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BULLETIN

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT NIXON IS SENDING SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER TO MOSCOW, AT THE REQUEST OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, TO HELP NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT TO THE MIDDLE EAST WAR, THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED EARLY SATURDAY.

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1ST ADD KISSINGER WASHINGTON 359A XXX SATURDAY.

DEPUTY PRESS SECRETARY GERALD L. WARREN SAID KISSINGER WAS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN THE SOVIET CAPITAL ABOUT 6:30 P.M. MOSCOW TIME SATURDAY (11:30 A.M. EDT).

THE TRIP WAS EXPECTED TO DELAY KISSINGER'S FORTHCOMING TRIP TO JAPAN AND MAINLAND CHINA, SCHEDULED TO BEGIN SEPT. 26.

-- PRESIDENT NIXON DISPATCHED SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER TO MOSCOW EARLY SATURDAY MORNING FOR DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIET LEADERS ON ENDING THE MIDEAST WAR.

KISSINGER WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN THE SOVIET CAPITAL AT ABOUT 6:30 P.M. MOSCOW TIME (11:30 A.M. EDT) FOR TALKS EXPECTED TO LAST A COUPLE OF DAYS.

WITH HIM WERE ANATOLIY DOBRYNIN, THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, AND A TEAM OF NINE STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING JOSEPH J. SISCO, THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR MIDDLE EASTERN AFFAIRS.

THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THE MISSION WAS UNDERTAKEN AT THE REQUEST OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT. IT APPARENTLY WILL DELAY KISSINGER'S PLANNED TRIP TO TOKYO AND PEKING, SCHEDULED TO BEGIN OCT. 26.

THE VENTURE IN DIRECT DIPLOMACY CAME AS THE MIDEAST WAR MUSHROOMED TO ALARMING PROPORTIONS AND WAS ANNOUNCED ONLY HOURS AFTER NIXON

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REQUESTED SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION FROM CONGRESS FOR \$2.2 BILLION IN EMERGENCY GRANTS TO REPLENISH ISRAEL'S ARSENAL.

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PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESMAN GERALD L. WARREN SAID KISSINGER'S MISSION WAS DECIDED ON AFTER A SERIES OF EXCHANGES BETWEEN NIXON AND SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY CHIEF LEONID I. BREZHNEV.

SOVIET PREMIER ALEXEI KOSYGIN RETURNED TO MOSCOW FRIDAY FROM A VISIT TO CAIRO IN WHICH HE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE URGED RESTRAINT ON THE ARAB SIDE.

"AT THE REQUEST OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, THE PRESIDENT HAS AGREED TO SEND SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER TO VISIT MOSCOW FOR DIRECT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP ON MEANS TO END THE HOSTILITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST," THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID.

"SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST THE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV HAVE MAINTAINED CLOSE CONTACT THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS."

THE DEVELOPMENT WAS SEEN AS ANOTHER INDICATION OF THE CONCERN BY BOTH SIDES THAT THE WAR IN THE MIDEAST, WHERE BOTH HAVE VITAL

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INTEREST, COULD RUIN THE MOVE TOWARD GREATER COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO SUPERPOWERS.

ALSO IN KISSINGER'S PARTY WERE AMBASSADOR ROBERT J. MCCLOSKEY; THOMAS R. PICKERING, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT; ALFRED L. ATHERTON, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST; WINSTON LORD, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT; AND WILLIAM G. HYLAND, PETER W. RODMAN AND LAWRENCE S. EAGLEBERGER, ALL OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL STAFF.

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