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Merry-Go-Round

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WASHINGTON - The Senate Watergate Committee has obtained a White House document which complains of my access to secret intelligence digests. It's true I see secret intelligence reports, which often contain some fascinating items. Here are a few examples:

- The latest intelligence reports warn that trouble may flare up along the Chinese-Mongolian border. There is evidence, according to the reports, that the Soviets may be instigating an incident.

- Intelligence reports from the Middle East claim that Soviet missile technicians have refused to operate the new anti-aircraft missiles that they have installed in Syria. The Soviets reportedly have been ordered to keep out of direct combat. The Syrians, therefore, have gone to Hanoi to recruit North Vietnamese veterans who have had experience operating the Soviet missiles.

- Colonel Qaddafi, the Libyan strongman, is preparing a little green book of his sayings, patterned after the little red book of Mao Tsetung's thoughts. Arrangements have been made to distribute the green book throughout the world. It will teach Islamic socialism, which Qaddafi claims is the middle course between Communism and Capitalism.

- Perhaps the most surprising intelligence reports tell of fighting between North Vietnamese troops and Cambodian insurgents in Cambodia. They had been fighting together to overthrow the government of Lon Nol. But just as they appeared to be winning, some units turned

their guns on one another in outbreaks over the control of supplies.

Oil Plans: A severe winter could leave the nation critically short of heating oils. Shortages could also develop a propane gas and electrical power. The Northwest is particularly vulnerable to a power shortage.

The new energy czar, John Love, is already drafting emergency plans which would go into effect in case of a bad winter. He is getting help from both the Interior Department and the Office of Emergency Planning. Their proposals should be ready for final White House approval by mid-October.

They will recommend curtailing nonessential activities, such as theatre performances, concerts and sporting events, if the fuel oil shortage gets serious enough. They will also consider closing down schools during extremely cold weather. The lost school days would be added at the end of the academic year when the weather is warmer and the school buildings require less heating.

As another fuel saving measure, the temperatures will probably be lowered in federal buildings. A campaign can also be expected to urge all Americans to turn down their thermometers at home and cut down on the use of their automobiles.

The emergency measures, or course, will depend upon the weather.

CIA Yes Men: The late President Kennedy blamed the Bay of Pigs blunder on the Central Intelligence Agency. He declared afterward that he "wanted to

splinter the CIA in a thousand pieces and scatter it to the winds."

When he cooled down, he called in White House adviser Clark Clifford who had drafted the legislation establishing the CIA. As Clifford remembers it, Kennedy said: "I made some bad decisions on the Bay of Pigs. I made these bad decisions because I had bad information."

Kennedy appointed Clifford to head a civilian advisory board, which recommended a great many reforms. To make sure the President got good information, a board of estimates was established.

However, its estimates angered President Nixon and his foreign policy-czar, Henry Kissinger. They complained that the board was dominated by doves. My White House sources say Kissinger got so upset that he refused to read the estimates from the CIA.

The new CIA chief, William Colby, is now preparing to abolish the board of estimates. In its place, he intends to choose a dozen experts from the different divisions of the CIA. They will be known as national intelligence officers.

Kissinger, meanwhile, as has told the CIA that he wants his intelligence straight without any ideological slant. He also wants to see the minority views.

My CIA sources claim this is exactly what the board of estimates was sending the White House. The elimination of the board, they say, is a signal that the White House really wants estimates which always support the President policies.