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WHITE HOUSE

President Nixon tonight issued tonight a mammoth - state of the world - report. Two-hundred-and-thirty-two pages of it - sub-titled - "Shaping a durable peace." The subject of Vietnam - of course, paramount.

The President detailing four years of painstaking diplomacy that finally led to the cease-fire in Vietnam. In it saying the record clearly shows - the war could not have been ended earlier. Adding that Hanoi now has "two basic choices" - either to "exploit" the cease-fire - or to pursue its objectives peacefully."

If the first - said the President - the North Vietnamese would thus - risk revived confrontation. If the second - he continued - "it would transform years of military conflict in Indo China into political struggle;" and the U.S. would then be willing to abide - said he - "by ██████████ whatever the historical process produces."

ARMS FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

The President also dealt at length with the nuclear arms race. Pledging that the U S will continue to strive - for additional arms limitation agreements with the Soviet Union. But further noting that Russia is now developing - three new intercontinental ballistic missiles - missiles said he - which "may well carry sophisticated new multiple war-heads; and thus - tip the balance of nuclear power.

The President going on to say - the U S must, therefore, modernize its strategic capabilities; ~~by hardening the sites for its~~ ^(AW) land-based I C B M's --
^{also} by proceeding full-tilt with the Trident submarine and the B-One bomber. Either that - said he - or "we could face a situation -- in which during the crisis there could be a premium to the side that struck first. The President adding that "such a strategic environment is unacceptable."

MEETING

The White House again - an announcement today that President Nixon will meet with President Pompidou of France - May Thirty-First and June First in Iceland! This, of course, a neutral site - apparently at the request of Pompidou who is said to be still irked - at pro-Israeli demonstrations that marred his visit to the U.S. three years ago.

In any event the President's talks with Pompidou are expected to deal with his planned "grand tour" of Europe this fall; also, issues that may be raised when Russia's Brezhnev visits the U.S. next month.

BEIRUT

In the Middle East - at Beirut - a second straight day of heavy fighting - between Lebanese army troops and Palestinian guerrillas. Today's action also including a Lebanese air strike against guerrilla positions near Beirut International Airport. Both sides - reporting heavy casualties.

At the same time - a nationwide address by Lebanese President Suleiman Franjeh; noting how Lebanon has already taken in - more than three hundred thousand Palestinian refugees; and pointing out how no "other Arab country" quote "has given our Palestinian brothers what we have." Franjeh stressing there can be no "occupation army" - on Lebanese soil.

TEL AVIV

May-ear

Fro^m Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir

another birthday - her seventy-fifth. Starting ~~out~~ out with orchids and birthday cake from her staff at Tel Aviv. Also, hundreds of telegrams - from ~~all~~ around the globe. Later followed by a private birthday party with her children and grand-children. Along the way Madame Meir addressing a group of high school graduates; taking note of recent saber-rattling on the part of Egypt's President Sadat. The lady Premier saying: "We the Israelis and the people of the world and even Sadat himself - know there is no chance for him to achieve anything by opening fire. Therefore, I can only advise him - not to fulfill these threats." And she added: "This I say not for our own sake - but for the people of Egypt and the lives of the Egyptian soldiers who will be sent to the battle."

PARIS

At Paris - another session today between officials for Saigon and the Viet Cong. The two sides presenting opposing plans - for determining the political future of South Vietnam; both of which - were quickly rejected.

Later on at a press conference for Viet Cong's Dinh Ba Thai, one of the questions - raised the Watergate issue. That is a reporter asked the possible effects - of President Nixon's internal difficulties. This Thai refused to discuss, directly. He did charge "however, that the U.S. was using similar maneuvers," with a view to covering up violations of the present Vietnam peace agreement.

HOUSE FOLLOW PARIS

Here at home again - on Capitol Hill - the first major test of administration policies in South East Asia since the start of the cease fire such as it is. The House Appropriations committee taking up a measure aimed at cutting off funds for the bombing ~~of Cambodia~~ of Cambodia; taking it up - and turning it down flat. The committee voting better than two to one - against a cut-off.

WATERGATE

Speaking of Watergate - ~~as I was a moment~~

~~ago - another~~ ^{at a} session of the Watergate grand jury -

H R Haldeman and John Ehrlichman - late of the White

House staff, ^{were} both _^ testifying at length today. When asked

if indictments were feared - their attorney saying -

"I don't know about that - but they have no fear of

being convicted." ^{FF} Meanwhile, in New York - Martha

Mitchell was giving a deposition - in connection with

a civil suit filed in relation to ~~the~~ watergate ~~affair~~.

The wife of the former Attorney General refusing,

however, to ~~no~~ discuss the case with reporters -

"I'm not going to stand here in the middle of the street -

and give interviews" said she. Adding: "When I have

something to say - I'll call my friends and say it."

LONDON

Incidentally, the impact of the Watergate affair came out in a cartoon appearing in the London Daily Telegraph, showing tourists looking at the Statue of Liberty, and one of them saying: "I believe the torch - is for burning files."

CAPE KENNEDY

At Cape Kennedy - successful completion of the last ground test - for the rocket that will carry aloft America's first three sky lab astronauts. A week long simulated count-down ending in a mock launch early this afternoon. ~~And~~ the start of man's next great ~~and~~ venture in Space -- is now less than eleven days away.

LOS ANGELES

The City of Los Angeles - as you may have heard - is currently studying the possibility of establishing a "unisex" police force; with men and women officers - in theory - at least - to meet the same qualifications, to fulfill the same duties. Now comes a report - that may produce some second thoughts. The LA police department - surveying a number of eastern cities where mixed patrols are already in use, comes to the following conclusions: One - that women officers are less aggressive than men - and tend to produce less self-generated activity. Two - that the productivity of male officers has decreased in part because they hang back from dangerous situations - in order to protect their female partners. Three - that certain men - especially Latins - "appear to resist taking direction or advice from a female officer." And four - that "individuals at all levels - including a number of women themselves" - seriously question "their ability to handle situations in which physical strength might be a factor."

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The report also notes - there was near unanimity on one other factor. Both men and women officers - Bill - saying if they had a choice they would prefer male law enforcement partners.

MONTREAL

In Montreal where an exchange policewoman from Israel - was trying her hand at directing traffic, officer Mitza Levy was employing all the proper hand signals. It might have worked out - except that the shapely twenty-one year old lady cop was wearing a mini-skirt. The result - we are told; an instant traffic jam.