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~~TO~~ GENERAL HAIG

FROM HWENMJJKISSINGER

1. OUR INITIAL RECEPTION HAS BEEN THE WARMEST OF ANY VISIT YET IN PERSONAL TERMS. ALL OUR OLD ACQUAINTANCES HAVE GONE OUT OF THEIR WAY TO BE FRIENDLY.

2. CHOU CAME TO GUEST HOUSE AFTER DINNER FOR A GENERAL WELCOMING SESSION FOLLOWED BY A PRIVATE MEETING WITH ONLY CHOU AND CHIAO KUAN-HUA ON THEIR SIDE. WE DISCUSSED AGENDA DURING WHICH I SUGGESTED THAT EXPANDED BILATERAL EXCHANGES WERE IN OUR MUTUAL INTEREST. CHOU QUERIED ME ON JAPAN TRIP, AND I REVIEWED MAJOR THEMES I SOUNDED THERE WHICH WERE CONSISTENT WITH WHAT PRESIDENT TOLD CHOU WE WOULD TELL JAPANESE.

3. MOST INTERESTING ASPECT OF MEETING WAS CHOU,S OBVIOUS EAGERNESS TO TALK ABOUT VIETNAM. HE NOTED PODGORNYY VISIT AND STATEMENT WONDERED WHAT TRANSPIRED AT MOSCOW SUMMIT AND NOTED LE DUC THO HAD JUST BEEN IN PEKING. CHOU RAN BY US THE IDEA OF A CEASEFIRE-IN-PLACE WHICH I EVADED PENDING HIS RUNDOWN OF HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH LE DUC THO WHICH HE PROMISED TO GIVE ME TOMORROW.

4. THE SESSION WAS INCONCLUSIVE, LASTING LESS THAN AN HOUR DUE TO FATIGUE. TONIGHTS INITIAL IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, WAS ONE OF CHINESE READINESS TO TALK FRANKLY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY.

5. PLEASE WIRE IMMEDIATELY TEXT OF ELIOT RICHARDSON'S SPEECH IN JAPAN WHICH I PROMISED TO GIVE TO CHOU.

WARM REGARDS

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: GENERAL A. M. HAIG
SUBJECT: Initial Report from Mr. Kissinger's
Peking Trip

Henry has flashed the following initial impressions from Peking:

-- Initial reception has been the warmest of any visit yet in personal terms.

-- Immediately after arrival, Chou En-lai visited Mr. Kissinger at the Guest House. During the meeting, agenda was discussed with Kissinger suggesting expanded bilateral exchanges. Chou queried Kissinger on the Japan trip and Kissinger emphasized that he had remained totally consistent with what you told Chou would be given to the Japanese.

-- Kissinger describes the most interesting aspect of the meeting as Chou's obvious eagerness to talk about Vietnam. He speculated with Kissinger about the Podgorny visit and expressed interest in what had happened at the Moscow Summit, referring also to Le Duc Tho's recently completed visit in Peking. Chou mentioned the idea of a cease-fire in place which Kissinger evaded, pending Chou's rundown of the Chinese discussions with Le Duc Tho which were promised for the meeting the following day.

-- Kissinger described the initial session as inconclusive, lasting less than an hour due to fatigue. However, first impressions suggest that the Chinese are ready to talk frankly and conclusively.

I will keep you apprised of all Henry's reports as they arrive here.

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