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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

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SUBJECT:

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Information Items

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Sadat's Visit to the U.S.: During a conversation with Ambassador Eilts on Sunday, President Sadat stated that he is looking forward to his upcoming trip to Washington and will do everything possible to make it a success. Sadat added that he plans on looking for "some way to give President Carter the cards to move forward on the Middle East peace effort."

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Fahmi had earlier told the ambassador that while he and Sadat were anxious for the discussions, they both feared that they would result in little substance. According to Fahmi, Cairo:

-- is disappointed at Washington's apparent reluctance to sell F-5Es and armored personnel carriers which would not affect the balance of power in the region and are needed by Sadat to keep the military loyal;

What is it?

believes the U.S. has misrepresented Egypt's position on the Draft Consensus Statement. Egypt cannot agree to a statement which does not refer to a Palestinian "homeland" or Israeli settlements policy and if Washington continues pressing for this, there is little point in Sadat visiting the U.S. at this time.

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Comments on U.S. Human Rights Policy:

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Peking is now convinced that

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U.S. statements on human rights are not "a domestic political gimmick" and represent a facet of U.S. policy which will be constant throughout your administration.

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Peking is particularly pleased because the human rights statements:

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- should keep a certain level of tension between Washington and Moscow and probably will prevent the U.S. "from being lulled by Soviet blandishments over detente";
- placed Moscow off-balance because they did not know how to handle such comments. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] China had initially believed the U.S. would alter its human rights stand for Soviet concessions on SALT.

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Podgorny and Castro Speeches in Africa: Speaking to a luncheon audience in the Zambian town of Livingstone near the Rhodesian border Sunday, Podgorny attacked what he declared was a Western double standard on human rights. There were, he charged, many people in the West who were using a professed concern for human rights to mask their interference in the internal affairs of other states.

Castro, speaking at a rally in Luanda, reaffirmed that neither the terms of Cuban-Angolan cooperation nor the Cuban presence in Angola could be the subject of discussions with "Yankee imperialists." Meanwhile, Zambian officials have told Reuter that Castro and Soviet leader Podgorny will meet in Mozambique. [REDACTED]
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