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FOR: THE AMBASSADOR
FROM: KISSINGER

WE ARE, FOR YOUR INFORMATION, CONSIDERING IRAN AS ONE OF SEVERAL POSSIBLE SUBSTITUTES FOR CANADA IN THE VIETNAM INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CONTROL AND SUPERVISION (ICCS). IN THIS CONNECTION, WE URGENTLY NEED ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC QUESTIONS IN ADDITION TO OTHER VIEWS YOU MIGHT HAVE. IT IS, HOWEVER, ESSENTIAL THAT YOUR HOST GOVERNMENT NOT REPEAT NOT LEARN OF OUR INTEREST AT THIS TIME.

-- WOULD YOUR HOST GOVERNMENT ACCEPT AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE ICCS?

-- COULD WE COUNT ON ITS IMPARTIALITY (OR BETTER, ITS POSITIVE SUPPORT) IN HELPING TO SUPERVISE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT?

-- COULD IT FINANCE ITS OWN CONTINGENT?

-- DOES IT HAVE THE QUALIFIED PERSONNEL WHOM IT WOULD BE WILLING TO ASSIGN TO THE ICCS?

IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT THE CANADIANS QUIT THE ICCS BECAUSE OF THE BLATANT OBSTRUCTION OF THE POLISH AND HUNGARIAN DELEGATIONS AND THEIR ABSOLUTE REFUSAL TO RECOGNIZE ANY COMMUNIST VIOLATIONS OF THE VIETNAM AGREEMENT; MOREOVER, THE COMMUNIST SIDE HAS REPEATEDLY ENDANGERED ICCS MISSIONS BY FIRING ON (AND EVEN DOWNING) ICCS AIRCRAFT AND HAS OFTEN REFUSED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE GUARANTEES FOR THE SAFETY OF ICCS TEAMS; NEVERTHELESS, DESPITE THESE DIFFICULTIES, INDONESIA HAS OPTED TO REMAIN IN THE ICCS.