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GENERAL

1. Colombia threatens to withdraw battalion from Korea:

[Redacted]

Armed Forces Commander General Rojas Pinilla has informed the American Army Attaché in Bogota that because of domestic disorders, he must recommend to President Urdaneta that Colombia withdraw its battalion from the UN Command in Korea.

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The American Ambassador and the attaché believe that this threat is probably being used as a lever to secure prompt delivery of arms purchased last June in the United States.

Comment: Rojas Pinilla's desire to recall the battalion may also indicate a growing apprehension over the army's ability to control domestic violence and avert open civil war.

Such a withdrawal might well have an adverse political and psychological effect in the UN General Assembly when the United States requests more and larger troop commitments for Korea.

FAR EAST

2. New Chinese Communist troop movements to Manchuria reported:

[Redacted]

A total of 45 troop trains carrying 50,000 men passed through Tientsin destined for Manchuria between 28 August and 8 September, [Redacted] Train guards stated that the men, including airborne as well as ground troops from the Third and Fourth Field Armies, were being sent to Mukden, where they were to receive new Soviet equipment.

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Comment: While the receipt of new Soviet equipment by the Chinese Communists at Mukden cannot be confirmed, replacements for the armies in Korea, presumably transferred from units in China, are often assembled at Mukden.

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WESTERN EUROPE

6. East Germans may announce "national armed forces" on 7 October:



Reports that "national armed forces" will be proclaimed on 7 October, the third anniversary of the East German Republic, have been given greater weight than usual by current developments,

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[redacted] the date 50X1
of announcement of an East German army is a favorite subject of speculation, and that in the past, plans of East German leaders have been vetoed by the Soviet Control Commission.

Comment: Since preparations for the creation of an East German armed force are well advanced, and since its development will not be materially affected by a formal proclamation, the timing of the announcement would appear to be governed by political considerations. It has been assumed hitherto that formal proclamation would not come before Bonn's ratification of the EDC treaty.