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MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID AARON

FROM: The Situation Room

SUBJECT: Noon Notes

UK Electoral Campaign and SALT: The Conservatives apparently have decided to keep SALT out of the election campaign and to avoid any actions which would create problems for the U.S. on the issue. Party leader Thatcher said in a recent interview that she had decided not to oppose SALT II, but that she remained concerned about SALT III. No responsible Conservative Party official has raised the issue since Thatcher in January before the House of Commons called SALT "worrisome." (C)

Ambassador Brewster attributes the positive evolution in Conservative attitudes toward SALT to the sobering effect the prospect of power is having on them and to the effect of their discussions with John Newhouse and McGeorge Bundy. He recommends that we continue low key but high level efforts to inform Tory leaders on the subject without making them feel they are being forced to take a decisive stand. (C)

New Israeli Settlements: Haaretz' Benziman today reports that "new settlements will shortly be established in the Jordan Rift Valley, Samaria, the Golan and probably also the Gaza Strip." Relying on "authoritative sources," Benziman says the decision to put up new settlements was prompted by the assumption that the "next few weeks are going to be convenient for substantive settlement operations" because the autonomy negotiations will not yet have started and because Begin has told the President and Sadat that the cabinet will not hesitate to carry out its settlement inspirations, despite U.S. and Egyptian objections. (U)

Both Haaretz and The Jerusalem Post report that a measure of land equal to some 750 acres will soon be expropriated

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by the Israeli government in the Nablus district and that  
the heads of the villages involved have already been informed.  
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