND THE PITFALLS OF FORD'S POLICY OF DETENTE WITH THE RUSSIANS.

THE PRESIDENT BEGAN HIS SECOND DAY IN PEKING WITH 2 1-2 HOURS OF TALKS IN A SALON OF THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE WITH TENG, ACTING HEAD OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT IN THE ABSENCE OF HOSPITALIZED PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI.

U.S. OFFICIALS SAID FORD AND THE CHINESE NEGOTIATORS "SILENTLY AGREED TO DISAGREE" ON DETENTE, WHICH PEKING VIEWS AS AN ILLUSION HIDING SOVIET PLANS FOR WORLD DOMINATION, AND TO TURN TO OTHER ISSUES.

THESE COULD INCLUDE TAIWAN, THE MAIN OBSTACLE TO FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, KOREA AND THE U.S. ROLE IN THE FAR EAST FOLLOWING THE VIETNAM WAR.

AT THE END OF THE EVENING, KISSINGER MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO TO MAP THE AGENDA FOR THE PRESIDENT'S LAST TWO DAYS IN PEKING, STARTING WITH A WEDNESDAY MORNING CONFERENCE WITH TENG. FORD WAS EXPECTED TO RESERVE TIME DURING THE DAY TO DISCUSS PROPOSED SPENDING CUTS WITH BUDGET DIRECTOR JAMES LYNN.

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ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE (AP) -- SUSAN FORD, THE PRESIDENT'S BLONDE, 18-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER, WAS ASKED TODAY HOW SHE LIKED CHINESE COMMUNIST CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG WHOM SHE MET WITH HER FATHER AND MOTHER IN PEKING.

"LOVED HIM," SHE SAID.

AND DID THE 81-YEAR-OLD FOUNDER OF RED CHINA REALLY HAVE A GLINT IN HIS EYE, AS HER MOTHER SAID, WHEN THEY MET?"

YES . . . HE WAS NICE. YOU KNOW, I DON'T THINK HE EXPECTED ME."

SUSAN SAID HER MOST ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCES WERE THE GREAT WALL AND THE ACUPUNCTURE DEMONSTRATION IN A PEKING HOSPITAL.

HAD SHE BOUGHT HER FATHER'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT YET?

NO, SHE REPLIED. IT WAS SUGGESTED HE LIKED CLOTHES. "YES, BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO MATCH THEM." SHE MADE A GRIMACE AND ADDED:

"STRIPED TIES AND PLAID SUITS."

THE WHITE HOUSE SAID THE PRESIDENT HAD PRESENTED MAO A BRONZE SCULPTURE ENTITLED "THE GREAT AMERICAN EAGLE." IT WAS HANDCAST BY AMERICAN SCULPTOR GILROY ROBERTS AND BORE THE PRESIDENTIAL SEAL.

MAO'S WIFE, CHIANG CHING, GOT A LIMITED EDITION BOEHM PORCELAIN SCULPTURE OF A CAMELIA, PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI, ANOTHER PORCELAIN OF A BLUE MAGPIE, AND FIRST VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING A FRANKLIN MINT LIMITED EDITION OF SILVER MEDALLIONS OF ALL THE U.S. PRESIDENTS IN A WALNUT CASE. SIMILAR GIFTS WENT TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL CHINESE PARTY.

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FORD (TOPS N012)
BY JOHN RODERICK

PEKING (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD MET TODAY WITH CHINESE CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG FOR ONE HOUR AND 50 MINUTES FOR WHAT WERE OFFICIALLY DESCRIBED AS 'EARNEST AND SIGNIFICANT DISCUSSIONS . . . ON WIDE-RANGING ISSUES IN A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE.'

THE MEETING WITH THE 81-YEAR-OLD FOUNDER OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TOOK PLACE IN HIS OFFICIAL RESIDENCE IN CHUNGNANHAI PARK, CLOSE TO THE FORBIDDEN CITY. IT WAS NEARLY TWICE AS LONG AS THE ONE HE HELD WITH PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON IN 1972 AND ONE OF THE LONGEST MAO HAS HELD WITH A FOREIGN CHIEF OF STATE.

THE CHAIRMAN ALSO MET BETTY FORD, HER 18-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER SUSAN, SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER, GEORGE BUSH, CHIEF OF THE U.S. LIAISON OFFICE IN PEKING; BRENT SCOWCROFT, THE PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER; JOSEPH J. SISCO, UNDERSCRETARY OF STATE; PHILIP HABIB, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS; WINSTON LORD, DIRECTOR OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT POLICY STAFF; AND RICHARD SOLOMON, SENIOR STAFF MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL.

THE TALK WAS HELD IN THE PRESENCE OF FORD, KISSINGER, BUSH, SCOWCROFT AND LORD.

MRS. FORD AND THE OTHERS SHOOK HANDS WITH MAO AND POSED FOR A PHOTOGRAPH, THEN LEFT.

THE PHRASEOLOGY OF THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT SUGGESTED THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WERE MORE THAN USUALLY CORDIAL. NO DETAILS WERE GIVEN EITHER BY THE WHITE HOUSE OR BY THE CHINESE.

FIRST VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING, VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN, FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA, HUANG CHEN, CHIEF OF THE CHINESE LIAISON OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, WANG HAI-JUNG, VICE FOREIGN MINISTER, AND TWO DEPUTY DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS, TANG WEN-SHENG AND CHANG HAN-CHIH, REPRESENTED THE CHINESE SIDE.

THE AUDIENCE WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF THE PRESIDENT'S FIVE-DAY VISIT TO CHINA.

THE CHINESE TOOK THE UNUSUAL STEP OF PERMITTING THE WHITE HOUSE TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE MEETING WAS TAKING PLACE. THEN, IN TWO SEPARATE ANNOUNCEMENTS, THEY PERMITTED DISCLOSURE OF ITS LENGTH AND, FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENT'S ATTENDANCE AT A BALLET PERFORMANCE, ISSUED THE FULL COMMUNIQUE.

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ADD FORD, PEKING

PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD SPENT A "DELIGHTFUL EVENING" AT THE CHINESE BALLET TONIGHT. THEY CLAPPED HEARTILY AFTER THE PERFORMANCE AND, IN TURN, WERE APPLAUDED BY THE PERFORMERS.

BOTH LOOKING TIRED FROM THEIR BUSY SCHEDULE, THE FORDS WERE ACCOMPANIED BY DAUGHTER SUSAN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN ENTOURAGE.

THE FORDS WERE GREETED WITH A STANDING OVATION WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT AN AUDITORIUM OF THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE.

THE BALLET, WHICH WAS DANCED TO MUSIC WITH A MODERN WESTERN BEAT AND HAD A HAPPY ENDING, WAS BASED ON THE SUCCESSFUL COMMUNIST GUERRILLA STRUGGLE AGAINST CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S FORCES IN 1947.

"IT WAS A GREAT PERFORMANCE. A DELIGHTFUL EVENING," THE PRESIDENT TOLD SEVERAL CHINESE DIGNITARIES LATER AS HE AND MRS. FORD SHOOK HANDS IN A RECEIVING LINE.

AT THE END OF THE PERFORMANCE, THE FORDS LED THE ENTIRE AUDIENCE IN APPLAUSE AND THE BALLET CASTE APPLAUDED BACK.

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(FORD)

(BY HELEN THOMAS)

PEKING (UPI) -- CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG, REPORTED LOOKING SURPRISINGLY FIT, HOSTED PRESIDENT FORD IN HIS FORBIDDEN CITY HOME TODAY AND HELD NEARLY TWO HOURS OF TALKS OFFICIALLY DESCRIBED AS "SIGNIFICANT AND EARNEST ... IN A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE."

THE MEETING, CLEARLY A DIPLOMATIC FEATHER IN FORD'S CAP, RAN ONE HOUR AND 50 MINUTES -- AN UNUSUALLY LONG MEETING FOR THE AILING, 81-YEAR-OLD MAO AND NEARLY TWICE THE TIME HE SPENT WITH PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON DURING HIS HISTORIC 1972 VISIT.

HOURS AFTER THE EVENT, THE CHINESE ISSUED A STATEMENT APPROVED BY THE WHITE HOUSE WHICH SAID:

"AFTER SHAKING HANDS WITH EACH OF THE AMERICAN GUESTS, CHAIRMAN MAO HAD EARNEST AND SIGNIFICANT DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT FORD ON WIDE-RANGING ISSUES IN A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE."

THERE WAS NO ELABORATION ON SPECIFIC TOPICS DISCUSSED, BUT THE VERY LENGTH OF THE MEETING SEEMED TO INDICATE CHINA WANTS TO MAINTAIN STRONG AND DIPLOMATICALLY CORDIAL TIES WITH WASHINGTON IN SPITE OF ITS OPPOSITION TO U.S.-SOVIET DETENTE.

DIPLOMATS SAID THE TERMS "WIDE-RANGING" AND "SIGNIFICANT" INDICATED MAO AND FORD PROBABLY INCLUDED DETENTE, KOREA AND THE THORNY PROBLEM OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT IN TAIWAN IN THEIR LATE AFTERNOON DISCUSSION.

DEPUTY WHITE HOUSE SECRETARY WILLIAM GREENER CALLED THE CHINESE STATEMENT "A FAIR DESCRIPTION" OF THE TALKS.

U.S. OFFICIALS MADE CLEAR LONG AGO FORD WOULD NOT HAVE COME TO CHINA HAD A VISIT WITH MAO -- THE ULTIMATE DIPLOMATIC COMPLIMENT CHINA CAN PAY -- NOT BEEN PROMISED.

BUT THE TIMING OF THE VISIT WAS KEPT A MYSTERY UNTIL THE PRESIDENT, MRS. FORD, DAUGHTER SUSAN AND FORD'S ADVISERS SPED OFF TO MAO'S RESIDENCE IN PEKING'S FORBIDDEN CITY IN THE AFTERNOON.

AND THE LENGTH AND CORDIALITY OF THE MEETING SEEMED TO UNDERSCORE CHINA'S AIM OF TREATING FORD PERSONALLY WITH WARMTH WHILE SCOLDING THE UNITED STATES FOR ITS DETENTE POLICY.

MAO HAS REPORTEDLY SUFFERED A SERIES OF STROKES AND GRANTS SUCH AUDIENCES SELECTIVELY, BUT A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL IN FORD'S PARTY SAID THE CHAIRMAN WAS MENTALLY SHARP AND SEEMED SURPRISINGLY FIT.

THIS OFFICIAL SAID MAO WALKED THE FORD PARTY TO THE DOOR AT THE END OF THE VISIT AND SAID RUMORS THE CHAIRMAN WAS WHEELCHAIR-RIDDEN WERE UNTRUE.

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ADD FORD, PEKING (UP-033)

THE OFFICIAL SAID MAO DID HAVE SOME DIFFICULTY SPEAKING, HOWEVER. OTHER DIPLOMATS HAVE SAID HE OFTEN NEEDS THE AID OF A LIP READER IN DISCUSSIONS WITH VISITING DIGNITARIES.

MRS. FORD AND SUSAN LEFT SHORTLY AFTER OFFICIAL PICTURE-TAKING HAD BEEN COMPLETED -- ENTHUSIASM OVER MAO'S CORDIALITY -- BUT FORD STAYED ON TO TALK.

HE WAS JOINED IN THE DISCUSSIONS BY SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER, U.S. PEKING ENVOY GEORGE BUSH, NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER BRENT T. SCOWCROFT AND KISSINGER AIDE WINSTON LORD.

JOINING MAO ON THE CHINESE SIDE WERE ACTING PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING, WHO RUNS CHINA'S GOVERNMENT DAY-TO-DAY IN THE ABSENCE OF MAO AND THE AILING PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI, VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN, FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA AND OTHER OFFICIALS.

FORD OPENED HIS DAY IN 2 1/2 HOURS OF FORMAL TALKS WITH TENG ON THE ISSUE OF DETENTE AND WORLD POWER RELATIONSHIPS, AND CLOSED IT AT A CHINESE REVOLUTIONARY BALLET IN THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE.

BUT THE VISIT TO MAO WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY -- AND PERHAPS OF THE ENTIRE FOUR-DAY VISIT. MRS. FORD CAME AWAY DESCRIBING THE CHAIRMAN, THROUGH HER PRESS SECRETARY, AS "VERY CONGENIAL AND HOSPITABLE."

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PEKING (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD MET FOR NEARLY TWO HOURS WITH CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG LATE THIS AFTERNOON.

THE 81-YEAR-OLD FOUNDER OF COMMUNIST CHINA RECEIVED THE PRESIDENT, HIS WIFE, BETTS; THEIR 18-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER, SUSAN, AND SEVEN U.S. OFFICIALS AT HIS HOME NEAR THE FORBIDDEN CITY IN DOWNTOWN PEKING.

THE WHITE HOUSE SAID THE FORDS WERE ACCOMPANIED BY SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER; LT. GEN. BRNT SCOWCROFT, THE NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER TO THE PRESIDENT; GEORGE BUSH, THE U.S. LIAISON OFFICER IN PEKING; UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE JOSEPH SISCO; ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE PHILIP HABIB; WINSTON LORD, DIRECTOR OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT POLICY PLANNING STAFF; AND RICHARD SOLOMON, A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL.

AFTER INTRODUCTIONS, HANDSHAKES AND SOME SMALL TALK, MRS. FORD AND SUSAN LEFT, ACCOMPANIED BY SISCO, HABIB AND SOLOMON. KISSINGER, BUSH, SCOWCROFT AND LORD REMAINED FOR FORD'S TALK WITH MAO.

A U.S. SPOKESMAN SAID THE VISIT LASTED AN HOUR AND 55 MINUTES. DETAILS WERE TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

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ADD FORD, PEKING (UP-010)

FORD'S LAST DAY WAS HECTIC. IT INCLUDED A LAST ROUND OF TALKS WITH TENG, A LUNCHEON AT THE U.S. LIAISON OFFICE, A VISIT TO THE 19TH CENTURY SUMMER PALACE ON A LAKE NEAR PEKING, AND THE BANQUET. HE SAID HE HAD "A GOOD REST" OVERNIGHT AND HAD OVERCOME THE FATIGUE VISIBLE IN HIS FACE WEDNESDAY.

FIRST LADY BETTY FORD DASHED THROUGH A ROUND OF LAST-MINUTE SHOPPING AND SIGHTSEEING. SHE TOURED A CARPET FACTORY WHERE ARTISANS HAND-MAKE INTRICATE AND COSTLY RUGS, AND WENT ON A TWO-HOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SPREE IN PEKING'S MAIN DEPARTMENT STORE, THE PEOPLE'S FRIENDSHIP STORE.

MRS. FORD BOUGHT CHINESE GINGER JARS, TINY STUFFED ANIMALS TO HANG ON THE WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS TREE, QUARTZ GRAPES AND A QUARTZ EGG. BUT SHE VETOED SUSAN'S PROPOSAL THEY TAKE HOME A \$300 ORIENTAL CARPET. TOO COSTLY, SHE SAID.

SUSAN, 18, A TRAINEE PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER, LEARNED ABOUT MEDICAL ACUPUNCTURE BY WATCHING AND PHOTOGRAPHING OPERATIONS AT A PEKING HOSPITAL.

SHE WATCHED DOCTORS REMOVE AN OVARIAN CYST AND PULL A TOOTH WITH THE PATIENTS ANESTHETIZED BY THE ORIENTAL NEEDLE TECHNIQUE. "I'M NOT SQUEAMISH," SHE TOLD REPORTERS, AND PRONOUNCED THE EXPERIENCE "FANTASTIC" AND "NEAT."

FORD'S DAY, HOWEVER, DEALT MAINLY WITH THE SERIOUS BUSINESS OF EXPLAINING HIS VISIT IN TERMS THAT WOULD DISPEL SKEPTICISM AT HOME AS TO ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS. SEATED ACROSS FROM EACH OTHER AT THE GREAT HALL CONFERENCE TABLE THIS MORNING, HE AND TENG GOT RIGHT TO THAT WORK.

"ACTIONS AND AGREEMENTS ARE MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN WORDS AND DISCUSSIONS ARE MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN COMMUNIQUE," FORD SAID.

TENG BACKED HIM UP, SAYING, "WE THINK THE IMPORTANCE LIES IN THE VISIT ITSELF. WE DON'T THINK THE IMPORTANCE LIES IN SUCH SUPERFICIAL THINGS AS A COMMUNIQUE."

WHEN REPORTERS RIBBED FORD GOOD-NATUREDLY ABOUT THE SECRECY AND LACK OF INFORMATION DURING THE VISIT, THE PRESIDENT SMILED AND SAID, "ALL TO THE GOOD!"

TURNING SERIOUS, HE SAID "WE'VE HAD A VERY, VERY CONSTRUCTIVE SERIES OF MEETINGS AND I THINK THE RESULT WILL BE VERY BENEFICIAL."

THE FORDS WILL STAY OVERNIGHT IN JAKARTA FRIDAY AND COMPLETE THEIR 10-DAY, 24,000-MILE TOUR WITH STOPOVERS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND PEARL HARBOR.

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FORD MISSION
AN AP NEWS ANALYSIS
BY JOHN RODERICK

PEKING (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD'S TRIP TO CHINA HAS YIELDED NO CONCRETE RESULTS, ASIDE FROM A REPORT ON THE FATE OF MISSING AMERICAN SERVICEMEN, BUT IT HAS CONTINUED THE MOOD OF CHINESE-AMERICAN RECONCILIATION.

BOTH SIDES IN THE TALKS EMPHASIZED THAT ACTIONS NOT WORDS COUNT AND IN THAT CONTEXT THE ABSENCE OF A FINAL COMMUNIQUE MEANS VERY LITTLE. IF THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE PREPARING TO ANNOUNCE FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, OR SOME SPECIFIC AGREEMENT, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN ONE.

THE CHINESE WASTED NO TIME MONDAY IN RESTATING THEIR POSITION ABOUT AMERICAN DETENTE WITH THE SOVIET UNION. VICE PREMIER TENG HS AO-PING TOLD FORD AT THE CHINESE STATE BANQUET, "RHETORIC ABOUT DETENTE
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THEN, HE GOT DOWN TO SOME INTENSIVE TALKS WITH THE PRESIDENT WHICH WOUND UP THURSDAY. IN THEM FORD ADVISED HIS CHINESE HOSTS THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR AGREEMENT ON NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROL WITH MOSCOW NO MATTER HOW DEEPLY THE CHINESE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A DANGEROUS COURSE. HE ADDED THAT DESPITE THIS THE UNITED STATES, A CHINA COULD PURSUE THEIR DIFFERENT COURSES WHILE WORKING TOWARD BETTER RELATIONS WITH EACH OTHER.

THAT THE CHINESE HAVE BEEN REASSURED W

S MADE AMPLY EVIDENT TUESDAY AFTERNOON WHEN 81-YEAR-OLD CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG GAVE AN HOUR AND 50 MINUTE AUDIENCE TO THE AMERICANS. ITS LENGTH, AND HIS CORDIALITY, PUT THE CHINESE SEAL OF APPROVAL ON THE FORD MISSION.

THE CHINESE LATER DESCRIBED THE MEETING, WHICH LASTED NEARLY TWICE AS LONG AS THE 1972 TALKS WITH RICHARD M. NIXON, AS EARNEST, SIGNIFICANT AND FRIENDLY. WHAT THE CHINESE THINK OFFICIALLY IS REFLECTED IN THEIR SOMETIMES STILTED WRITTEN STATEMENTS. "FRANK AND SERIOUS," THE WORDS USED TO CHARACTERIZE THE NIXON MEETING, MEANT THERE WERE DIFFERENCES. THEY REMAIN, BUT BUT THE CHINESE HAVE MADE IT ABUNDANTLY EVIDENT THAT GIVEN THE CONTINUING ATMOSPHERE OF
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OF THIS, PERHAPS, IN THE WORD GIVEN FORD THAT SEVEN AMERICANS LISTED AS MISSING BEFORE AND DURING THE VIETNAM WAR IN OR NEAR CHINA ARE DEAD AND THAT THE REMAINS OF TWO HAVE BEEN RECOVERED.

DETENTE WITH CHINA STILL IS A FRAIL PLANT, SCARCELY MORE THAN FOUR YEARS OLD. THAT AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT CAN SIT DOWN AND TALK WITH CHINA'S LEADERS OF HIS INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS IS A REAL STEP FORWARD CONSIDERING THE TWO DECADES OF BLIGHT WHICH PRECEDED THE 1972 RECONCILIATION.

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(FORD BRIEFS)

PEKING (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD TOOK A BREAK FROM HEAVY DIPLOMACY TODAY TO ADMIRE THE EXPLOITS OF THE TIGER HEAD MOUNTAIN PRODUCTION BRIGADE AND OTHER STALWARTS OF CHINESE FARMING.

FORD, WHO SAW THE EXQUISITE TEMPLE OF HEAVEN IN HIS ONLY PREVIOUS SIGHTSEEING OUTING THIS TRIP, TRAMPED THROUGH PEKING'S AGRICULTURE EXHIBITION HALL FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR, WITH AN ESCORT OF CHINESE BODYGUARDS IN BLACK OVERCOATS.

HE SEEMED TO ENJOY THE CHANGE-OF-PACE OUTING AMONG DISPLAYS OF STUFFED SHEEP, PIGS, GEESE, CHICKENS AND DUCKS AND TOOK CLOSE LOOKS AT THE AGRICULTURAL CHARTS, POSTERS, PHOTOGRAPHS, MAO SLOGAN PLACARDS AND TABLE-TOP FARM MODELS.

SOME OF FORD'S PARTY FELL BACK FROM THE GROUP, SHOWING SIGNS THEY HAD LITTLE INTEREST IN SUCH ATTRACTIONS AS A REPORT ON HOW THE FARMERS' TIGER HEAD MOUNTAIN PRODUCTION BRIGADE BOOSTED SORGHUM HARVEST.

BUT FORD WAS UNFLAGGING, ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT IRRIGATION, FARM MACHINERY, PRODUCTION FIGURES AND LIVING CONDITIONS ON THE FARM COMMUNES.

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PEKING (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD DECIDED TO GIVE HIS TOP STAFF AIDES A TREAT TUESDAY NIGHT -- STEAK AND POTATOES FOR DINNER.

THE PRESIDENT ORDERED HIS AIR FORCE ONE CHEF TO SERVE UP THE TYPICALLY AMERICAN FARE, AND EVERYTHING WENT SWIMMINGLY THROUGH COCKTAILS AND APPETIZERS. THEN TROUBLE BREWED.

THE SERVANTS AT FORD'S GUEST QUARTERS HAD PREPARED AN ELEBORATE MULTI-COURSE CHINESE BANQUET, NOT KNOWING THE PRESIDENT HAD ORDERED UP HIS OWN.

WITH THE RICE STEAMING AND THE PLATES ON THE TABLE, A COMPROMISE WAS STRUCK. FORD AND HIS STAFF ATE BOTH MEALS -- USING KNIFE, FORK AND CHOPSTICKS.

PEKING (UPI) -- IT WAS THE SOUND SECRET SERVICE AGENTS USUALLY DREAD.

GUNFIRE.

BUT TUESDAY NIGHT THEY WERE GLAD TO HEAR THE SHOTS, WHICH JOLTED THEM OUT OF THE DAZE AND FATIGUE OF A LONG DAY AND THE HEAVY REVOLUTIONARY PHILOSOPHY ATTENDANT WITH ALL CONTEMPORARY CHINESE ART.

PRESIDENT FORD MANAGED TO STAY AWAKE DURING THE "SONG OF THE YIMENG MOUNTAIN," A LENGTHY BALLET DEPICTING RED GUERRILLAS AT WAR IN THE MOUNTAINS.

BUT SOME IN HIS PARTY COULD NOT.

AN AGENT SAID HE WAS GLAD OF THE OCCASIONAL GUNFIRE.

"IT JOSTLED SOME OF MY FELLOW AMERICANS AWAKE," HE SAID. "THE SHOTS MADE SOME OF THOSE WITH ME LOOK UP AND SEE THAT OUR PRESIDENT WAS STILL THERE."

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(PEKING) -- PRESIDENT FORD IS WINDING UP HIS FOUR-DAY VISIT IN CHINA TODAY AND HAS TOLD PEKING OFFICIALS THAT WASHINGTON IS COMMITED -- IN FORD'S WORDS -- ''TO COMPLETE THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS'' WIT CHINA. FORD ADDED THAT THE CHINESE AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO PERSUE THEIR OWN INTERESTS WHILE STRENGTHENING DIPLOMATIC TIES.

FORD MADE HIS COMMENTS AT A BANQUET IN PEKING GIVEN IN HONOR OF HIS HOSTS.

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FORD LEAD (TOPS N24)

PEKING (AP) -- THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THERE WILL BE NO COMMUNIQUE AT THE END OF PRESIDENT FORD'S FIVE-DAY CHINA VISIT, BUT SPOKESMAN RON NESSEN SAID ALL SIGNS FROM THE MEETINGS BETWEEN FORD AND CHINESE LEADERS HAVE BEEN GOOD.

NESSEN WARNED AGAINST INTERPRETING THE ABSENCE OF A COMMUNIQUE AS AN INDICATION THAT NOTHING HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED ON THE VISIT, WHICH INCLUDED A ONE-HOUR AND 50-MINUTE TALK TUESDAY WITH CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG.

"EVERY PUBLIC SIGN HAS BEEN A GOOD SIGN AS TO THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE MEETING AND THERE HASN'T BEEN ANY BAD SIGNS," HE SAID.

TO "SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING DOES NOT REQUIRE A DOCUMENT," HE ADDED.

THE 1972 SUMMIT MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON AND PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI WOUND UP WITH A LENGTHY COMMUNIQUE SIGNED IN SHANGHAI WHICH SPELLED OUT CHINESE-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

NESSEN MADE HIS ANNOUNCEMENT NEAR THE END OF FORD'S THIRD DAY IN CHINA, WHICH INCLUDED A SECOND BUSINESS MEETING BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING, WHO IS ACTING PREMIER DURING THE ILLNESS OF PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI.

THE WHITE HOUSE SAID THE 2 1/2-HOUR TENG-FORD SESSION WAS A SIGNIFICANT TALK "COVERING A WIDE RANGE OF INTERNATIONAL ISSUES."

NESSEN SAID THE DECISION NOT TO ISSUE A COMMUNIQUE AT THE END OF VISIT WAS MUTUALLY DECIDED UPON BY SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER AND FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA.

THE FINAL TALKS BETWEEN FORD AND TENG HSIAO-PING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY MORNING. NO DETAILS HAVE BEEN GIVEN OF THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED SO FAR BUT NESSEN SAID THAT U.S.-SOVIET DETENTE WAS ONE OF MANY SUBJECTS. CHINA FEELS THE UNITED STATES IS BEING TAKEN IN BY THE SOVIETS AND THAT MOSCOW WILL USE DETENTE AS AN EXCUSE FOR EXPANSION IN ASIA.

THE PRESIDENT'S 18-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER SUSAN MISSED A PRIVATE BANQUET GIVEN BY TENG IN THE GREAT HALL TONIGHT AND A GYMNASTIC PERFORMANCE AFTERWARD.

"SHE WAS JUST PLAIN TIRED," NESSEN SAID. "I TALKED TO DR. (WILLIAM) LUKASH AND HE SAID THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NOTHING PHYSICALLY WRONG WITH HER." LUKASH IS THE WHITE HOUSE PHYSICIAN.

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PEKING (UPI) -- SUSAN FORD SKIPPED A DINNER PARTY AND GYMNASTICS EXHIBITION TONIGHT BECAUSE SHE WAS TIRED.

THE PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER IS ON HER FIRST TRIP ABROAD, AND THE FAST PACE APPARENTLY CAUGHT UP TO HER ON HER THIRD DAY IN PEKING.

WHEN THE FORDS ARRIVED AT THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE FOR THE INFORMAL DINNER, THEIR HOST, ACTING PREMIER TENG HSAIO-PING, SAID, "I UNDERSTAND YOUR DAUGHTER IS NOT FEELING WELL."

BUT PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN TOLD REPORTERS, "SUSAN IS JUST TIRED AND DECIDED TO SKIP THE EVENING EVENTS."

DR. WILLIAM LUKASH, FORD'S PHYSICIAN, SAID "THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING WRONG WITH SUSAN EXCEPT THAT SHE IS TIRED."

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(FORD)

(BY RICHARD H. GROWALD)

PEKING (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD AND HIS CHINESE HOSTS, APPARENTLY UNABLE TO BRIDGE MAJOR DIFFERENCES OVER SOVIET-AMERICAN DETENTE, CONFERRED IN STRICT SECRECY WEDNESDAY WHILE U.S. OFFICIALS INSISTED THAT "EVERY PUBLIC SIGN HAS BEEN A GOOD SIGN."

SHOWING SIGNS OF FATIGUE FROM HIS BUSY PACE OF DIPLOMACY AND SIGHTSEEING, FORD MET FOR 2 1-2 HOURS OF "SIGNIFICANT DISCUSSIONS ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES" WITH ACTING PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING OVER TEA AT THE PRESIDENT'S GUEST HOUSE.

WHITE HOUSE AIDES CONFIRMED THERE WOULD BE NO FINAL COMMUNIQUE MARKING ANY NEW BREAKTHROUGHS IN U.S.-CHINESE RELATIONS, BUT TOOK PAINS TO STRESS THAT FORD'S FOUR DAYS OF TALKS WERE GOING WELL.

"YOU SHOULD NOT TAKE THE ABSENCE OF A COMMUNIQUE AS A NEGATIVE FACTOR," WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN TOLD REPORTERS. "THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PURPOSES OF THIS MEETING HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH A SIGNED DOCUMENT."

NESSEN DID ACKNOWLEDGE THAT FORD AND COMMUNIST CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG DISCUSSED THE DETENTE DURING THEIR LENGTHY MEETING TUESDAY, BUT REACTED SHARPLY TO A REPORTER'S QUESTION WHETHER THE ISSUE PROVOKED BITTER DEBATE.

"YOU ARE MAKING A TERRIBLE MISTAKE TO BELIEVE THE MEETING ARE NOT GOING WELL," NESSEN SAID.

"EVERY PUBLIC SIGN HAS BEEN A GOOD SIGN. THERE HAVE BEEN NO BAD SIGNS."

IN HIS ONLY COMMENT, MADE AS HE ENTERED TE MORNING SESSION WITH TENG, FORD CHARACTERIZED HIS MEETING WITH MAO AS "A SIGNIFICANT CONVERSATION" THAT "COVERED A VERY WIDE RANGE OF MATTERS ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE, AS WELL AS OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS."

DURING A LONG DAY THAT LEFT HIM LOOKING TIRED AND SOMEWHAT SOMBER, FORD MANAGED TO MEET TWICE -- ONCE FOR TWO HOURS -- WITH BUDGET DIRECTOR JAMES LYNN ON SPENDING CUTS HE WILL PROPOSED TO CONGRESS IN JANUARY, AND TO TAKE A 25-MINUTE NAP. "HE NEEDED IT," NESSEN SAID.

FORD ALSO MADE AN HOUR-LONG TOUR OF PEKING'S AGRICULTURE EXHIBITION HALL AND ATTENDED AN INFORMAL DINNER AT THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE, FOLLOWED BY A DISPLAY OF TABLE TENNIS, GYMNASTICS AND SWORD PLAY.

VENTURING OUT SEPARATELY, MRS. FORD MARVELED AT PRICELESS JADES AND GOLD-SPLASHED PAGODAS IN THE ANCIENT IMPERIAL FORBIDDEN CITY AND THEN, AT THE CENTRAL MAY 7 ART COLLEGE, KICKED OFF HER SHOES AND JOINED A TROUPE OF YOUNG FEMALE DANCERS IN HER STOCKINGED FEET.

LIKE HER FATHER, SUSAN FORD, 18, SEEMED TO BE FEELING THE TOLL. SHE TOOK HER CAMERAS TO A COMMUNE, THE TEMPLE OF HEAVEN AND THE SUMMER PALACE TO WORK ON A COLLEGE PHOTO ESSAY, BUT BOWED OUT OF THE EVENING DINNER AND SPORTS EXHIBITION.

"SUSAN IS JUST TIRED," THE WHITE HOUSE SAID.

THE PEKING PEOPLE'S DAILY CONTINUED ITS PROMINENT COVERAGE OF FORD'S VISIT WITH A FRONT PAGE PICTURE OF THE PRESIDENT AND MAO. CHINESE TELEVISION SHOWED A FILM OF THE TWO LEADERS GREETING EACH OTHER WARMLY AT MAO'S HOME.

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FORD (TOPS N4 & 14)

PEKING (AP) -- PRESIDENT FORD WOUND UP HIS TRIP TO CHINA TODAY WITH DNEWS FROM THE CHINESE ON SEVEN AMERICANS MISSING IN ACTION BEFORE A DURING THE VIETNAM WAR AND A PROMISE BY HIM TO NORMALIZE U.S.-CHINESE RELATIONS.

ALL OF THE MISSING AMERICANS ARE DEAD, SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE, BUT THE REMAINS OF TWO OF THEM HAVE BEEN RECOVERED. HE SAID THAT THE NEXT OF KIN OF ALL SEVEN WOULD BE NOTIFIED WITHIN THE NEXT 48 HOURS.

THE AMERICANS, PRESUMABLY PILOTS OR AIRMEN, WERE MISSING OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS IN OR NEAR CHINA, HE SAID.

THE LAST FULL DAY OF FORD'S CHINA VISIT WAS MARKED BY A BANQUET TOAST IN THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE DURING WHICH THE PRESIDENT NOT ONLY PROMISED TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS BUT TO AGREE TO DISAGREE ON ATTITUDES TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION.

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PEKING UPDATING FORD (N4)

VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING, IN REPLY TO FORD'S REMARKS, AVOIDED DIRECT REFERENCE TO THE SOVIET UNION, BUT SAID: -'CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS. OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE DIFFERENT IDEOLOGY AND NATURALLY THERE ARE DIFFERENCES OF PRINCIPLE BETWEEN US. AT THE SAME TIME, IN THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, OUR TWO COUNTRIES FACE PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL CONCERN AND SHARE MANY COMMON PROBLEMS.

"THE DIRECT EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES ON THIS OCCASION HELPS TO INCREASE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND SERVES TO PROMOTE EFFORTS BY BOTH THE CHINESE AND THE AMERICAN SIDE TOWARD THE DIRECTION AND GOAL DEFINED IN THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE.

"BOTH SIDES AGREE THAT THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE IS A DOCUMENT OF HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE AND CONSTITUTES THE BASIS OF SINO-U.S. RELATIONS. AS THAT PROVES, IT REMAINS FULL OF VITALITY TODAY."

AS THE TWO LEADERS EXCHANGED TOASTS, 40 MARTIAL LAW DETAINEES IN THE PHILIPPINES BEGAN A HUNGER STRIKE, SEEKING TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THEIR PLIGHT DURING FORD'S SCHEDULED VISIT TO MANILA SATURDAY.

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(FORD)

(BY HELEN THOMAS)

PEKING (UPI) -- WITH WARM BACKING FROM THE CHINESE, PRESIDENT FORD SAID TODAY U.S.-CHINESE RELATIONS ARE GOOD AND WILL GET BETTER DESPITE SUCH UNRESOLVED DISPUTES AS AMERICA'S PURSUIT OF DETENTE WITH MOSCOW.

EXCHANGING CHAMPAGNE TOASTS AT THE FORMAL CONCLUSION OF FORD'S FOUR-DAY VISIT, ACTING PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING AGREED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO ARE "FULL OF VITALITY" -- AND HE DROPPED ALL MENTION OF THE DETENTE ISSUE THAT SO ANGERS THE CHINESE, INSTEAD REFERRING SOFTLY TO "DIFFERENCES OF PRINCIPLE."

THE CHINESE TOOK PAINS TO SUPPORT FORD'S ASSESSMENT THAT HIS VISIT WAS A SUCCESS EVEN WITHOUT PROGRESS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES LIKE DETENTE OR ANY OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE TO BACK IT UP.

EARLIER, AT THE START OF HIS FINAL TALKS WITH FORD, TENG SAID THE VISIT HAD BOTH STRENGTHENED TIES AND INTRODUCED "A NEW STYLE" OF DISCREET SECRECY IN WASHINGTON-PEKING RELATIONS.

CONCEDING IN HIS BANQUET TOAST THAT CHINA AND AMERICA "NATURALLY HAVE DIFFERENCES OF PRINCIPLE," TENG SAID, "BUT AT THE SAME TIME ... OUR TWO NATIONS HAVE PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL CONCERN AND HAVE MANY COMMON POINTS."

HE SAID BOTH SIDES STILL REGARD THE 1972 SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON'S VISIT AS "THE BASIS FOR U.S.-CHINESE RELATIONS.

"IT REMAINS FULL OF VITALITY TODAY."

FORD HOSTED THE FAREWELL BANQUET IN THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE, WHERE A PARTY OF 700 DINED ON CONSOMME, FRIED DUCK CUTLETS, BRAISED SHARK'S FIN AND STRAWBERRY MOUSSE WASHED DOWN WITH CALIFORNIA CHAMPAGNE.

"IT HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT VISIT," FORD SAID.

"THE WIDE-RANGING TALKS WHICH I HAVE HELD WITH CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG AND WITH VICE PREMIER TENG HAVE BEEN FRIENDLY, CANDID, SUBSTANTIAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE.

"WE DISCUSSED OUR DIFFERENCES, WHICH ARE NATURAL IN A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES WHOSE IDEOLOGIES, SOCIETIES AND CIRCUMSTANCES DIVERGE. BUT WE ALSO CONFIRM THAT WE HAVE IMPORTANT COMMON POINTS ...

"ALTHOUGH OUR RELATIONS ARE NOT YET NORMALIZED, THEY ARE GOOD," FORD SAID. "THEY WILL BE GRADUALLY IMPROVED ..."

THERE WAS A SMALL DIPLOMATIC BOUQUET FOR THE CHINESE AMONG THE "COMMON POINTS" OF INTEREST FORD MENTIONED -- A CONFIRMATION THAT -- LIKE CHINA -- THE UNITED STATES OPPOSES "THE EFFORTS OF OTHERS TO IMPOSE HEGEMONY (MILITARY DOMINATION) IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD."

IN U.S.-CHINESE DIPLOMATIC PARLANCE, "OTHERS" ARE THE SOVIETS.

"THE UNITED STATES IS COMMITTED TO COMPLETE THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS," WITH PEKING, FORD SAID, SIMPLY OMITTING ANY REFERENCE TO U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE TAIWAN GOVERNMENT WHICH BLOCKS ESTABLISHMENT OF FULL RELATIONS WITH CHINA.

BUT FORD DID MAKE CLEAR, GENTLY, THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL GO ITS OWN WAY AND CONTINUE TO SEEK AGREEMENTS ON PEACEFUL RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS DESPITE CHINA'S BITTER OPPOSITION.

"IT IS ONLY NATURAL THAT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES WILL FOLLOW THEIR OWN POLICIES AND TACTICS, GOVERNED BY THEIR OWN PERCEPTIONS OF THEIR OWN NATIONAL INTERESTS," HE SAID.

"THE UNITED STATES IS FIRMLY DEDICATED TO AN INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF PEACE, JUSTICE AND PROSPERITY FOR ALL ... (THIS) REQUIRES NATIONAL STRENGTH AND THE WILL TO USE IT, AS WELL AS PRUDENCE TO AVOID UNNECESSARY CONFLICT."

FORD OPENED HIS FINAL FULL DAY IN PEKING IN FORMAL TALKS WITH TENG. BOTH SEIZED THE OPPORTUNITY TO CALL HIS VISIT A SOLID SUCCESS.

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(TENG TEXT)

PEKING (UPI) -- TEXT OF VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING'S TOAST AT THE BANQUET CONCLUDING PRESIDENT FORD'S TRIP TO CHINA:

"MR. PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD, MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, COMRADES AND FRIENDS.

"PRESIDENT FORD WILL CONCLUDE HIS VISIT TO CHINA TOMORROW. HERE, ON BEHALF OF MY CHINESE COLLEAGUES PRESENT, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK PRESIDENT FORD FOR GIVING THIS BANQUET ON THE EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE.

"IN THE LAST TWO DAYS, OUR TWO SIDES HAVE HELD SEVERAL BENEFICIAL TALKS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. WHAT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT, CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG HAD AN EARNEST AND SIGNIFICANT CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT FORD ON WIDE RANGING ISSUES IN A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE.

"CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS. OUR TWO SIDES HAVE DIFFERENT IDEOLOGIES AND, NATURALLY, THERE ARE DIFFERENCES OF PRINCIPLE BETWEEN US.

"AT THE SAME TIME, IN THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, OUR TWO COUNTRIES FACE PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL CONCERN AND SHARE MANY COMMON POINTS. THE DIRECT EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES ON THIS OCCASION HELPS TO INCREASE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND SERVES TO PROMOTE EFFORTS BY BOTH THE CHINESE AND AMERICAN SIDES TOWARDS THE DIRECTION AND GOALS DEFINED IN THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. BOTH SIDES AGREE THAT THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE IS A DOCUMENT OF HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE AND CONSTITUTES THE BASIS OF SINO-U.S. RELATIONS. AS THAT PROVES, IT REMAINS FULL OF VITALITY TODAY.

"PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD AND THEIR PARTY HAVE ALSO VISITED PLACES OF INTEREST IN PEKING AND COME INTO CONTACT WITH PEOPLE OF VARIOUS CIRCLES IN OUR CAPITAL. OUR AMERICAN GUESTS MUST HAVE FOUND THAT THE CHINESE PEOPLE ARE FRIENDLY TO THE AMERICANS.

"ON THE EVE OF THE DEPARTURE OF PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD FROM CHINA, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY THE BEST WISHES OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE TOWARD THE AMERICANS. I WISH PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD AND THEIR PARTY A PLEASANT JOURNEY.

"IN CONCLUSION, I PROPOSE A TOAST TO THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND AMERICAN PEOPLE, TO THE HEALTH OF PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD, TO THE HEALTH OF THE OTHER AMERICAN GUESTS AND TO THE HEALTH OF OUR COMRADES AND FRIENDS PRESENT."

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CORRESPONDENTS:

NEXT WEEK AT THE WHITE HOUSE: BOTH THE FLYING AND LAND-BASED WHITE HOUSES HAVE HEAVY SCHEDULES FOR THE COMING WEEK. PRESIDENT FORD, WHO WILL BE VISITING CHINA, ALSO PLANS DAILY "HOMEWORK" SESSIONS ON THE FISCAL 1977 FEDERAL BUDGET. TO HELP HIM DECIDE ON FINAL PROVISIONS, HE PRESIDENT IS TAKING OMB DIRECTOR JAMES LYNN ON HIS ASIAN TRIP. PRESIDENTIAL AIDES, MEANWHILE, WILL PUT THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON THE ADMINISTRATION'S NEW YORK AID BILL THAT WILL GO TO CONGRESS AND FIRST OF THE WEEK, AND ALSO WILL PREPARE A CRITIQUE ON THE ENERGY BILL THAT IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE FROM CONGRESS. FURTHER RESEARCH AND REPORTS ON CANDIDATES FOR THE NEW SUPREME COURT APPOINTMENT THAT FORD WILL NAME AFTER HIS RETURN WILL BE DONE BY THE PRESIDENT'S JUDICIAL ASSISTANTS. IT IS PROBABLE THAT OTHER AIDES WILL PREPARE A REPORT ON MARTIN LUTHER KING INVESTIGATIONS WHICH THE PRESIDENT MENTIONED AT HIS NEWS CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY NIGHT. DURING THE PRESIDENT'S ABSENCE, WORKMEN WILL DECORATE THE MAIN AND SMALLER WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS TREES AND GET READY FOR THE RETURN OF THE FIRST LADY WHO WILL SUPERVISE THE REMAINDER OF THE EXECUTIVE MANSION'S HOLIDAY DECORATIONS.

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FORD-PRESS (TOPS N24)

EDITORS: THIS SHOWS NESSEN'S COMMENT ABOUT RATS LEAVING A SINKING SHIP WAS IN APPARENT JEST AND THAT NESSEN OFTEN SPEAKS WITH REPORTERS IN SARCASTIC, JESTING TONES.

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ALSO LOOKING FOR ANOTHER JOB IS FORD'S MOST EXPERIENCED PRESS ADVANCE MAN, WHO IS WEIGHING AN OFFER FROM OUTSIDE GOVERNMENT.

ONE WHITE HOUSE AIDE SAID THERE IS INCREASING FRUSTRATION AMONG PRESSMEN WHO WERE ACCUSTOMED TO A MORE EFFICIENT ORGANIZATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF RICHARD NIXON.

RON NESSEN, THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS SECRETARY, REFERRED TO IMPENDING DEPARTURES FROM HIS CREW WHEN HE TOLD REPORTERS IN APPARENT JEST DURING FORD'S ASIAN TRIP, "THE RATS ARE LEAVING THE SINKING SHIP."

NESSEN OFTEN SPEAKS WITH REPORTERS IN SARCASTIC, JESTING TONES.

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FORD-PRESS

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WILLIAM GREENER, NESSEN'S CHIEF DEPUTY, IS LEAVING TO JOIN THE PENTAGON STAFF OF FORMER WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF DONALD RUMSFELD.

JOHN HUSHEN, NESSEN'S SECOND DEPUTY, WILL BE LEAVING THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF JAN. 1, SOURCES SAID. THE FORMER JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN CONSIDERING OUTSIDE JOB OFFERS, BUT HAS DENIED HIS DEPARTURE IS IMMINENT.

ADVANCE MAN ERIC ROSENBERGER, WHOSE CRAFT WILL BE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AS FORD ESCALATES HIS CAMPAIGN TOURS, ALSO IS PLANNING TO LEAVE THE GOVERNMENT. ANOTHER EXPERIENCED ADVANCE MAN, ARNOLD NOEL, ALSO IS KNOWN TO BE LEAVING SOON.

NESSEN HAS BEEN GIVEN A LIST OF NEWS PROFESSIONALS FOR CONSIDERATION TO FILL GREENER'S POST, IN THE \$39,000 TO \$41,000 SALARY RANGE.

NESSEN IS OFF ON A YEAR-END VACATION, AND COULD NOT BE REACHED FOR COMMENT ON THE STAFF DEPLETIONS. HE ALSO WAS UNAVAILABLE FOR COMMENT ON REPORTS THAT HE HAS CRITICIZED SHEILA WEIDENFELD, MRS. FORD'S PRESS SECRETARY, AS WELL AS SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER.

NESSEN TOLD REPORTERS WHO COMPLAINED IN PEKING THAT THEY WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE MRS. WEIDENFELD, "THE TAXPAYERS ARE PAYING HER TO GIVE INFORMATION. IF YOU CAN'T FIND HER, YOU SHOULD COMPLAIN AND COMPLAIN LOUDLY."

MRS. WEIDENFELD, ASKED IS SHE WAS HAVING TROUBLE WITH NESSEN, REPLIED, "NO MORE OR LESS THAN USUAL."

NESSEN ALSO ACCUSED THREE REPORTERS OF BEING PATSIES FOR KISSINGER FOR AGREEING NOT TO REPORT SOME OF THE THINGS HE SAID IN A TWO-HOUR BRIEFING. NESSEN SAID THE REPORTERS WERE DISREGARDING FREEDOM OF THE PRESS BY ALLOWING KISSINGER TO KEEP SOME COMMENTS OFF THE RECORD OR UNATTRIBUTED.

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CORRESPONDENTS:

EACH NEWS ORGANIZATION MUST SUBMIT TO THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS OFFICE BY 3 P.M. TOMORROW A LIST OF EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANYING PRESIDENT FORD TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. EACH NAME SHOULD BE FOLLOWED BY THE INDIVIDUAL'S PASSPORT NUMBER, DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON'S SPECIFIC FUNCTION WHILE ON THE TRIP. ALSO, TWO PASSPORT TYPE AND SIZE PICTURES, IN COLOR AND SIGNED IN BALLPOINT PEN ON THE BACK, SHOULD BE ATTACHED.

AN INVENTORY OF EACH PIECE OF EQUIPMENT TO BE TAKEN ON THE TRIP SHOULD BE ATTACHED. THE INVENTORY SHOULD GIVE THE MANUFACTURER'S NAME, SERIAL NUMBER, WEIGHT, SIZE AND ITS FUNCTION.

(EXAMPLE: ONE SONY PORTABLE TAPE RECORDER WITH SUPPLY OF BATTERIES, MIKES, CONVERTER AND CORDS); SERIAL NUMBER: 789-A; WEIGHT: 12 LBS.; SIZE: 9 INCHES BY 6 INCHES BY 3 INCHES; FUNCTION: TO RECORD AUDIO FOR BROADCAST PURPOSES.)

MANY REPORTERS WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE PRESIDENT'S TRAVELS TO NORTH CAROLINA, GEORGIA AND FRANCE DURING THE NEXT FOUR DAYS, SO IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU WORK WITH YOUR NEWS ORGANIZATIONS SO THEY CAN SUPPLY IN WRITING THIS INFORMATION IN YOUR ABSENCE. DEPARTURE FOR CHINA IS ONLY 16 DAYS AWAY. HOWEVER, THE WHITE HOUSE ADVANCE TEAM MUST SUPPLY THIS INFORMATION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA WHEN THEY ARRIVE EARLY NEXT WEEK.

TO REPEAT, THE DEADLINE FOR THE INFORMATION AND COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS IS 3 P.M. TOMORROW. ALL MATERIAL SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO JUDY O'NEIL IN THE PRESS OFFICE.

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(CHINA TRIP)

(BY RICHARD GROWALD)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA HAVE SETTLED THEIR DIFFERENCES OVER PRESIDENT FORD GOING TO PEKING AND AGREED THE JOURNEY WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE END OF THE MONTH, WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS SAID TODAY.

AN EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES BETWEEN SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER AND CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER CHAO KUAN-HUA FIXED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TRIP, DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID.

THE COUNTRIES HAVE AGREED TO JOINTLY ANNOUNCE THE VISIT AND DATES. THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS SAID THE ANNOUNCEMENT WILL COME SHORTLY.

THE TRIP HAD BEEN AGREED UPON IN PRINCIPLE DURING KISSINGER'S DECEMBER 1974 PEKING VISIT BUT RAN INTO TROUBLE. DURING KISSINGER PEKING VISIT LAST MONTH HE WAS EXPECTED TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE DATES. INSTEAD, HE RETURNED TO WASHINGTON WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CHINESE CRITICISM OF AMERICA'S DETENTE POLICY TOWARD RUSSIA, PEKING'S ARCH FOE.

DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES LED WASHINGTON TO BELIEVE TWO WEEKS AGO THAT THE VISIT WAS WRAPPED UP AND THE WHITE HOUSE ORDERED AN ADVANCE PLANNING PARTY TO LEAVE FOR THE CHINESE CAPITAL NOV. 3.

BUT FINAL PEKING AGREEMENT ON DATES DID NOT COME; THE ADVANCE PARTY WAS ABOARD ITS AIR FORCE JET PLANE AT ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE OUTSIDE WASHINGTON WHEN ORDERS CAME FOR THE MEMBERS TO RETURN TO THEIR OFFICES.

KISSINGER WENT BACK TO WORK ON PEKING AND FINAL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED THIS WEEK, THE SOURCES SAID.

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TOKYO (AP) -- CHINA'S 78-YEAR-OLD PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI IS CONFINED TO A HOSPITAL BED AND HIS CONDITION APPEARS TO HAVE WORSENERED, PEKING OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY TOLD A JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WHO VISITED CHINA RECENTLY.

CHOU WAS STRICKEN IN MAY 1974 WITH A HEART AILMENT BUT RECOVERED SUFFICIENTLY TO RECEIVE FOREIGN GUESTS OF STATE AT HIS PEKING HOSPITAL UNTIL SEPTEMBER. BUT MANY OF HIS OFFICIAL DUTIES HAVE BEEN ASSUMED BY FIRST VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING.

AN INFORMED SOURCE DECLINED TO IDENTIFY THE JAPANESE OFFICIAL, BUT TOSHIO KOMOTO, MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY, WAS THE LAST GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL TO VISIT CHINA.

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WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS SAID FORD ALSO HAS MADE A DECISION ON WHETHER TO INCLUDE OTHER COUNTRIES ON HIS JOURNEY INTO ASIA. THEY DID NOT SAY WHAT HIS DECISION WAS.

DIPLOMATIC SOURCES HAVE SAID THE PRESIDENT WAS CONSIDERING STOPPING IN INDONESIA AND THE PHILIPPINES.

FORD WAS EXPECTED TO DEPART SHORTLY AFTER THANKSGIVING DAY, NOV.

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ACCORDING TO ADMINISTRATION SOURCES, KISSINGER WON ASSURANCE DURING HIS PEKING VISIT OF ONE VITAL REQUIREMENT FOR A FORD VISIT -- THAT CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG WOULD PERSONALLY GREET THE PRESIDENT. OTHERWISE, THE SOURCES SAID, FORD WOULD NOT PLAN THE JOURNEY.

ACCORDING TO THE DIPLOMATIC SOURCES, THE FORD VISIT TO PEKING WILL LAST FOUR DAYS. ORIGINALLY IT HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO RUN SIX DAYS. THE SOURCES SAID TAKING OFF TWO DAYS FOR VISITS TO OTHER COUNTRIES WAS DESIGNED AS A DIPLOMATIC METHOD OF SHOWING THE CHINESE THAT WASHINGTON DID NOT APPRECIATE PEKING'S WORDS ON AMERICAN POLICY TOWARD RUSSIA.

DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID THEY EXPECTED NO DRAMATIC AGREEMENTS OR NEGOTIATIONS TO TAKE PLACE IN THE VISIT.

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CHINA-FORD

TOKYO (AP) -- CHINA, INDICATING THE LINE IT WILL TAKE WHEN PRESIDENT FORD VISITS PEKING NEXT WEEK, SAID TODAY THAT DETENTE IN KREMLIN TERMS MEANS "OTHERS SHOULD HAND OVER TO THE SOVIET SOCIAL-IMPERIALISTS WHAT THEY DEMAND."

CHINESE OFFICIALS LECTURED SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER ON WHAT THEY SEE AS THE DANGERS OF DETENTE WITH MOSCOW WHEN HE VISITED PEKING RECENTLY TO PREPARE FOR FORD'S

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,32 -&3,:6, WHICH SAID SOVIET LEADERS ARE CLAIMING SMUGLY THAT THE SOVIET BLOC'S INTERNATIONAL POSITION HAS STRENGTHENED WHILE THE U.S. POSITION HAS WEAKENED.

IT ADDED: "THE MORE ALLURINGLY THEY SING THE LULLABY OF DISARMAMENT AND DETENTE IN PUBLIC, THE MORE ENERGETICALLY THEY EXPAND ARMS IN SECRET.

"WHEN THE SOVIET UNION WAS OUTDONE BY THE UNITED STATES IN MILITARY STRENGTH, THEY SAID THAT PEACE WOULD BE ENSURED ONLY WITH EQUAL SECURITY FOR BOTH SIDES. HENCE, THE SOVIET UNION IS 'JUSTIFIED' IN EXPANDING ARMAMENTS.

"AND NOW WHEN THEIR MILITARY STRENGTH IS CLOSE TO, OR HAS EXCEEDED IN SOME ASPECTS, THAT OF THE OTHER SUPERPOWER, THEY FEVERISHLY ADVERTISE THAT ONLY WHEN THEY POSSESS SUPERIORITY CAN DETENTE BE PRESERVED," HSINHUA SAID.

AMID CHINESE CONCERN OVER THOUSANDS OF SOVIET TROOPS ARRAYED ALONG THEIR BORDER, HSINHUA SAID THAT TO MOSCOW, DETENTE MEANS "THAT THE SOVIET SOCIAL-IMPERIALISTS ARE FREE TO RUN AMOK

LL OVER THE WORLD WITH IMPUNITY. IT MEANS THAT THE WEST SHOULD WILLINGLY PROVIDE THEM WITH MONEY, TECHNOLOGY AND GRAIN TO AUGMENT THEIR CAPABILITY IN THEIR QUEST FOR WORLD DOMINATION."

ACCORDING TO THE SOVIET LEADERS' "WISHFUL" CALCULATIONS, HSINHUA SAID, DETENTE WILL RELAX VIGILANCE IN THE WEST, THE SOVIET UNION WILL GAIN AN OVERWHELMING SUPREMACY IN ARMED FORCES, "THE NEW CZARS WILL EVENTUALLY OVERCOME ITS RIVAL AND LORD IT OVER THE WORLD. CONSEQUENTLY, A 'LASTING PEACE' WILL BE BROUGHT ABOUT."

HSINHUA SAID: "THE SOVIET SOCIAL-IMPERIALISTS DECLARED THAT THE DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES OF THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY AND GOVERNMENT HAVE THE CHARACTERISTIC OF LAUNCHING AN EXTENSIVE GENERAL OFFENSIVE IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD AND THAT AN OUTBREAK OF MILITARY CONFLICTS CANNOT BE EXCLUDED."

IT ASKED: "IS THERE NO NEED FOR MORE VIGILANCE AGAINST PLOTS BEING HATCHED BY THE NEW CZARS?-"

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(CHINESE AND RUSSIAN SUMMITS)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- ALL SIGNALS ARE GO FOR PRESIDENT FORD'S TRIP TO CHINA AT THE END OF THE MONTH, A WHITE HOUSE AIDE INDICATED TODAY.

AN ADVANCE TEAM WAS EXPECTED TO DEPART FOR PEKING THIS WEEK. THE TEAM WAS ON THE PLANE AND ALL SET TO GO LAST MONDAY WHEN THE TRIP WAS SUDDENLY CANCELLED.

THE PLANNING HIT A SNAG AFTER HENRY KISSINGER RETURNED FROM HIS ADVANCE JOURNEY TO PEKING WHICH WAS MARKED BY A NEW COOLNESS TOWARD THE U.S. BECAUSE OF ITS FOREIGN POLICY EMPHASIS ON DETENTE WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD SUGGESTED SUNDAY THAT A SUMMIT MEETING WITH SOVIET LEADER LEONID BREZHNEV MAY BE PUSHED BACK TO 1976 BECAUSE SALT II DISARMAMENT TALKS ARE GOING SLOWLY.

"THE TIMETABLE DOESN'T LOOK ENCOURAGING FOR 1975," FORD SAID ON NBC-TV'S MEET THE PRESS.

"THERE IS FAR LESS LIKELIHOOD THAT WE WILL HAVE A SUMMIT MEETING THIS YEAR," THE PRESIDENT SAID.

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FORD-TRAVEL (TOPS N49)

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China Trip

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- DIFFERENCES STILL REMAIN BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND PEKING ON PRESIDENT FORD'S PROPOSED TRIP TO CHINA, THE WHITE HOUSE REPORTED THURSDAY.

"A NUMBER OF TECHNICAL MATTERS REMAIN TO BE AGREED UPON," PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN SAID AT A BRIEFING.

ADMINISTRATION SOURCES SAID THAT AMONG THE UNSETTLED DETAILS ARE THE DATES OF FORD'S VISIT, WHICH HAD BEEN EXPECTED AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

THE FAILURE TO FIX DATES AND POSTPONEMENT OF THE DEPARTURE TO PEKING OF THE WHITE HOUSE ADVANCE PLANNING GROUP UNDERLINED DIPLOMATIC REPORTS OF SINO-AMERICAN SQUABBLING OVER THE VISIT.

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(CHINA TRIP)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- THERE ARE NO HITCHES IN PRESIDENT FORD'S FORTHCOMING TRIP TO CHINA, SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER TOLD CONGRESS TODAY.

IN TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE, KISSINGER PLAYED DOWN CONCERN ABOUT REPORTS THE VISIT HAD BEEN SHORTENED TO FOUR DAYS.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO ASKED KISSINGER ABOUT REPORTS A WHITE HOUSE ADVANCE TEAM HAD NOT LEFT YET FOR PEKING TO PREPARE FOR FORD'S VISIT THERE, WHICH GENERALLY HAD BEEN EXPECTED LATER THIS MONTH.

KISSINGER SAID THAT A NUMBER OF DETAILS, INCLUDING WHEN THE ADVANCE TEAM SHOULD ARRIVE IN PEKING, REMAINED TO BE WORKED OUT. BUT HE SAID "WE DO NOT THINK THERE ARE ANY SUBSTANTIAL HITCHES" IN FORD'S PLANS TO VISIT CHINA.

KISSINGER SAID CONSIDERATION OF SHORTENING THE CHINA VISIT FROM SIX TO FOUR DAYS "IS GEARED TO THE JUDGMENT OF WHETHER THE PRESIDENT SHOULD MAKE OTHER SYMBOLIC VISITS ELSEWHERE."

"THE WORKING PART OF THE VISIT IS NOT AFFECTED BY THE CHANGES," KISSINGER SAID.

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SPOKESMAN SAID MORE THAN 10 ISRAELIS WERE KILLED AND ABOUT 50 WOUNDED
I THE "HEROIC AND COURAGEOUS OPERATION".

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ADD 2 CHINA TRIP, WASHINGTON

LATER, PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN SAID THE
ADMINISTRATION ASSUMES FORD WILL CONFER WITH COMMUNIST PARTY CHAIRMAN
MAO TSE-TUNG, BUT THE CHINESE MADE NO FIRM PLEDGE IN ADVANCE.

"WE TAKE THIS VISIT SERIOUSLY AND BELIEVE THE CHINESE DO ALSO," HE
SAID. "WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THE PRESIDENT WILL BE RECEIVED
WITH COURTESY AND WITH APPROPRIATE PROTOCOL. NATURALLY, WE ASSUME
THIS WOULD INCLUDE THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS."

WHEN PRESSED ON THE PROSPECTS FOR A MEETING WITH MAO, NESSEN
REPEATED IT IS "ASSUMED" IT WILL HAPPEN BUT SAID "IT'S NOT A NORMAL
DIPLOMATIC ENDEAVOR TO DEMAND THAT YOUR HOSTS SIGN SOME KIND OF
PROMISE IN ADVANCE."

NESSEN SAID THE AGENDA FOR TALKS AND DAY-TO-DAY SCHEDULE FOR THE
PRESIDENT'S VISIT STILL ARE OPEN, PARTLY BECAUSE A WHITE HOUSE
ADVANCE TEAM THAT WILL PREPARE THE VISIT STILL HAS NOT LEFT FOR
CHINA.

ASKED WHY THE PRESIDENT IS GOING ONLY TO PEKING AND STAYING ONLY
FOUR DAYS RATHER THAN SIX, AS ONCE PLANNED, NESSEN SAID:

"THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA AGREED THIS WOULD BE A LARGELY
WORKING VISIT AND SO THERE WAS A FEELING THAT THERE WOULD BE NO NEED
EITHER FOR A LONGER STAY OR FOR TRAVELS OUTSIDE OF PEKING," HE SAID.

"FOUR DAYS CONCENTRATED IN PEKING ARE AMPLE TIME FOR SUBSTANTIVE
DISCUSSIONS."

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(CHINA TRIP)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD WILL VISIT CHINA FOR SIX OR SEVEN DAYS IN MID-NOVEMBER AND THEN VISIT SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES ON HIS WAY HOME, THE WASHINGTON STAR REPORTED TODAY.

WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN BILL ROBERTS IMMEDIATELY DENIED THE REPORT, SAYING NO DECISION ON THE TIMETABLE HAS BEEN MADE.

"THERE'S NOTHING SET," ROBERTS SAID. "THERE ARE TOO MANY IMPONDERABLES. BUT THE PRESIDENT STILL HOPES, OF COURSE, TO VISIT CHINA IN 1975."

OTHER WHITE HOUSE SOURCES SAID THAT IF THE TRIP CAN STILL BE ARRANGED FOR THIS YEAR, IT WOULD MORE LIKELY COME IN DECEMBER.

THE STAR SAID THE CHINA TRIP AND VISITS TO OTHER UNNAMED COUNTRIES "MIGHT BE THE SAME KIND OF ESSENTIALLY SOCIAL CALLS THAT FORD MADE TO THREE EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES SIX WEEKS AGO. NEGOTIATIONS ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES COULD BE AVOIDED."

RICHARD NIXON, WHO VISITED CHINA IN FEBRUARY, 1972, FOLLOWING THE REOPENING OF RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST COUNTRY, WAS THE ONLY PRESIDENT TO VISIT CHINA WHILE IN OFFICE.

THE STAR SAID THE EXACT TIMETABLE FOR FORD'S CHINA TRIP IN NOVEMBER IS BEING NEGOTIATED WITH PEKING.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WITH THE PLANNING WHEN IT BECAME OBVIOUS THAT THE ORIGINAL PLAN TO VISIT CHINA AFTER SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY CHIEF LEONID BREZHNEV HAD COME TO THE UNITED STATES WAS BREAKING DOWN, THE STAR SAID.

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FORD-PRESS (TOPS N24)

EDITORS: THIS SHOWS NESSEN'S COMMENT ABOUT RATS LEAVING A SINKING SHIP WAS IN APPARENT JEST AND THAT NESSEN OFTEN SPEAKS WITH REPORTERS IN SARCASTIC, JESTING TONES.

WASHINGTON (AP) -- AT THE START OF 1976, WITH HIS FIRST NATIONAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN ENTERING FULL SWING, PRESIDENT FORD WILL FACE THE DEPARTURE OF SEVERAL KEY MEMBERS OF HIS TROUBLED PRESS STAFF.

ALSO LOOKING FOR ANOTHER JOB IS FORD'S MOST EXPERIENCED PRESS ADVANCE MAN, WHO IS WEIGHING AN OFFER FROM OUTSIDE GOVERNMENT.

ONE WHITE HOUSE AIDE SAID THERE IS INCREASING FRUSTRATION AMONG PRESSMEN WHO WERE ACCUSTOMED TO A MORE EFFICIENT ORGANIZATION OF RICHARD NIXON.

RON NESSEN, THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS SECRETARY, REFERRED TO IMPENDING DEPARTURES FROM HIS CREW WHEN HE TOLD REPORTERS IN APPARENT JEST DURING FORD'S ASIAN TRIP, "THE RATS ARE LEAVING THE SINKING SHIP."
NESSEN OFTEN SPEAKS WITH REPORTERS IN SARCASTIC, JESTING TONES.

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(FIRST FAMILY)
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HE WHITE HOUSE ADVISES THAT IT NEEDS BY 3 P.M., SATURDAY A LIST OF ALL PRESS PERSONNEL WHO WILL ACCOMPANY THE PRESIDENT TO CHINA. EACH NAME SHOULD BE FOLLOWED BY PASSPORT NUMBER, DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH AND DESCRIPTION OF HIS FUNCTION ON THE TRIP. ALSO NEEDED ARE TWO PASSPORT SIZED COLOR PICTURES, SIGNED IN INK ON THE BACK.

IN ADDITION, AN INVENTORY MUST BE SUPPLIED OF EACH PIECE OF EQUIPMENT TAKEN TO HINA, LISTING MANUFACTURER'S NAME, SERIAL NUMBER OF ITEM, WEIGHT, SIZE AND FUNCTION. THE SAME DEADLINE APPLIES.

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