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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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October 16, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

HENRY A. KISSINGER *HK*

SUBJECT:

Information Item

Return of Vietnamese Repatriates: The Vietnamese vessel departed Guam according to schedule early today with 1546 Vietnamese passengers; 28 others declined repatriation by ship and will reenter the refugee program. Although the final destination for the vessel is not firm, it is presumed that Saigon will be the primary port. Meanwhile, North Vietnamese media reiterated today that authorization to repatriate Vietnamese people is "a matter concerning the sovereignty of Vietnam" and that the U.S. has "made a grave mistake in deliberately organizing the repatriation of forced evacuees" without the Vietnamese government's authorization.

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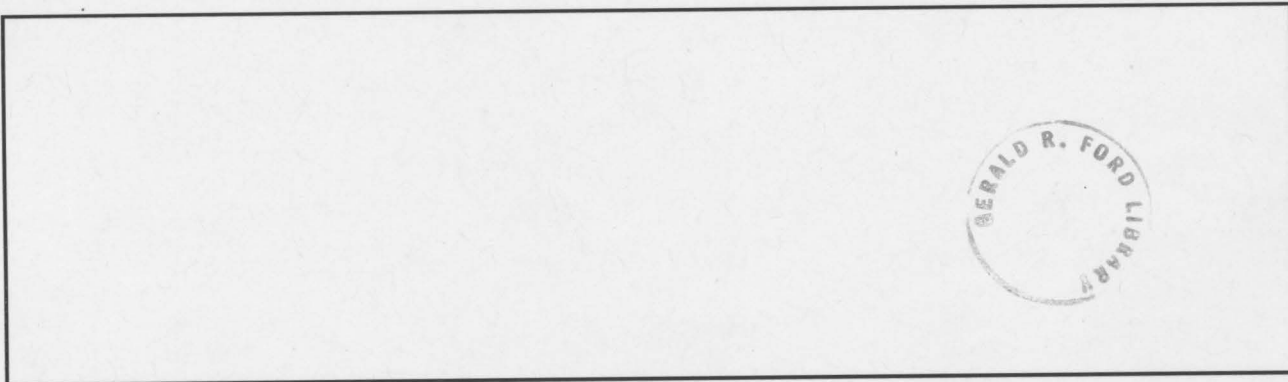
October 16, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: The Situation Room

SUBJECT: Additional Information Items

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Belize Dispute: Guatemalan President Laugerud called in our ambassador on Tuesday for a discussion of Guatemala's rising concerns over the Belize situation. During the discussion, the President and Foreign Minister Molina expressed their displeasure with the "arrogant" attitude assumed by Foreign Secretary Callaghan in his meeting last month with Molina in New York. As a result of that meeting, Laugerud professes to believe that the British intend to make an "imminent" grant of independence to Belize. He reiterated the plea for U.S. mediation of the dispute. As anticipated, the Guatemalans are already aware of and are reacting with exaggerated fear to the recent British reinforcement of military equipment in Belize. Laugerud told Ambassador Meloy that Guatemala had no option but to reinforce its position and that he was stationing additional troops near the border. Our ambassador noted the limited nature of the British reinforcement and cautioned against getting into a situation of escalating reactions by each to the actions and reactions of the other side, such as occurred in 1972.

Meanwhile, the British have indicated to us that Belize's representative in New York has been negotiating with the

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Caribbean nations on a draft UNGA resolution which is significantly stronger than that to which the British had agreed (and which they felt Guatemala could accept). The British reportedly have threatened to withdraw support unless a "satisfactory" resolution can be agreed upon. (Low)

Cuba Offers Havana for UNDP Governing Council Site: Cuba has now officially told all UN permanent missions it is proposing Havana as the site of the 22nd UNDP Governing Council meeting scheduled for June 1976. Cuba also has declared officially its desire to hold the office of president of the council in 1976 and proposed its ambassador to the UN, Ricardo Alarcon, as its candidate for the position. A Latin American candidate is scheduled to hold the post during that time period. (Low)

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