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5. Can you confirm the Washington Post report that says the U.S. has voted against IMF loans for oil producing countries?

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Guidance: Beyond simply pointing out that the Washington Post report is ~~HAISOME~~ inaccurate including the statement in that report that the U.S. voted 'no' on loans for Nigeria when we in fact abstained on that vote, I would suggest you take your questions to the ~~Treasury Department~~ ^{Treasury or State Dept} which has primary responsibility in this area. *See a statement*

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3. Do you have any comment on action by the EC yesterday creating an IMF lending facility? Doesn't this conflict with the Kissinger plan for a \$25 billion separate fund?

Guidance: Refer to State. *Will have a statement, saying there is no conflict*

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FYI: The EC action is not necessarily in conflict with U.S. plans in that our thinking has envisioned a multitrack approach including lending facilities for the oil consuming countries alone as well as other facilities through the IMF and the developing countries.

End FYI.