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INFORMATION

September 30, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI
FROM: WILLIAM E. ODOM
SUBJECT: Ivory Item

The Department of Defense held an IVORY ITEM this morning as scheduled. Reportedly, it went extremely well except for one major detail. Apparently the duty officer in the NMCC did not call WHCA switch. Therefore, when Harold Brown asked for you to be added to the Conference, the DOD could not respond in time.

I have checked with WHCA to verify that no failure occurred at this end. The mistake was made at the NMCC by failing to put WHCA switch in the Conference from the beginning.

Staser Holcomb said that we will try it again on Monday.

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