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SUBJECT: STATE DEPARTMENT AFTERNOON CABLE SUMMARY

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1. THAI ARMED FORCES STUDY

AMBASSADOR MARTIN REPORTS THAT THE THAI ARMED FORCES HAVE INITIATED A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THEIR LONG-RANGE REQUIREMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR CONSIDERING THE FEASIBILITY OF SENDING AN ADDITIONAL GROUND FORCE TO SOUTH VIETNAM. THE AMBASSADOR COMMENTS THAT THIS WILL DELAY THE PUBLIC COMMITMENT OF ADDITIONAL FORCES UNTIL THE PLAN CAN BE STUDIED.

2. OKINAWA SITUATION

EMBASSY TOKYO REPORTS A GROWING NATIONAL CONSENSUS, SUPPORTED BY THE OPPOSITION AND MEDIA, WHICH CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE REVERSION OF OKINAWA AND U.S. RETENTION OF BASES WITHOUT NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND WITHOUT FREEDOM OF USE. PRIME MINISTER SATO IS NOT PLEASED AND HAS TRIED TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF OKINAWA TO JAPAN'S SECURITY. FOREIGN MINISTER MIKI IS EXPECTED TO SEEK A READING OF U.S. ATTITUDES DURING HIS SCHEDULED VISIT TO HELP SATO DECIDE HOW TO HANDLE THE OKINAWA PROBLEM.

3. DZU'S PLANS

PEACE CANDIDATE DZU INFORMED EMBASSY SAIGON THAT THE EIGHT CIVILIAN CANDIDATES PLAN TO APPEAL THE ELECTION RESULTS TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. SINCE IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THE ASSEMBLY WOULD ANNUL THE ELECTION, DZU SAID HE WOULD CONTINUE HIS LEGAL STRUGGLE AND PREPARE HIMSELF FOR THE NEXT ELECTIONS.

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4. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO JORDAN

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WE HAVE INFORMED EMBASSY AMMAN THAT WE ARE STILL NOT IN A POSITION TO MOVE ON SUSPENDED GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE DUE TO PENDING ACTION ON THE FOREIGN AID BILL.

5. POSSIBLE GREEK INITIATIVE ON CYPRUS

EMBASSY ATHENS HAS RECEIVED REPORTS THAT THE GREEK MILITARY JUNTA MAY OFFER TO TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER DEMIREL A MODIFIED ACHESON PLAN FOR CYPRUS, INCLUDING A SOVEREIGN TURKISH BASE ON THE ISLAND. THE EMBASSY COMMENTS THAT IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS WOULD ACCEPT SUCH A SOLUTION.

AMERICAN REPUBLICS

6. US-BRAZIL RELATIONS

IN AN OFF THE RECORD INTERVIEW WITH CARL ROWAN, BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MAGALHAES PINTO SAID THAT BRAZIL HAS LOST FAITH IN THE ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS. PINTO ADDED THAT THE U.S. HAS SPENT TOO MUCH TIME WORRYING ABOUT SECURITY IN LATIN AMERICA AND TOO LITTLE TIME TRYING TO PRODUCE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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