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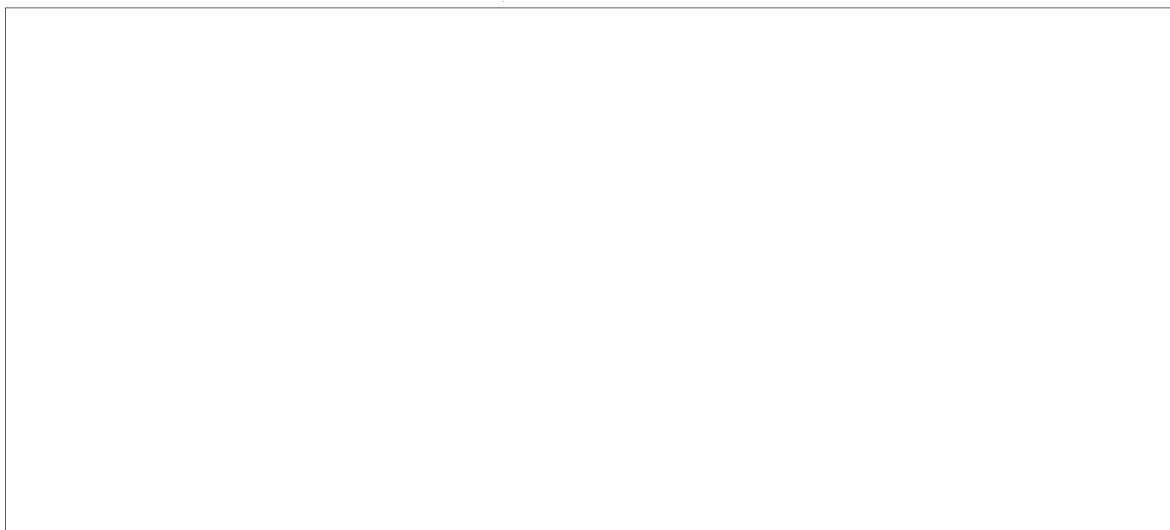
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II. ASIA-AFRICA



Indonesia-Netherlands: A 23-man armed Indonesian force--some of whom were captured by the Dutch shortly after landing in southwest New Guinea about 15 November--may be the first contingent in an accelerated Indonesian paramilitary campaign to create dissension in the area. Djakarta apparently believes that such tactics would increase international pressure on the Dutch for cession of Netherlands New Guinea to Indonesia.] Dutch fears of a large-scale Indonesian invasion of New Guinea in the near future appear unfounded.

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Jordan-Lebanon-UAR: Relations between Jordan and Lebanon have become strained because of Jordanian sabotage activities in Syria

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The recent expulsion of the Jordanian military attaché in Beirut may have resulted from UAR pressure on Lebanon.

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*Laos: [The extent of the military threat to Luang Prabang is still not clear. Aerial surveillance [redacted] revealed what appeared to be a large truck convoy moving northward toward Muong Kassy, on the Vientiane - Luang Prabang road. A smaller convoy of approximately ten trucks was observed apparently returning to Vientiane. At Muong Kassv [redacted] some parked trucks and 200 to 250 men were observed.]

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[An American official in Luang Prabang estimates that troops there could successfully defend against a coordinated attack by a force of up to three battalions. Forty percent of the troops in Luang Prabang are headquarters and service personnel who might be effective in defense of the city but would be of limited value in a counterattack. The key factor in the defense of the city, however, would be the will of the individual soldier to fight.]

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[There is as yet no reaction from the principals who would be involved in Premier Souvanna Phouma's proposal for a Luang Prabang meeting of political leaders to discuss the formation of a national union government.]

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Indonesia May Accelerate Paramilitary Campaign
In New Guinea

A 23-man armed Indonesian force--some of whom were captured by the Dutch shortly after landing in southwest New Guinea about 15 November--may be the first contingent in an accelerated Indonesian paramilitary campaign to create dissension in the area. [Djakarta believes such tactics would increase international pressures on the Dutch for cession of the area to Indonesia.] Captured members of the force claim other infiltration teams will follow.

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[The Dutch administration in New Guinea has reported at least a dozen infiltration attempts since 1952.]

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Indonesia's army chief of staff told Parliament last February that an intensified struggle to "reclaim" New Guinea must be waged on all fronts--economic, political, and military--and that it must be carried on both inside and outside the territory.

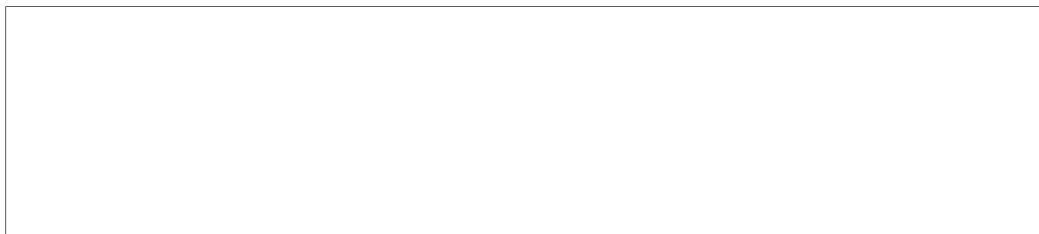
Reports that a large-scale rebellion is taking place in the area apparently are inspired by Djakarta, and Dutch fears of an Indonesian invasion of battalion size or larger in the near future appear unfounded.

The Dutch now have about 3,000 troops in New Guinea and are sending approximately 1,000 more army and air force

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personnel. In addition, the territorial mobile force, which functions under the civil administration, comprises some 200 Europeans and 1,400 native Papuans.

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Lebanon Expels Jordanian Military Attaché

Jordanian sabotage activities in Syria, [redacted]

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[redacted] have strained relations between Jordan and Lebanon. A Lebanese arrested in Damascus, who subsequently was extradited to Lebanon, reportedly confessed that he had been sent by the Jordanian military attaché in Beirut to plant explosives in Syria. UAR pressure on the Lebanese Government resulted in an announcement on 23 November by Lebanese Foreign Minister Taqla that the Jordanian attaché, Major Ghazi al-Khatib, had returned to Jordan at the request of the Lebanese Government and would not be allowed to return to Beirut. The Lebanese also are imposing more stringent controls on the activities of Syrian political exiles in Lebanon.

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