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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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November 5, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

HENRY A. KISSINGER *B*

SUBJECT:

Information Items

Additional Foreign Reaction to Your Personnel Changes: Japanese correspondents in Peking said Chinese officials there were more concerned about my replacement as presidential advisor on national security than by the transfer of George Bush to head CIA. On the other hand, an unidentified commentator in Taipei remarked that Bush's transfer pointed up that he had nothing to do in Peking and that you need him at home to assist in the election campaign. The commentator viewed the removal of Secretary Schlesinger as a reply to Peking's displeasure over your detente policy. Another Japanese report from Peking stated that Teng Hsiao-ping and other Chinese leaders seem relieved that you retained me as your secretary of state. The report added that the Chinese will watch developments in Washington to determine if Schlesinger's dismissal will lead to any adjustment in our policy toward Korea. Elsewhere in Asia, Radio Hanoi said that the shakeup did not reflect any major change in "the political line of U.S. monopolist capitalism and U.S. imperialism." In Japan, a Tokyo daily reports that the government believes the partial reshuffle of U.S. government leaders may affect U.S.-Korean policy but it will not result in any change in Japan-U.S. relations in the immediate future. In connection with the replacement of Schlesinger as defense secretary, foreign ministry sources take the view that it was the result of reported antagonism between him and me over U.S.-Soviet talks on SALT.

A Washington-based correspondent for an Israeli news service described Donald Rumsfeld as "a very ambitious man" but one with no "desire to stand up or profess a dissenting view." Noting that Secretary Schlesinger's views on detente and the SAL agreement were considerably "tougher" than mine, the correspondent added that Schlesinger was thought to be in basic disagreement with my approaches to a number of international problems, including the Sinai interim agree-

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ments. In a closing remark, not further explained, the reporter said the most significant change for Israel is the introduction of Donald Rumsfeld as secretary of defense.

Radio Moscow reported the changes and followed with comments from Newsweek, The Washington Post, and UPI and brief biographic sketches. There was no further analyses.



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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: The Situation Room

SUBJECT: Additional Information Items



Belize: Danger of Military Conflict Between Guatemala and UN Increases: A resolution on Belize cosponsored by the British is rapidly moving through the UN. The resolution calls for self-determination and independence for Belize and the inviolability of its territorial integrity. Guatemalans believe that such a resolution would undercut their claim to part or all of Belize and that its passage would be a humiliating defeat for them. According to our embassy, if the resolution is passed, the Guatemalans are likely to seek military action, even if it is doomed to failure, as the only alternative which would allow them to maintain their self-respect and salvage their claim. Over the weekend, the Guatemalans reinforced their border troops with a new company and ten armored personal carriers. The British also reinforced their Belize garrison by 500 men and six aircraft. The UN resolution could come up in committee next week and reach the plenary by the 20th. State is working on encouraging a compromise resolution in the committee which would call for submission of the dispute to the ICJ, hitherto opposed by the British, and a message to Callahan suggesting reconsideration of resort to the ICJ and a public announcement, worked out

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with the Guatemalans, that negotiations between the two would begin again shortly. (Low)



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