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1. Antagonism seen between Chinese Communists and Viet Minh:

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The US Legation in Saigon estimates that the Chinese Communist relationship with the Viet Minh is not the perfect association which has often been pictured. Evidence is available that the overwhelming majority of Viet Minh adherents dislike and fear the Chinese Communists and that the Viet Minh leaders have resented the interference of political advisers and "administrators" through whom the Chinese have attempted to guide Viet Minh policy. The Legation warns against the conclusion that a serious rupture has already taken place, but comments that current friction may assume serious proportions more rapidly than has heretofore been thought possible.

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4. Iranian Foreign Minister asserts that Iran's stand on the oil dispute remains unchanged:

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The Iranian Foreign Minister informed the US Ambassador in Iran on 29 October that there had been no change in his government's attitude on the oil dispute. The Minister reiterated that the only points on which Iran would negotiate with the British were those concerning the future allocation of oil to Britain and compensation due the AIOC for the

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nationalized properties. The development, extraction and processing of Iranian oil were internal matters and not subject to negotiation with Britain.

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8. French Parliament reported hostile to German NATO membership: 3.3(h)(2)

If the French National Assembly suspects that German accession to NATO is implied in French ratification of the European Defense Forces, the

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government will suffer a severe defeat when this question is debated in the near future, according to the US Embassy in Paris.

Comment: While the attitude of the French Foreign Ministry on this issue has changed completely in the past two years, popular opinion is still violently opposed to German participation in NATO.

The government hopes to sidestep the question during the forthcoming foreign policy debates in parliament and thereby to gain time for a gradual conversion of public opinion.

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