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### 1. INDONESIA

STUDENT ACTIVISTS SAID (1/23) 160 LEADERS JAILED IN GOI  
CRACKDOWN AFTER STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE AGAINST SUHARTO. GOVT  
ALSO SHUT DOWN SEVENTH NEWSPAPER (EVENING POST) FOR REPORT-  
ING STUDENT PROTESTS. BUT LATER, INFORMED SOURCES ADDED  
THAT GOVT HAS ALREADY RELEASED NUMBER OF STUDENTS, THO ABOUT  
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70 STILL BEING HELD. GOI HAS PLEDGED TO TAKE ACTION  
AGAINST UNIV OFFICIALS WHO FAILED HELP END STUDENT UNREST  
(REUTER, JAKARTA).

REUTER'S ANDREWS REPORTS CARTER ADMIN HAS SENT CONGRESS  
PROPOSAL TO SELL INDONESIA 16 F-5 FIGHTERS.

### 2. MALAYSIA

REUTER'S MYINE NOTES INTL RUBBER COUNCIL (INDONESIA/

MALAYSIA/THAILAND/SRI LANKA/SINGAPORE) FAILED REACH AGREEMENT ON REGULATION RUBBER PRICES AT KL MTG. SAYS IRC MEMBERS PRODUCE 85 PCT WORLD'S RUBBER.

3. MALAYSIA/AUSTRALIA

GOM/GOA HAVE DECIDED WITHDRAW ULTIMATUMS, CONTINUE NEGOTS ON SUGAR DISPUTE (UNICOM, JOC).

4. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

GOM GRANTS TEMPORARY ASYLUM TO 57 VIET REFUGEES WHO DRIFTED ASHORE NEAR BANGKOK IN TWO BOATS; 21 CHILDREN INCLUDED (AP, WP).

5. PACIFIC ISLANDS

NAURU INFORMS UN IT WILL HONOR ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA (REUTER, NY).

6. CAMBODIA

REUTER'S MACKENZIE (PEKING) QUOTES IMPRESSIONS OF SWEDISH/ UNCLASSIFIED

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FINNISH/DANISH AMBASSADORS ACCREDITED TO PRC AND CAMBODIA, FOLLOWING PP VISIT: NO SIGNS OF WAR THERE, BUT CITY DESCRIBED AS "GHOST CITY" W/POP APPROXIMATELY 20,000; AVG AGE CITY DWELLERS IN 20S, APPEAR TO BE NEWCOMERS; OLDER PEOPLE SEEM HAVE BEEN DRIVEN OUT; NO BUSES/MAIL/ TELEPHONE SERVIES; ONLY MAIN STREETS OPEN--SIDE STREETS BLOCKED OFF, USED TO GROW VEGETABLES; CITY APPEARS SELF-SUFFICIENT IN FOOD; ONLY ONE SHOP IN PP, DIPLO STORE, WHICH SELLS ITEMS FOR HARD CURRENCY.

VISITING DIPLOS TOLD BY CAMBODIAN OFFICIALS THAT NO PLANS EXIST TO RESTORE/REBUILD OLD PP; NEW INDUSTRIAL CITY TO BE BUILT IN PLACE. ALSO TOLD COUNTRY DIVIDED INTO CO-OPS OF 500-600 FAMILIES EACH. AMBS MET W/IENG SARY, HEAD OF KHIEU SAMPHAN/VICE PREMIER OF FON REL, DISCUSSED CAMBODIA'S RELS W/INDOCHINA NEIGHBORS BUT REFUSED DISCUSS DETAILS OF TALKS W/PRESS. FINN AMB SUOMELA SAYS CAMBODIA NOW OPENING TO OUTSIDE WORLD, BUT SLOWLY; ESPECIALLY EAGER FOR TRADE W/NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. SWEDE AMB BJORK SAYS THEY WERE MORE FREE TO MOVE IN PP THAN DURING MARCH '76 VISIT (WP, NYT, SUN, CSM).

CULLEN (AP) TELLS STORY OF PIN YATHAY FORMER OFFICIAL IN LON NOL GOVT WHO ESCAPED FROM CAMBODIA TO THAILAND AFTER TWO YRS "OF SEEING STARVING PEOPLE IN HOSPITALS HIDE THE BODIES OF THE DEAD SO THEY COULD EAT THEM." NOW IN US. AP FOTO OF YATHAY W/STORY. DESCRIBES GRISLY DEATHS OF

FAMILY, STORY OF ESCAPE.

YATHAY SAYS AT LEAST 2.5 MILLION OF CAMBODIA'S 6 MILLION FORMER POP HAVE DIED SINCE 4/75 COMMUNIST TAKEOVER. KHMER ROUGE IMMEDIATELY ORDERED EVACUATION OF PP, DIVIDED POP INTO TWO GROUPS: "OLD" RURAL PEOPLE WHO HAD LIVED UNDER KR AND "NEW" PEOPLE, MOSTLY CITY DWELLERS, WHO HAD TO BE "PURIFIED."

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SAYS KR HAS FAILED PRODUCE CLASSLESS SOCIETY, DESPITE DEATH/DESTRUCTION OF OLD SOCIETY. SAYS THERE ARE TWO CLASSES, DESCRIBED ABOVE. ADDS "NEW" PEOPLE HAVE SEEN THOUSANDS DIE/CANNOT BECOME "GOOD KHMER ROUGE." SAYS KR UNDERSTANDS THIS, WHICH EXPLAINS SEPARATION/IRON DISCIPLINE CURRENT IN CAMBODIAN SOCIETY (SUN, WSTAR 1/22).

#### 7. CAMBODIA/THAILAND

CSM'S MORITZ (HK) REPORTS THAI FONMIN PACHARIYANGKUN HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT CAMBODIA NEXT MONTH FOR TALKS ON IMPROVING BILATERAL RELS. SPECULATES CAMBODIA MAY BE TRYING MEND FENCES W/THAILAND SO EFFORTS CAN BE DIRECTED AGAINST VN. THINKS THAI LEADERS SEE CAMBODIA AS BUFFER BETWEEN THAILAND/VN.

#### 8. THAILAND

THAILAND'S '77 SUGAR EXPORTS UP 51.4 PCT OVER '76 TO 1.6 MILLION METRIC TONS (UNICOM, JOC).

#### 9. VIETNAM

WP'S "PARADE" DESCRIBES PACKAGE TOURS TO VN ARRANGED BY ENGLISH FIRMS. ONE TRAVEL PACKAGE INCLUDES TRIPS TO CENTERS FOR REHABILITATION OF PROSTITUTES, "MUSEUM OF AMERICAN WAR CRIMES," AND GUERRILLA CAMPS WHERE VC TRAINED TO FIGHT. ANOTHER TOUR CONCENTRATES ON TEMPLES/HISTORICAL SITES/NON-CONTROVERSIAL ATTRACTIONS. "PARADE" SAYS US-ARRANGED TOURS ONLY MATTER OF TIME (1/22).

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WSJ (HK) REPORTS PRC BUDGET IN '77 SHOWED SURPLUS FOR 1ST TIME IN 4 YRS; '76 BUDGET DEFICIT ESTIMATED BETWEEN 2.5-5 BIL DOLS. ALTHO NO FIGURES ON PRC ECON REPORTED BY NCNA,

WESTERN ANALYSTS PROJECT THAT REVENUE FOR '77 WAS 50 BIL

DOLS, MAKING SURPLUS ITSELF MODEST.

ACCORDING AP (LONDON) DISPATCH, PRC HAS UNDERTAKEN TO BUY 300 MILLION DOLS MINING EQUIPMENT FROM UK. DISPATCH, QUOTING UNIDENTIFIED UK/PRC SOURCES, SAID 2ND ORDER OF ROUGHLY SAME MAGNITUDE MAY FOLLOW (WSJ).

MACKENZIE (REUTER PEKING) REPORTS CCP SAYS CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE BLAMED FOR CRIMES/INFRACTIONS OF PARENTS, POINTING OUT MAO/CHOU TOOK PERSONAL CHARGE OFFSPRING OF DISGRACED LIU SHAO-CHI. "PD" ARTICLE ON PARTY CADRES SAID SOME UNITS/ DEPTS IMPLICATED RELATIVES/CHILDREN OF MAN IN HIS PROBLEMS W/RESULT THAT "REVOLUTIONARY ENTHUSIASM OF THESE YOUTHS WAS SERIOUSLY DAMPENED." "GANG OF 4" BLAMED FOR SUCH ACTIONS. ARTICLE POINTED OUT MAO HAD GIVEN EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS: "PROBLEMS OF PARENTS MUST NOT IMPLICATE THEIR CHILDREN." ARTICLE SEEN AS ATTEMPT CLEAR FAMILY NAME OF PERSONS PERSECUTED DURING GPCR.

FRANCE'S BARRE DEPARTED SHANGHAI FOR PARIS 1/24 AFTER BEING SEEN OFF AT AIRPORT BY VICE PREMIER KU MU/LOCAL OFFICIALS (REUTER HK).

"PD" REPORTS 14 YOUNG COUPLES IN FUKIAN PROVINCE OPTED FOR "COLLECTIVE REVOLUTIONARY WEDDING CEREMONY," I.E. CEREMONY W/NO PRESENTS, NO EXTRAVAGANT EATING/DRINKING. PAPER SAID THIS PROVED PERNICIOUS INFLUENCE "GANG OF 4" HAD FAILED SABOTAGE DRIVE AGAINST "4 OLDS"--OLD IDEOLOGY/CULTURE/CUSTOMS/HABITS.

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REUTER (PEKING) REPORTS "PD" RAN LTRS FROM 2 READERS, BOTH COMPLAINING TOO MAY CITY WORKERS HAD LEFT SHOPS/OFFICES TO HELP PEASANTS IN FIELDS. ONE READER, AFTER VISITING COUNTY IN HUNAN, OBSERVED THAT MOST SHOPS CLOSED. OTHER, WORKER IN HEILUNGKIANG PROVINCE, COMPLAINED HE DIDN'T RECEIVE NEWSPAPERS BECAUSE ALMOST EVERYONE IN LOCAL POST OFFICE WAS OUT IN FIELDS.

11. JAPAN

SPEAKING BEFORE PLENARY SESSION DIET'S LOWER HOUSE 1/24, FUKUDA ADMITTED FAILURE SOME OF HIS ECON POLICIES FOR 1ST TIME/SAID HE NEVER EXPECTED JAPAN'S BOP SURPLUS BE SO LARGE. ADDED, "I AM SORRY TO THE JAPANESE PEOPLE AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES FOR SUCH A SITUATION" (REUTER TOKYO).

EC MONDAY IMPOSED ANTIDUMPING LEVIES ON 6 CATEGORIES STEEL PRODUCTS FROM 7 OF WORLD'S LARGEST STEEL-EXPORTING COUNTRIES, INCL JAPAN/SK (UPI, JOC).

AT GENEVA TRADE TALKS 1/23, US FOLLOWED EC/JAPAN IN SETTING JULY AS TARGET DATE FOR WINDING UP NEGOTS/PROPOSED INITIAL PKG TRADE CONCESSIONS, INCL AVG 40 PCT CUT IN INDUSTRIAL TARIFFS DURING NEXT 8-10 YRS. LATTER MOVE EQUIVALENT TO CONCESSIONS MADE BY EC/JAPAN (LEWIS, NYT GENEVA, W/POTO USHIBA/STRAUSS).

JAPAN/CANADA/US BROKE OFF 6-DAY FISHERY TALKS IN TOKYO SUNDAY/AGREED MEET AGAIN IN VANCOUVER 2/7. FONMIN SOURCES SAID DELEGATES FAILED REACH ACCORD ON RESTRICTED AREAS FOR SALMON FISHING IN N PAC (UNICOM NEWS, JOC).

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BANK OF JAPAN GOV MORINAGA TOLD BRANCH MANAGERS MONDAY THAT UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, FISCAL MEASURES SHOULD ASSUME MAJOR PART IN REFLATING NATION'S ECONOMY. SAID BANK NOT CONSIDERING DROPPING DISCOUNT RATE AGAIN/EXPRESSED OPTIMISM ECONOMY WOULD PICK UP AGAIN (CULLISON, JOC TOKYO).

CANADIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MIN JAMIESON ARRIVES TOKYO/EXCHANGES VIEWS W/FONMIN SONODA ON BILAT RELS. SCHEDULED COURTESY CALL ON FUKUDA CANCELLED, DUE PM'S FLU. JAMIESON SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS REVISION BILAT ENERGY PACT FOR TIGHTER SAFEGUARDS OVER CANADIAN URANIUM SOLD JAPAN (REUTER TOKYO).

BANK OF JAPAN ANNOUNCES BUSINESS LENDING RATES CHARGED BY LEADING COMMERCIAL BANKS FELL AVG 0.113 PCT IN DEC, MARKING 2ND LOWEST LEVEL IN POST-WWII ERA (UPI, JOC).

JOC'S CULLISON (TOKYO) REPORTS BILLION-DOLLAR COMMUTER RR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN MEXICO HAS ATTRACTED ATTENTION JAPANESE CONSORTIUM OF 23 FIRMS. GROUP BELIEVES IT STANDS EXCELLENT CHANCE OF WINNING BID, DESPITE COMPETITION FROM FIRMS IN US/USSR/UK/France/SPAIN/OTHERS, AS JAPANESE CONVINCED MEXICO WILL OPT FOR "BULLET TRAIN" TECHNOLOGY.

ASAHI CHEMICAL/KANEBO LTD HAVE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE ESTABLISH JOINT SALES FIRM IN VIEW POOR DEMAND FOR TEXTILES, DEPRESSED BUSINESS OPERATIONS (WSJ).

IN 366-12 VOTE, HOUSE APPROVED 1/23 BILL TO GIVE SOME 800 JAPANESE-AMERICAN FEDRL GOVT EMPLOYEES PENSION BENEFITS FOR TIME THEY WERE INTERNED DURING WWII (REUTER 1/23).

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RESOLUTION INSISTING ROKG PROVIDE HOUSE ETHICS CMTE W/TESTIMONY FROM TONGSUN PARK/FORMER AMB KIM DONG JO/OTHERS INTRODUCED IN HOUSE 1/23, W/FULL SUPPORT FROM EM/GOP LEADERS. IN SPEECH TO HOUSE, SPKR O'NEILL ARNED FRIENDSHIP BETW US/SK AT STAKE "AS WELL AS OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT" OF SK. STATED ROKG "SHOULD BE FULLY AWARE OF THE DIRE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WILL RESULT" FROM CONTINUED CONFRONTATION IN MATTER. MINORITY LEADER HODES (R-ARIZ) EXPRESSED HOPE SK WOULD NOT MAKE IT NECESSARY FOR HOUSE "TAKE ANY UNILATERAL ACTION" AGAINST K, ADDING "IT IS AN IMPORTANT ALLY. BUT THESE ARE IMPORTANT MATTERS ALSO" (NYT; AP, WP/SUN; REUTER 1/23). RESPONDING TO NYT QUERY, AIDE TO FORMER PRES FORD ACKNOWLEDGED 1/21 FORD PERSONALLY INFORMED IN 1975 THAT CONGRESSMEN SUSPECTED OF HAVING TAKEN BRIBES FROM KOREANS AND HAD ORDER D DOJ INVESTIGATION OF MATTER. ACCORDING FORMER OFFICIALS, EA ASST SEC HABIB RECEIVED N '75 INTELL INFO NAMING 4-5 CONGRESSMEN AS HAVING TAKEN BRIBES. HABIB SAID TO HAVE BEEN PREOCCUPIED W/VN AT TIME/WAITED UNTIL SUMMER TO INFORM HAK, WHO IN TURN MADE REPORT TO FORD (NYT'S HALLORAN). SEVEN PROMINENT SKOREANS, LED BY FORMER PRES YUN PO SUN, URGED OPPOSITION PARTIES THURS TO BOYCOTT PARK CHUNG HEE REELECTION. GROUP ALSO CALLED FOR RESTORATION PRESS FREEDOM/RELEASE OF ALL "PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE," INCL KIM DAE JUNG (AP, LAT 1/20). AFTER MORE THAN YR'S DELAY, NY'S BOARD OF REGENTS WILL DECIDE 1/24 WHETHER GRANT CHARTER TO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY RUN BY MOON CHURCH. REGENT GRIFFITH OPPOSES CHARTER/SAYS "CREDIBLE EVIDENCE" EXISTS THAT MOON CHURCH IS REALLY "POLITICAL ARM" OF ROKG/HAS URGED BOARD REJECT CHARTER APPLICATION (LIFF, NYDN).

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### 13. AUSTRALIA

JOC'S STOVE (SYDNEY) CITES LOCAL NEWS REPORTS THAT AUSTRALIA-US FREIGHTSHIPPING ROUTE ACROSS PAC HAS TOO MUCH CAPACITY. SITUATION SEEN ABETTING USSR SHIPPING CO, WHICH USES SHIPS SIZED MOVE AUSTRALIAN EXPORTS MORE EFFICIENTLY.

### COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

### 14. JAPAN

WSTAR EDIT (1/23) SAYS STRAUSS/USHIBA COMMUNIQUE APPEARS GO FAR TOWARD ANSWERING US COMPLAINTS ABOUT JAPANESE

TRADE. BUT NOTES STEPS TAKEN BY JAPAN SO FAR HAVE BEEN SMALL, AND SAYS THERE ARE REAL DOUBTS WHETHER JAPANESE OFFICIALS CAN/WILL DELIVER ON PROMISES OPEN MKTS/MAIN-TAIN HIGH DOMESTIC GROWTH. REMARKS JAPAN HAS OWN PROTECTIONIST CONSTITUENCIES--LIKE FARMERS--BUT HOPES NEW AGREEMENT CALMS PROTECTIONISTS IN BOTH COUNTRIES.

CSM'S THARP (TOKYO) CITES INFORMED JAPANESE SOURCES WHO SAY JAPAN BEGINNING SHIFT AWAY FROM US "FOREIGN POLICY UMBRELLA. CITE FONMIN SONODA'S 8-DAY MIDEAST TRIP, WHICH SEEN AS INDICATION JAPAN RE-THINKING MIDEAST POLICY/SEEKING ENSURE CONTINUED OIL SUPPLY. NOTES GROUNDWORK LAID FOR VARIOUS TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION PROJECTS W/AREA, INCL PETROCHEM PLANT IN ARABIA/OTHER JOINT PROJECTS W/IRAQ, IRAN.

MIT PROF WEINER WRITES LAT (1/23) RE "FALSE IMPRESSIONS" GIVEN IN 1/7 O'TOOLE ARTICLE ON JAPANESE NUKE RESEARCH DURING WWII. WEINER, TO WHOM O'TOOLE ATTRIBUTED PART OF INFO CONTAINED IN ITEM, SAYS JAPAN DID NOT HAVE CAPACITY MAKE A-BOMB DURING WAR, BUT MERELY EXPLORED FEASIBILITY OF SUCH.

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LAT'S BEYETTE (1/23) DOES LENGTHY ITEM ENTITLED, "PETE BUCHER REMEMBERS THE PUEBLO." PROFILES BUCHER/FAMILY IN CALM LIFESTYLE NOW, BUT RECALLS CONTROVERSY OVER CMDR'S HANDLING OF AFFAIR. RE CAPTURE, STATES NKOREANS NEVER KNEW "WHAT THEY HAD" IN TERMS OF MEN W/SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE, ADDING THEY WERE INTERESTED NOT IN INTELL, BUT IN ANTICAPITALIST PROPAGANDA. ADMITS HE MADE MISTAKES, BUT SAYS "THE PEOPLE WHO REALLY FELL DOWN (DOS/NSA) WERE NEVER HELD ACCOUNTABLE."

16. CHINA

MATHEWS (LAT HK, 1/22) DOES HIGHLY LAUDATORY FEATURE/INTERVIEW OF/WITH USLO'S WOODCOCK. NOTES WOODCOCK'S APPOINTMENT TO PRC INITIALLY MET BY SKEPTICISM AMONG BOTH CHINESE OFFICIALS/DOS "TRADITIONALISTS" WHO FELT HIM TOO INEXPERIENCED IN DIPLOMACY/ASIAN AFFAIRS. BUT, ACCORDING UNIDENTIFIED FSO, WOODCOCK NOW SEEN "ONE OF CARTER'S SUCCESSES"/"ONE OF BEST NON-CAREER AMBASSADORS."

MATHEWS SAYS AFTER PUTTING SELF THRU CRASH COURSE ON CHINA, WOODCOCK DESCRIBED AS KNOWING ENOUGH ABOUT SUBJECT TO BE ABLE INTERJECT INTO DISCUSSION AMONG OLD CHINA HANDS FACTS/NUANCES OTHERS HAD FORGOTTEN. MATHEWS CONJECTURES CARTER MAY HAVE PICKED WOODCOCK FOR PEKING SLOT BECAUSE OF HIS AFFILIATION W/LABOR AND, FACT THAT PRC EXALTS WORKERS AS VANGUARD OF SOCIETY. WOODCOCK, HOWEVER, SAYS CHINESE NOT INTERESTED IN FORMER LABOR ASSN; WHAT HAS ENGENDERED CHINESE

ADMIRATION, MATHEWS SAID, IS WOODCOCK'S OPEN SUPPORT FOR ESTABLISHMENT DIPLO RELS BETWN US/PRC. OWN STUDY OF ASIA CONVINCED HIM, WOODCOCK SAYS, THAT IF US HAD QUICKLY RECOGNIZED CHINA AFTER OCT '49, "WHOLE HISTORY OF THIS REGION WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT...WE'VE MADE SO MANY UNCLASSIFIED

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STRATEGIC MISTAKES IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD."

WOODCOCK OBSERVED CHINESE APPEAR UNDERSTAND CARTER'S INABILITY PUSH NOW FOR FULL RELS IN VIEW OF PANAMA CANAL TREATIES/ARMS LIMITATIONS/OTHER PRESSING ISSUES. CHINESE, HE SAID WILLING "BE PATIENT W/US, BUT THEIR PATIENCE OBVIOUSLY IS NOT ENDLESS." IN MEANTIME, WOODCOCK HAS ATTEMPTED TO IMPROVE DAY-TO-DAY RELS W/CHINESE, ALREADY OBTAINING MINISTERIAL LEVEL CONTACTS USG NEVER HAD BEFORE. ACCORDING DOS OFFICIALS, CREDIT FOR THESE STEPPED-UP CONTACTS GOES ENTIRELY TO WOODCOCK WHO IS DESCRIBED AS "PERSISTENT BEYOND BELIEF."

WOODCOCK OBSERVED THAT FREQUENT USLO PERSONNEL CHANGES HAV; NOT HELPED RELS AND INDICATED HE WOULD STAY ON INDEFINITELY BECAUSE "I BELIEVE STABILITY CONTRIBUTES TO THE NORMALIZATION PROCESS." ON PERSONAL LEVEL, WOODCOCK PICTURED AS SHY/MODEST MAN WHO TAKES IN STRIDE BOTH PRESENT SPATE OF COMPLIMENTS RE SUCCESS IN PEKING AND SKEPTICISM THAT PRECEDED HIS ARRIVAL THERE LAST JULY.

#### 17. CAMBODIA

CHITRIB EDIT CALLS DESCRIPTION OF CAMBODIA BY NORDIC AMBASSADORS "ALMOST INCREDIBLE" BUT CONSISTENT W/OTHER REPORTS CONCERNING KR REGIME. DESPITE ABSENCE OF DETAILS, CHITRIB DESCRIBES KAMPUCHEA'S RULERS AS "STRONG CANDIDATES FOR TITLE "MOST VICIOUS, BRUTAL" IN WORLD.

#### 18. CAMBODIA/VIETNAM

LAT'S MCARTHUR (BANGKOK) SAYS PROPAGANDA AS VICIOUS AS FIGHTING IN WAR BETWN CAMBODIANS, VIETS. NOTES VETERAN OBSERVERS RECALL NOTHING LIKE CURRENT CAMPAIGN; FEEL VIRULENCE HAS ALL BUT WIPED OUT POSSIBILITY FOR NEGOTS. SAYS DESPITE RECENT SOFTENING HANOI LINE, EXTREMITY OF UNCLASSIFIED

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CAMBODIAN BROADCASTS SUGGESTS PP HAS REJECTED IDEA OF TALKS (1/22).

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD (HK) CALLS REKINDLING OF VIETNAMESE-CHINESE/VIETNAMESE-CAMBODIAN RIVALRY MOST IMPORTANT



INDOCHINA DEVELOPMENT SINCE US WITHDRAWAL. SAYS DISPUTE HAS GIVEN NON-COMMUNIST STATES IN REGION OPPORTUNITIES PLAY OFF POTENTIAL THREATS AGAINST EACH OTHER/HAS MADE MOCKERY OF DOMINO THEORY. SAYS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE ACTUAL INTENTIONS IN FIGHTING, BUT NOTES BOTH CHINA, VN HAVE MADE EFFORTS DAMPEN CONFLICT (1/22).

19. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

NYT'S KAMM (BANGKOK) DESCRIBES TYPICAL VIET REFUGEES SAYS THEY REPRESENT CROSS SECTION OF SVIET CITIES/SOCIAL BACKGROUND/AGE/PROFESSION/FEW SPEAK ENGLISH OR FRENCH; SURPRISINGLY SMALL NUMBER HELD IMPORTANT POSITIONS IN FORMER GOVT; MOST FROM RURAL AREAS ARE FISHERMEN FROM COASTAL VILLAGES; OTHERS INCLUDE MANY MINOR CIVIL SERVANTS/DOCTORS/ENGINEERS/MIDDLE-CLASS BUSINESSMEN. CHILDREN OF THESE ALSO

SEEK ESCAPE, SINCE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BY NEW GOVT-- DENIED EDUCATION, COERCED TO "VOLUNTEER" TO MOVE TO NEW SETTLEMENTS. SMALL SHOPKEEPERS, MANY CHINESE, ALSO FLEEING. SAYS HANOI GOVT FINDING IT DIFFICULT STEM FLOW, DESPITE REFUGEES' KNOWLEDGE OF DIFFICULTIES AHEAD, STERN PUNISHMENTS IF CAUGHT. BUT ADDS SRV HAS MADE NO EFFORT CONVINCE REFUGEES WHO COULD PROVIDE NEEDED SKILLS, EXPERTISE THAT THEY SHOULD RETURN (1/22).

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WSTAR'S ROCHE SAYS (1/23) HATRED FOR TOTALITARIANISM, MEMORIES OF LIBERTY KINDLED BY THIEU REGIME HAS LED FREEDOM-LOVING VIETS FLEE IN SEARCH OF ASYLUM. DESPITE HEROISM, INCREDIBLE 2000 MI TRIP, AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS TREAT THEM AS "VIRTUAL PLAGUE-CARRIERS." CALLS AUSSIE TREATMENT "SHAMEFUL." SAYS AUSTRALIAN ANTI-AMERICANISM DATES FROM OVERTHROW OF SUKARNO, WHICH REMOVED PRINCIPAL THREAT, ALLOWED PSYCHOLOGICAL DISENGAGEMENT FROM ROLE IN VIETNAM. BUT SAYS AUSSIES SHOULD NOT FORGET "MORAL OBLIGATION" TO VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

21. INDIAN OCEAN

CSM'S RAM (NEW DELHI) CITES INDIAN ASSESSMENTS OF US-SOVIET TALKS ON INDIAN OCEAN DEMILITARIZATION. SOURCES SAY US/USSR AGREED ON IMMEDIATE FREEZE/GRADUAL REDUCTION OF NAVAL PRESENCE, BUT DISAGREE ON TOTAL WITHDRAWAL. BUT INDIANS ADD SOVIETS ALSO WANT US DISMANTLE DIEGO GARCIA/INVOLVE OTHER MAJOR POWERS IN AGREEMENT FOR AREA FORCE REDUCTIONS; BUT US DOES NOT WANT OTHER COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN NEGOTS.

RAM FEELS OTHERS WOULD FALL IN LINE IF BILAT AGREEMENT

REACHED. INDIANS BELIEVE IF US DOES NOT DISMANTLE DIEGO GARCIA, SOVIETS WOULD AGREE TO FREEZE ONLY AFTER FINDING ALTERNATIVE FOR FORMER BASE AT BERBERA, SOMALIA. SAYS INDIANS FEEL DEMILITARIZATION INDIAN OCEAN/RECOGNITION OF OCEAN AS ZONE OF PEACE LONG WAY OFF.

22. GENERAL

WSJ'S KANN/PEARLSTINE (HK) INTERVIEWED US POLICYMAKERS PRIOR TO COM CONF IN HK AND FOUND CONSENSUS THAT NORMALIZATION W/PRC POLITICALLY IMPOSSIBLE IN '78/UNLIKELY DURING REMAINDER OF CARTER 1ST TERM. OTHER CONCLUSIONS: THOUGH CARTER DETERMINED WITHDRAW GROUND TROOPS FROM KOREA, IMPLEMENTATION COULD BE JEOPARDIZED IF CONGRESS DEFEATS UNCLASSIFIED

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PROPOSAL FOR 800-MILLION-DOL ARMS TRANSFER TO SK; SRV HAS DECIDED HOSTILE GOVT IN CAMBODIA UNACCEPTABLE/MOVED IN FACE OF FAILURE OF CHINESE DIPLOMACY TO SETTLE DISPUTE; THIS, RATHER THAN TERRITORY, HANOI'S MOTIVE.

KANN/PEARLSTINE SAY US DETERMINED CONVINCE ASIANS THAT US MAINTAINS INTEREST/PRIORITY FOR ASIAN AFFAIRS--BUT FAILURE MOVE ON NORMALIZATION ISSUE UNDERCUTS ASSERTION (1/23). VANCE

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