THE SECRETARY'S STAFF MEETING  
- Wed., Oct. 8, 1975
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Secretary of State Kissinger - Chairman

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H  Mr. McCloskey
L  Mr. Leigh
S/S  Mr. Springsteen
S  Mr. Bremer
S  Mr. Adams
MR. SONNENFELD: Yes.

SECRETARY KISSINGER: -- over the political side of the Treasury, a few economic ones.

MR. HABIB: It looks like the Indonesians have begun the attack on Timor -- Portuguese Timor. It would seem to me clear that the Indonesian troops crossing the border would attack -- the pro-Indonesian forces in the area -- and have not done very well since the beginning of this thing. And this is quite something. There's an earlier case where the Indonesians are being forced to move to hold on to what they obviously are going to hold on to -- that is, they are not going to let Timor become independent, sitting on the end of the Indian Archipelago.

I think what we are doing is like Jack -- keeping our mouth shut about the thing.

SECRETARY KISSINGER: Is that conceivable?

MR. HABIB: We've been doing it, so I think it's quite conceivable.

SECRETARY KISSINGER: No moral --

MR. HABIB: There's not that much interest. I think they'll probably be --

SECRETARY KISSINGER: There are no moral lessons
to be learned from this?

MR. HABIB: Yes. The moral lesson is that we have

the guns to go in. (Laughter.)

We're getting a few requests for validations

of passports to go to South Viet-Nam. I just wanted to

check with you. These are coming fast --

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I'm assuming you're

going to really keep your mouth shut on this subject.

MR. HABIB: On what?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: On this subject, on

Indonesia.

Also, at the UN, Bill, will you make sure

that the U. S. Mission doesn't make a statement

on how the members of the 77 --

MR. HABIB: They might support it. (Laughter.)

MR. BUFFUM: Aren't they going to call us

"murderers"? (Laughter.)

MR. HABIB: We're getting some requests for

validation of passports to go to South Viet-Nam on the part

of people who have family there, and there are just a few

of them. We don't think the South Vietnamese are going

to issue visas, but we do believe we should issue passports

on family business.