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MEMORANDUM FOR ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI

FROM: The Situation Room

SUBJECT: Evening Notes

Olympic Participation Update: Von Staden was personally instructed by Chancellor Schmidt to convey the following German preferences on the boycott issue to Embassy Bonn today. Both the chancellor and foreign minister are determined to resist any move to change the decision of the German Olympic Committee supporting a boycott and both officials ask that they be allowed to handle this matter if it develops in their own way. Schmidt stressed that it would be counterproductive for Washington to pressure the German Olympic officials. (C)

Schmidt feels our best chance for success lies with Great Britain. Genscher has already suggested to Mrs. Thatcher through Lord Carrington that it would be very useful if she met with the British Olympic Committee. The chancellor feels that one major problem in the UK was that Prince Philip voted for sending a team to Moscow. As for Japan, this morning the foreign minister urged Okita to adopt a pro-boycott position. Schmidt feels it would be a good idea for Washington to talk to Ohira, Miki, and Fukuda about the Japanese decision. (C)

Because of U.S. criticism of Giscard's meeting with Brezhnev and Francois-Poncet's response, Schmidt advises Washington to hold off from further approaches to France. The chancellor spoke with Giscard yesterday and is doing everything he can to influence a reversal of the French Olympic Committee decision. Embassy Paris was informed that the committee will send an acceptance letter for the games on May 24 although the government is working behind the scenes to delay this transmission. (C)

Weizman on the Brink of Resignation: Ezer Weizman informed Embassy Tel Aviv this afternoon that he is 95 percent certain he would resign after Sunday's cabinet meeting. The defense minister stated that unless the cabinet backs him 100 percent in his dispute with Hurwitz, he would no longer remain in the government. He

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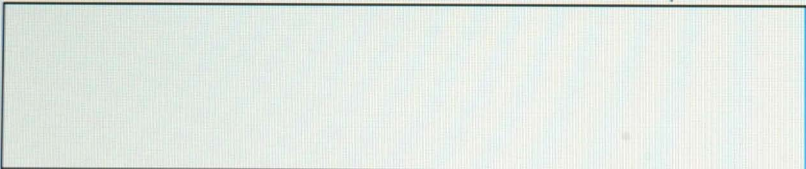
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insists he will accept no compromise. Ambassador Lewis comments that the odds are strong that Weizman's government role will end dramatically on Sunday -- his resignation letter is drafted, his Likud colleagues are ready to see him go, the Herut party is howling for his blood, and Begin seems to feel Weizman can toe the line or get out. Lewis concludes that although previous "Weizman crises" have faded away, this one looks much less susceptible to compromise. (C)

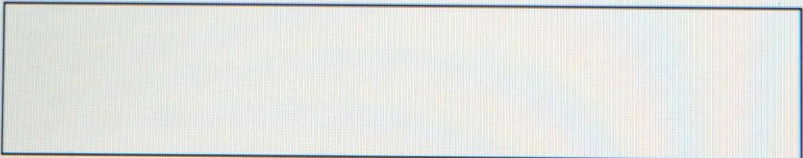
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Initial Analysis of Islamic Foreign Ministers Conference: During the recent Islamic Conference the U.S. fared better than many had predicted, according to Embassy Islamabad. The plenary approved a strong Iranian resolution condemning Washington for its military aggression against Iran; however, the same document appeals to the Iranians to "continue work towards a solution of the question of the hostages." Four additional resolutions addressing the Middle East matters condemned the U.S., Egypt, and Israel. The attacks are monotonously similar, however, drawing comments from observers that the Islamic Conference apparently was "going for quantity rather than quality" in this area. (C)

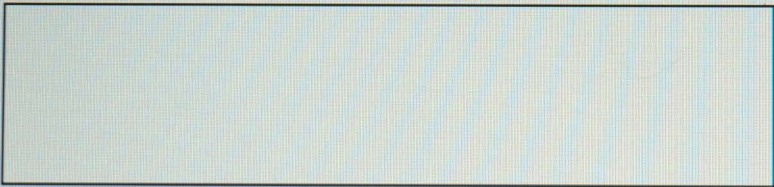
Balancing the major resolutions on American sins in the area is the resolution of Afghanistan drafted by the Pakistanis which soundly condemns the Soviets for their intervention in Afghanistan. Our embassy comments that all efforts by Moscow surrogates at the meeting to moderate the condemnatory language were thwarted by the aroused majority led by the Saudis, Pakistanis, and Iranians. (C)

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