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II. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

*USSR: Khrushchev used a New Year's eve reception at the Kremlin to end any speculation that a US apology for the U-2 incident remained a precondition to top-level negotiations with the new US administration by stating his willingness to drop UN debate on the matter.

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The USSR's New Year's greetings to Western leaders were cordial in tone and stressed the prospects for settling international issues--disarmament and the German question--during 1961. Among other recipients of greetings from Khrushchev were Souvanna Phouma of Laos and Lumumba of the Congo, both addressed as "premier."

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III. ASIA-AFRICA

*Nationalist China: The commanding general on Chinmen issued orders on 30 December for Nationalist artillery to fire warning shots across the bows of all British ships entering Amoy and to fire at the ships themselves if they fail to heed the warning. The Nationalists reportedly decided on this action because the British have not been giving prior notice of recent ship sailings for Amoy--now averaging one per week. Taipei has not attempted to enforce the port closure in the last three years, except for one occasion--on 25 September 1959, when an artillery battery fired and hit the British ship Tai-chungshan as it was entering Amoy harbor.

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*Mali: Sizable quantities of small arms and ammunition, presumed to be from supplies recently delivered to Conakry by Soviet ships, [] have been trans-shipped by truck from Guinea to Mali at regular intervals last month. Now stored at Bamako, Mali's capital, the arms are believed intended for distribution to internal security forces--especially the new paramilitary units now being formed--and for stockpiling. Acquisition of bloc arms in this way, reportedly arranged during the early December meeting between top Guinean and Malian leaders, reflects the growing influence of the pro-Guinean extremist faction in Mali's single-party regime. It also will heighten the concern of President Senghor's government in neighboring Senegal, which Mali leaders are anxious to see overthrown, and may lead to early Senegalese requests to the US and France for additional arms. []

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IV. THE WEST

*East Germany - West Germany: West Berlin Mayor Brandt has indicated that in the recently concluded interzonal trade talks, the East Germans acceded to all of Bonn's demands and agreed not to implement the restrictions on West German travel to East Berlin which last September had led Bonn to cancel the trade pact. West Germany has not yet informed its allies of the detailed formulation of the new agreement, and

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West Germany accepted weaker wording than it originally desired on several points in order to reach agreement. The East Germans were successful in insisting that their concessions would remain in effect only if the strictest secrecy were maintained.

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*El Salvador: The provisional government appears moving to reduce US economic and military assistance. The defense minister told a group of US officials on 28 December that his government intends to replace US advisers to the National Police

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with Chileans or Italians or both, terming all US assistance programs "void of beneficial results for El Salvador." These statements, which completely reverse expressions of support for US assistance made by the defense minister within the past three weeks, apparently reflect the influence of the pro-Communists and Castro sympathizers in the government. One US-supported project was abruptly closed by the government on 24 December, and the embassy understands that a second is shortly to be closed.

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