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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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September 12, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT:

Information Items

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EC Commission Concern About U.S.-EC and U.S.-European Relations:  
EC Vice President for External Relations Sir Christopher Soames advised Ambassador Greenwald on September 9 that recent developments in U.S.-EC trade relations -- especially with regard to automobile anti-dumping and canned ham countervailing duty -- have the potential to cause a serious deterioration in U.S.-

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European relations and to kill the multilateral trade negotiations. According to Soames, a slower economic recovery than expected on both sides of the Atlantic with continuing unemployment, a "flood" of cases involving restrictive trade measures, and a "feeling" that the U.S. attitude toward constructive cooperation and negotiations is changing toward a hard uncompromising line are important causes for concern. He said that the EC's forthcoming attitude in the cheese case had not been taken by the U.S. as a contribution to U.S.-EC cooperation but as an example of how the U.S. had to be tough in dealing with the Community. To document the change in U.S. attitudes, Soames cited a recent interview given by Senior Trade Representative Deputy Yeutter in the U.S. magazine Feedstuffs. He noted that the tone of the interview contrasted with that of his meeting with you in May. Ambassador Greenwald assured Soames that there had been no reversal of U.S. trade policy and that cases under consideration were being pursued in accordance with U.S. law, processes over which the administration had little control. He observed that no restrictive actions had been taken, but noted that protectionist pressures exist on both sides of the Atlantic -- pointing out precautionary surveillance measures by the EC countries on items like textiles and paper products that cause concern in U.S. trade circles. In conclusion, Soames asked that the administration act promptly to ensure that the automobile and canned ham cases are disposed of quickly without restrictive action. He also urged a top-level restatement of U.S. determination to avoid restrictive trade measures and to participate constructively in the trade negotiations.

UN Special Session -- First Week's General Debate Statements:  
 According to an analysis from our mission in New York, the basic thrust of general debate statements during the first week of the Seventh Special Session has been cooperation to achieve concrete and positive results. The strident tone which characterized earlier debates is missing, and there is a constant repetition of the need for urgent and practical measures. In contrast to most statements by industrialized countries, the U.S. statement comes through as promising something real and tangible. Differences within the Group of Seventy Seven (G-77) are quietly manifest but the emphasis is still on solidarity. Chinese and Soviet bloc statements are seen as fundamentally irrelevant to the purposes of this session. There are still serious substantive differences between the G-77 and the developed countries as well as different perceptions of the role of the UN system, but the general atmosphere is much improved from last year and indicates the possibility of some form of consensus.

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(1) Guatemalan Attack on Belize: The Laugerud government in Guatemala is assuming a more threatening attitude toward Belize in the light of possible UN action in support of Belize's desire for independence. [REDACTED]

(1) (1) [REDACTED] The Guatemalan government is also mounting a press campaign to prepare the people for the possibility of military action. Laugerud may have already made the decision to move against Belize if a UN resolution on the issue jeopardizing Guatemala's claims should be passed or if Prime Minister Price should declare Belize's independence without reaching a prior agreement with Guatemala. [REDACTED]



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