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SCOWCROFT, MCFARLANE

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TO: JON HOWE FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER.

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NOVEMBER 11, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: MORNING INFORMATION ITEMS

MIDDLE EAST

A CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED AT ABOUT 1600 HOURS MIDDLE EAST TIME (0900 EST) TODAY AT KILO-METER 101 ON THE CAIRO-SUEZ ROAD. THE SIGNERS WERE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF AHARON YARIV FOR THE ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES AND CHIEF OF OPERATIONS ISMAIL JAMSI FOR THE EGYPTIAN ARMY. AN EGYPTIAN SPOKESMAN IN CAIRO IMPLIED THAT THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE TO DISENTANGLE OPPOSING MILITARY FORCES WEST OF THE CANAL" AND RETURN THEM TO THE POSITIONS OF 22 OCTOBER," AND TO SECURE EGYPTIAN ROAD COMMUNICATIONS TO SUEZ CITY AND THE EAST BANK. HE SIDESTEPED A QUESTION ON THE BAB

***** WHSR COMMENTS *****

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AL-MANDAB ISSUE. ALTHOUGH THE MILITARY SITUATION HAS GENERALLY REMAINED QUIET, REPORTS OF CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS CONTINUED TO BE RECEIVED UP TO A FEW HOURS BEFORE THE SIGNING OF THE SIX-POINT ACCORDS. THE VIOLATIONS CONSISTED OF ARTILLERY AND SMALL ARMS EXCHANGES IN AREAS ALONG THE CANAL, BUT FIRING SEEMS TO HAVE ENDED BY EARLY SUNDAY AFTERNOON. ISRAELI AIRCRAFT CONDUCTED RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS OVER BOTH FRONTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY. THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF SAM FIRINGS OR REACTIONS BY SYRIAN AND EGYPTIAN AIRCRAFT.

FOR THE FIFTH CONSECUTIVE DAY NO FLIGHTS OF SOVIET AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATED WITH THE ARMS RESUPPLY EFFORTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE AND, AS OF 1230 EST, NONE ARE SCHEDULED.

AS OF 1300 HOURS EST TODAY MOSCOW HAD NOT YET ACKNOWLEDGED THE SIGNING OF THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT. THE SOVIETS DELAYED PUBLICIZING THE CONTENTS OF THE DRAFT ACCORD FOR SOME 24 HOURS AND WHEN THEY FINALLY DID ANNOUNCE IT ON SATURDAY THERE WAS A SIGN OF SOME CONFUSION ON THE PART OF THE OFFICIAL SOVIET NEWS AGENCY TASS.

TASS OMITTS THE PASSAGE STIPULATING THAT CONSIDERATION OF A RETURN TO THE OCTOBER 22 LINES IS TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE FRAMEWORK OF AN OVERALL AGREEMENT ON THE DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES.

SOVIET MEDIA CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONLY SCANT COVERAGE OF CURRENT DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. TASS DID, HOWEVER, PUBLISH EXTENSIVE QUOTES YESTERDAY FROM SENATOR FULBRIGHT'S SPEECH ON US FOREIGN POLICY BEFORE THE US SENATE ON FRIDAY. IN PARTICULAR, TASS NOTED FULBRIGHT'S CALL FOR A COMPROMISE PEACE SETTLEMENT FOR THE MIDDLE EAST ARRANGED BY AND GUARANTEED BY THE US AND THE SOVIET UNION WORKING THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS.

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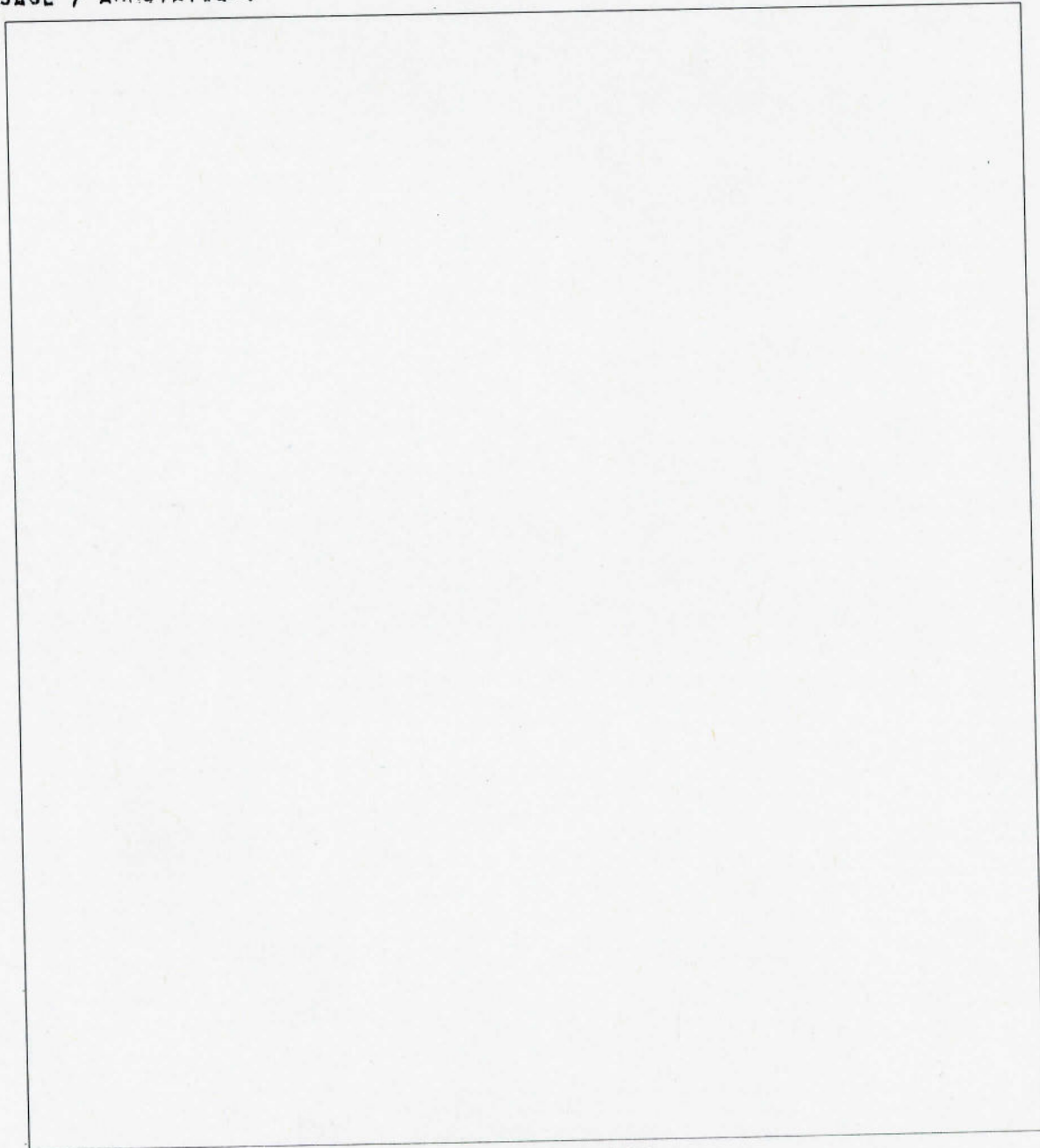
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TOWARD THE PROPOSAL.

VENEZUELA WILL HOLD ON OIL:

PRESIDENT CALDERA STATED AT A NEWS CONFERENCE ON THURSDAY THAT VENEZUELA WILL NOT REDUCE PETROLEUM PRODUCTION DURING THE CURRENT OIL CRISIS. THE PRESIDENT REJECTED A SUGGESTION BY FORMER HYDROCARBONS MINISTER THAT OIL PRODUCTION BE CUT BY HALF IN ORDER TO CONSERVE THE NATION'S RESERVES. CALDER'S STATEMENT CAPS OTHER EVIDENCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL RESIST PRESSURES FOR CUTBACKS IN PRODUCTION, JUST AS IT HAS REJECTED SUGGESTIONS THAT IT INCREASE OUTPUT.

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