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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: The Situation Room

SUBJECT: Evening Notes

Kremlin Addresses Communist Fears and Expectations from Detente:
CIA believes that the Soviet leadership is trying to walk the thin line between extolling detente's virtues and convincing the population and fraternal parties of the continuing need for vigilance against ideological subversion. The general categories of themes are becoming apparent:

- Defense of Detente: Detente represents the best national interests of the USSR; it is a long-term phenomenon; benefits have already begun to flow from the policy, various bilateral agreements for instance; the best interests of fraternal parties and the international Communist movement are served by Soviet movement toward detente.
- Reassurance of Critics: The leadership will not be "too trusting" vis-a-vis the "capitalists"; Soviet military strength will be preserved; trade with "capitalism" will not open the door to "penetration" or "exploitation" of the Soviet economy; the Soviet Union will not desert its allies in the "socialist" community and will continue to support "national liberation" aspirations.

Although several Soviet leaders have already taken a public part in this effort, none of them has expressed any reservations about the wisdom of the detente policy itself.

Statement Issued by Cambodian Exile Government: The Peking-based Cambodian government issued a declaration today pledging that "a peaceful and neutral Cambodia" would emerge after Sihanouk regains power and the U.S. and its allies cease "their aggression and their bombardment of Cambodia."

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Tanaka Visit: Prime Minister Tanaka informed the press today that the major topics of next week's Japan-U.S. summit will be the international currency issue, aid to developing countries, postwar reconstruction of Vietnam, and the development of Siberian natural resources.

In a separate briefing, Foreign Minister Ohira stated that Tanaka will request a speedier consolidation of U.S. military bases in Japan.

World Youth Festival: The tenth World Youth Festival opens tomorrow in East Berlin. Some 20,000 delegates will show up for the nine-day extravaganza, and they are worrying their Communist hosts. Stringent security measures have been taken to preclude disruptions by Western visitors or dissident delegates.

Zhiguli - The People's Car: If automobile ownership is any indication, the Soviet populace may be ready to take another step towards western decadence. The Soviet leadership has announced that private individuals will be permitted to purchase most of the Zhiguli automobiles (Fiat 124) produced by the Tolyatti plant. However, in order to reach the Soviets 1980 goal of one car for every ten families, the leadership will have to either lower the price or offer extended payment plans.

The Washington Star - News: George Sherman reports that it is the hope of the Nixon Administration that the new Iranian oil deal, predicated on a well-to-market operation, will influence other large Mid-East oil producers to follow suit.

A Defense Department spokesman stated today that North Vietnam has agreed to allow the U.S. to recover the bodies of 23 American POWs who died in captivity and were buried outside of Hanoi.

Oswald Johnston writes that William Colby is expected to receive Senate confirmation as Director of CIA despite lingering doubts over the agency's possible role in Watergate and its documented role in Southeast Asia.

A Star editorial states that the U.S. decision to intervene in the money markets to support the international value of the

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dollar "was in tune with our interests and also should help our foreign economic relations."

George Sherman comments that Secretary Rogers' optimism about U.S. relations in Asia is somewhat suspect because the Secretary carefully avoided the many trouble spots (Taiwan, Cambodia, the Phillippines) on his recent tour of the area.

Ray Cromley writes that despite a desire by other nations to improve their relations with the U.S., the administration, despite the diplomatic breakthroughs with the Soviet Union and China, is isolating itself from our friends abroad. Combley's main contention is that our obsession for bureaucratic form and protocol has offended some smaller nations such as Panama.

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