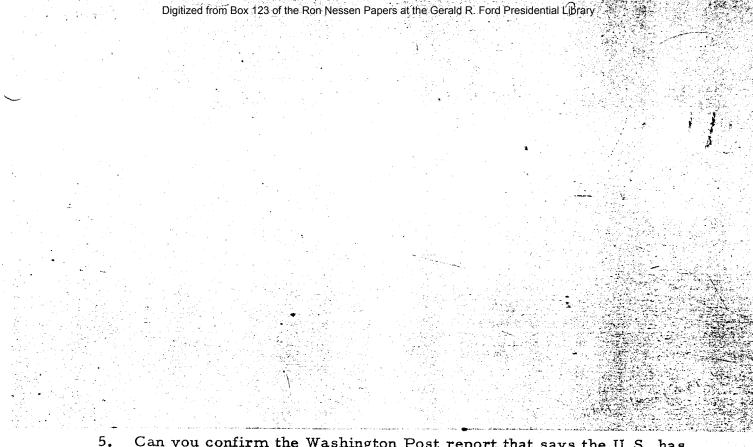
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5. Can you confirm the <u>Washington Post</u> report that says the U.S. has voted against IMF loans for oil producing countries?

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Guidance: Beyond simply pointing out that the Washington Post report i HALSON inaccuracies including the statement in that report that the U.S. voted no on loans for Nigeria when we in fact enstained on that vote. I would suggest you take your questions to the Treasury Department which has primary responsibility in this area. Here 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?

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Guidance: Refer to State. Will have a statement,

FYI: The EC action is not necessarily in conflict with U.S. plans in that our thinking has invisioned 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.

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