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THE WHITE HOUSE

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WASHINGTON

August 22, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT:

Information Items

Comments on Your Speech: A Soviet news agency account of your speech Tuesday highlighted your positive remarks about detente, played down your references to U.S. defense preparedness and increased expenditures if a new SALT agreement is not forthcoming, and otherwise avoided sober aspects of the speech.

In a brief summary of the speech on Wednesday, TASS led with your observation that detente means a moving away from continual crisis and dangerous antagonism which has characterized relations with the Soviet Union, and repeated your recitation of agreements reached to date. TASS said that you had praise for your meeting with Brezhnev in Helsinki and Vladivostok and that you had described relations with the USSR as mutually advantageous. TASS noted tersely and without elaboration that you "urged that the military might of the U.S. be strengthened and that its military budget be increased." On Portugal, TASS quoted you to the effect that it involved a "clash between ideologies" which "must be given the opportunity to find a solution in an atmosphere free of outside pressure." It omitted any hint that you viewed Portugal as a test of detente and the CSCE accords.

CIA views this initial anodyne treatment of your speech as tailored to correspond closely to the current Soviet public line on detente, arms control, summitry, and Portugal. Moscow will weigh your remarks carefully before deciding whether accurately to convey their full message to the Soviet people. In the past, Moscow has been reluctant to attribute to you unwelcome views and policies or to criticize you directly on contentious issues. It has preferred to vent its displeasure in public on the secretary of defense. The Soviet leadership may also, in this case, be reluctant to publicize your words of warning to Moscow lest any moves to meet U.S. concerns be interpreted as bowing to U.S. pressure, or at a minimum raise questions about the direction of detente.

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Continued Resistance in South Vietnam and Arrest of Americans in Saigon: [redacted], resistance to the new communist government in South Vietnam is continuing. On August 17, PRG authorities imposed a 24-hour curfew in the Bien Hoa region near Saigon following fighting between PRG and unidentified elements. Sporadic fighting is also reported along Highway 21 to Dalat, and the PRG has offered a 20-million piaster reward for the death of "General Phong," who may be leading this resistance. [redacted] some Americans have been arrested in Saigon. In early August, 52 Americans who surrendered to PRG authorities in Saigon claiming to be deserters were later arrested and are being held incommunicado. An American who claimed to be a colonel in the U.S. armed forces was arrested in Hatien (a small town in the delta) in mid-June. According to one refugee, a PRG official said they will be held as bargaining pawns for future negotiations with the U.S. as will other Americans being held in Hanoi.

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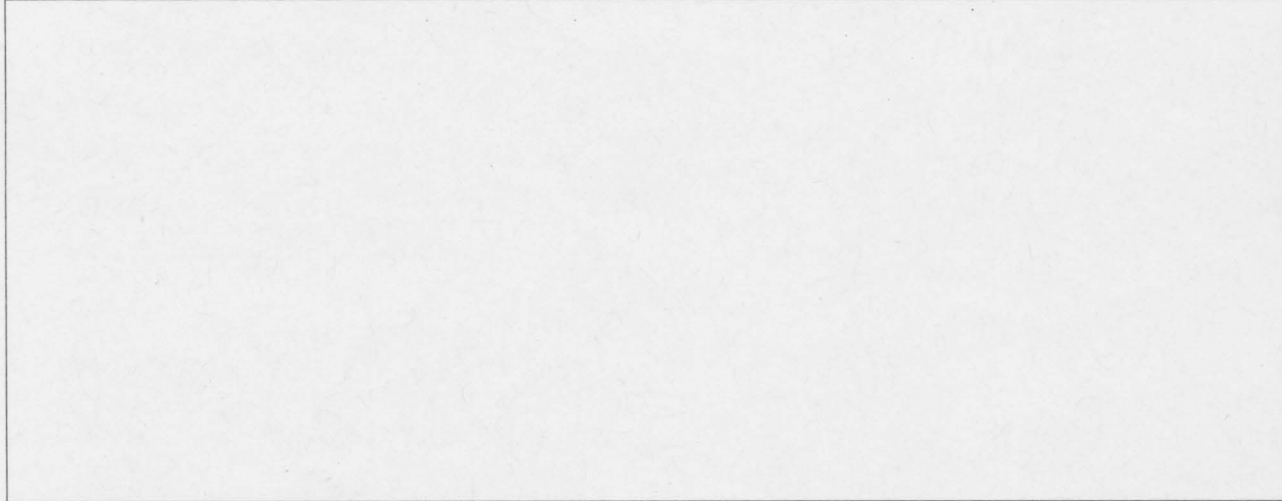
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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: The Situation Room

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SUBJECT: Information Items



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Pakistan and South Asian Situation: The Pakistanis are working overtime to develop support for the new Bangladesh government, perceiving the first real chance in three years to cultivate a pro-Pakistani environment in Dacca and diluting India's traditional influence. Early signs included Pakistan's speedy recognition of the new regime, exaggerated accounts of gifts of humanitarian relief supplies, and public and private messages of support from Bhutto. The Paks have also embarked on a diplomatic campaign to encourage outside -- and particularly Muslim world -- "recognition" of the new government. These efforts have intensified despite Islamabad's evident chagrin that, contrary to their hope, Bangladesh has not been named an "Islamic" republic (the Paks moved so quickly that their recognition statement was wrong) and that Dacca has begun making statements more favorable to India.

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[redacted] However, both Mrs. Gandhi and Swaran Singh told Ambassador Saxbe Wednesday night that Indian troops in the area were not only not being augmented but were being "thinned out." Finally, [redacted]

[redacted] Foreign Secretary Agha Shahi and possibly Bhutto as well have gone [redacted] to China in the last two days. (It is probably more likely that Agha Shahi alone has gone, since any subsequent reports of a Bhutto visit would be seen by India as a clear provocation). Such a development would not be surprising for the purpose of urging China to recognize Bangladesh and the hope of further consolidating Pakistan's -- rather than India's -- friends behind Dacca at an early stage.

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Given Pakistan's real interest in a Bangladesh friendly to it and in discrediting India's intentions (the "threat" of invasion) to the extent possible, we can probably expect similar pressures from Islamabad on a whole range of issues, including arms, security commitments, and the U.S. relationship with the new Bangladesh government. The Pakistani DCM told us that Ambassador Yaqub-Khan would be returning to Washington this weekend, following consultations in Pakistan, and would be carrying an "urgent" letter for the President. (Niehuss)

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Reported Agreement to Train Egyptian Pilots in Saudi Arabian F-5 Aircraft: [redacted]

[redacted] there is an agreement between Saudi Arabia and Egypt by which a small number of Egyptian air force pilots will be trained to fly the Northrop F-5 in Saudi Arabia. [redacted] the Egyptians wanted to have some of their pilots checked out on U.S. aircraft and believe that training on the F-5 would be a useful intermediary step toward eventual Egyptian acquisition of some other more advanced high-performance American aircraft. [redacted]

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[redacted] prior to concluding the training arrangement with Saudi Arabia, the Iranians offered their own training facilities for this purpose; but the Saudis felt they should be given preference, especially in view of the precedent established by their previous training of Egyptian pilots on [redacted] aircraft two years ago.

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This current report of a specific Egyptian interest in training on F-5s [redacted]

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Large Demonstrations Planned for August 23 in Vientiane:

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the Pathet Lao (PL) have completed their plans for the celebration of the total "liberation" of Vientiane and have issued orders to cadre regarding the festivities, which are to begin early Saturday morning. The Pathet Lao expect at least 85,000 demonstrators in Vientiane and hope for 100,000. The celebration is to include parades by PL troops and tanks as well as demonstrators carrying banners and placards damning the old government and the imperialists, including the U.S. Although there is no evidence to indicate any plans to attack U.S. facilities, a large scale demonstration could result in some serious anti-American acts. Approximately 30 official Americans remain in Vientiane. (Stearman/Quinn)

Marcona Talks with Peru Going Badly: Marcona officials and the Peruvian commission appointed to discuss the recent expropriation of the Marcona Mining Company in Peru have been holding talks. While a breakdown has been averted, at least temporarily, company officials are discouraged that the commission is not empowered to negotiate on the general terms of the expropriation or on compensation but only to discuss "clarification" of the expropriation decree. The company therefore questions the intentions of the Peruvian government to conduct meaningful talks. Marcona has been given to understand that its only real recourse will be the Peruvian courts. The Peruvians are, however, interested in working out means to permit sales and shipping from the mines to continue, subjects which Marcona maintains should be part of a more general agreement on the nationalization. Embassy Lima has expressed our concern over the seriousness of the situation and the importance of reaching a negotiated settlement to the Peruvian government. (Brownell)



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Kidnaping of Sears Official in Colombia: Colombian officials now believe that the leftist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) may be responsible for the August 5 kidnaping of Amcit Donald Cooper, a Sears executive, in Bogota. Phone calls and messages from the kidnapers, who are demanding a five million dollar ransom for Cooper's release, indicate the involvement of the same persons as those in the kidnaping of a Dutch honorary consul earlier this year. That kidnaping was attributed to the FARC. The investigation into the identity of the kidnapers is continuing. (Brownell)

Concern Over Guatemalan Intentions re Belize: Our embassy believes the Guatemalans are beginning to think seriously about conducting some kind of limited offensive action in southern Belize if a UNGA resolution which calls for early independence of Belize, or is otherwise unacceptable to Guatemala, should be passed and if Belize remains unwilling to make territorial concessions to Guatemala. While Guatemalan military capabilities are limited, action on Belizean soil could further embitter and complicate the dispute. [REDACTED]

that the Guatemalan military are preparing plans for possible action. Guatemalan concern has been heightened by indications that the British will not discourage this year, as they have in the past, the introduction of a resolution on Belize. Belize has been lobbying hard for international support for its position.

Guatemala has put in an urgent request to us for a letter of offer for the cash purchase of 15,000 M-16 rifles and ammunition -- enough to reequip the Guatemalan army completely. The embassy believes the Guatemalans may be trying to raise U.S. concerns in an effort to get us to pressure the British and Belize to make some concessions to Guatemala. (Brownell)

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