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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Information Items

Press Reaction to Rabin's Visit: The Israeli press editorialized on Wednesday that the Rabin visit to the U.S. has brought the U.S. closer to the Israeli interpretation of the nature of a final peace. Davar noted that your administration "has adopted Rabin's view that a peace accord must include open relations, trade, etc." Meanwhile, Maariv and Yediot Aharonot accused the U.S. of attempting to bolster Rabin's prestige for the upcoming elections, saying that the praise for Rabin expressed by U.S. officials went far beyond the requirements of courtesy.

In Moscow, TASS reported that the Rabin visit shows that the U.S. has not altered its all-out support for Israel vis-a-vis the Mideast problem. The commentary noted that, rather than promoting a Mideast solution, the Rabin talks had "confirmed Washington's and Tel Aviv's policy of torpedoing the process toward peace."

Cuban Policy in Africa-

Cuban leaders intend to make Africa a major focus of Cuba's foreign policy, since they view that continent as a fertile field for revolutionary activity, unlike Latin America. State agrees that Cuba will seek to expand its activities in Africa, though it does not foresee another Angola-scale military operation. In fact, Cuba's continuing large role in Angola is creating problems there and Castro will probably reduce it further when security conditions permit. [redacted] that there is growing popular certainty in Luanda that the Cubans are not the answer to Angola's problems. Castro's activism in Africa is placing Cuba in an awkward position in an increasing number of intra-African disputes, in addition to the continuing warfare in Angola.

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--Any substantial Cuban assistance to Amin could well prejudice Havana's relations with Tanzanian President Nyerere. Nyerere so far has apparently been instrumental in restraining Mozambique from requesting additional Cuban military assistance, and his resistance would probably be stiffened by the presence of a sizable Cuban force in Uganda.

--The Cubans have recently shown interest in providing military training to Ethiopia, but this would presumably introduce a major complication in their relations with Somalia, where they have been training Somali tribesmen in guerrilla warfare for several years in support of irredentist claims against Ethiopia.

--Cuban military involvement in Angola and possibly Uganda may also create a serious conflict with Zaire.

ROC Official Comments on U.S. China Policy:  

  several Republic of China (ROC) officials have made remarks, possibly intended to reach the U.S. government, that the so-called "German formula" -- recognition of Peking and Taipei as separate governments within one state -- was the least objectionable to the ROC in the event the U.S. recognizes the PRC. The officials did not specify how they expected the formula to work in practice, however. They were disappointed that your administration has not deemphasized the Shanghai Communique and reaffirmed U.S.-ROC ties, but take some consolation from the fact that the U.S. has not moved immediately to recognize the PRC.

French Reject EC President's Participation in Economic Summit:  
Our mission in Brussels reports the EC Foreign Ministers Council has been unable to agree on the inclusion of EC President Roy Jenkins in the May 7-8 economic summit. French Foreign Minister de Guiringaud was the only holdout, maintaining that his government did not consider it appropriate for an international body to be represented at the summit. Dutch Foreign Minister Van der Stoep reportedly said it was "outrageous" that the U.S. could accept community participation while the EC states could not.

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