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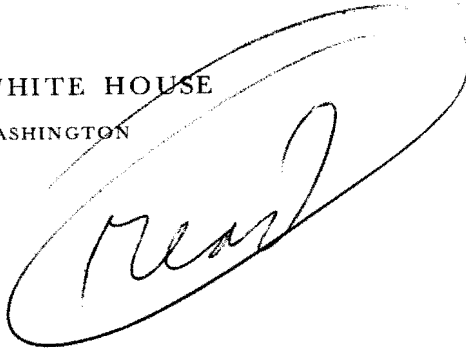
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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



MEMO FOR RON NESSEN

FROM LES JANKA *LJ*

SUBJECT: READOUT ON SIAD MEETING

THE PRESIDENT MET FOR 40 MINUTES THIS AFTERNOON WITH THE PRESIDENT OF SOMALIA, MOHAMED SIAD BARRE, WHO IS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY. THE PRESIDENT TOOK THIS OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO STRENGTHENED AND EXPANDED AMERICAN TIES WITH BLACK AFRICA AND HIS DESIRE FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH SOMALIA. THEY REVIEWED A RANGE OF INTERNATIONAL ISSUES INCLUDING THE MIDDLE EAST AND GENERAL AFRICAN ISSUES. THE PRESIDENT REAFFIRMED AMERICA'S DESIRE FOR MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONS WITH AFRICA AND STEADY AND PEACEFUL PROGRESS TOWARD SELFDETERMINATION IN AFRICA.

Q. DID THEY DISCUSS SOVIET BASES IN SOMALIA?

A. NO

June 12, 1975

OTHER ISSUES

1. You have guidance on the Diego Garcia facilities and on the Soviet presence in Somalia. Despite Somalian denials of a Soviet base (denials they have apparently been making for a long time) the State Department plans to refer to the Schlesinger testimony; I suggest we do the same.

2. Attached is guidance used by the Department of State yesterday in response to questions of alleged U.S. military sales to Egypt. In response to questions, you should refer to State Department remarks of yesterday.

MEETING WITH SOMALI AMBASSADOR

The President will meet at 2:00 p. m. today with Somali Ambassador Addou. The Ambassador requested this meeting with the President to review bilateral relations.

EMPEROR'S VISIT

Q. In light recent assassination attempts on President Ford, have the Japanese requested any additional security measures for the Emperor and Empress of Japan? Have they registered any concern with the United States for more stringent protection?

A. ~~We have received no requests from the Japanese.~~ As in the case of any foreign visits, we have been consulting closely with the Japanese authorities to provide ^{adequate} protection for the Emperor and Empress.

Q. Is the U. S. planning to provide additional security measures on its own?

A. I think it would be unwise to go into details of security arrangements for the Emperor and Empress.