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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM CHRISTOPHER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)

SUBJECT: EVENING READING

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SATURDAY'S EVENING READING:

1. SOUTH AFRICA. AMBASSADOR BOWDLER CALLED US FROM PRETORIA THIS AFTERNOON TO SAY THAT HE HAD JUST HAD A CRYPTIC TELEPHONE CALL FROM PIK BOTHA'S DEPUTY, BRAND FOURIE, IN WHICH FOURIE SAID, IN EFFECT, THERE WAS NO PROBLEM WITH THE THREE AFFIRMATIONS BOWDLER HAD ASKED FOR WHEN THEY MET EARLIER IN THE DAY. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAY SOMETHING PUBLIC EARLY NEXT WEEK. THE AFFIRMATIONS WE REQUESTED ARE:

-- THAT SOUTH AFRICA DOES NOT HAVE OR INTEND TO DEVELOP NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES FOR ANY PURPOSE, PEACEFUL
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OR OTHERWISE.

-- THAT THE KALAHARI FACILITY WE HAVE DESCRIBED TO THEM IS NOT A TESTING FACILITY FOR NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES.

THAT THERE WILL BE NO NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE TESTING OF ANY KIND IN SOUTH AFRICA.

IN HIS MEETING WITH FOURIE, BOWDLER ALSO TOLD HIM THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO DEFUSE THIS MATTER WOULD BE FOR SOUTH AFRICA TO DECLARE PUBLICLY ITS INTENTION TO ADHERE TO THE NPT AND PLACE ALL OF ITS NUCLEAR FACILITIES UNDER FULL INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS. IN THE SUBSEQUENT TELEPHONE CALL, FOURIE SAID HE WANTED TO TALK TO BOWDLER ABOUT THIS POINT TOMORROW.

2. SENATOR STONE. I REACHED DICK STONE IN MIAMI TODAY AND REVIEWED RECENT MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS WITH HIM. HE SAID THAT HE FELT THAT OUR RESPONSE TO THE THREE ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS HAD BEEN RESTRAINED AND REASONABLE IN THE FACE OF MUCH PROVOCATION. HE EMPHASIZED HIS WILLINGNESS TO BE HELPFUL IN ENCOURAGING THE ISRAELIS TO BE FLEXIBLE ENOUGH SO THAT PEACE CAN BE ACHIEVED IN THE AREA.

TURNING TO THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF MY CALL, I TOLD STONE THAT WE HOPED THAT HE WOULD REMAIN UNCOMMITTED WITH RESPECT TO THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES UNTIL WE HAD HAD AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A FULL DISCUSSION OF THE TREATY TEXTS. WE HAD HEARD THAT HE IS LEANING AGAINST THE TREATIES AND WE WERE CONCERNED THAT HE MIGHT COME OUT AGAINST THEM WHEN HE SPEAKS TO A VFW CONVENTION NEXT WEEK. HE SAID THAT IT IS GOING TO BE A TOUGH ISSUE FOR
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HIM BECAUSE OF THE STRONG SENTIMENT IN FLORIDA BUT THAT HE WOULD BE CAREFUL TO REMAIN NEUTRAL UNTIL HE COULD STUDY THE MATTER FULLY. HE SAID THAT WHILE THE FLORIDA MOOD IS PREDOMINANTLY AGAINST THE TREATIES, THE MIAMI HERALD AND THE ST. PETERSBURG TIMES HAVE OUT IN FAVOR OF THEM AND PUBLIC OPINION COULD BEGIN TO SHIFT. CHRISTOPHER

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