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MEMORANDUM FOR ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI

FROM: The Situation Room

SUBJECT: Noon Notes

Iranian Charge Issues Congratulations on Escape of Six Americans from Tehran: Iranian Charge Nostratollah Helmi called Embassy The Hague to extend his congratulations on the "fantastic news" about the six Americans who escaped from Iran. The charge hopes the remaining hostages will soon be out since the situation was "getting to be exhausting." Helmi said Bani-Sadr's initial statements are encouraging and he feels the president will remain "very strong" in dealing with the students. (e)

German Positions on Olympic Games: Foreign office official Siefker informed Embassy Bonn yesterday that the government wants solidarity with the U.S. but clearly does not want to get out in front of either the public or its EC partners. Additionally, Bonn wants to avoid a high profile that would expose it to Soviet pressure. (c)

On Monday, a Der Spiegel poll showed the public is split 48-48 on a German boycott of the Olympics with those over 35 years of age favoring a boycott and those below opposed. Significantly, 52 percent regarded the President's boycott decision as correct while only 44 percent see it as the wrong move. (e)

Press commentary generally supports a boycott with Die Zeit asking "How can the athletes happily march into the Moscow stadium to greet the oppressors of Afghanistan when there are over 500 thousand Afghan refugees fighting for survival." (c)

The German Olympic committee, leaning towards participation in Moscow, has stated that "political responsibilities" should be taken into account when the decision is made and further said that the committee will not be bound by any government decision. A committee decision is expected next week. (c)

Siefker said that the government's position may become clearer after the EC foreign ministers meeting on February 5. (c)

Canada Refuses Permission for Soviet Research Vessel to Call at Halifax: Embassy Ottawa reports that in a further response

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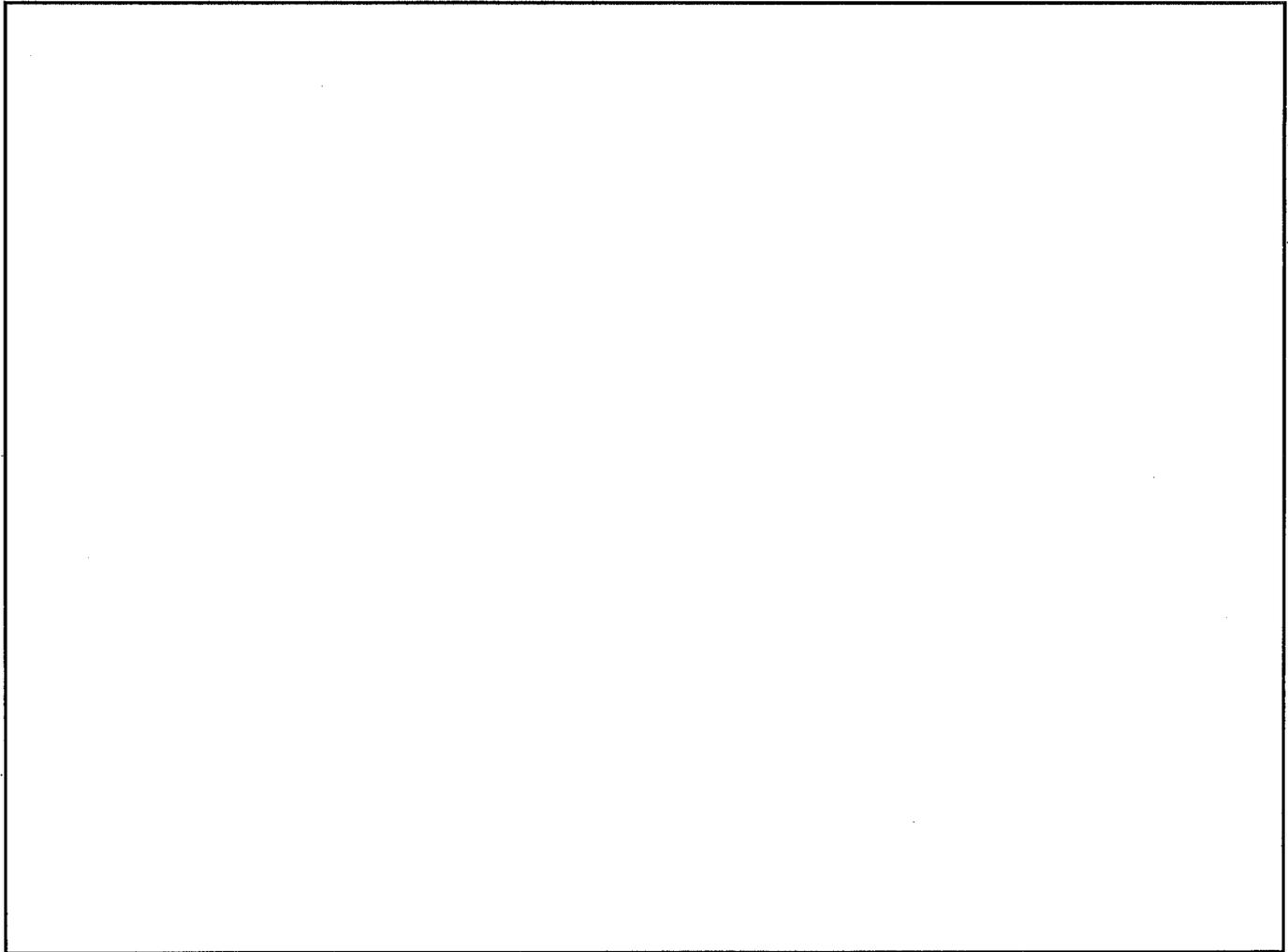
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to the Afghanistan situation, the Canadian department of external affairs presented a note to the Soviet embassy yesterday refusing permission for no specific reason for a Soviet research vessel to make a three day port call at Halifax for provisioning and crew rest. Canada intends to inform Icelandic authorities of their action. Should the Soviets request a later date for port entry, they also will be refused. (C)

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