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1. Brezhnev's Trade Union Speech: Brezhnev took an unusually tough, somber line on U.S.-Soviet relations, and on Secretary Vance's visit during a two-hour speech at the Trade Union Congress this morning. He charged the U.S. with sustaining a campaign of slander regarding the Soviet military threat and with attempts to interfere in Soviet internal affairs. Regarding Secretary Vance's visit, Brezhnev said with a shrug: "We'll see what he comes with." (Moscow 3705)

2. Visit to U.S. by Margaret Thatcher: Embassy London recommends that Mrs. Thatcher's request for a meeting with the President be approved since there is a real possibility that she may be prime minister before the end of April. (London 4616)

3. Soares Concerned with Southern Africa: Ambassador Carlucci forwards a summary of Soares' meeting with Allard Lowenstein during which he expressed fear that the current events in Zaire are part of an orchestrated USSR-Cuban offensive. He stated that the situation called for great subtlety on the part of the U.S. and recommended establishing relations with Angola in order to "exploit the regimes internal contradictions." (Lisbon 2232)

4. Indian Elections: State INR provides its preliminary assessment of the election and several possibilities on what might happen next. (State LDX)

5. Views of Janata Party Leaders: Embassy New Delhi forwards an analysis of the attitudes of Janata party leaders on human rights, Indo-Soviet relations and nuclear policy matters. (New Delhi 3944)

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6. Rabin's Reaction to President Carter's Statements on Middle East Issues: Rabin said he saw positive and negative elements in recent presidential statements, in a radio interview yesterday. Embassy Tel Aviv believes Rabin appears to be down-playing his reputation for being an expert with the Americans. (Tel Aviv 1982)

7. Myongdong Trials: Charge Stern reports that he confirmed to acting Foreign Minister Yoon today that the U.S. will not remain silent on further Korean action on the Myongdong trials. He requested again that comments be "mild" taking into account Korea's security problems. (Seoul 2264)

8. Kreisky Visit to U.S.: Ambassador Buchanan expresses his appreciation to all those responsible for the arrangements made for Chancellor Kreisky's visit. (Vienna 2171)

9. Reported Plans to Overthrow Duvalier Government: State informs Embassy Port au Prince that U.S. policy in regard to coup attempts has not changed. We are in no way encouraging the overthrow of governments, and we have not agreed with any Haitian coup plotters that we will "look the other way" should they attempt to overthrow Duvalier. (State 061960)

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