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September 8, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: The Situation Room

SUBJECT: Additional Information Items

Soviets Killing Livestock in Drought Areas: The Soviets reportedly are slaughtering livestock in drought areas. Residents of the northeastern Urals, the southern Volga valley, and Kazakhstan have said that collective farms have been instructed to retain only as many animals as they can feed through the winter from their own forage resources. Reports from these residents are usually negative; even if these recent reports are unduly pessimistic, they show that belt-tightening measures have started. Grain yields in these areas are expected to be the lowest on record or close to it. Forage crops have also been badly hurt, and nationwide output is estimated at about 75 percent of normal. It is too early to forecast how many livestock will be killed. Following the poor harvest of 1963, two percent of the cattle and 42 percent of the swine were slaughtered. In 1972, the impact of the poor grain harvest was softened by large grain imports; cattle herds grew while the number of hogs fell only seven percent. Because of the continuing high priority given to increasing meat production, forced slaughtering this year will be the last resort, and the numbers killed will probably not exceed the 1972 level.

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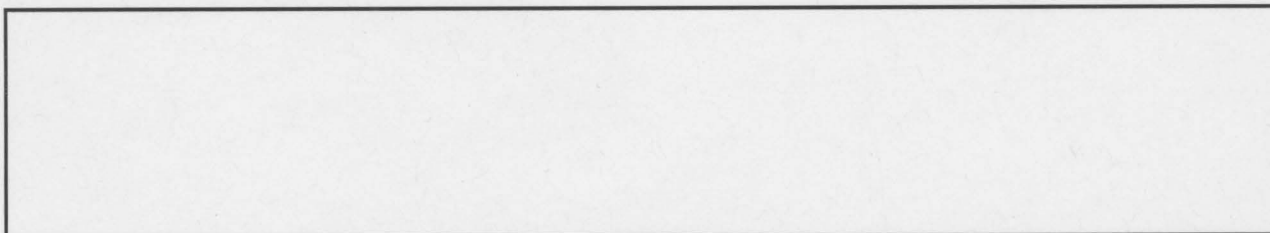
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International Palestinian Terrorist Activity May Resume: The Black September Organization, the covert terrorist arm of Fatah, may be planning to resume its program of international terrorism.

BSO leader Salah Khalaf believes he must eventually break with Yasir Arafat, who is said to be resisting urgings to abandon the passive stance Fatah has taken during the Sinai negotiations. Khalaf indicated he was planning a "palace coup" against Arafat's leadership and that the fall of 1975 would see a resurgence of the BSO in a manner more dramatic than ever before.

Possible Guatemalan Intervention in Belize: The government of Guatemala has set aside \$70,000,000 to finance a possible military action against Belize. According to information provided by a government official, Guatemala is making preparations to intervene in case Belize declares independence on its "National Day" -- September 10. There is no available evidence that Belize intends to become independent soon. Previous reporting has indicated that Belize wants prior defense guarantees from Great Britain or the U.S. Great Britain has made it clear that it will not become more involved in the area. Guatemala does not appear to be as belligerent as it sounds, since it has been working behind the scenes at the UN to try to obtain a "soft" resolution should the question of independence for Belize be raised. The possibility of an attack by Guatemala cannot be wholly discounted, however, because Guatemalan jingoism could lead to a military adventure in defiance of good sense.

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