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SUBJECT: SIGNIFICANT EVENTS REPORT FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH.

1. IN THE PRESS

HEADLINE COVERAGE OF YOUR ASIAN TRIP CONTINUES. EVENING STAR TOP NEWS STORY IS "JOHNSON WAXES SENTIMENTAL ON REVISITING NEW ZEALAND." EXTENSIVE NEWS PLAY ALSO GIVEN TO PAGO PAGO VISIT.

SOUTH VIETNAM'S POLITICAL CIRISIS RECEIVING TOP BILLING. THE REPORTED RESIGNATION OF THE SEVEN CABINET MEMBERS MADE FRONT PAGE NEWS IN THE STAR, THE WASHINGTON POST, AND THE BALTIMORE SUN.

EVENING STAR LEAD EDITORIAL ADVISES PRESIDENT TO "SKIP VIET NAM" SINCE THE "BENEFITS ARE GREATLY OUTWEIGHED BY THE RISKS."

LEAD STORY IN THE NEW YORK TIMES IS THAT THE SUPREME COURT HAS STAYED THE PENNSY-CENTRAL MERGER UNTIL MORE FACTS ARE OBTAINED ON ITS IMPACT.

IN A LEAD EDITORIAL THE NEW YORK TIMES COMES OUT FOR ROCKEFELLER FOR GOVERNOR.

SCOTTY RESTON'S COLUMN IN THE TIMES CITES THE "OFFICIAL WHITE HOUSE REPORT ON THE GREAT 89TH CONGRESS" AND SAYS THAT GOLDWATER'S DRAMATIC DEFEAT IN 1964, SWEEPING IN SO MANY DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMEN, WAS A PRIME FACTOR IN GETTING SO MUCH LEGISLATION PASSED.

2. THE CONGRESS

TWO PRIME THREATS TO THE BUDGET DISAPPEARED. BOTH THE SENATE AND HOUSE VERSIONS OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL HOLD TO THE BUDGET FOR ELEMENTARY, SECONDARY, AND HIGHER EDUCATION.

SENATE

PASSED AND SENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE THE TRUTH IN PACKAGING BILL. SEN. WART PRAISED THE BILL AS AN EFFECTIVE AID TO THE HOUSEWIFE.

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