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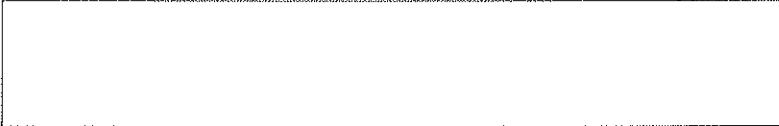


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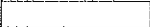
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NOTES

International Monetary Situation: The dollar weakened slightly on major foreign exchange markets this week, and the price of gold was pushed back above \$100 an ounce. Pressure on the dollar and the rise in the gold price are primarily attributable to increased anxiety over the possibility of prolonged Middle East hostilities and the associated threat to oil supplies.



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Uganda: President Amin warned US chargé Keeley yesterday that if the US becomes involved in the Middle East war, he will break relations and imprison all 276 private and official Americans in Uganda until the US withdraws. Amin was undeterred by Keeley's assurances that Sixth Fleet movements were designed only to protect US citizens in the areas of conflict. Amin's threats may be sheer bluster but he does seem to be in one of his periodic irrational moods. He did not make clear what would constitute US involvement in the Middle East fighting.

USSR: Soviet satellite reconnaissance of the Middle East has increased during the current crisis. Two high resolution photoreconnaissance satellites currently are in orbit. One of these, which will provide optimum coverage of the Middle East, apparently will be brought down this morning, only six days after it was launched. A low resolution satellite was brought down early on October 9 after completing one half of its normal 12-day mission. Soviet Elint satellite monitoring of the Middle East has also been at a high level since October 4.

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