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WHITE HOUSE

As promised, President Ford was proceeding today with a full review of CIA operation - especially in Chile. This including a discussion of the subject - with Congressional Leaders of both parties. But what exactly was said - remains top secret.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield did confirm though - that someone had raised the possibility of a joint congressional committee to oversee the CIA. But Senator Mansfield adding, that the proposal was not received "with much favor."

KISSINGER

For Henry Kissinger made an appearance today before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to explain and defend the new spirit of the detente - between the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

Dr. Kissinger also pledging an all out effort in coming months - to complete a new strategic arms limitation agreement. "We face an opportunity that was not possible twenty-five years ago - or even a decade ago" - said he. Adding: "If that opportunity is lost - it's moment will not quickly come again; and indeed - it may not come at all."

(The following is for release at 8 P.M. Eastern Time. It can be taped if you wish and substituted for something else in tonight's re-broadcast.)

LONDON FOLLOW KISSINGER

Underscoring the Secretary's remarks - a new defense survey from the International Institute for strategic studies in London. The Russians said to be steaming ahead - with a full scale military build up. The U.S. reportedly responding with multiple warhead missiles - and soon a new strategic bomber. The study adding that on both sides - "the pace of research and development is unchecked."

GREENSPAN

The Department of Health, Educational Welfare in Washington - scene today of another government anti-inflation conference. The President's chief economist, Alan Greenspan, addressing some five hundred representatives of, for the most ~~part~~ part, charitable organizations; at one point, saying that on a percentage basis it's actually Wall Street brokers who suffer most from inflation.

PAY FOLLOW GREENSPAN

Meanwhile, on Capitol Hill - the President's efforts to contain Federal spending - were suffering another jolt. The Senate today joining the House - in clearing a pay raise for three-and-a-half million Federal employees. This in spite of the President's plea - that the increase be delayed three months.

The President later saying he was disappointed - but agreeing that Federal workers deserve the extra money.

ROCKY

From Nelson Rockefeller, a report today setting his estimated net worth - at a hundred-and-eighty-two-point-five million. The bulk of this - we are told - in ~~irrevocable~~ irrevocable trusts valued at a hundred and twenty million.

The Vice President nominee - originally pledging full disclosure at the start of his confirmation; but going public now as he said - because of "incomplete and therefore misleading data" earlier leaked to the press.

WASHINGTON

Former President Nixon was recently subpoenaed to testify as a defense witness - in the upcoming Watergate cover-up trial. Now a second subpoena - to compel his testimony as a prosecution witness. The announcement coming today - from Special Prosecutor Jaworski's office. A spokesman explaining that this was necessary - in order to verify the authenticity of White House tapes which will be entered in evidence.

BEIRUT

The government of Lebanon took a step today that we hear is almost certain to lead to a crisis: the banning the carrying of weapons in public - by any civilians, including Palestinian guerillas. Officials adding that anyone refusing to surrender his arms - may be shot on sight.

ADDIS ABABA

Police in Addis Ababa were forced to use clubs today - to break up the most violent in a series of recent demonstrations in the Ethiopian capitol. The protestors attempting to storm the headquarters of Ethiopia's new military regime. About two hundred, in all - mostly relatives of former government officials now in prison. But they were quickly turned back - with some injured and others placed under arrest.

CLARK

At Clark Air Force Base in Philippines newly freed Emmet Kay today discussed today his experiences - as a captive of the Pathet Lao. Kay saying he was ordered to bow down - or be shot. "I defied them" - said he. Adding "Although I was afraid - I think I gained their respect."

But for the most part he says he was treated fairly well. Then he added: "They always reminded me that I was the only American captured by the Pathet Lao - and that I was a very very important political prisoner."

LA CEIBA

In the Carribean - hurricane Fifi today sideswiped the Northern Coast of Honduras. First reports - indicating about two hundred dead. Officials calling Fifi the worst storm to hit the Honduras - in this century.

Next on Fifi's "hit" list - the coast of Guatemala; and then Belize - which used to be British Honduras. The weather bureau saying tides will be running "up to twelve feet above normal - and winds up to a hundred and ten miles an hour."

BEVERLY HILLS

At Beverly Hills, California - a salute to Billy Graham - on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his first crusade for Christ. The tributes he received - including a variety club Gold Card; only the fifth such award - and the first ever to a non-head of state.

In response, Billy Graham saying: "I am trying to look and act humble - but that's hard." And then he added: "I must put these awards aside someplace - and present them someday to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to whom they belong."

BUTTE

*This next - from Butte, Montana; a post script -
on Evel Knievel's celebrated non-canyon leap. The famed
daredevil saying his net take - originally estimated at some
nine million - will probably come out closer to three.*

~~But~~ *But that's alright. "What the heck" - said Evel -
I'm still alive - I have the blue Montana Sky. What do I
need all that money for?"*

IRVINE

The world's oldest known elephant - a veteran of more than seventy-years in show business - has finally been put out to pasture. The great Modoc - known professionally as "Mighty Mo" - a performer with the Ringling Brothers Circus and also on TV in "Daktari" and other shows; now retiring to an animal preserve at Irvine California - at age Seventy-Eight.

Modoc's arrival prompting a gala welcome - from the residents of a nearby retirement community. The giant pachyderm receiving a wreath of sweet peas, alfalfa and hay - which she promptly ate.

BERKELEY

The growing use of vitamin E in the search of ' perpetual youth - - ah, that's what I'm looking for - was given a big boost today by a University of California Research Professor. Dr. Lester Packer telling of lab tests with human lung cells - wherein Vitamin E was found to, quote, "stop the normal aging process."

Ponce de Leon - Professor Packer - I'll be right up to Berkeley to check in at your Fountain of Youth.