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SOVIET UNION

1. Soviet long-range navigation equipment tested:

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Comment: This apparently successful experiment with a LORAN-type aid to long-distance navigation reflects a growing proficiency in the use of this type of electronic equipment. Similar experiments, terminating early last June, showed an inability on the part of the subordinate stations to lock in consistently with the directing station.

The Soviet system is estimated to have a range of 1500 to 2000 miles and can be used simultaneously by an unlimited number of aircraft. Efficient employment of this device, even from present stations, would significantly increase Soviet long-range bombing capabilities and provide coverage over most of Western Europe.

FAR EAST

2. North Korean air force activates two new regiments:

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Two new North Korean air regiments, believed to be equipped with MIG-15 jet fighters,

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One of the units, the 58th, is based at Kungchuling while the 56th may be operating out of Anshan.

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Comment: Previously, the North Korean MIG-15 fighter strength consisted of two regiments of the 1st Air Division, probably based about 125 miles east of Mukden, with a minimum strength of 63 MIG-15's. [] possible 3.3(h)(2) delivery of MIG-15 aircraft to Kungchuling, as well as increased jet fighter activity in this area.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

3. Philippine President Quirino reportedly may not seek reelection:

[] recent Philippine Supreme Court decision voiding the president's wartime emergency powers is a severe blow to Quirino and may cause him to decide not to run for reelection. The court's ruling deprives Quirino of control of public disbursements, his strongest weapon in compelling support of Liberal Party organization leaders.

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Comment: This is the first hint that Quirino might alter his determination to seek reelection. [] remarks may reflect his known active dislike of Quirino and his own ambition to obtain the Liberal Party nomination for president.

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Quirino's withdrawal would greatly improve the chances for a free election, and as long as Defense Minister Magsaysay remains associated with the Liberal Party, he will be a leading contender to head its ticket.

NEAR EAST - AFRICA

4. Israeli border attacks seen result of policy decision:

[] According to the American Ambassador in Tel Aviv, the recent Israeli incursions into Jordan and the Egyptian-held Gaza strip

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result from a major Israeli policy decision to pursue Arab marauders across the border if necessary. This is based on the conviction that the Arab authorities are unwilling or unable to control the increasingly serious border situation.

The Israeli delegate to the Mixed Armistice Commission has stated that the chief reason for the Israeli policy of "active defense" was the failure of Arab officials to prevent infiltration into Israel and sale of stolen Israeli property.

Comment: [redacted]

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[redacted] The decision to bypass the UN Mixed Armistice Commission marks the first time that Israel has used such drastic measures to stop Arab infiltration, and it presents the most serious threat yet to the area's uncertain peace.

5. Egypt's position in Sudan reportedly strengthened:

[redacted] Egyptian relations with the Sudanese political parties have been considerably improved by the recent public support given the Cairo-Khartoum agreements by Sudanese religious leader Mirghani,

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[redacted] Egypt, through skillful handling of diverse Sudanese political and religious leaders, has succeeded in gaining a united Sudanese stand on the issue of special powers for the Governor General which will "obstruct British action."

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Comment: Mirghani is the second most important religious leader in the Sudan, and his support strengthens General Nagib's position in his negotiations with the British.

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WESTERN EUROPE

7. Backlog of refugees in Berlin causes concern:

Western authorities in Germany believe that if the backlog of East German refugees in Berlin continues to build up at the current rate pending a decision as to their disposition in the Federal Republic, additional nonscheduled flights may be needed to evacuate them. At present, not all the available space on scheduled American and British planes from Berlin is being used.

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Comment: Less than half of last month's record number of 25,340 refugees were flown to West Germany, largely because the individual laender, especially industrial North Rhine-Westphalia, would not accept their refugee quotas. Those remaining in Berlin are unable to find work because of the already severe unemployment situation.

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Chancellor Adenauer believes the Communists are encouraging the exodus to create difficulties for the West and has publicly urged East Germans not to emigrate unless their lives are in danger. East German officials, while apparently glad to get rid of "irreconcilable" elements, are reportedly trying to curb the mass defections.

LATIN AMERICA

8. Peron states desire for end of US-Argentine tension:

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Ambassador Nufer, in reporting a long conversation on 3 February with President Peron and Foreign Minister Remorino, stated that Peron's obvious purpose in the meeting was to state a desire "that tension between our two countries... come to an end."

The Ambassador points out that this development seems to confirm recent indications that the Peron government is seeking a rapprochement with the United States.

Comment: In 1950 and 1951 the Peron government made diplomatic approaches aimed at settling pending problems with the United States. Both approaches preceded requests for special favors.

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