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THE SECRETARY'S STAFF MEETING
- Wed., Oct. 8, 1975

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In Attendance - Wed., October 8, 1975

Secretary of State Kissinger - Chairman

D	Mr. Ingersoll
P	Mr. Sisco
T	Mr. Maw
C	Mr. Sonnenfeldt
AF	Mr. Davis
ARA	Mr. Rogers
EA	Mr. Habib
EUR	Mr. Lowenstein (Acting)
NEA	Mr. Atherton
INR	Mr. Hyland
S/P	Mr. Lord
EB	Mr. Enders
S/PRS	Mr. Anderson
PM	Mr. Vest
IO	Mr. Buffum
H	Mr. McCloskey
L	Mr. Leigh
S/S	Mr. Springsteen
S	Mr. Bremer
S	Mr. Adams

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MR. SONNENFELDT: Yes.

SECRETARY KISSINGER: -- over the political side of the Treasury, a few economic ones.

MR. HABIB: It looks like the Indonesians have begun the attack on Timor -- Portuguese Timor. It would seem to me clear that the Indonesian troops crossing the border would attack -- the pro-Indonesian forces in the area -- and have not done very well since the beginning of this thing. And this is quite something. There's an earlier case where the Indonesians are being forced to move to hold on to what they obviously are going to hold on to -- that is, they are not going to let Timor become independent, sitting on the end of the Indian Archipelago.

I think what we are doing is like Jack -- keeping our mouth shut about the thing.

SECRETARY KISSINGER: Is that conceivable?

MR. HABIB: We've been doing it, so I think it's quite conceivable.

SECRETARY KISSINGER: No moral --

MR. HABIB: There's not that much interest. I think they'll probably be --

SECRETARY KISSINGER: There are no moral lessons

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to be learned from this?

MR. HABIB: Yes. The moral lesson is that we have the guns to go in. (Laughter.)

We're getting a few requests for validations of passports to go to South Viet-Nam. I just wanted to check with you. These are coming fast --

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I'm assuming you're going to really keep your mouth shut on this subject.

MR. HABIB: On what?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: On this subject, on Indonesia.

Also, at the UN, Bill, will you make sure that the U. S. Mission doesn't make a statement on how the members of the 77 --

MR. HABIB: They might support it. (Laughter.)

MR. BUFFUM: Aren't they going to call us "murderers"? (Laughter.)

MR. HABIB: We're getting some requests for validation of passports to go to South Viet-Nam on the part of people who have family there, and there are just a few of them. We don't think the South Vietnamese are going to issue visas, but we do believe we should issue passports on family business.

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