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FRom Geneva....

From Washington

From London comes today's news. Good Evening, I'm

Richard C. Hottelet sitting in for Lowell Thomas.

Secretary Kissinger and Soviet Foreign Minister

Gromyko exchanged views today in Geneva - both saying they
hope for progress towards a Soviet-American nuclear weapons
treaty. Such an agreement would limit the number of
strategic offensive nuclear weapons possessed by each
country.

Another major matter under discussion is the cessation of underground nuclear weapons tests. For years efforts to put an end to this testing have foundered on the Soviet dislike of inspection. Now there is hope for at least partial progress. Marvin Kalb reports from Geneva:

The Russians appear to have accepted the principle of onsite inspection for the first time in the long history of weapons negotiation. According to a senior American official very familiar with the ongoing negotiation to work out a so-called, Threshold Nuclear Test Ban, an agreement with Russia that would permit onsite inspection of nuclear tests above 150 kilotons in strength could well occur It is a long way, of course, from accepting a principle to implementing one, but for Russia it is nevertheless regarded as a big step to have agreed to the principle at all which up to this point they have consistently rejected. A threshold test ban as one of the arms control measures that could be ready for the next Ford-Brezhnev summit if such a summit occurs at all. It is a large question mark now because there has been such comparatively little progress on another strategic arms limitation agreement. Marvin Kalb.

A Frederick, Maryland, family says it intends to sue the C-I-A in the case of the late Frank Olson -a civilian scientist who killed himself twenty-two years ago after allegedly being given experimental doses of L-S-D by C-I-A agents. Olson's eldest son - Erik, says his family plans to sue for MILLIONS of dollars.

Both President Ford and C-I-A Director William

Colby emphatically deny reports that C-I-A agents have
secretly infiltrated the White House staff. The allegations
- made by Republican Congressman Robert Kasten of

Wisconsin - were called "outrageous and vicious nonsense"
by Colby today on Capitol Hill.

President Ford - urging reform of Federal regulatory agencies - says the consumer can best achieve his wants through the market place where "maximum freedom" should be given private enterprise. Speaking at a White House conference of Federal agencies, the President says he believes the government should intrude in the free market only when social needs are well defined, or when monopoly conditions prevail.

Ugand's President Amin - in a dramatic gesture freed Dennis Hills - the British lecturer whom he twice threatened to send before a firing squad for calling him a "village tyrant" in an unpublished book. Hills was released while Amin was holding discussions with British foreign Secretary James Callaghan in Kampala, and has now returned to London.

Senate investigators today confirmed reports

that Russia is negotiating for the purchase of several

MILLION tons of American grain - although NO sales have

yet been made.

When a line is cast into the waters of the Atlantic, almost anything could wind up on the hook. Like, for instance - an airplane. A naval landing craft - conducting underwater weapons tests off the Florida coast - decided to pull its starboard anchor up from a depth of nearly seven-hundred feet. And when one crewman looked over the side, he exclaimed - "Hey, we've hooked on airplane." It was a four place single engine monoplane. No bodies were found on board, but articles of clothing were strewn about the cabin. And the F-A-A is combing its archives to identify the plane and its previous occupants.

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