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SUBJECT:DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS, THURSDAY, JULY 31

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE BUREAUS.
EB AND PM DID NOT SUBMIT REPORTS.

ARA - ROGERS

PANAMA -- BYRD DECIDED TO ATTACK WITHOUT WARNING
LAST NIGHT. SO THIS MORNING I TALKED WITH BUCKLEY,
EAGLETON, BEALL, STONE, BURDICK, INOUE, ABOUREZK,
TALMADGE, KENNEDY, BARTLETT, STEVENS, BELLMON AND
HUDDLESTON, OR THEIR STAFFS. I SUGGESTED THAT IT WAS
HARDLY DELIBERATIVE FOR THE SENATE TO RUSH TO JUDGMENT
ON AN ISSUE AS COMPLICATED AS PANAMA WITHOUT HEARINGS,
ON LESS THAN ONE DAY'S NOTICE AND ON AN AMENDMENT THE
TEXT OF WHICH NO ONE HAD SEEN. BUNKER AND OTHERS MADE
A SIMILAR PITCH TO OTHERS; BUNKER WAS PARTICULARLY
HELPFUL WITH PASTORE. I THINK WE COVERED A LARGE PART
OF THE SENATE -- BUT IN THE APPROPRIATE LOW-KEY FASHION.
THE VOTE, IF IT COMES, WILL COME LATER TONIGHT.

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ABOUREZK -- I TALKED WITH THE SENATOR ABOUT HIS
AUGUST 4 TRIP TO CUBA. HE WANTED TO KNOW IF THERE WERE
ANY MESSAGES. I SAID THAT THE ONLY MESSAGE WAS THAT
THERE WERE NO MESSAGES.

JAPAN -- I AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FISHLOW MET WITH MINISTER NISHIDA. HE MADE FAIRLY CLEAR THAT THE JAPANESE IRON ORE IMPORTERS WOULD BE GENTLEMEN AND NOT TRY TO DEAL WITH THE PERUVIANS FOR THE EXPROPRIATED MARCONA ORE BEHIND OUR BACKS. NISHIDA ALSO WANTED A BRIEFING ON SAN JOSE AND ON ARGENTINA. THESE REGULAR MEETINGS WITH THE JAPANESE ARE OBVIOUSLY USEFUL.

EA - MR. HABIB

JAPANESE CHANGE SIGNALS ON COMMUNIQUE. AMBASSADOR YASUKAWA CALLED ON ME TO INDICATE THAT PRIME MINISTER MIKI HAS REQUESTED OUR AGREEMENT THAT THE IDEA OF THE ISSUANCE OF A JOINT COMMUNIQUE, AT THE TIME OF HIS VISIT NEXT WEEK, BE DROPPED. THE JAPANESE ARE SUGGESTING INSTEAD A SHORT "JOINT STATEMENT" ISSUED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER, WITH PERHAPS A LONGER JOINT "PRESS RELEASE" ALONG THE LINES OF THE EXISTING DRAFT COMMUNIQUE. WE ARE PROVIDING YOU WITH FURTHER INFORMATION AND OUR VIEWS IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE.

PHOUMI VONGVICHIT TRIP TO US. I GAVE A SMALL LUNCH TODAY FOR THE DEPARTING LAO AMBASSADOR. BOB MILLER, TOM CORCORAN (OUR NEW CHARGE) AND OTHER EA OFFICERS WERE PRESENT. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE UNDERSTOOD FOREIGN MINISTER PHOUMI VONGVICHIT, CURRENTLY UNDERGOING MEDICAL TREATMENT IN PEKING, WOULD ATTEND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND WISHED TO VISIT WASHINGTON WHILE HE IS IN THE US.

ROC REQUEST ON IMF/IBRD. AMBASSADOR SHEN TODAY SOUGHT OUR SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED ROC MEMBERSHIP IN THE IMF/IBRD, DURING THE UPCOMING EARLY SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THOSE TWO ORGANIZATIONS. I ASSURED SHEN THAT THE ROC CONTINUES TO ENJOY OUR SUPPORT FOR THEIR MEMBERSHIP, AND INDICATED WE
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HAD NO EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THAT THE ISSUE WOULD ARISE. I AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT WE WOULD ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE THE VENEZUELAN CHAIRMAN'S POSITION ON THE MATTER.

MAYAGUEZ HEARINGS. BOB MILLER, ALONG WITH MONROE LEIGH AND BOB MCCLOSKEY, ACCOMPANIED THE ACTING SECRETARY IN HIS APPEARANCE BEFORE THE FASCELL SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT.

STATUS OF CODELS TO PRC. THE BRIEFING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PERCY-JAVITS DELEGATION TO THE PRC HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, AND THE GROUP DEPARTS WASHINGTON TOMORROW. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE OFFICIAL CODEL TO THE PRC ARE PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY.

FRENCH INTEREST IN MULTILATERAL RESCHEDULING OF NORTH KOREAN DEBTS. THE FRENCH EMBASSY HAS CONTACTED TREASURY TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE US WOULD HAVE ANY INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN A PARIS CLUB MEETING TO DISCUSS DEBT RESCHEDULING FOR NORTH KOREA. EA HAS ADVISED TREASURY THAT THERE ARE NO NORTH KOREAN DEBTS OWED TO THE U.S. AND FOR THAT REASON ALONE WE WOULD NOT BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN A RESCHEDULING MEETING.

MANSFIELD TRIP. I BRIEFED SENATE SECRETARY VALEO AND SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE SENIOR STAFFER JONES ON THE FORTHCOMING MANSFIELD TRIP TO RANGOON, BANGKOK, HONG KONG AND MANILA. THE BRIEFING CONCERNED THE CURRENT SITUATION AS IT AFFECTS US INTERESTS IN BURMA, THAILAND AND THE PHILIPPINES. VALEO WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF THE VISIT AND THE BRIEF.

EUR - JAMES G. LOWENSTEIN, ACTING:

ITALIAN CONCERN RE QUADRIPARTITE LUNCHEON. ITALIAN CHARGE TAMAGNINI CALLED ME TODAY ABOUT ANY US RESPONSE TO THE ITALIAN DEMARCHE ON THE QUADRIPARTITE LUNCHEON. IN REPLY, I DREW ON YOUR RESPONSE TO RUMOR (SECTO 8081) AND ALSO READ HIM THE QUESTION AND ANSWER FROM YOUR PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY (SECTO 8067).

AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON ITALY. THE WORKING GROUP ON
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ITALY HELD ITS SECOND MEETING TODAY TO DISCUSS THE PRELIMINARY OUTLINE OF A POSSIBLE ACTION PROGRAM FOR ITALY. A DRAFT PROGRAM REFLECTING THE WORKING GROUP'S CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WILL NOW BE PREPARED FOR FINAL CLEARANCE.

CYPRIOUS AMBASSADOR RETURNS. AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU, JUST BACK FROM CYPRUS, CAME IN TO SEE BRUCE LAINGEN FOR A REVIEW OF THE OUTLOOK FOR CYPRUS. HE SAYS HE WAS ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGED BY THE STRONG SPIRIT OF THE REFUGEE COMMUNITY THERE, CONFIRMING THAT CAMP RESIDENTS ARE NOW DOWN TO THE 20,000 RANGE. DIMITRIOU WAS INSTRUCTED BY MAKARIOS TO TELL US THAT HE CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THE US IS THE ONLY OUTSIDE POWER CAPABLE OF PLAYING A MEANINGFUL ROLE ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE. WE REMINDED THE AMBASSADOR (WHO PRIVATELY NOW APPEARS TO AGREE) HOW THE TURKISH AID EMBARGO LIMITS OUR ROLE AND GENERALLY OBSTRUCTS THE OUTLOOK FOR PROGRESS ON CYPRUS.

NEA - ATHERTON

1. MINISTER NISHIDA OF THE JAPANESE EMBASSY CAME IN FOR A GENERAL MIDDLE EASTERN REVIEW TODAY IN PREPARATION FOR THE JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT NEXT WEEK.

L - MONROE LEIGH

-- LEIGH ACCOMPANIED ACTING SECRETARY INGERSOLL FOR APPEARANCE BEFORE FASCELL SUBCOMMITTEE OF HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON MAYAGUEZ EPISODE.

-- LEIGH WORKED ON DRAFT LEGAL OPINION ON ILLEGALITY OF TURKISH SUSPENSION OF DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT.

-- ALDRICH CONSULTED WITH DEFENSE AND ACDA OFFICIALS CONCERNING SEVERAL PROBLEMS BEFORE THE CONFERENCE ON THE LAWS OF WAR. THESE CONSULTATIONS WERE PART OF AN EFFORT TO PREPARE FOR MEETINGS NEXT WEEK IN BONN WITH THE FRG, WHICH HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS MAY RESTRICT THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE FRG CONCERNS ARE GROUNDFLESS, AND WE SHALL TRY TO PERSUADE THEM OF THIS.

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-- SCHWEBEL PREPARED A DRAFT OF A NOTE TO PERU RESPECTING ITS EXPROPRIATION OF THE ASSETS OF MARCONA.

-- SCHWEBEL CONFERRED WITH UNP ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF ARGUING, AS A DELAYING TACTIC, IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP THAT THE VIETNAMS' SELF-DESCRIPTION AS "ZONES" RAISES QUESTION OF WHETHER THEY ARE STATES WITHIN THE MEMBERSHIP PROVISIONS OF THE UN CHARTER.

-- SCHWEBEL CONFERRED WITH EB AND IO ABOUT THE MERITS OF A NEW FINNISH CANDIDACY FOR THE DIRECTION OF THE UN SECRETARIAT SECTION ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

IO - BLAKE

MINISTER-COUNSELOR, EMBASSY OF FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, CALLED TO DISCUSS TACTICS IN FIGHTING ISRAEL SUSPENSION FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

AF - EDWARD W. MULCAHY, ACTING

ZAIRE PACKAGE: WITH SHELDON VANCE AND DON BROWN (AID/AFR) I HELPED BRIEF A SYMPATHETIC SENATOR DICK CLARK ON OUR ECONOMIC PACKAGE FOR ZAIRE AND CAME AWAY FEELING SURE WE CAN COUNT ON HIS HELP. THE SAME CANNOT BE SAID OF CONGRESSMAN PASSMAN WHO WAS AT HIS MOST OBSTREPEROUS BEST. HE DID, HOWEVER, INDICATE A WILLINGNESS TO "HOLD HEARINGS" ON OUR DOLS 20 MILLION REQUEST WHEN CONGRESS RECONVENES, SOMETHING WE HOPE TO AVOID. WE WILL NOW STUDY THE BEST TACTICS TO ACCOMPLISH OUR ENDS WITHOUT HEARINGS.

LUNCH WITH SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR: I JOINED BOB INGERSOLL AT LUNCH WITH THE ABLE SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR, ANDRE COULBARY.

TOMORROW: I WILL ATTEND BOB INGERSOLL'S MEETING
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WITH CONGRESSMAN DIGGS AND WILL GO TO HERB SPIRO'S SWEARING-IN.

H - ROBERT J. MCCLOSKEY

1 MAYAGUEZ - INGERSOLL TESTIFIED BEFORE FASCELL'S SUBCOMMITTEE TODAY IN RESPONSE TO THE DEMAND THAT THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDE A WITNESS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS DURING THE MAYAGUEZ OPERATION. HE GAVE THEM VERY LITTLE INSIGHT INTO THE NATURE AND SUBSTANCE OF THE RELEVANT NSC DELIBERATIONS. NEVERTHELESS, RIEGLE, OUR STRONGEST CRITIC, CONCLUDED THE 2-HOUR SESSION BY STATING HE UNDERSTOOD INGERSOLL'S POSITION IN DESCRIBING THE NSC DISCUSSIONS AS PRIVILEGED. THE ONLY POTENTIALLY SERIOUS ISSUE DEVELOPED WHEN FASCELL AND RIEGLE INSISTED WE CALL THE WHITE HOUSE AT ONCE TO REQUEST THE NAMES OF THE 21 MEMBERS FIRST CONTACTED BY PHONE AFTER THE SEIZURE. WE DID NOT PROVIDE THE NAMES.

2. TURKEY - AS OF THIS WRITING THE SENATE WILL BRING UP THE COMPROMISE BILL LATER TONIGHT. ASSESSMENTS ON THE VOTE ARE FAVORABLE. THERE IS A QUESTION AS TO WHETHER HOUSE ACTION IS POSSIBLE IN VIEW OF THE RECESS SCHEDULED TO COME INTO EFFECT TOMORROW. FRIEDERSDORF AND MARSH ARE SEEKING TO RESOLVE THIS WITH THE SPEAKER AND MINORITY LEADER. THEY WILL BE REPORTING SEPARATELY IN THEIR CHANNEL. I AM CONCERNED THAT IF WE FAIL TO SET HOUSE ACTION BEFORE THE RECESS, EVEN WITH A FAVORABLE VOTE IN THE SENATE, THE ADMINISTRATION ENDS UP WITH A NET LOSS BECAUSE THE SENATE HAS ALREADY APPROVED A TOTAL LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO.

3. PANAMA - AS A RESULT OF REINTRODUCING THE TURKISH BILL IN THE SENATE, SENATOR HARRY BYRD WAS GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO OFFER A RESOLUTION ON PANAMA, WHICH STATES "THE UNITED STATES SHOULD MAINTAIN ITS SOVEREIGNTY, RIGHTS, AND JURISDICTION IN THE PANAMA CANAL AND ZONE." WE HAVE DEVELOPED TWO BLOCKING ACTIONS. FIRST, A TABLING MOTION SPONSORED BY HUMPHREY AND CRANSTON WHICH, BY THEIR COUNT, WILL PASS; AND SECOND, SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE TO BE INTRODUCED BY SENATOR PASTORE WHICH WE CAN LIVE WITH.

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WITH THESE TWO OPTIONS, WE ARE REASONABLY OPTIMISTIC THAT WE CAN BEAT BACK THE BYRD RESOLUTION.

4. LAW OF THE SEA - THE HOUSE MERCHANT MARINE COMMITTEE VOTED OUT A 200-MILE BILL 35 TO 3. THIS OCCURRED DESPITE THE ASSURANCE OF CHAIRWOMAN SULLIVAN TO BOB INGERSOLL THAT A COMMITTEE VOTE WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL AFTER THE AUGUST RECESS. PETE MCCLOSKEY WAS THE ONLY POSITIVE VOICE IN THE COMMITTEE DEBATE. THIS LEGISLATION WILL NOT REACH THE FLOOR UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

5. ISRAEL AND THE UN - BENTSEN AND SCOTT INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION ON THE SENATE FLOOR TODAY WHICH WOULD GIVE THE PRESIDENT THE AUTHORITY TO WITHDRAW FROM THE UNGA AND TO WITHHOLD FUNDS FROM THE UN IF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ARBITRARILY VOTED TO OUST A MEMBER. O'NEILL IS CIRCULATING A "DEAR COLLEAGUE" LETTER WITH SIMILAR SENTIMENTS IN THE HOUSE. HE REPORTEDLY HAS OVER 50 SIGNATURES AT THIS POINT. INGERSOLL

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