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(HIGHLIGHTS) KISSINGER ANSWERS QUESTIONS AT PRESS CLUB (600)
WASHINGTON, FEB. 3-- THE U.S. ARMS SALES EMBARGO AGAINST
PAKISTAN IS BEING "SERIOUSLY" EXAMINED IN PREPARATION FOR THE
FEBRUARY 4 VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY PRIME MINISTER ZULFIKAR ALI
BHUTTO, BUT SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER DOUBTS THAT "ANY
FINAL DECISIONS" WILL BE MADE DURING MR. BHUTTO'S TRIP.

DR. KISSINGER MADE THE POINT IN A 30-MINUTE SESSION AT THE
NATIONAL PRESS CLUB IN WHICH HE ANSWERED QUESTIONS PUT TO HIM
AFTER HE DELIVERED A SPEECH ON THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY
SITUATION.

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CURIOUS POSITION OF BEING SUBJECT TO AN AMERICAN EMBARGO, IS ALWAYS BEFORE US-- ESPECIALLY AT A TIME WHEN THE PRIME MINISTER OF PAKISTAN VISITS THE UNITED STATES," DR. KISSINGER SAID, ADDING:

"I DOUBT ANY FINAL DECISIONS WILL BE MADE WHILE HE IS HERE...OF COURSE (THE ARMS SALES EMBARGO) IS BEING SERIOUSLY EXAMINED IN PREPARATION FOR HIS VISIT....AND, OF COURSE, IT WILL BE DISCUSSED."

THE SECRETARY ALSO ANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS PLANNED TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST LATER THIS MONTH AS WELL AS ABOUT CHILE, CUBA, VIETNAM AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

MIDDLE EAST:

HE SAID HE WOULD NOT BE PLANNING A VISIT TO THE MIDEAST IF HE "DIDN'T BELIEVE THERE WAS SOME POSSIBILITY OF PROGRESS IN FURTHER (ARAB-ISRAELI) NEGOTIATIONS."

ANY NEXT "STEP THAT IS TAKEN" IN NEGOTIATIONS "SHOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED AS AN ENTRANCE STEP TOWARD A FINAL" PEACE SETTLEMENT. "ALL OTHER NATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL HAVE TO PARTICIPATE...IN A NEGOTIATION FOR A FINAL PEACE."

ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF U.S. RECOGNITION OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO), HE SAID THE UNITED STATES HAS REPEATEDLY SAID THAT THERE IS "NO POSSIBILITY" OF RECOGNITION SO LONG AS THE PLO DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL.

CUBA:

TO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THERE IS A POSSIBILITY FOR THE UNITED STATES TO REVERSE CURRENT POLICY IN ORDER TO SELL GOODS TO CUBA TO EASE U.S. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS, HE SAID: "WHATEVER DECISION WILL BE MADE... WILL NOT BE DICTATED BY ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS."

ANY CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY TOWARDS CUBA "WILL GROW OUT OF OUR ASSESSMENT" OF THE INTERNATIONAL AND WESTERN HEMISPHERE SITUATIONS, HE EMPHASIZED.

CHILE:

A CHARGE-- PRINTED IN THE WASHINGTON POST FEBRUARY 3 -- BY FORMER CHILEAN AMBASSADOR ORLANDO LETELIER THAT DR. KISSINGER PERSONALLY ASSURED HIM IN LATE 1971 OF NON-INTERVENTION BY THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY IN CHILE IS "TOTALLY UNSUPPORTED," ACCORDING TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

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DR. KISSINGER FOUND IT "AMAZING" THAT THE FRONT PAGE OF A "LEADING NEWSPAPER" WOULD PUBLISH A "TOTALLY UNSUPPORTED

STORY BY AN INDIVIDUAL (MR. LETELIER) ...WHO WASN'T EXACTLY
DISINTERESTED" IN EVENTS IN CHILE.

DR. KISSINGER SAID THAT NEITHER HE NOR COLUMNIST JOSEPH ALSOP,
AT WHOSE HOME MR. LETELIER CLAIMS HE MET THE SECRETARY OF STATE
TO RECEIVE THE ASSURANCE, "REMEMBER SUCH AN INCIDENT."

DR. KISSINGER FOUND THE LETELIER ALLEGATION "PARTICULARLY
PAINFUL BECAUSE I HAD NOT BEEN UNINVOLVED IN HIS RELEASE FROM
PRISON" IN CHILE.

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA:

THE FORD ADMINISTRATION DOES "NOT HAVE THE IMPRESSION"
THAT CHINESE LEADERS "ARE DISSATISFIED WITH THE STATE OF
CHINESE-AMERICAN RELATIONS."

WASHINGTON IS COMMITTED UNDER THE 1972 SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE TO
MOVE TOWARD NORMAL RELATIONS WITH PEKING AND IS "DETERMINED TO
CARRY OUT" THE LETTER AND THE SPIRIT OF THAT DOCUMENT.

VIETNAM:

THE "ONLY SECURITY PROBLEM IN SOUTH VIETNAM IS THE
PRESENCE OF NORTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY FORCES." ITEM
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