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SUBJECT: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS OCTOBER 8, 1974

1. I. PSYCHOLOGICAL SITUATION: LEBANESE ATTENTION REMAINS FOCUSED ON FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT WITH IN-FIGHTING STILL CONCENTRATING MORE ON PERSONAL THAN IDEOLOGICAL LEVEL.

2. AUB CLASSES BEGAN SUCCESSFULLY BUT WITHOUT TRADITIONAL OPENING CEREMONIES. CAMPUS IS QUIET DESPITE SOME STUDENT AGITATION INCLUDING DISTRUBUTION OF WELL-PRINTED STUDENT NEWSPAPER SEEKING TO INCITE RESUMPTION OF TROUBLES OF LAST SPRING.

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3. IN DIVERSE COMMENT ON KISSINGER MIDEAST VISIT, SOME COMMENTATORS AGAIN REFLECTING VIEWPOINT THAT PRESIDEND BRINGS PRO-ISRAEL BIAS TO MIDDLE EASTERN PROBLEMS AND, CONSEQUENTLY, WITHOUT STRONG PRESIDENTIAL BACKING AGAINST ISRAEL-FIRST BLOCS IN CONGRESS, SECRETARY KISSINGER CAN OFFER LITTLE TO ARABS ON THIS ROUND OF VISITS. SINCE ALL ELEMENTS OF U.S. GOVERNMENT OBVIOUSLY DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT INTERNATIONAL OIL PRICE, THESE EDITORIALISTS SEE BEST WAY TO BREAK IMPASSE IS FOR ARAB OIL PRODUCERS TO HOLD FAST AGAINST ANY U.S. ATTEMPTS TO CUT LINKAGE BETWEEN OIL PRICE REDUCTIONS AND ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967.

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4. II. PROGRAM: SPACE SCIENTISTS DR. EDWARD GIBSON AND DR. CHALES BERRY MET WITH LOCAL SCIENCE AND FEATURE WRITERS AT THE KENNEDY CENTER FOR LIVELY AND FRIENDLY GIVE AND TAKE ON MEDICAL PROBLEMS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN SPACE SCIENCE. DR. GIBSON, WHO COMBINES MOST BECOMING MODESTY WITH AN OBVIOUSLY HIGH ORDER OF IDEALISM AND MOTIVATION, AND DR. BERRY, WHOSE ERUDITION IS MATCHED BY HIS ARTICULATE AND WARM WAY OF HANDLING AUDIENCES, HAVE BEEN WIDELY

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PUBLICIZED IN THE COURSE OF THEIR ATTENDANCE AT III Beirut 12284
BEIRUT MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF MEDICINE IN
SPACE AND AVIATION. WITH THEIR CONTRASTING PERSONALITIES
THEY HAVE PROJECTED THE VERY BEST SIDES OF THE UNITED
STATES TO LOCAL AUDIENCES WHICH CAN'T SEEM
TO GET ENOUGH OF THEM, AND THEY SEEM TO WORK EXTREMELY
EFFECTIVELY AS A TEAM. THE POST HIGHLY RECOMMENDS
THEM FOR PROGRAMMING ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

5. CLASSICAL GUITARIST ALICE ARTZT'S FINAL ACTIVITIES
(AFTER TWO BEIRUT AND TWO DAMASCUS CONCERTS) WERE
A LEBANESE TV CONCERT AND A VOA INTERVIEW. CRITICAL
PRAISE UNIVERSAL IN BEIRUT NEWS PUBLICATIONS WITH
MUSIC CRITIC
F ENGLISH-LANGUAGE WEEKLY "MONDAY MORNING"
NOTING HER "SENSITIVE PLAYING" AND PREDICTING SHE "IS
WELL ON HER WAY TO BECOMING ONE OF THE WORLD'S
GREATEST BUITARISTS."

6 THANKS TO AGENCY AND USIS PARIS ASSISTANCE, POST
ABLE LOCATE AND SET UP "FUNCTIONAL CERAMICS" EXHIBIT
ON SCHEDULE, THOUGH TOO LATE TO HOLD FORMAL OPENING,
IN CONJUNCTION WITH "ARTS AND CRAFTS USA" BOOK EXHIBIT.
POST NOW PROCEEDING WITH APPROPRIATE PUBLICITY.

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7. MEDIA PLACEMENT NORMAL. DESPITE LOSS OF SOME
REGULAR POST TV PLACEMENTS BECAUSE OF
ELIMINATION OF THE ALL-CHANNEL EDUCATIONAL TV PROGRAM,
ONE COMPLETE VISION USA FILM AND ONE ADDITIONAL
VISION USA SEGMENT WERE USED THREE OF FOUR VOA VOICE FEED
ITEMS AND THE IMV DOCUMENTARY "THREE" WAS SHOWN
AT BEIRUT'S DOWN-TOWN RIVOLI THEATER. POST
COULD PLACE ON COMMERCIAL CIRCUITS IN BEIRUT AND
TRIPOLI CONSIDERABLY LARGER NUMBER OF 35MM FILMS
THAN AGENCY PRESENTLY SUPPLYING.

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