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1. Saudi Arabia -
UAR - Yemen

a. The Egyptians

[redacted] bombed a Saudi village.

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2. Bolivia

a. The Paz government is under pressure from both the peasants and the military to take harsh action against the miners.

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b. Following Monday's raid by a contingent of Catavi miners on a peasant militia unit, the national peasant organization issued an ultimatum giving the government ten days to bring the perpetrators to justice or its forces would take matters into their own hands.



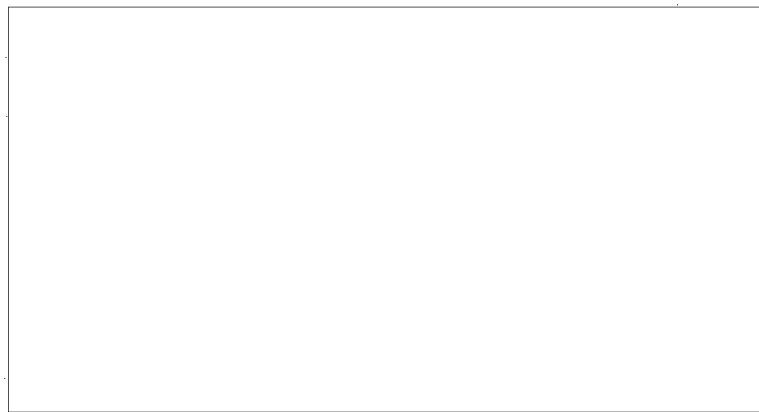
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d. To warm the Bolivians up for Tito's visit this fall, Yugoslavia has agreed to finance an electric power project of the state mining combine.



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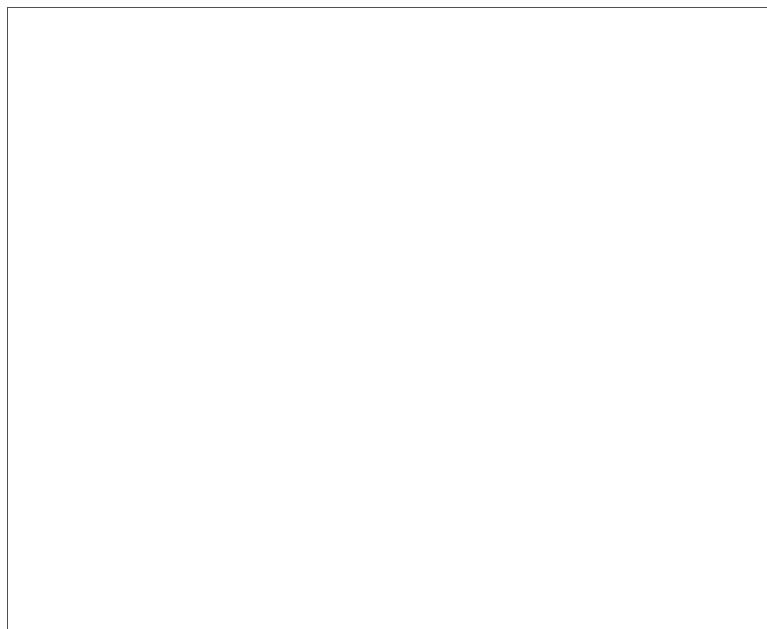
3. Cuba



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4. Congo
(Brazzaville)

a. President Youlou is in for some tough sledding.

b. He returned from a recent trip to Europe to find influential trade union leaders, who fear the government intends to take over their organizations, pressing for a change in government leadership.

c. Widespread dissatisfaction with the way things have been going economically gives these men a fertile field in which to agitate. They have not been slow to take advantage of their opportunities.

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d.

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the upshot
could well be large-scale rioting
in two or three weeks.

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5. USSR-Algeria

a. We take the arrival in Algiers on Monday of a high-powered team of Soviet economic experts as evidence that the USSR is offering the Algerians a reasonably impressive aid package. The group carried an "important message" from Khrushchev to Ben Bella.

b. Up to now bloc aid to Algeria has come largely from the Eastern European satellites. The USSR has undertaken only minor projects such as clearing mine fields along the border.

c. The only indications we have of what the Soviets may offer are the recent visit by a team of Soviet geological, petro-chemical and agricultural technicians and the dispatch of some 250 Algerian naval personnel for training in the USSR.

6. Burma

- a. As part of his campaign to meld Burma's many political and ethnic groups and shore up his own sagging position, Ne Win has been, we understand, holding secret talks with Burmese Communists just returned from a long refuge in Communist China.
- b. We think he has little to gain from this particular gambit.
- c. The Burmese communist parties are so small and faction ridden that any agreement he can reach with these figures is unlikely perceptibly to improve his base of support.
- d. Indeed his civilian critics may well be moved to cooperate more closely once the fact of these talks gets out.
- e. His hold over ~~the~~ the army, the main prop of his regime, could be weakened. Some officers are already apprehensive over what they regard as a growing Chinese Communist influence on the Ne Win movement.

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A. **USSR-Cuba**

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B. **East Germany** Ulbricht yesterday complained to the East German parliament of Allied misuse of the air corridors to Berlin and of the presence of Allied military patrols in East Berlin in such a way as to suggest he might try some action to remove one or another of these irritants. He did not indicate that this would be done at an early date, however, and the tone of his remarks generally echoed Moscow's cautious approach toward Berlin. As expected he said East Germany would adhere to the test ban treaty.

C. **British Guiana**

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D. North Korea

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E. Laos

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F. China-Indonesia

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G. USSR-India

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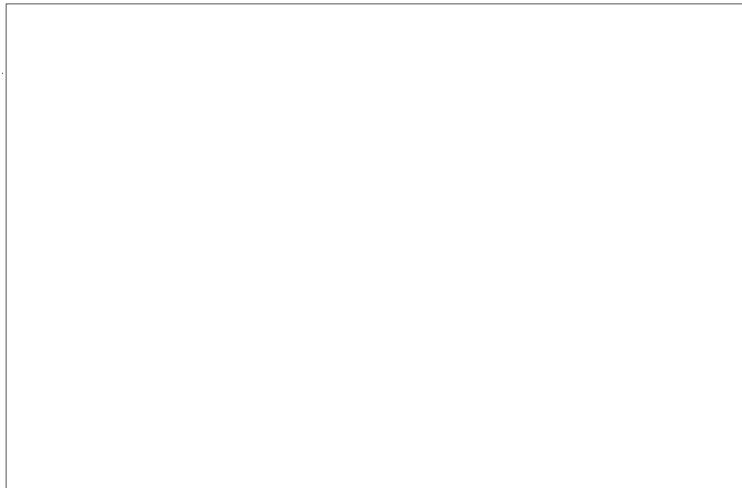
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2. Malaysia

a. Tunku Rahman apparently would be willing to postpone formation of Malaysia for a few weeks to allow U Thant time to "assess" opinion in North Borneo. He sees this as a small enough price to pay in return for Philippine and Indonesian recognition of Malaysia.

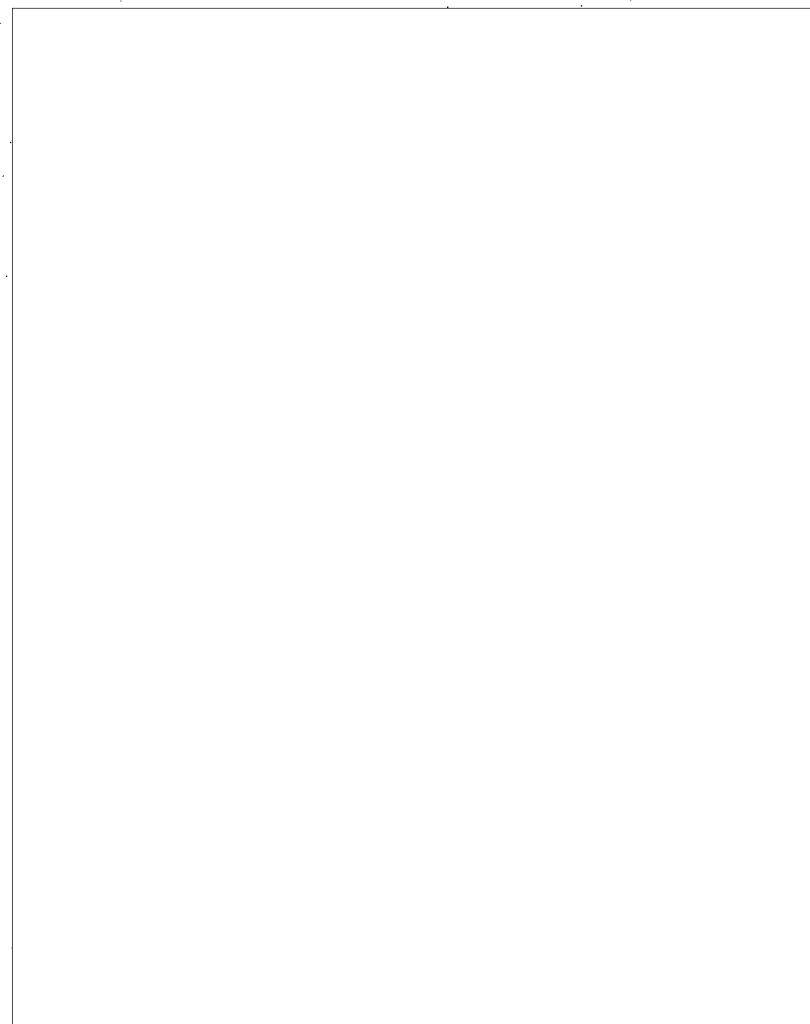
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3. Angola

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of arms has arrived [redacted]
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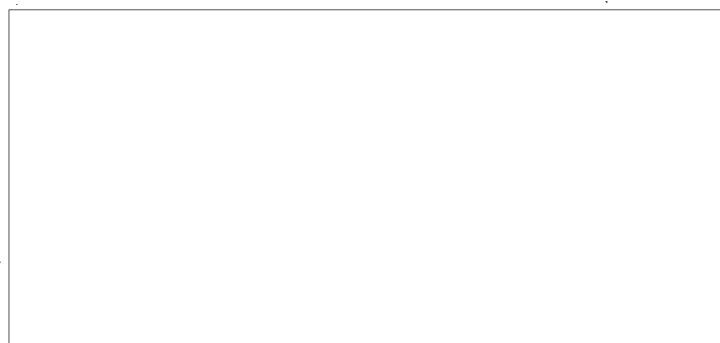
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c. Though the rebels still
need food, money, and training, they
have needed guns more, and will now
probably expand the fighting, which
the Portuguese have in recent months
been able to contain.

4. Panama-USSR

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5. Cuba.

a. Anibal Escalante, the old-line Cuban Communist who fell out with Castro early last year, suddenly turned up at the Cuban Embassy in Paris [redacted]

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[redacted] and announced he would soon be returning with his family to Cuba.

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b. He has been living in obscurity in Moscow for more than a year.

c. We can only assume that the Soviets have persuaded Castro of the desirability of working more closely with veteran Cuban Communists. Certainly Castro could use Escalante's considerable talents as an organizer in his effort to develop an efficient political machine.

6. UAR - Saudi Arabia

a. The Saudis have now told us and the UN of the UAR bombing attack [redacted]

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b. They are not precise about the location, saying only that it was east of Nejran (which is on the coast) and definitely inside their territory "perhaps as much as 50 kilometers."

c. The Saudis describe this development as "more against America than Saudi Arabia" and have asked us to fly F-100 patrols over the area.

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A. Iraq

[redacted] several nationalist and pro-Nasir groups are plotting with army elements to overthrow the Baathist regime [redacted]

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B. West Berlin - USSR The Soviets are moving ahead rapidly with plans to underline their presence in West Berlin by establishing a central office and cultural complex at a property which they own but have so far not used in the British sector. We have learned [redacted] that they hope to have construction completed by the end of October.

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C. British Honduras Ambassador Bell reports the Guatemalans would like to talk the British Honduras question over with London. They would be amenable to working things out gradually in order to avoid any difficulties with Mexico, which also has a claim. Guatemala's behavior so far and its reported plans to break commercial relations with London have, however, set matters moving in the opposite direction.

D. Bolivia Leaders of the tin miners, having rejected the government's proposals for reforming the industry, are reported to have called for a general strike. We have as yet no indication whether their plans still include a "march on La Paz."

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- E. Central America - Cuba Another meeting of top Central American officials to discuss the Cuban threat apparently will be held early this month.

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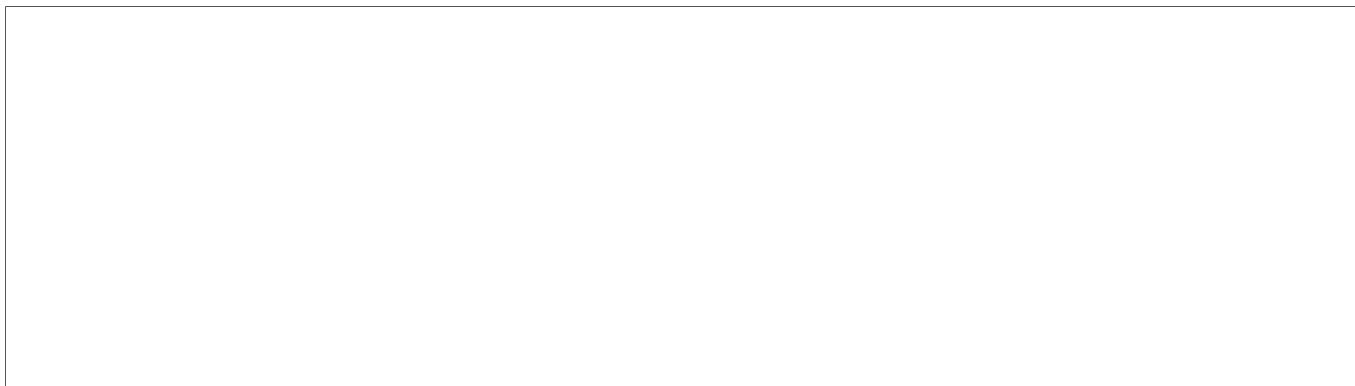
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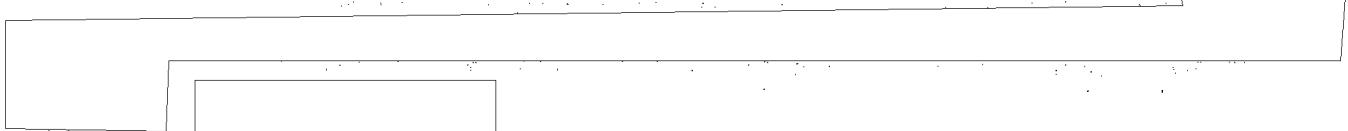
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2. COMMUNIST CHINA - TEST BAN:

A. THE CHINESE YESTERDAY HANDED DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN PEIPING A LETTER FROM CHOU EN-LAI CALLING FOR A MEETING OF ALL CHIEFS OF STATE TO DISCUSS THE CHINESE PROPOSAL FOR A TOTAL "PROHIBITION AND DESTRUCTION" OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

B. SINCE WE WERE PASSED A COPY IN WARSAW, IT APPEARS THAT THE CHINESE ARE TRYING TO SPREAD THE LETTER AS WIDELY AS THEY CAN IN AN EFFORT TO TRUMP THE TEST BAN AGREEMENT.

C. THEY HAVE COUPLED THIS MOVE ON THE DIPLOMATIC FRONT WITH THE MOST OUTSPOKEN ATTACK ON THE SOVIETS YET TO SEE LIGHT IN CHINA.

D. AN ALMOST APOPLECTIC PEOPLE'S DAILY YESTERDAY DREW FOR ITS READERS A PICTURE OF SOVIET LEADERS "EMBRACING US IMPERIALISM

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IN JOYOUS ABANDON." THE PAPER ALLEGED THAT THE TEST BAN AGREEMENT IS A "US-SOVIET ALLIANCE AGAINST CHINA PURE AND SIMPLE."

E. THE PAPER ENDED BY IMPLYING THAT THE SOVIET PEOPLE WOULD SURELY REACT AGAINST THIS "BETRAYAL" BY THEIR LEADERS.

3. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. A CONSERVATIVE BUDDHIST LEADER HAS WARNED THAT CONTROL OF THE BUDDHIST PROTEST MOVEMENT MAY BE SLIPPING INTO THE HANDS OF EXTREMIST BONZES.

B. HE FEARS THAT IF THIS HAPPENS, THE MOVEMENT WILL TAKE ON A MORE FRANKLY POLITICAL CHARACTER AND BRING NEW VIOLENCE.

C. TO AVOID THIS, HE SUGGESTS THAT THE US "MEDIATE" THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE CONSERVATIVE BUDDHISTS AND THE GOVERNMENT.

D. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS RENEWED ITS OFFER TO SET UP A MIXED COMMISSION WITH THE BUDDHISTS TO LOOK INTO THE DISPUTE. THE BUDDHISTS REFUSE UNTIL THE GOVERNMENT MEETS THEIR CONDITIONS.

4. CUBA:

A. WE NOW BELIEVE THAT ENOUGH CUBANS ARE BEING TRAINED TO OPERATE ALL 24 SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE SITES IN CUBA.

B. THE TEN-MONTH COURSE GOT UNDERWAY [REDACTED] AT 50X1 SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD.

C. COMPLETION OF THIS TRAINING WILL GIVE THE CUBANS AN ABILITY TO HANDLE MOST OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE MISSILES. [REDACTED] 50X1
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D. AT A MINIMUM SOVIET TECHNICIANS ARE EXPECTED TO STAY ON IN KEY MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR BILLETS.

5. CUBA-US:

A. THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED CANADA TO APPROVE A CHARTERED FLIGHT TO CARRY "AMERICAN STUDENTS VISITING CUBA" FROM HAVANA TO MONTREAL.

B. THE US FREEZE ON CUBAN ASSETS IS PUTTING A CRIMP IN OPERATION OF CUBAN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN THE WEST.

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6. NOTES:

A. USSR: THE SOVIET NAVY'S SS-N-5 MISSILE, WHICH CAN BE LAUNCHED FROM UNDERWATER, MAY NOW BE OPERATIONAL.

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B. USSR-GUINEA: THE SOVIETS ARE HAVING TROUBLE BREATHING LIFE INTO THEIR AID PROGRAM.

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ONE OF THE CHIEF PROBLEMS IS THE FAILURE OF GUINEAN WORKERS TO SHOW UP AT THE WORK SITES. PARTICULARLY GALLING TO THE SOVIETS IS THE RAPID PROGRESS BEING MADE BY THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS ON THEIR MATCH FACTORY.

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C. CANADA-CHINA: UNDER THE TERMS OF A NEW LONG-TERM AGREEMENT OTTAWA WILL PROVIDE COMMUNIST CHINA WITH UP TO SIX MILLION TONS OF WHEAT BETWEEN NOW AND MID-1966. A TOTAL OF 500,000 TONS WILL BE SHIPPED BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

D. BRAZIL: GOULART WAS OUT IN THE HUSTINGS OF POVERTY-STRICKEN NORTHEASTERN BRAZIL LAST WEEK TALKING DARKLY OF REBELLION IF HIS REFORM PROGRAM IS NOT ENACTED SOON. WE REGARD THIS AS AN ATTEMPT BY THE DEMAGOGIC BRAZILIAN CHIEF TO WHIP UP POPULAR PRESSURE ON THE CONGRESS.

E. LAOS: NEUTRALIST MILITARY LEADERS HAVE MADE ANOTHER PITCH FOR THE US TO FURNISH AID DIRECTLY TO THEM RATHER THAN THROUGH CHANNELS CONTROLLED BY PHOUMI. THEY SAY THAT THEY MUST ACHIEVE A MORE INDEPENDENT POSITION IF LAOS IS TO "ENDURE."

F. CONGO:

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G. IRAQ: OPERATIONS AGAINST THE KURDS GO ON AND AS A CONSEQUENCE THERE WILL BE LITTLE IF ANY GRAIN HARVESTED IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY.

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1. Manila Conference

a. The confusion and misunderstanding generated at most of the sessions in Manila this past week have hardly been dispelled by the concluding communique issued this morning.

b. It is hard to tell from the vaguely worded and apparently superficial "agreements" enumerated exactly what was accomplished during the six-day hassle.

c. One thing is clear:

In his closing statement, Sukarno, visibly annoyed with Rahman, gave no indication that he would abandon his policy of "confrontation."

d. There is nothing specific in the joint statement about postponement of Malaysia. It simply notes that "before Malaysia is established," the UN Secretary General or his representative should determine the wishes of the people of North Borneo and Sarawak by a "new approach." This is to include an investigation of recent elections held in both areas.

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e. The Indonesians are convinced this will result in postponement.

f. There is also no mention of what would happen if the voting in these areas were found to be invalid.

g. The statement says Malaya has agreed to "consult" with the governments of the UK, Sarawak, and North Borneo on behalf of the three signatory powers and will request that they cooperate with the UN investigation.

h. The parties agreed that it would be "desirable" to send observers to "witness" the activities of the UN teams.

i. On the question of foreign bases, the communique states that these installations--"temporary in nature--should not be allowed to be used directly or indirectly to subvert the national independence of any of the three countries...."

j. The three heads of state also issued a "Manila Declaration" pledging future cooperation in matters of common concern.

2. North - South Korea

a. Today's press accounts of a protracted firefight in the demilitarized zone are reported by 8th Army intelligence to be highly colored exaggerations.

b. A 1st Cavalry Division outpost sighted a small North Korean patrol in the pre-dawn hours Monday and opened fire with automatic weapons. This was returned by the patrol in the minor skirmish which ensued.

c. No damage was apparent to either group.

3. India-US

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India would not abrogate
the VOA agreement.
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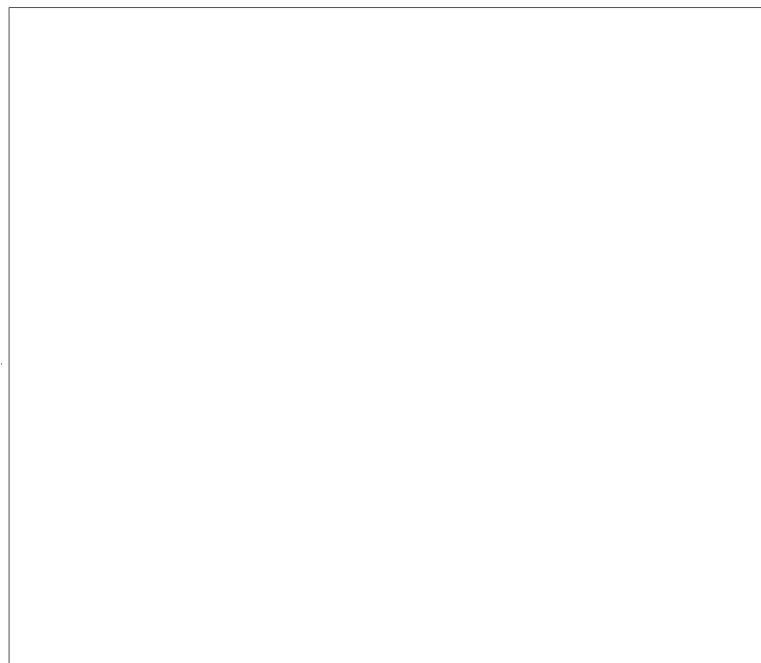
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4. UAR-Yemen

a. UAR shelling this past week of three Saudi villages in the 12-mile demilitarized border zone will further complicate the UN's task.

b. UN observers, in company with the Saudis, have inspected the villages and confirmed that they were targets of howitzer fire. They also confirmed that last week's bombing incident occurred some 25 miles north of the Saudi-Yemen border.

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c. Faysal's advisers tell us that it is becoming increasingly difficult to persuade the Prince that he should continue to abide by his part of the agreement.

d. Not surprisingly, the UN has found it impossible to get meaningful withdrawal figures from the UAR command in Sana.

e. All they get is information from time to time on unit movements which, it has become clear, are actually rotations.

5. Sino-Soviet Dispute

a. The Soviets lost no time striking back at the Chinese for the insults Peiping published on Saturday.

b. Moscow, as might be expected, took particular offense at the Chinese attempt to turn the Soviet people against their government. Such talk, the statement says, could only come from those who are "doomed by history" and are themselves standing on shaky ground.

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c. The Soviets take the occasion to reject Peiping's call for a summit meeting on nuclear disarmament which they say is merely a cover for China's refusal to sign the test ban agreement.

d. With the verbal duel now at point blank range, the Chinese are apparently preparing for the day when the Communist movement splits completely in two.

e. They continue to consolidate regional groupings of their supporters among Communists around the world.

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- A. South Vietnam Another Buddhist monk put himself to death with burning kerosene yesterday in Phan Thiet, a coastal town some 90 miles east of Saigon. Local authorities confiscated the body and Buddhist leaders are now demanding it be returned.
- B. UAR-Morocco The Cairo press had worked up a vicious campaign against Morocco's King Hassan. [REDACTED]
- C. China-USSR Soviet foreign trade figures for last year confirm a further decline in Sino-Soviet trade and show China's exports to the USSR to have been more than double its imports (\$516 million against \$233 million). This exceeds by more than \$100 million the export surplus China needed to meet last year's installment on its debt of \$320 million to the USSR. China wants to get rid of this debt as soon as it can.
- D. Cuba-UK [REDACTED]

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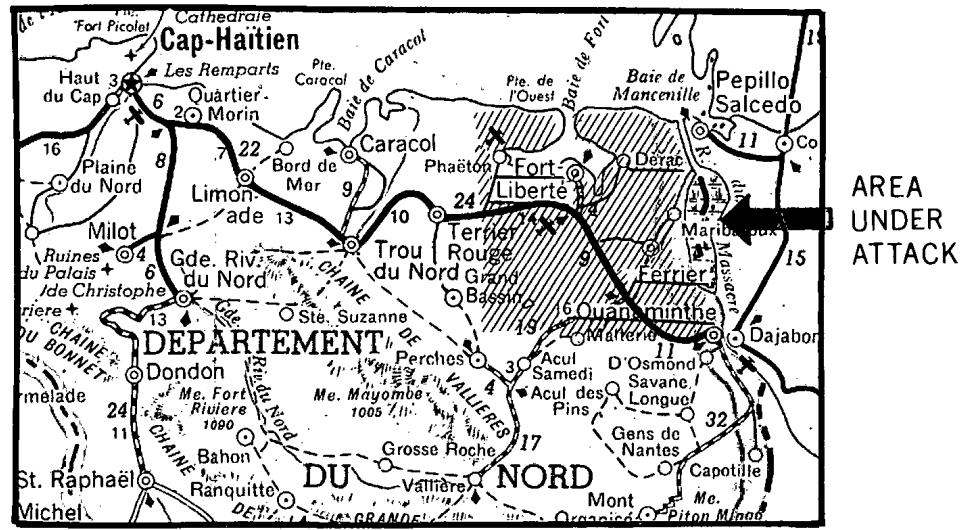
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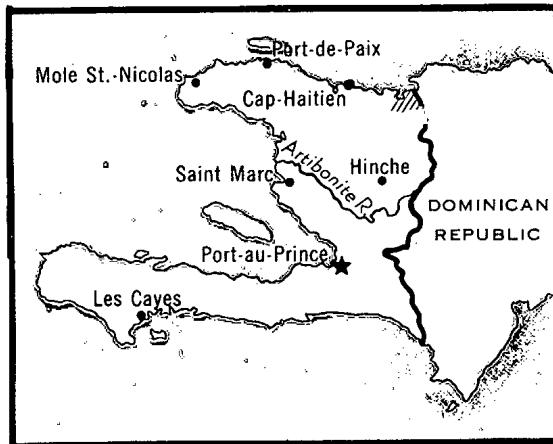
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1. Haiti

a. The invasion of northeastern Haiti which began yesterday appears this morning to have been contained by Duvalier's forces. Fighting still continued, however, as of early this morning.

b. The invading forces, between 250-300 Haitian exiles, are under the command of Leon Cantave, former Chief of Staff of the Haitian armed forces.

c. A break in Duvalier's ranks is essential if the invaders are to succeed. Thus far, we see no signs that significant numbers of the dictator's soldiers have gone over to the invaders.

d. Port-au-Prince late yesterday was described as quiet, its inhabitants unaware of the events in the Northeast.

e. The degree of Dominican involvement has not been determined, though Ambassador Martin concluded after talking with Bosch last night that the Dominican chief is involved.

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f. Bosch told the ambassador that if the invaders could seize a slice of Haitian territory and hold out for two or three days, he would provide them with some unstated type of aid. He added that another landing was planned for last night.

g. Cantave, a long-time foe of Duvalier, has most recently been associated with the Dominican-based National Democratic Union exile organization. A mulatto from northern Haiti, he is believed to have some support among ordinary Haitian soldiers.

2. UAR-Yemen

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d. In Yemen, meanwhile, the fighting goes on. The Yemeni royalist radio yesterday reported that Badr's forces have begun a counter-offensive against the Egyptians.



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3. Malaysia

a. On taking a further look at yesterday's communique on Malaysia, we are inclined to score the conference as a psychological victory for Sukarno.

b. The call for a "new approach" in ascertaining the wishes of residents in Sarawak and North Borneo throws doubt on Malayan and British procedures in setting up the federation project. It provides Sukarno with a justification for continuing "confrontation."

c. In addition, the Indonesians came away from Manila with a voice in area defense arrangements they did not have before. The sections of the communique on foreign bases may be exploited by the Indonesians in their campaign to restrict Britain's use of bases in the area.

NOTES

A. USSR

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B. USSR An earth satellite was launched early this morning from Kapustin Yar, the third from that range-head during 1963. Like other satellites from Kapustin Yar, it probably is not intended for recovery.

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C. USSR The Soviet Navy has begun a large-scale exercise in the Norwegian Sea and the northeastern Atlantic. The exercise could extend as far south as the Azores.

A smaller exercise may also be underway in the northern Pacific.

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D. Syria Sunday's cabinet reshuffle was a transparent attempt by the Baathists to give the regime a more representative appearance without endangering the fact of Baath supremacy. A number of the new ministers, labeled for the public as "independent," are not readily distinguishable from out-and-out Baathists.

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E. Guatemala [redacted] former Guatemalan president Arevalo plans to "give up politics" and turn his franchise as a presidential candidate over to Rolz-Bennett, a former associate who has been with the UN Secretariat for several years. From Arevalo's point of view, this arrangement would appear to have the simultaneous virtues of providing a candidate [redacted] susceptible to pressures from Arevalo's group if Rolz lands in the presidential chair.

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F. US-Cuba [redacted]

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G. USSR-Guinea-Cuba Moscow has apparently decided that immediate prospects for a TU-114 run to Havana via Conakry are not bright.

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H. USSR-Yugoslavia A Belgrade rumor has it that Khrushchev is scheduled to arrive in the Yugoslavian capital two weeks from today.

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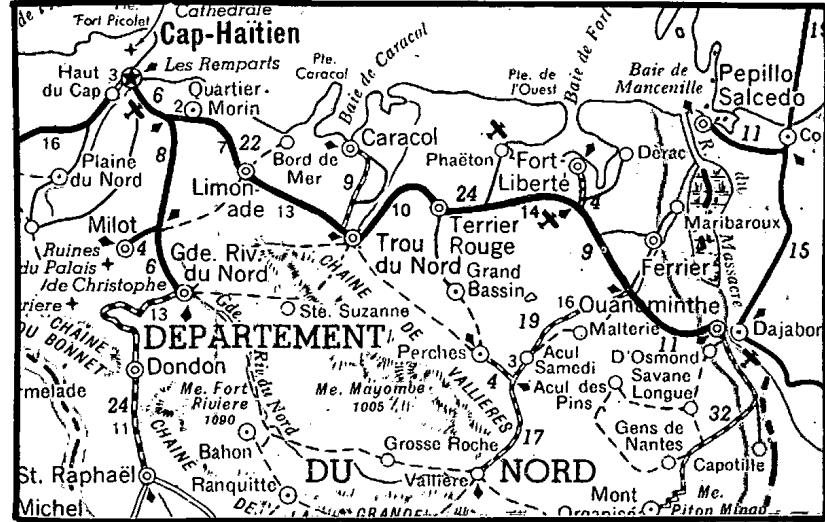
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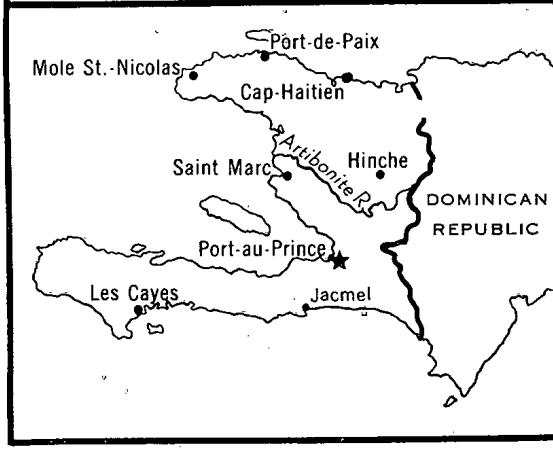
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1. Haiti

a. Our information on the invasion force and its progress is still fragmentary and occasionally conflicting.

b. Signs are, however, that Cantave's group has failed to hold key points along the road west to Cap-Haitien and is losing the initiative to Duvalier's troops.

c. Whether according to plan or not, the invaders, estimated to number anywhere from 40 to 300, have apparently broken up into small guerrilla bands. Many seem to have retreated to their boats or back into the Dominican Republic, presumably to regroup and get additional supplies.

d. [redacted]

[redacted] Ouanaminthe, on the Dominican border, Fort Liberté and Limonade are in Haitian government hands, with reinforcements moving in to repulse any new rebel attacks.

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e. Haitians discount the seriousness of the invasion to US officials, but [redacted]

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[redacted] President Duvalier was concentrating his forces in the capital in case of

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a showdown. Some Haitian government officials have approached foreign embassies in Port-au-Prince regarding the possibility of asylum.

f. There have been numerous arrests of both civilians and military personnel in Port-au-Prince and in the areas of reported fighting, but the capital remained quiet as of late last night. Though some militiamen have been arrested for refusing to go to the area of fighting, exile claims of large-scale defections by government military personnel remain unconfirmed.

g. We cannot confirm press reports this morning of new landings on the Haitian west coast.

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h. The OAS Council yesterday heard Haiti charge the Dominican Republic with "an act of aggression on Haitian territory" and voted to have its special committee which investigated the Haitian-Dominican crisis of last April and May immediately study the complaint.

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i. The Haitians have indicated they will take the matter to the Security Council if they fail to get satisfaction from the OAS.

j. Bosch is uncommunicative and continues to play the Dominican role in Cantave's caper very close to the chest. He is worried about plotting by several groups to overthrow him, however, and may soon feel the need to make a more open commitment against Duvalier in order to improve his standing at home.

2. USSR-Cuba

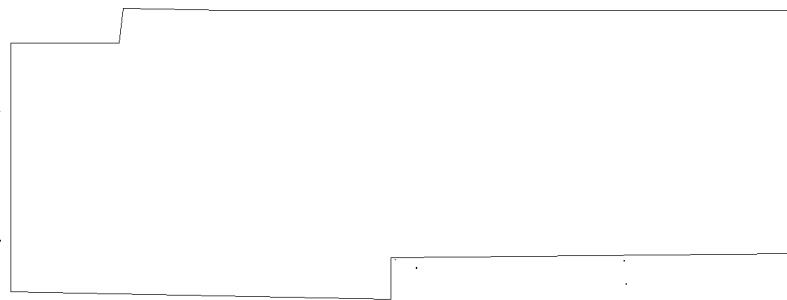
a. The Soviets continue to ship military equipment back to the USSR from Cuba.

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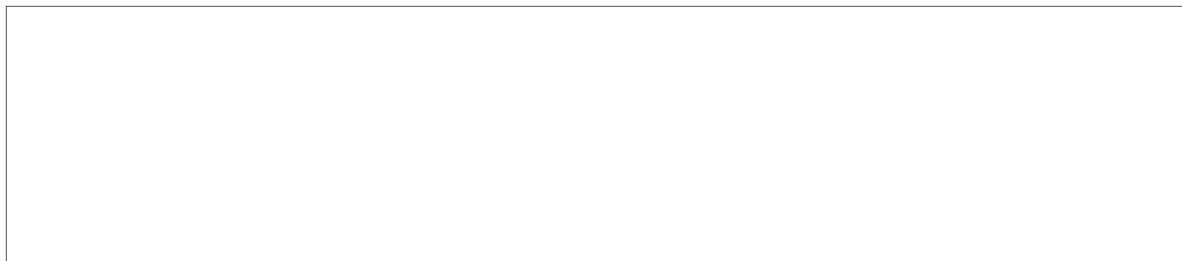


3. West Germany -
Test Ban
Treaty

a. The West Germans are coming around to the idea that they had better sign the test ban treaty lest East Germany, by so doing, appear to be speaking for all of Germany.

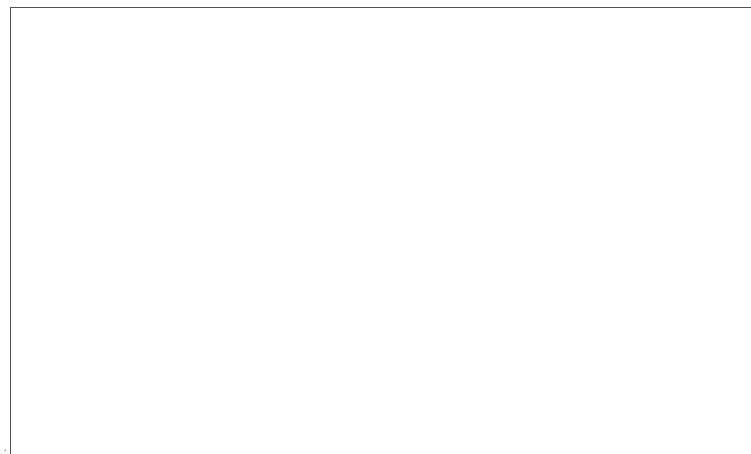
b. But they want their form of adherence to differ somehow from that of the East Germans.

c. They may be thinking of depositing instruments of adherence in Washington and London only.



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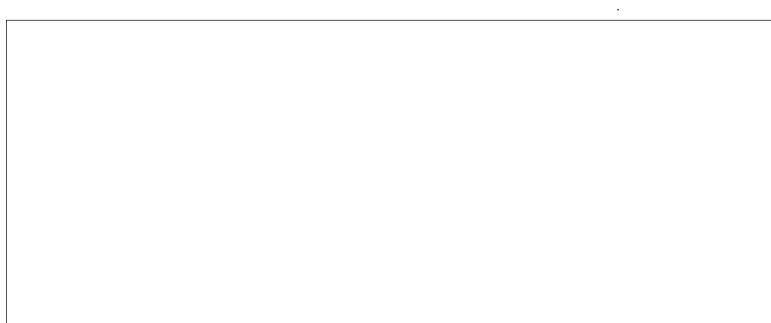


5. Malaysia

a. U Thant believes he can
get the UN's survey work in Sarawak
and north Borneo finished

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A. Cuba - West Germany

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- B. Venezuela President Betancourt has informed our Embassy in Caracas that he plans to come to New York early next month to address the General Assembly, primarily on his views on junta regimes and anti-communism. He did not say he hoped to visit Washington, rather, that he would fly to New York for the speech and return the following day.
- C. Japan Embassy Tokyo reports that Ikeda is threatening to take a wide range of protectionist actions in an effort to impress upon the US the adverse effects our interest equalization tax will have on Japan's balance-of-payment position.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--8 AUGUST 1963**1. HAITI:**

A. THE "INVASION" BY CANTAVE'S REBELS SEEMS NOW TO HAVE BEEN CONTAINED BY DUVALIER'S FORCES OR TO HAVE SIMPLY PETERED OUT. IT IS LIKELY THAT THE "INVADERS" WERE FEW IN NUMBER, POSSIBLY LESS THAN 20.

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C. [REDACTED] CANTAVE'S MEN [REDACTED]

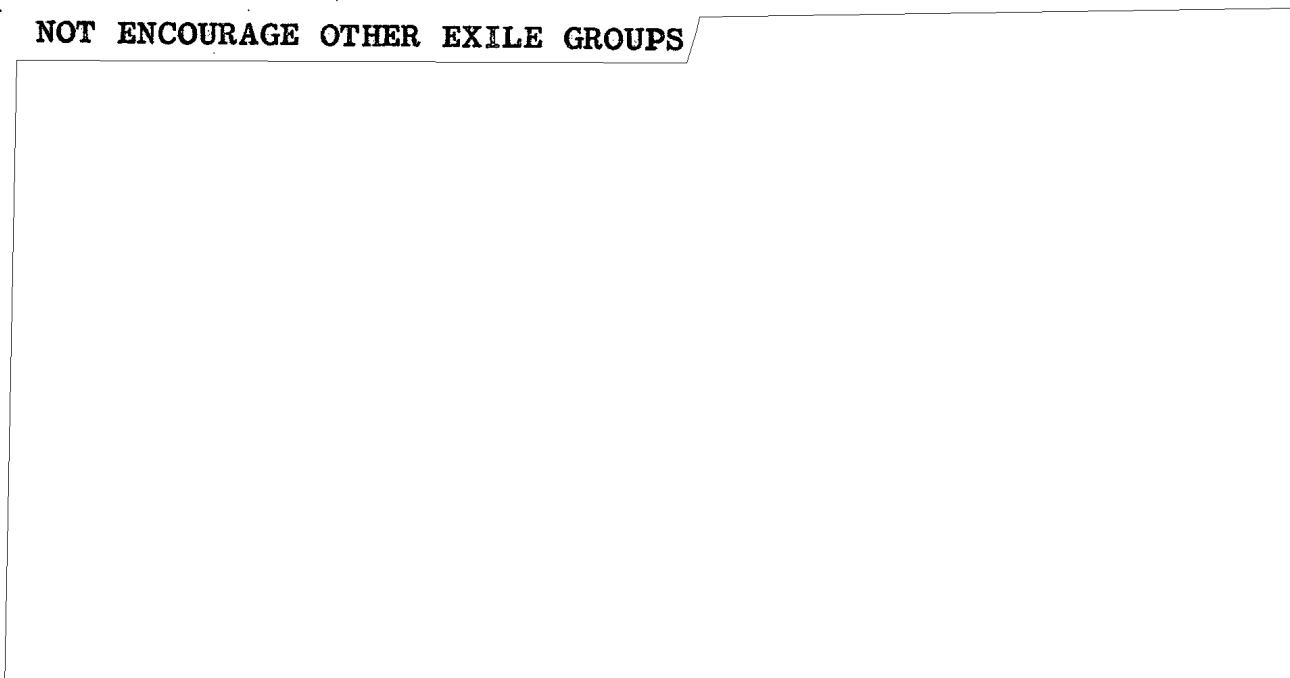
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[REDACTED] PROBABLY HAVE LITTLE CAPABILITY FOR ANYTHING BEYOND NUISANCE RAIDS.

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D. THE FAILURE OF CANTAVE'S RAID TO ELICIT DEFECTIONS FROM DUVALIER'S FORCES OR TO TOUCH OFF INTERNAL RESISTANCE WILL NOT ENCOURAGE OTHER EXILE GROUPS

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3. USSR-BERLIN:

A. LAST WEEK THE SOVIETS PROPOSED THAT BRANDT OR HIS DEPUTY MAYOR ARRANGE A MEETING WITH ABRASIMOV, THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO EAST GERMANY.

B. MONDAY, ABRASIMOV HIMSELF INDICATED TO AMBASSADOR MCGHEE THE USSR'S DESIRE TO INCREASE THE RANGE OF SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN WEST BERLIN.

C. DIRECT SOVIET CONTACTS WITH WEST BERLIN OFFICIALS WOULD LET MOSCOW CLAIM THAT BERLIN IS AN INDEPENDENT ENTITY, AND THAT THE OCCUPATION STATUS IS OUTMODED.

D. HIGH RANKING WEST BERLINERS HAVE RECENTLY ADVOCATED EXPANDED RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNISTS, AND WE THINK IT UNLIKELY THAT THEIR DOORS WOULD BE CLOSED TO EMISSARIES FROM THE SOVIET EMBASSY, OR THAT THEY WOULD NECESSARILY CLEAR SUCH CONVERSATIONS IN ADVANCE WITH THE ALLIED COMMANDANTS.

4. USSR:

A. SOVIET SCIENTISTS ARE SEEKING TO IMPRESS WESTERN SCIENTISTS WITH THE GREAT DIFFICULTIES OF AN ATTEMPT TO LAND A MAN ON THE MOON.

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B. THEY POINT TO THE DANGER OF SOLAR FLARES AND TREMENDOUS LAUNCH PROPULSION REQUIREMENTS, AND ASSERT THAT THE SCIENTIFIC RESULTS OF A MANNED FLIGHT WOULD NOT JUSTIFY THE EXPENSE. THEY HAVE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT SUCH FLIGHTS SHOULD BE DEVELOPED ON AN INTERNATIONAL BASIS.

C. THIS MAY BE AN INDICATION THAT THE SOVIETS ARE BACKING AWAY FROM AN EARLY ATTEMPT AT A MANNED LUNAR LANDING. THE STATEMENTS COULD ALSO BE INTENDED TO INFLUENCE WESTERN SCIENTISTS AGAINST THE ANNOUNCED US PROGRAM.

5. NOTES:

A. SOUTH VIETNAM: THE ARREST OF MANY BUDDHISTS IN SAIGON YESTERDAY HAS ADDED FUEL TO THE RELIGIOUS CONTROVERSY, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE GOVERNMENT MAY MAKE FURTHER CONCESSIONS.

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B. NORTH VIETNAM - USSR: THE FIRST HIGH-LEVEL EXCHANGE OF VIETNAMESE AND SOVIET VIEWS ON MILITARY AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS IN SIX MONTHS MAY BE UNDERWAY IN MOSCOW, AS THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY HAS BEEN IN TOWN SINCE MONDAY. THINGS MAY BE A BIT STICKY, HOWEVER. THE VIETNAMESE HAVE RECENTLY MOVED MORE OPENLY TO PEIPING'S SIDE, AND APPARENTLY SUSPECT THAT MOSCOW MIGHT SACRIFICE THEIR INTERESTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

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C. RUMANIA-US: OUR EMBASSY IN BUCHAREST CONCLUDES THAT THE RUMANIANS HAVE SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY ALL JAMMING OF VOICE OF AMERICA AND RADIO FREE EUROPE BROADCASTS.

D. IRAQ-USSR: BAGHDAD NOW APPEARS TO BE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT ITS BRUSQUE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE USSR, ESPECIALLY ITS EFFECT UPON SOVIET AID.

E. BURMA: NE WIN'S CONTINUING ATTEMPTS TO REACH AN AMNESTY AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS COMMUNIST AND ETHNIC INSURGENT GROUPS IS CREATING AN AIR OF POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY. WE DO NOT THINK HE HAS YET MADE DAMAGING CONCESSIONS TO THE COMMUNISTS, BUT THERE ARE INDICATIONS HE IS THINKING IN TERMS OF A COALITION GOVERNMENT INCLUDING COMMUNISTS AND MEMBERS OF FORMER PREMIER U NU'S PARTY--POSSIBLY EVEN U NU HIMSELF.

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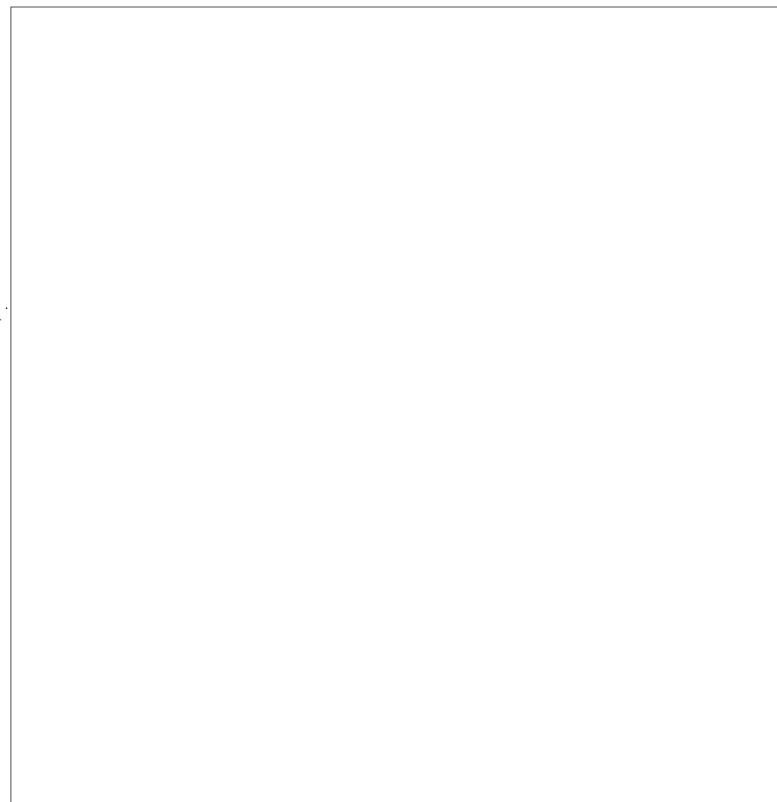
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1. Haiti

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e. Embassy Port-au-Prince concludes that while the Cantave invasion did produce jitters among high officials and may have weakened army morale, it set off a new round of repressions which will make Duvalier's domestic opponents even more leery of supporting future incursions.

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2. Malaysia

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sent a special emissary to tell
U Thant that Indonesia will not be
satisfied with a UN survey that takes
just a few weeks.

b. The Indonesians feel that
a proper survey will take at least
four months, and include some assess-
ment of popular sentiment as well
as a poll of elected officials.

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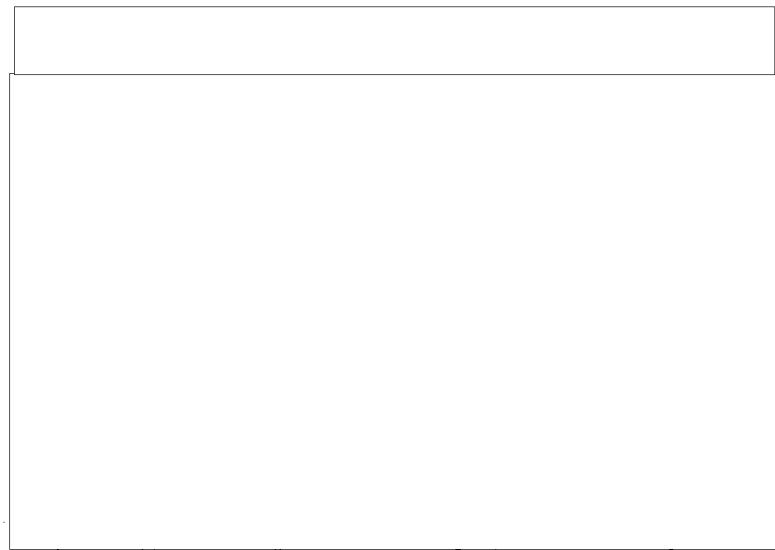
d. With this in mind Rahman
has set 16 September as his tenta-
tive date for the formal establish-
ment of Malaysia.

e. The British, though trying
to get the Secretary General to shave
as many days as possible from his
schedule, can probably live with
this timetable.

3. Egypt-Jordan

a. King Husayn is taking further soundings on the prospects for some sort of a rapprochement with Nasir.

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4. Colombia

a. The political thermometer is rising in Bogota following a new wave of strikes and the uncovering of a coup plot involving former dictator Rojas Pinilla.

b. Military [redacted] regard President Valencia's handling of the situation as ineffectual. They have been pressing for greater powers.

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c. There is of course the danger of a coup by the military if its demands for stronger measures are not met.

5. Rumania-US

a. Rumanian officials have been assiduous the past week or so in their protestations that they desire better economic relations with the US.

b. Gheorghiu-Dej told Secretary Freeman that the proposals for supranational planning had been shelved at the last CEMA meeting. The Rumanian leader insisted that his country would proceed with its industrialization program, adding that "no one tries to prevent us from buying from the Americans."

c. Rumania, he said, wants to buy US industrial installations and will find the means to pay for them.

NOTES

- A. Yemen UN observers along the Yemeni-Saudi border have told U Thant that they noted truck convoys entering Yemen from Saudi Arabia Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The Wednesday convoy, they report, included a "large quantity" of mortar shells.
- B. Syria Anti-regime activity continues. It has prompted the authorities to clamp new restrictions on travel out of Damascus and to tighten their enforcement of the night-time curfew.
- C. Dominican Republic Bosch's hold on the Dominican presidency is slipping. Ambassador Martin believes that the president's many critics, aided by his singular inability to govern, have him on the run. The flashpoint has not yet arrived, Martin judges, but it could come next month.
- D. Brazil-Cuba The brother of Brazil's left-leaning foreign minister is in Havana where he could well be promoting an air agreement between the two countries. [redacted]
- E. USSR-Cuba [redacted]

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1. BURMA:

A. OPPOSITION TO NE WIN HAS BEGUN TO COALESCE OVER HIS
CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH FORMER COMMUNIST EXILES. BY ARREST-
ING A NUMBER OF PROMINENT MODERATES YESTERDAY, THE GENERAL
HOPES TO FORESTALL A MOVE AGAINST HIM, BUT EVENTS MAY GET OUT
OF HAND.

B. SO FAR, THE ARMY IS BEHIND NE WIN, ALTHOUGH NOT
SOLIDLY.

D. U BA SWE, LEADER OF THE ONCE DOMINANT ANTI-FASCIST
PEOPLES' FREEDOM LEAGUE, HAD EARLIER PREDICTED THAT HIS ARREST
WOULD SPARK A COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT.

2. CUBA-USSR:

3. CUBA-CANADA-US:

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4. NOTES:

A. COMMUNIST CHINA - US: ASSOCIATED PRESS GENERAL
MANAGER, WES GALLAGHER AND AN AP CORRESPONDENT, RELMAN MORIN,
HAVE ASKED CHOU EN-LAI FOR A VISA TO VISIT PEIPING IN ORDER
TO SET UP AN AP BUREAU THERE.

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B. UAR - SAUDI ARABIA: CAIRO HAS ACCEPTED THE IDEA OF
ENGAGING IN SECRET TALKS WITH A SAUDI REPRESENTATIVE. THE
EGYPTIANS WANT US, NOT THE LEBANESE, TO PLAY THE THIRD PARTY
ROLE.

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C. HAITI: THE HAITIANS HAVE EXPANDED THEIR FORCES IN
THE NORTHEAST BORDER AREA

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D. CUBA: CASTRO HAS DECREED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL
TAKE OVER THE LAND OF ALL "BOURGEOIS" FARMERS, A REFERENCE,

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PRESUMABLY, TO THE LARGER PLANTATIONS STILL IN PRIVATE HANDS.
FARMERS WITH SMALL HOLDINGS WHO CULTIVATE ABOUT A THIRD OF
CUBA'S ARABLE LAND ARE AT THE SAME TIME "ASSURED" THAT THEY
CAN CONTINUE AS BEFORE. THEY WILL BE NEXT.

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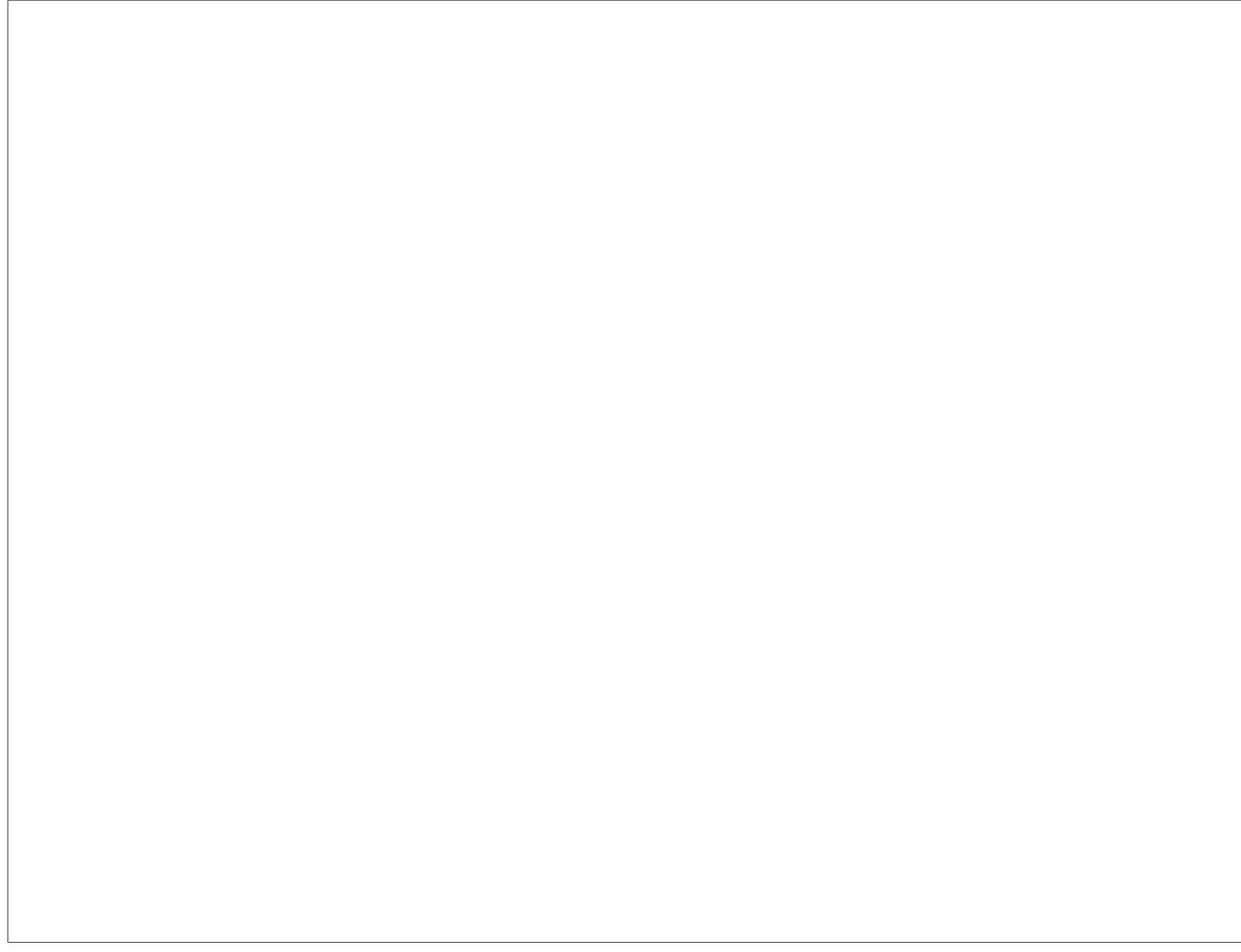
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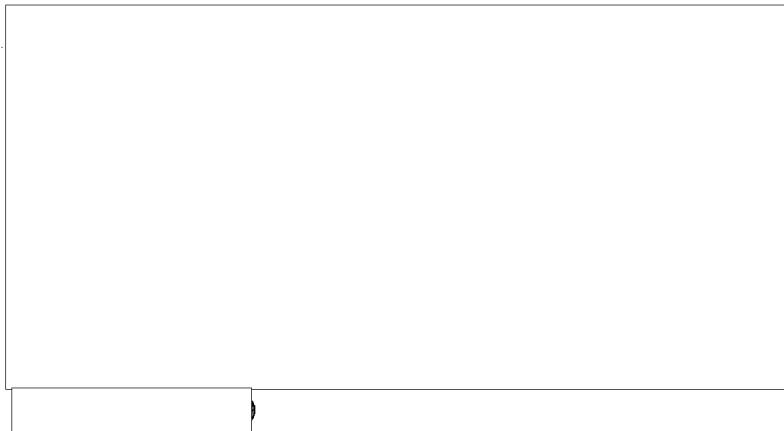
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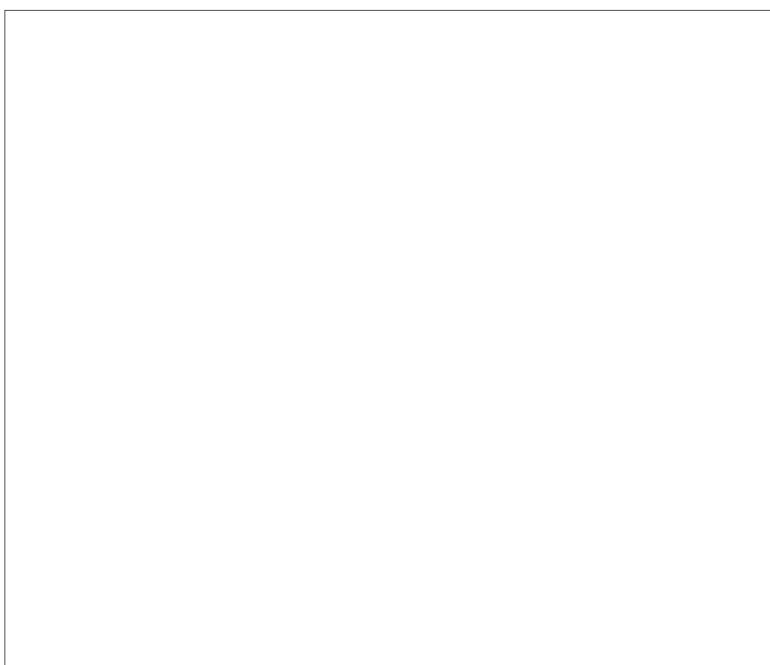
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1. Cuba



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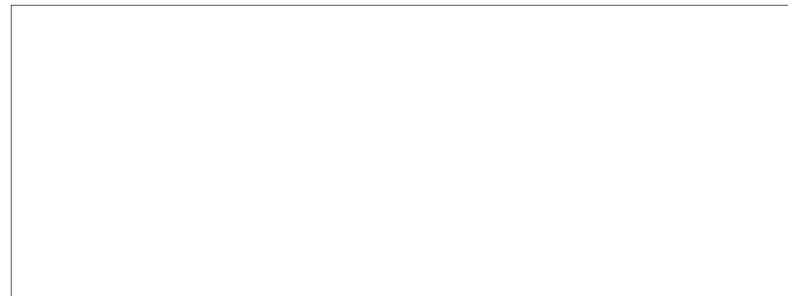
2. Haiti



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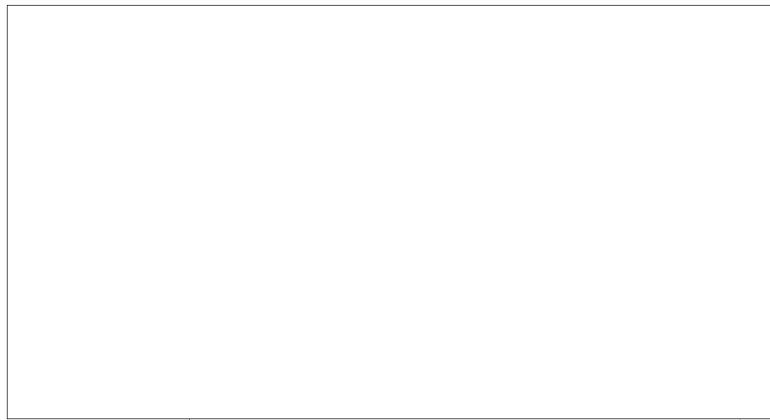


3. Congo

- a. Congolese leaders refuse to treat further with holdout Katangan gendarmes and, during the weekend, dispatched three Congo army companies to eliminate remaining strongholds in southeastern Katanga.
- b. Leopoldville claims to have succeeded without a fight.
- c. We suspect the fighting is yet to come, as the gendarmerie in the area is reportedly well armed and able to give a good account of itself.
- d. The UN is staying out of the act, and this may well encourage the gendarmerie.

4. Pakistan - Com-
munist China

a. Ayub's government apparently
is continuing to move cautiously to-
ward closer cooperation with Peiping.



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d. Just how cautiously Ayub
plans to proceed, given the prospect
of Under Secretary Ball's visit, was
probably the subject of discussion
at an urgent top-level meeting of
government officials yesterday in
Rawalpindi.



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5. Syria-Iraq

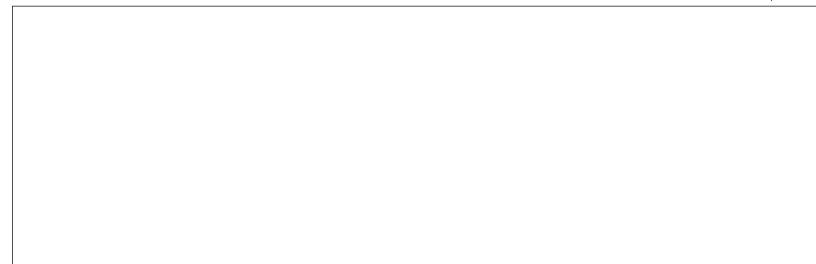
a.

[redacted] party leaders in both Syria
and Iraq have decided to begin the
process of unifying the two countries.
Steps toward military unification will
come first.

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- B. Cuba Royal Dutch Airlines has announced resumption of weekly flights between Havana and Curacao. These were suspended last year during the crisis.
- C. Colombia Threatened strikes and disorders failed to materialize over the weekend. Many left-wing groups refused to participate lest they bring on a coup by the coup-prone military.
- D. Rumania-US The Rumanians want to send their Planning Commission chairman to the US for trade talks. They are interested in buying equipment for their chemical, oil, rubber, paper, and radio-TV industries. Their trade with the US amounted to only \$1.5 million last year, but it has been growing rapidly with Western Europe.

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1. South Vietnam

a. Diem, apparently torn between family loyalties and public duty, is reluctant to silence Madame Nhu.

b. Ambassador Nolting thinks she is out of control of everybody, including her immediate family.

c. Most cabinet members feel the eleventh hour has come for Diem to demonstrate firm control of the government, and deal personally and decisively with the Buddhists.

2. West Germany -
Israel

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3. Cuba-UK

a. London insists it cannot legally refuse to let Cuban civil aircraft make technical stops in British colonies.

b. Cuban planes accordingly have recently landed at Grand Cayman island to transfer passengers, some of whom we believe to be Communist agents heading for Latin America.

c. British officials say they plan shortly to begin requiring transit visas of all persons who change planes in British territories en route to and from Cuba, but they admit this procedure will not be enforceable in British Guiana.

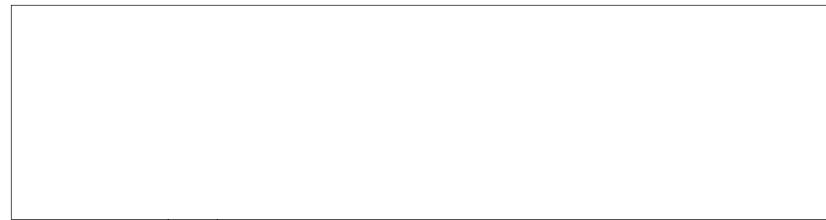
4. Malaysia

a. British officials have fixed on 14 September as the new Malaysia date.

b. London expects U Thant to announce shortly that his survey will be completed by 9 September. The British will use this completion date as a peg for announcing 14 September.

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d. The Thai Foreign Minister told the US Embassy last week the danger of Indonesian aggression is "no joke."

5. Argentina

a. President-elect Illia, after his inauguration in October, plans to legalize the Argentine Communist Party.

b. Illia thinks a new security law will keep the Communists under control, while legality will smoke out many influential persons who have been serving the Communist cause secretly.

NOTES

- A. Pakistan Leaders of the opposition parties have asked former Prime Minister Suhrawardy to return from London within three weeks to head an all-out political campaign against Ayub. These leaders are said particularly to oppose Ayub's rapprochement with Communist China.
- B. India We think Nehru and his Congress Party are in for some rough handling in the parliamentary session which opened today. The opposition may for the first time succeed in tabling a no-confidence motion, although with no chance of passing it. A major cabinet shake-up, however, seems unlikely at this time.
- C. Morocco The King's principal adviser has asked that we stop removal of equipment from the US air bases, charging that they are being "stripped" and will be "useless" when Morocco takes them over late this year. The Moroccans admit, however, they have no plans to pay for the material they want left in place.
- D. Austria - East Germany Despite assurances that the East German airline's landing rights in Vienna would not be renewed after 31 July, the Austrians have been granting it permission for "regularly non-scheduled" flights.
- E. Congo (Brazzaville) The rioting this morning in Brazzaville was apparently caused by disgruntled workers. There are no indications that Youlou's government is in immediate danger.

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1. UAR - YEMEN - SAUDI ARABIA:

A. BOTH THE EGYPTIANS AND THE SAUDIS ARE PUTTING A STRAIN ON THE YEMENI DISENGAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS.

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C. THE OBSERVERS HAVE REPORTED TO NEW YORK SEEING FURTHER SHIPMENTS THIS WEEKEND OF AMMUNITION BY TRUCK ACROSS THE SAUDI BORDER INTO YEMEN.

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2. MALAYSIA:

A. MANILA AND DJAKARTA ARE INTIMATING THAT THEY WILL ACCEPT THE FINDINGS OF U THANT'S SURVEY TEAMS, AND INDONESIAN OFFICIALS ASSURE US THAT SUKARNO'S POLICY HAS CHANGED FROM CONFRONTATION TO CONSULTATION.

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B. HOWEVER, THE NEWS IS NOT ALL THIS ENCOURAGING. BOTH INDONESIA AND THE PHILIPPINES, [REDACTED] HAVE 50X1 DECIDED TO SEND 20 OBSERVERS APIECE TO WATCH THE UN SURVEY OPINION IN SARAWAK AND NORTH BORNEO.

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D. DJAKARTA, MEANWHILE, CONTINUES TO DEPICT THE MANILA CONFERENCE AS A BRIGHT VICTORY FOR SUKARNO DIPLOMACY.

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3. PAKISTAN-US:

A. THE PAKISTANI FOREIGN OFFICE HAS NOT ONLY INDUCED AYUB TO SEEK A POSTPONEMENT OF BALL'S VISIT BUT IS ALSO TRYING TO OBTAIN FOR ITSELF A MAJOR ROLE IN THE TALKS WHILE LIMITING BALL'S ACCESS TO AYUB.

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B. WE HAVE AGREED TO POSTPONE THE TRIP UNTIL THE FIRST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER, IF THIS IS NECESSARY AND IF THE PAKISTANIS INDICATE AGAIN THAT THEY WANT THE VISIT ON THE ORIGINAL TERMS. WE ARE ALSO INSISTING THAT BALL IS THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL EMISSARY AND WILL THEREFORE DEAL AT LENGTH ONLY WITH AYUB HIMSELF.

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C. THE UNCERTAINTIES SURROUNDING PAKISTAN'S FOREIGN
RELATIONS ARE GIVING RISE TO A RICH CROP OF RUMORS IN
KARACHI

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4. BOLIVIA:

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5. BURMA:

A. LEADERS OF BURMA'S SEVERAL SMALL COMMUNIST GROUPS,
SCENTING THE PROSPECT OF GREATER POLITICAL INFLUENCE IN RAN-
GOON THAN HAS BEEN THEIR LOT FOR A DECADE, ARE BENDING THEIR

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6. NOTES:

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C. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: BOSCH PLANS TO REMOVE SEVERAL
OF HIS MORE INCOMPETENT AND OBJECTIONABLE MINISTERS LATER
THIS MONTH IN AN EFFORT TO STAVE OFF A COUP ATTEMPT. THESE
ARE STEPS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, AND IF COUPLED WITH PROMPT
ACTION ON REFORM, MIGHT RESTORE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN HIS AD-
MINISTRATION. THE CRUCIAL ISSUE, ON WHICH HE WILL STAND OR
FALL, IS HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD [REDACTED] THE
COMMUNISTS,

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D. BRAZIL: FORMER PRESIDENT KUBITSCHEK TOLD AMBASSADOR GORDON ON SATURDAY OF HIS DEEP CONCERN OVER THE GROWING POLARIZATION OF BRAZILIAN POLITICAL OPINION, WHICH HE BLAMED ON GOULART AND ANTI-COMMUNIST GOVERNOR LACERDA. HE PREDICTS THAT IF THE TREND CONTINUES IT WILL LEAD TO "DISASTER." 50X1

E. CONGO: THE CONGO ARMY HAS OCCUPIED THE KATANGAN TOWN OF KASENGO AFTER BRIEF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE REMNANTS OF TSHOMBE'S GENDARMERIE. THESE INITIAL SUCCESSES BY MOBUTU'S FORCES ARE APT TO STRENGTHEN U THANT'S DETERMINATION TO WITHDRAW UN TROOPS BY THE END OF THE YEAR. 50X1

F. PORTUGAL: SALAZAR IS PLANNING TO STAGE A DEMONSTRATION OF POPULAR SUPPORT FOR HIS OVERSEAS POLICY BY CONDUCTING A REFERENDUM ON THE SUBJECT, PRESUMABLY BOTH WITHIN PORTUGAL AND IN ITS OVERSEAS DEPENDENCIES. 50X1

G. BRAZZAVILLE: THERE ARE CONFLICTING PRESS REPORTS THIS MORNING ON THE DEGREE OF CALM IN BRAZZAVILLE. IN ANY EVENT, PRESIDENT YOULOU STILL FACES TOUGH SLEDDING IN OVERCOMING WIDESPREAD DISSATISFACTION WITH HIS ONE-MAN RULE AND DEPRESSED ECONOMIC CONDITIONS. 50X1

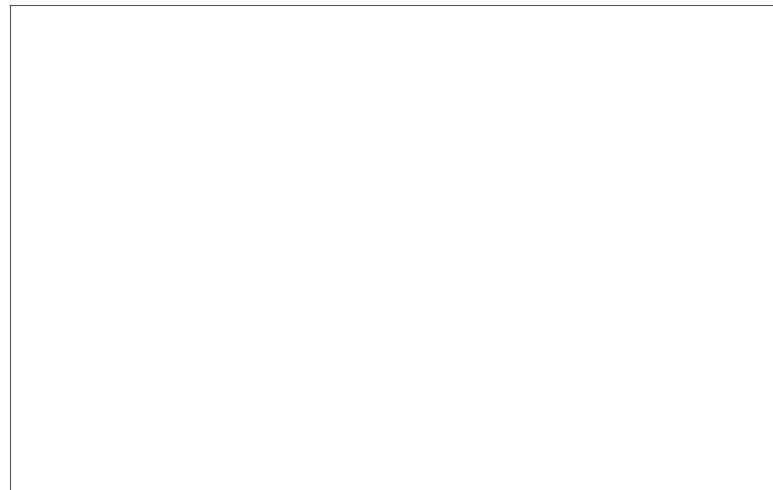
H. CUBA: HAVANA RADIO THIS MORNING SAID IT WOULD BE PROTESTING TO LONDON THE ALLEGED USE OF BRITISH TERRITORY AS A STAGING AREA FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF CIA AGENTS INTO CUBA. 50X1
THE RADIO CLAIMED THAT THE CUBAN ARMED FORCES HAD CAPTURED SEVERAL "COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES" WITH THEIR GEAR NEAR ANQUILLA ISLAND YESTERDAY. 50X1

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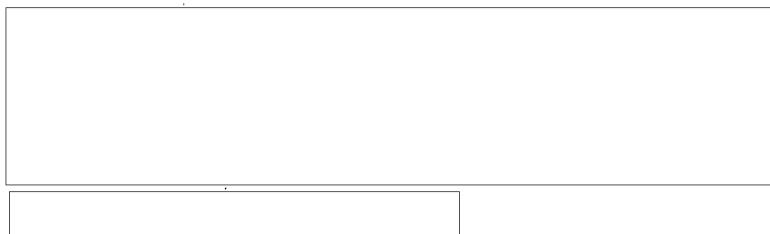


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c. Apparently the demand for space on the return to the USSR is running ahead of the capacity of the two Soviet passenger ships which make regularly scheduled runs.

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d. In addition to returning Soviet personnel, there are at this season dependents going back to school in the USSR.

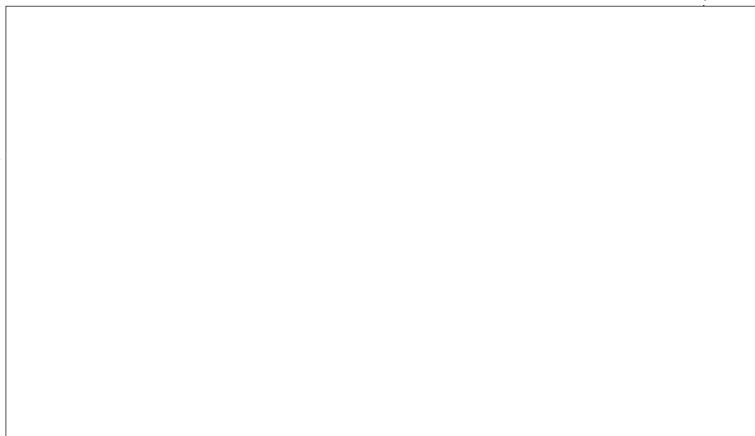


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2. Cuba - Communist bloc

a. The Cubans are having their troubles staying out of the Sino-Soviet dispute.

b. They have been invited to send a delegation to attend the festivities next month marking the birthday (9 September) of the North Korean regime.



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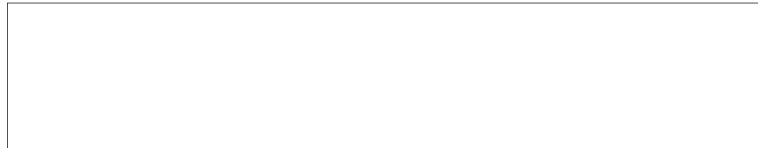
3. South Vietnam

- a. It took more pressure from Ambassador Nolting during their final meeting yesterday to get Diem to issue any statement at all reaffirming his government's policy towards the Buddhists.
- b. The statement seems to do this well enough and, implicitly at least, to rebuke Mme. Nhu, but it takes the form of an answer to a question from Marguerite Higgins for publication in today's Herald Tribune. Thus it could be disavowed if need be, and few Vietnamese are likely to be aware of it anyway.
- c. Meanwhile, tension mounts in Hué following yesterday's forcible action by government troops.
- d. More and more Buddhist monks and nuns are volunteering to sacrifice themselves, and, we understand, the Buddhist hierarchy is becoming more inclined to allow them to do so.
- e. There was another incident of self-sacrifice this morning.

4. Brazzaville

a. With French troops holding the lid on, the situation quieted down in Brazzaville yesterday.

b. They may be put to the test today, however, as leftist agitators and workers, surprised at the extent to which they have already rocked the regime, are now demanding that Youlou go or die.



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NOTES

- A. USSR - Communist China Not wanting to rock the boat, the Soviets have been only mildly critical about our underground test on Tuesday. The Chinese, though, call the test a "merciless mockery of those who bragged the treaty would ease the nuclear arms race."
- B. Cuba 50X1
- C. Cuba - US students Press reports out of Havana say the US students who had been scheduled to leave today for home via Prague have now been told their flight has been postponed until next Wednesday. Aircraft mechanical trouble is given as the reason for this, the fourth postponement.
- D. Vietnam Hanoi, viewing with delight the present unpopularity of the Diem government, is mounting a major effort to enlist foreign backing for the Viet Cong. Offices for this purpose already have been set up in Algiers, Cairo, Havana and possibly elsewhere outside the Bloc. 50X1

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- E. South Korea Ambassador Berger has "assurances" direct from Chairman Pak that Kim Chong-pil will not be returning to Korea before the October elections.
- F. East Africa Negotiations toward federation of Kenya, Tanganyika, Uganda, and Zanzibar have stalled, mainly because of Uganda's fear that it would become a junior partner to its more populous and larger neighbors. Tanganyika's President Nyerere and Kenya's Prime Minister Kenyatta are [redacted] determined to federate by December in any case, in the belief that Uganda will have to join them eventually.

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1. Brazzaville

a. The provisional government of "technicians" formed today will probably be supported by the army, although the militant labor leaders who engineered the general strike will demand a strong voice.

b. Some moderate figures of Youlou's regime are still around, however, and may be able to steady things down. Youlou himself is apparently safe.

c. A growing resentment against France has been evident during the crisis, but the substantial French interests are not threatened for the moment. Indeed, the French presence may be exerting a major moderating influence on the transitional regime.

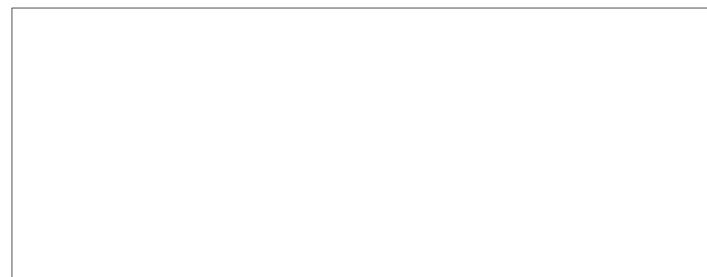
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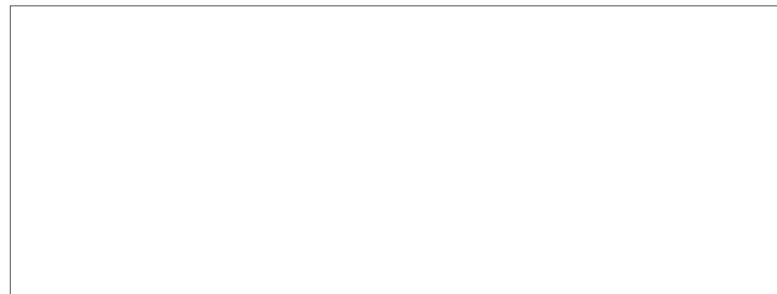
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3. Haiti

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[redacted] a new guerrilla attack yesterday in the northeast.

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b. A small army post was reported in "rebel hands," and despite government reinforcements and calls for air strikes, the situation was "grave" by mid-afternoon. Duvalier's forces gave up the battle at nightfall.

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c. The "rebels," said to number 80, could be new invaders, but we are inclined to think they are stay behinds from General Cantave's "invasion" last week.

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4. Guinea-Cuba-USSR

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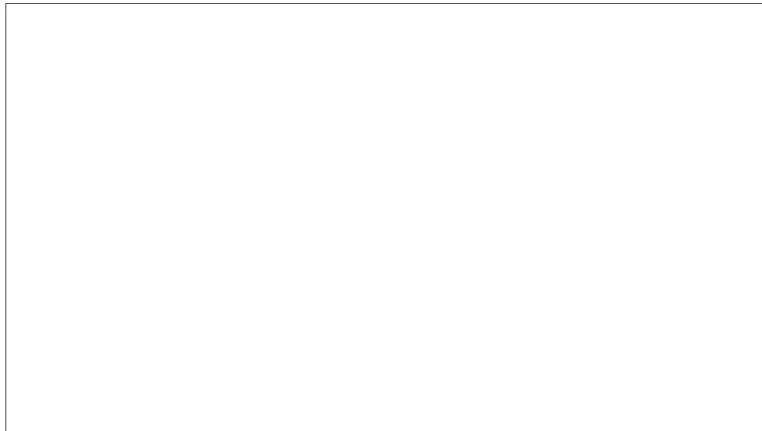
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5. Portugal-Angola
- a. The rigid stand against self-determination for Angola evident in Salazar's speech Monday has dismayed most white settlers in Luanda.
 - b. Unlike the colons of Algeria, they would not oppose an accommodation with "reasonable" Angolan nationalists, and think Salazar's attitude is suicidal.



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6. Ethiopia -
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Republic

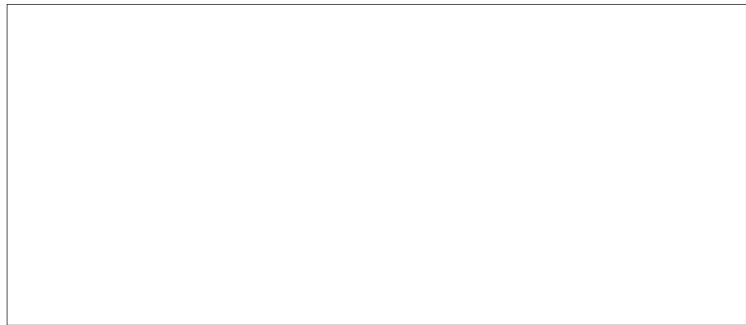


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- D. Africa-UN Algerian Premier Ben Bella's drive to get African chiefs of state to attend the forthcoming General Assembly session is gathering some steam.

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E. Bolivia The government is planning "mass arrests" of Communists and other opposition leaders it believes responsible for unrest among the tin miners. Such security sweeps have been planned before, but seldom followed by action. The general strike called for yesterday by the mine-workers federation, however, could cause President Paz to carry out this one.



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1. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. DIEM'S BUDDHIST PROBLEM IS GETTING WORSE AS THE SERIES OF SUICIDES AND DEMONSTRATIONS ATTRACT THE SYMPATHY OF MORE AND MORE PEOPLE.

B. THE GOVERNMENT HAS FOUND IT NECESSARY, WHILE PUBLICIZING A POLICY OF CONCILIATION, TO CLAMP MARTIAL LAW ON TWO COASTAL CITIES INVOLVED IN THE MOST RECENT RITUAL BURNINGS. THERE HAVE BEEN CLASHES BETWEEN THE ARMY AND THE DEMONSTRATORS IN BOTH PLACES.

C. SAIGON IS FULL OF RUMORS THAT FURTHER TROUBLE IS LIKELY, POSSIBLY EXTENDING TO A COUP ATTEMPT. [REDACTED]

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E. [REDACTED]

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2. MALAYSIA:

A. THE UN SURVEY TEAM ARRIVED IN NORTHERN BORNEO YES-TERDAY WITH THE OBSERVER ISSUE UNRESOLVED.

B. THE BRITISH ARE STICKING TO THEIR DECISION TO PERMIT BUT TWO FROM EACH OF THE MANILA POWERS. THE PHILIPPINE AND MALAY OBSERVERS ARE SET TO ARRIVE ON THE SPOT TODAY.

C. THE INDONESIANS, WHO WANTED TO SEND TWENTY, HAVE SAID THE BRITISH LIMITATIONS ARE "RIDICULOUS AND COULD CAUSE TROUBLE", AND HAVE PRESSURED THE BRITISH FOR A MORE LIBERAL FIGURE. AMBASSADOR JONES DOES NOT THINK THAT THIS WILL BE A STICKING POINT FOR DJAKARTA AND THAT INDONESIA WILL ACCEPT MALAYSIA.

D. INDONESIAN OBSTRUCTIONISM IS NOT AT AN END, HOWEVER.

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3. ETHIOPIA-SOMALIA:

A. FIGHTING BETWEEN SOMALI INHABITANTS OF EASTERN ETHIOPIA AND ETHIOPIAN TROOPS HAS FLARED UP AGAIN.

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B. ADDIS ABABA HAS SENT ADDITIONAL TROOPS INTO THE AREA AND HAS, SAY THE SOMALIS, BEGUN TO USE HEAVY WEAPONS AND AIRCRAFT AGAINST THE ENDEMICALY DISSIDENT TRIBESMEN.

C. THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT DENIES ANY COMPLICITY IN THE FIGHTING AND HAS SUGGESTED AN INVESTIGATION ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER BY OBSERVERS FROM COUNTRIES FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD ETHIOPIA.

D. WE HAVE BEEN COUNSELLING RESTRAINT IN THE TWO CAPITALS AND NOW LEARN THAT HAILE SELASSIE HAS AGREED TO SEND A GOOD WILL MISSION TO THE SOMALI REPUBLIC AT A DATE YET TO BE SET.

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4. HAITI-CUBA:

A. AS FOREIGN MINISTER CHALMERS HURRIEDLY LEFT PORT-AU-PRINCE YESTERDAY FOR THE US TO PRESS CHARGES THAT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ABBETTED THE RECENT "INVASION", THE SMALL REBEL BAND [redacted] TOOK [redacted] TWO MORE OUTPOSTS IN NORTHEASTERN HAITI.

B. COUNTER-ATTACKS TO RETAKE THE POSTS WERE BEATEN OFF

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C. THIS LOOKS TO US MORE LIKE A SMALL-SCALE GUERRILLA ACTION THAN THE SIGNAL FOR A SUSTAINED MILITARY DRIVE AGAINST THE HAITIAN DICTATOR. IT DOES INDICATE, HOWEVER, THAT CANTAVE STILL HAS A FORCE IN ACTION.

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D. HE MAY GET SOME HELP FROM AN UNSAVORY CUBAN EXILE
NAMED MASFERRER. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE AND CANTAVE HAVE A "MUTUAL ASSISTANCE PACT." 50X1

E. UNDER ITS TERMS MASFERRER PROVIDES CANTAVE WITH
ARMED SUPPORT AND GETS A BASE FROM WHICH TO OPERATE AGAINST
CUBA IF CANTAVE SUCCEEDS.

5. NOTES:

A. CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE): THE DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE SUBSIDED FOLLOWING THE INSTALLATION OF A CIVILIAN CARETAKER GOVERNMENT WHICH IS TO PAVE THE WAY FOR NEW ELECTIONS THREE MONTHS HENCE. THE LABOR LEADERS WHO FASHIONED YOULOU'S DOWNFALL SEEM CONTENT FOR THE MOMENT TO REMAIN INFLUENTIAL FIGURES IN THE BACK ROOMS.

B. CUBA - TEST BAN: AMBASSADOR KOHLER HAS BEEN STRUCK BY THE ABSENCE IN SOVIET COVERAGE OF THE TREATY OF ANY SUGGESTION THAT CUBA WILL SIGN OR ANY CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES FROM CUBAN LEADERS. KOHLER THINKS THAT THE SILENCE FROM HAVANA REVEALS DIFFERENCES IN CASTRO'S INNER CIRCLE ON JUST HOW TO PLAY THIS ONE. 50X1

C. CUBA - US [REDACTED]

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D. COMMUNIST CHINA - SOMALI REPUBLIC: TOURING SOMALI
PREMIER ABDIRASCID CAME AWAY FROM PEIPING WITH AN INTEREST-
FREE CREDIT OF NEARLY TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS. HE ALSO GOT
THREE MILLION IN DIRECT BUDGETARY SUPPORT, THE CHINESE COM-
MUNISTS' FIRST UNDERTAKING IN THE BUDGET SUPPORT FIELD. THE
AGREEMENTS MUST STILL BE APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN
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E. COMMUNIST CHINA:

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THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HAD RESPONDED TO PEIPING'S CALL FOR
A WORLDWIDE SUMMIT CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT IN A "RUDE OR
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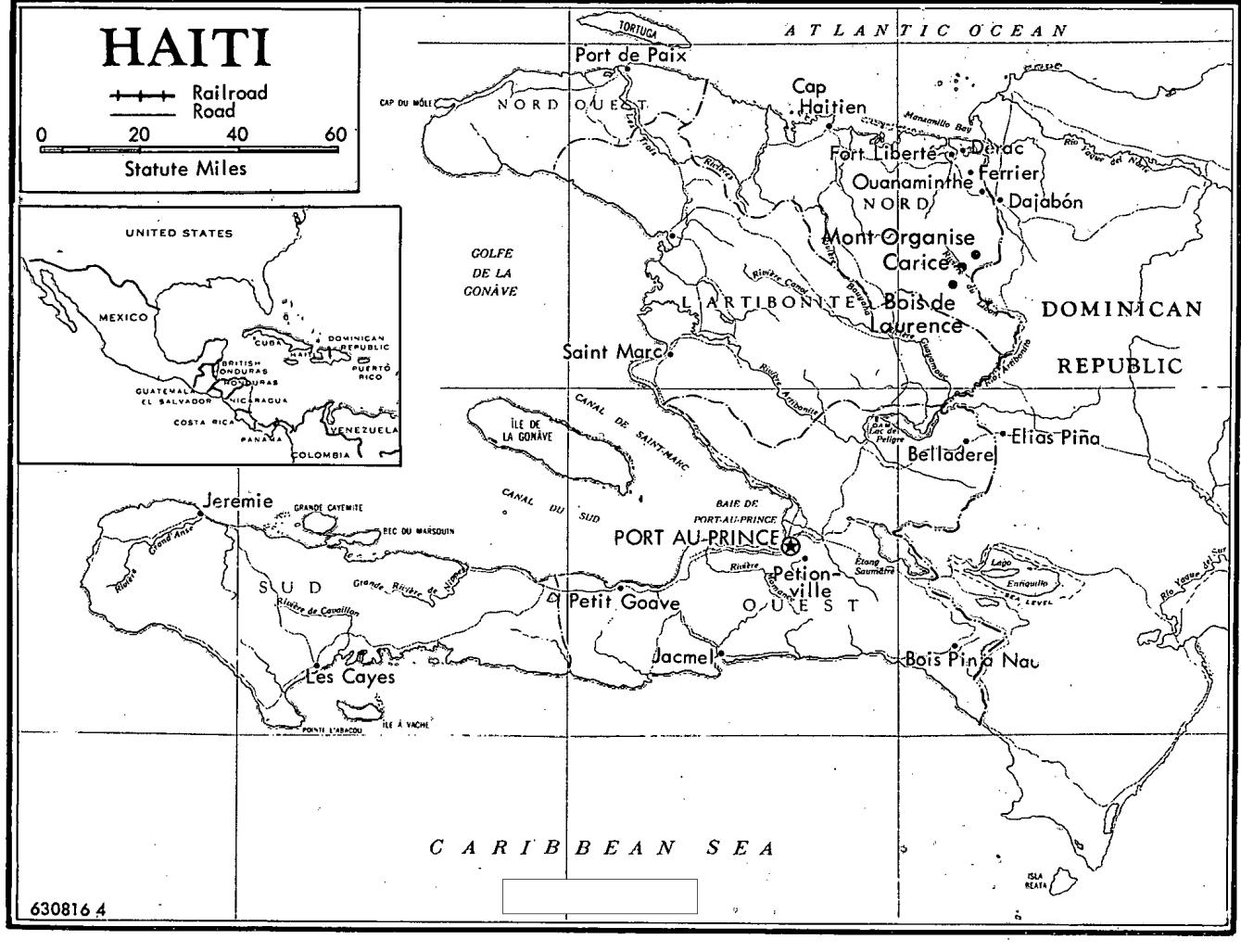
1. South Vietnam

- a. The government's preoccupation with the Buddhist crisis is handicapping the war effort against the Communists.
- b. The government commander in the area north and east of Saigon has told us that the crisis is preventing his men from carrying out essential military operations. As a result, he has, he says, lost a little ground to the Viet Cong.
- c. In the Hue area farther north, the diversion of the army to deal with Buddhist demonstrations may have had something to do with the recent increase in Communist activity nearby.
- d. Martial law has now been lifted in Hue and the city is quiet, but US officials there expect further trouble.



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2. Brazil

- a. Ambassador Gordon emerged from a "deeply disturbing" hour with Goulart Friday convinced that the Brazilian President has fallen almost entirely under the pernicious influence of advisers who range from "irresponsible adolescents thru fellow travellers to probable Communists."
- b. The influence of more moderate men like Dantas seems to have evaporated, Gordon reports.
- c. As evidence of this, Gordon notes Goulart's observation that the upper and middle classes are hostile toward him and that his only recourse is to turn to "the masses" who alone understand him.
- d. Goulart in his present mood seems more disposed than ever to rely on demagoguery to get his program across.

3. Haiti

- a. By late yesterday evening anti-Duvalier forces had withdrawn from most areas they occupied last Thursday and Friday.

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b. The US Embassy in Port-au-
Prince reports that the regime has
been frantically seeking to raise
\$1,000,000 for arms purchases.

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c. This urgent search could
stem from the confusion and exaggera-
tion [redacted]

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[redacted] It could also mean that
Duvalier considers further attacks
most likely.

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4. India-USSR

a. The Indian arms mission has
returned from Moscow and Prague vir-
tually empty-handed.

b. The Indians say, however,
that agreement is near on one sur-
face-to-air missile complex.

c. The equipment shown the
Indians did not meet cost or perfor-
mance specifications, or its pro-
curement was so bound up in red tape
that agreement by the end of the
year did not seem possible.

5. Finland-USSR

a. Finland too may be on the verge of acquiring Soviet surface-to-air missiles.

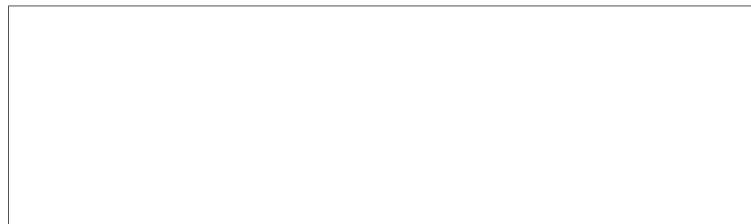
b. A high Finnish military officer, who evinced annoyance at his country's inability to get such equipment from the US, told an American official that negotiations are almost complete for the early delivery of an undisclosed number of SA-3 missiles.

c. We are not entirely sure that the Soviets would ship this particular missile to Finland--it is just beginning to be deployed in the USSR--and consider the SA-2, for which the Finns have dickered before, to be more likely.

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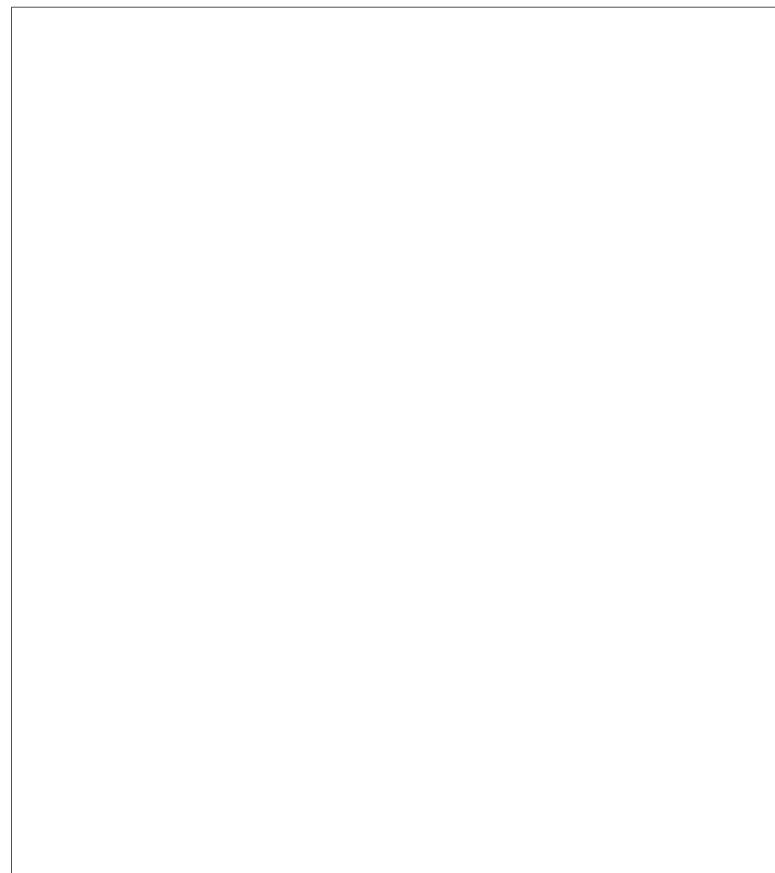
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NOTES

- A. Syria-Israel The press reports new exchanges of fire yesterday and last night between Syrian and Israeli forces along the border. Damascus has been taking a tough line on this, largely for home consumption, and says that any "new aggressive" acts by the Israelis will be crushed. Further clashes are likely.
- B. Pakistan The foreign office in Karachi has taken a milder tack with Ambassador McConaughy; at least, it has made a point of accepting his advice to sit tight for the time being on the Kashmir mediation proposal and to receive Nehru's latest outburst with restraint. But Pakistan is still pressing Japan to agree to flights by the Pakistani airline to Tokyo via Communist China. Without a Tokyo stop the line to China would not be a paying proposition.
- C. Congo (Brazzaville) One of the incidental results of last week's change of government was a reduction in French influence over the armed forces. Young Congolese have relieved Frenchmen in the top positions of both the army and the gendarmerie. The French are, of course, still deeply involved and, we note, the foreign office in Paris has expressed the view that the affair in Brazzaville is far from finished. From across the river, Adoula too regards the situation as still not settled.

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- D. Turkey Prime Minister Ismet Inonu could be in for trouble. The New Turkey Party has been expressing its displeasure with the way Inonu has been dominating the present coalition. Sources in this party say it is closer to pulling out than at any time since the coalition was put together in June 1962.
- E. West Germany - Israel Adenauer has told Ambassador McGhee that he would like to see diplomatic relations between Bonn and Tel Aviv before he steps down as Chancellor. He asked the ambassador whether such a step would upset any applecarts for the US.

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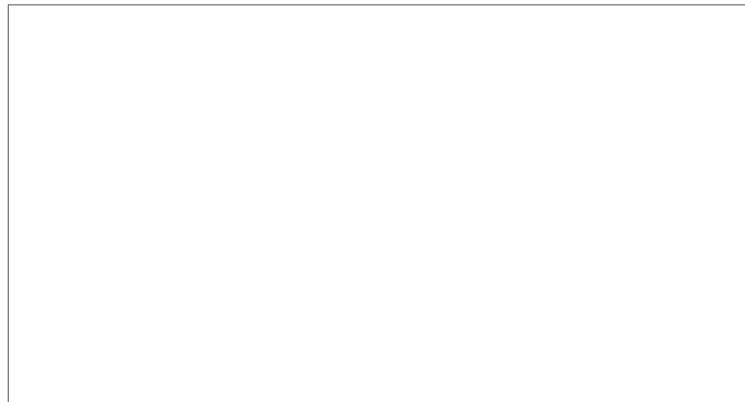
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1. South Vietnam

- a. Buddhist demonstrations are becoming larger, and more clearly antigovernment.
- b. A Buddhist official recently said that agitation would continue for several months. He also said that monks and nuns are now receiving political guidance in the belief that Diem's regime can be overthrown.
- c. Buddhists are being urged to organize a boycott of the national assembly elections, scheduled for the last of this month.
- d. The Viet Cong also plans to disrupt these elections, and can do so in many hamlets and remote areas.

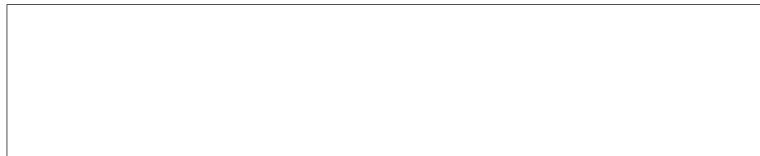
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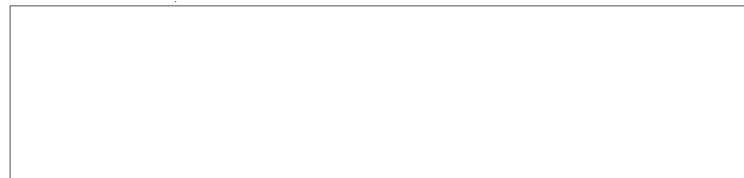
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3. Egypt-Yemen

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b. Reports from UN observers,

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New York to believe Cairo has ef-
fected a net reduction of up to
4,750 troops.

c. The Saudis, meanwhile, are
deeply concerned over lack of prog-
ress toward disengagement. Faysal
is under considerable pressure to
renew Saudi support for the Royal-
ists.

d. Egyptian officials still
claim Saudi support never ceased,
but yesterday did admit to our em-
bassy that recent bombings of Saudi
territory were pilot "mistakes," al-
though this would not be stated "of-
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4. West Germany -
Israel

a. Adenauer is considering
the diplomatic recognition of Israel.

b. He would like to bring
this off as one of the crowning steps
of his career. His hope is that it
can be handled in such a way that
"the Arabs would scream for only a
few days and then subside."

c. Foreign Minister Schroeder
is opposed, fearing Arab recognition
of East Germany as retaliation. []
[] his fears are probably well-
founded, at least as concerns Egypt,
Syria, and Iraq.

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5. Algeria

a. Former Algerian nationalist
leaders, ousted by Ben Bella last
summer, are planning an uprising in
Algeria late this year.

b. Belkacem Krim, once a vice-
premier of the pre-independence pro-
visional government, is on a tour of
Arab capitals seeking arms and ammu-
nition.

c. Both President Bourguiba
and King Hassan cordially distrust
Ben Bella and might give Krim some
support.

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6. Congo

a. Adoula is concerned lest the recent trouble in Brazzaville be contagious in Leopoldville's climate of unemployment, rising prices, and growing shortages.

b. "It can be done here" is said to be a favorite slogan in the native quarters of the city, where Youlou's corrupt government is openly likened to Adoula's.

c. The most immediate danger is a strike of government employees threatened for next week, which could easily get out of hand.

d. The discontented Congolese army, which tends to identify itself with the masses, probably would not be very rough with a crowd bent on ousting the government.

NOTES

- A. USSR Khrushchev was in the air this morning en route to Yugoslavia for a two-weeks working vacation.
- B. Syria-Israel We have no evidence to support the Syrian claim of Israeli troop concentrations along the border. The killing of two Israeli workers this morning by a Syrian patrol will create strong pressure on the Israeli government to take some retaliatory action.
- C. Haiti continuing rebel guerrilla attacks in the north-east.
- D.
- E. US-USSR Officers of the Soviet military attache office in Mexico City were "effervescent" Sunday in attempting to impress their American opposite numbers that a genuine era of Soviet-US friendship has begun. One Soviet colonel carried his efforts to the point of getting drunk and doing the twist.

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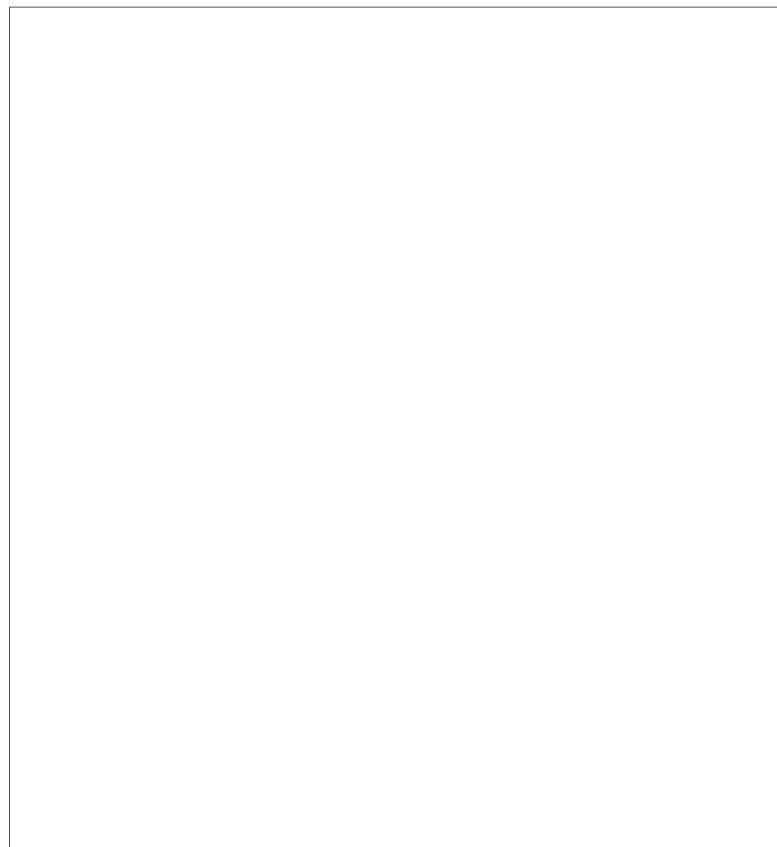
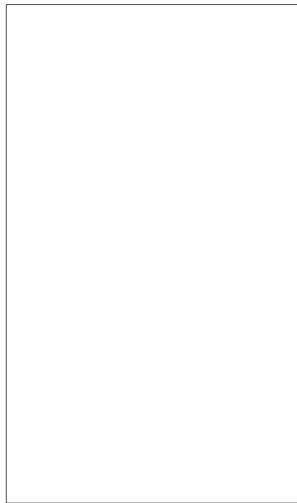
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1. Israel-Syria

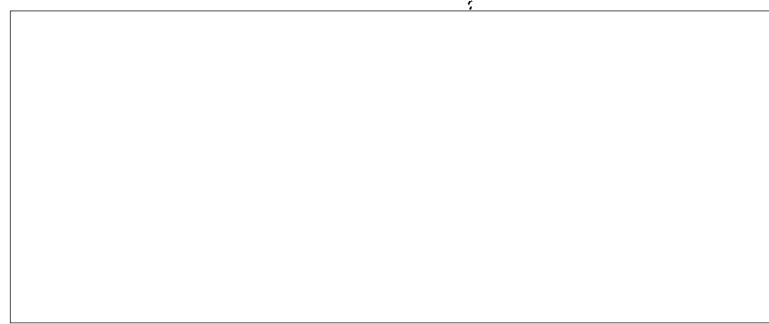
a. Tension is growing in Israel amidst the repeated Syrian and Israeli charges and countercharges of border attacks.



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2. Finland-USSR



a. Ambassador Rowan has been told categorically by Max Jakobson, Chief of Finnish Foreign Office political section, that Finland is not negotiating with the USSR for the purchase of any type of Soviet missiles.

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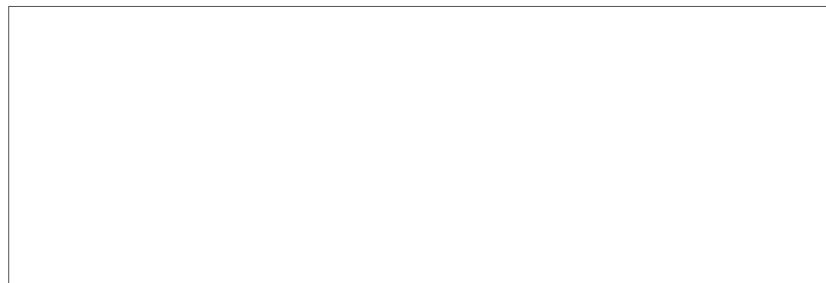
b. Jakobson also told Rowan that a written guarantee has been given to the British that at least half of any surface-to-air missiles purchased by Helsinki would be bought from them. Jakobson added that Kekkonen had told MacMillan Finland was interested in Bloodhound I, but was short of money.



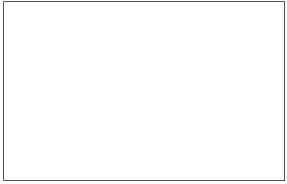
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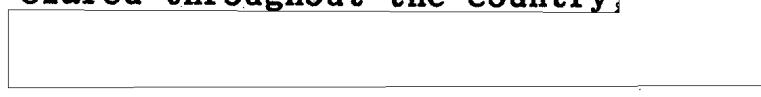
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a. Diem's regime seems determined to repress forcefully the rising Buddhist agitation, despite strong advice from US representatives and an urgent plea from Saigon's ambassador to Washington.

b. Police and army personnel raided Buddhist pagodas in Saigon and Hué yesterday using arms, grenades and tear gas.

c. A number of Buddhists were reported killed and wounded, and many others were arrested. The fate of key Buddhist leaders is not yet known.

d. Martial law has been declared throughout the country



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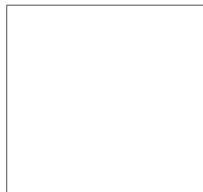
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e. These harsh measures may only serve to further alienate the Vietnamese public and will further damage Diem's image throughout the world.

f. Some senior Vietnamese officers may have agreed with this action as necessary to prevent the spread of unrest.

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4. Cuba



a. Yesterday's Cuban government communique concerning Sunday nights raid on industrial installations may signal a sharper propaganda campaign against the US and possibly a new offensive in the UN.

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b. Havana blamed the raid on the US government and claimed this was proof of a US plan of aggression. World opinion was warned of "the danger that this policy entails for peace less than a year after the October crisis."

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c. The communique also accused the US of taking advantage of the more relaxed "international situation" resulting from the test ban treaty and warned the US against underestimating the "solidarity of the Soviet Union" toward Cuba.

d. Havana again demanded that the US accept Castro's "Five Points." The reference to the "Five Points" in this context suggests that the Cuban government may be considering an appeal to the UN.

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Communist China - Burma Peiping has proposed Keng Piao, one of its vice foreign ministers and a career diplomat, as its new ambassador to Rangoon.

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1. South Vietnam

a. South Vietnam is outwardly calm this morning with the army maintaining a tight security lid under the martial law decree.

b. The authorities are seeking to justify the crackdown on the grounds that government troops were beginning to be disaffected by the Buddhist campaign. They also argue the Viet Cong had penetrated the Buddhist movement. [redacted]

c. The well-coordinated moves by the military throughout the country showed good prior planning. US officials have been told that Diem ordered the action at the request of a group of generals.

d. Present relationships among Diem, the generals, and Nhu are not clear. Statements being broadcast in the name of the military have a strong Nhu flavor, and Nhu is known to have harangued the generals on the need for firm government action. Some of the generals could be working with him.

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e. The martial law commander, Major General Tran Van Don, says everything possible is being done to keep a maximum number of troops fighting the Viet Cong. The US Military Attaché feels, however, that operations will be affected by the diversion of troops to maintaining martial law.

f. A late, unconfirmed press report says that Tran Van Chuong, South Vietnam's ambassador to the US, Madame Nhu's father and a strong critic of Diem and the Nhu's, has been relieved of his post.

2. UN-Yemen

a. U Thant is rather gloomy over the outlook for the UN observation mission in Yemen.

b. The Secretary General is extremely sensitive about the resignation of the unstable Von Horn and his threat "to blow the lid off the whole operation." Indian General Rikhye who has just returned from the Congo is to take over at least temporarily in Yemen.

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c. Although the Saudis have agreed to pay half of an additional two months of the UN operation, the UAR has not replied to the Secretary General's request. U Thant may recommend that the Security Council withdraw the mission if Cairo doesn't ante up.

d. He expects in his forthcoming report to the Council to criticize both sides--the Saudis for their continued aid to the royalists, the UAR for its laggardly withdrawal and its bombing of Saudi villages.

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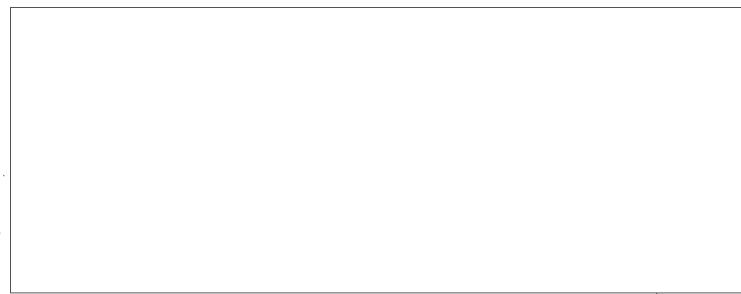
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3. Malaysia

a. Indonesia has stepped up paramilitary operations in northern Borneo.

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c. Ambassador Jones has been instructed to register with Sukarno our very strong disapproval of these tactics.

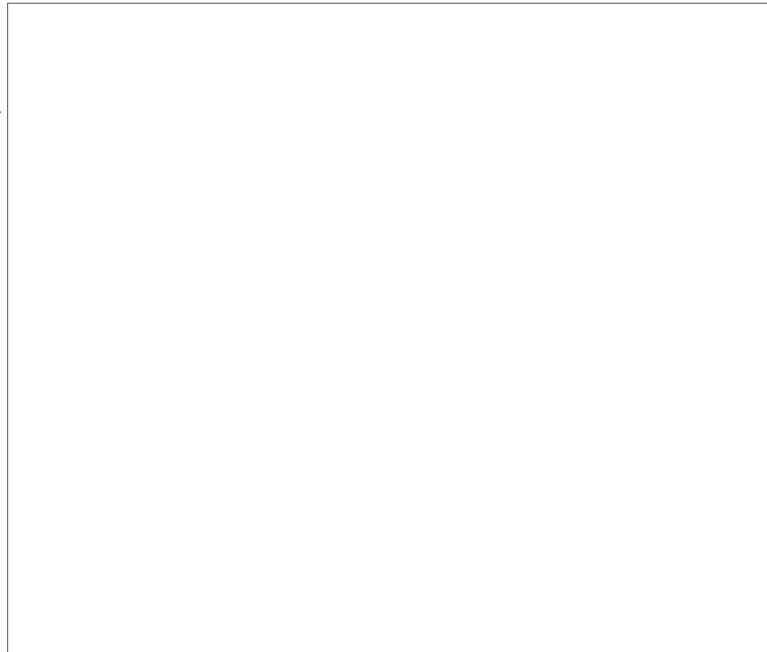
d. Meanwhile, the Indonesians are stymying the UN opinion survey, which was to get underway today. Djakarta wants a larger number of observers with a broader role than the UK or the UN envisages. The Philippines have been persuaded to go along with the Indonesians on this.

e. U Thant is threatening to pull the UN team out if the bickering on procedure does not stop.



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5. Haiti

a. Duvalier is urgently seeking military equipment to replace the many items which proved unserviceable in the recent fighting.



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d. There were earlier stories of Haitian attempts to buy military equipment from France. The French foreign office has denied knowledge of such an attempt.

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A. Bolivia President Paz asked yesterday for the resignation of his entire cabinet. His objective was probably to shield certain cabinet officials from congressional hectoring, but he may use the opportunity to replace several ministers who have given his government less than wholehearted support in the controversy with the tin miners. A new cabinet is expected soon.

B. Colombia The plans of a group of Communist-inspired labor leaders to foment a nation-wide strike next week could come a cropper. The general public, disgruntled with the influence of the Communists in the petroleum industry, has supported the strong line taken by the government to counter their activities.

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D. Syria-Israel The border was quiet yesterday and some of the heat appeared to be going out of the dispute as both sides asked the Security Council to consider the problem.

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- E. Jordan-USSR Jordan yesterday agreed to establish diplomatic relations with the USSR. King Husayn has been envious of Nasir's success in getting aid from both the US and the USSR and--though he denies it to us--he probably has visions of emulating the Egyptian. The king told Charge Lewis that Jordan would remain staunchly anti-Communist but perhaps this move would help answer charges that his country is a western puppet.
- F. Cuba Cubana plans by mid-September to pick up the last of the three IL-18s it bought from the Soviets

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**23 AUGUST 1963
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1. South Vietnam

a. Tight security precautions are still being enforced in Saigon and Hué, but troop presence is less obtrusive.

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[redacted] the generals recommended the imposition of martial law. [redacted] denied this amounted to a coup, but warned it could become one if Diem vacillated or compromised on the Buddhist issue.

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c. Ambassador Lodge notes that the resignation of Foreign Minister Mau "obviously caught the government flatfooted."

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[redacted] Phnom Penh intends to break diplomatic relations with Saigon. The Cambodians alleged to the US ambassador that on Monday two South Vietnamese planes strafed a guard post within Cambodia.

e. The Buddhist affair, however, is probably an important factor in this decision.
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2. Sino-Soviet dispute

a. The opponents are squaring off more and more at the governmental level.

b. Yesterday Prague closed the office of the official Chinese news agency for distributing polemical material. Peiping insists it has the right to use its officials this way, so further expulsions from Soviet bloc countries are likely.

c. Recent statements from Peiping and Moscow on the test ban issue are clearly part of a struggle between two governments, rather than a party or doctrinal dispute.

d. Wednesday, Peiping ridiculed Indian charges of a Communist border buildup, and accused Moscow of "encouraging and supporting Indian reactionaries." In a not too veiled reference to Khrushchev, Peiping said Nehru's "crude rumors" will "draw only a snicker from anyone who thinks with his head and not with his feet."

e. Even so, we do not expect a formal break in diplomatic relations in the near future.

3. UN - Yemen -
Saudi Arabia

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c. [Redacted] the Swedish gov-
ernment has assured U Thant that it
will attempt to keep General Von
Horn from making a "scandal" out of
his departure from Yemen.

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4. Malaysia

a. In a "verbal tug-of-war"
yesterday, Sukarno assured ambassa-
dor Jones he would abide by the
Manila agreements, but flatly denied
that Indonesia was mounting raids
into northern Borneo.

b. Later yesterday, however,
the foreign minister told the ambas-
sador that, after the audience, Su-
karno had ordered him to halt all
further raids.

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c. Djakarta, even with the best intentions, probably could not call off the dogs quickly enough to prevent further incidents.

d. Jones is convinced that Sukarno would still jump at any opportunity to upset Malaysia. Several knowledgeable British officials in the area agree.

5. Congo-UN

a. Adoula has officially asked U Thant to leave some UN troops in the Congo until next July.

b. However, Thant's military aide, General Rihkye--recently returned from the Congo--reports the security situation "very stable." He has advised that retention of troops beyond December is "desirable but not vital."

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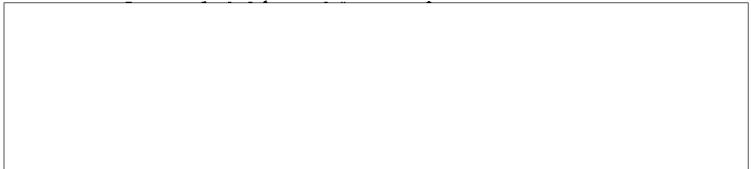
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unanimous agreement among local US, UN and other diplomats that the Congolese army will not be able to maintain law and order if UN forces depart by January.

6. Ethiopia-Somalia
- a. Haile Selassie has accused the US of "knowingly or unknowingly" encouraging Somali dissidents who are fighting his security forces in eastern Ethiopia.
 - b. He appears convinced that our decision to supply Somalia with arms caused the recent formation of a "government" by these dissidents.

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- A. Cuba-USSR Some Soviet SAM personnel, including senior officers, scheduled to leave Cuba this summer have been bumped from passenger ships in favor of the reported [redacted] Cuban students going to the USSR.

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- C. Czechoslovakia Novotny, in another attempt to silence demands for de-Stalinization, has announced the rehabilitation of most of those convicted of "crimes against the party and state" during the purge trials of the early 1950's. However, the good name of Slansky, over whose body Novotny climbed to office, was not among those restored. The decision to reverse the convictions was made in April, but Novotny delayed a public announcement, apparently hoping popular pressures would subside and he would not have to play this card. Demands for the removal of remaining Stalinists from the leadership will probably continue.

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D. Pakistan - Communist China The director of Pakistan's airline said on Wednesday that negotiators had agreed on all major points of a civil air agreement with Communist China. He said a final draft was being prepared. When questioned, he said that Pakistan had not yet begun negotiations for an air agreement with Moscow.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--24 AUGUST 1963

1. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. WE CANNOT DETERMINE AS YET WHO IS CALLING THE SHOTS IN SAIGON--DIEM OR THE NHUS.

B. GENERAL DON TOLD A US OBSERVER THAT DIEM IS MAKING THE DECISIONS, BUT THAT HE IS ACTING THROUGH NHU.

C. NHU HAS BEEN GIVEN CREDIT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AS THE PRIME MOVER IN THE CRACKDOWN ON THE BUDDHISTS AND THE IMPOSITION OF MARTIAL LAW.

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D. GENERAL DON ALSO STATED THAT THE PALACE IS ISSUING ORDERS DIRECTLY TO THE SAIGON COMMANDER GENERAL DINH AND TO THE SPECIAL FORCES COMMANDER COLONEL TUNG RATHER THAN THROUGH HIMSELF AS TOP COMMANDER.

E. AMBASSADOR LODGE THINKS--AND GENERAL DON TENDS TO CONFIRM THIS--THE MILITARY IS NOT AT PRESENT A MONOLITHIC STRUCTURE AND WARNS OF SERIOUS FIGHTING BETWEEN COMPETING MILITARY ELEMENTS IF THE MILITARY SHOULD DECIDE ON A COUP.

F. [REDACTED] PEOPLE RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION FROM GENERAL DON'S STATEMENTS THAT THE CURRENT UNSTABLE SITUATION MAY BE THE FIRST OF SEVERAL AS YET UNREVEALED PHASES.

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2. MALAYSIA:

A. PRIME MINISTER LEE OF SINGAPORE AND THE TWO DESIGNATED LEADERS OF NORTH BORNEO AND SARAWAK ARE FED UP WITH MALAYA'S PRIME MINISTER RAHMAN BECAUSE THEY FEEL HE HAS BEEN TOO ACCOMMODATING TO SUKARNO.

B. LEE IS THREATENING TO DECLARE SINGAPORE'S INDEPENDENCE ON 31 AUGUST REGARDLESS OF MALAYSIA, AND THE NORTH BORNEO AND SARAWAK LEADERS MAY TAKE SOMEWHAT SIMILAR STEPS AT THE SAME TIME.

C. BRITISH COLONIAL SECRETARY SANDYS IS EN ROUTE TO MALAYA FOR TALKS IN AN ATTEMPT TO HEAD OFF A MAJOR CRISIS.

D. U THANT HAS INSTRUCTED THE UN SURVEY MISSION TO PROCEED TODAY, HOPING THAT ALL OBSERVERS--

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EIGHT FROM EACH COUNTRY--WILL BE

PRESENT.

3. IRAQ-KURDS:

A. ALTHOUGH BAGHDAD'S OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE KURDS HAS BEEN MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN THE QASIM REGIME'S PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS, IT HAS NOT YET BROKEN THE KURDISH RESISTANCE.

B. ONLY SIX WEEKS OF WEATHER SUITABLE FOR CAMPAIGNING REMAIN AND BARZANI HAS THUS FAR BEEN ABLE TO AVOID A PITCHED BATTLE.

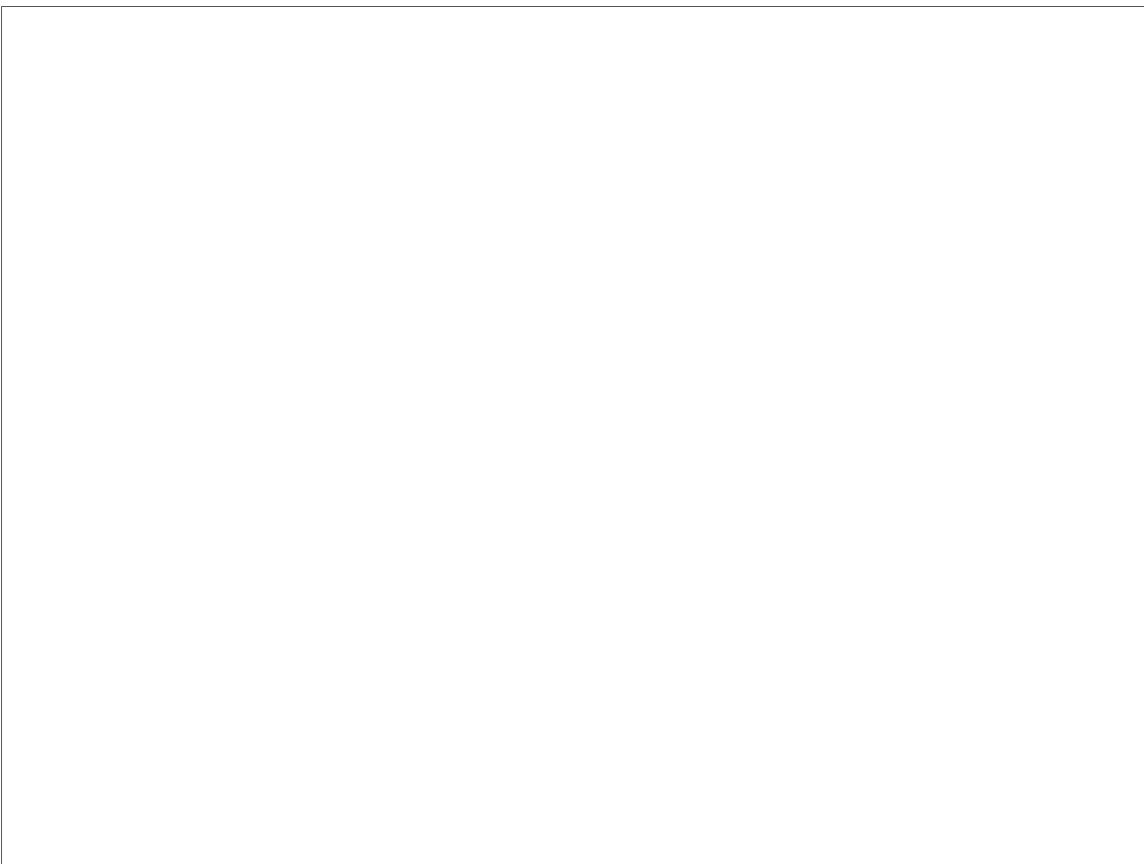
C. THE PRESSURE ON BARZANI AND THE WAVERING LOYALTY OF INCREASING NUMBERS OF VILLAGE CHIEFTAINS HAVE LEFT HIM

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TO PUT OUT SOME FEELERS FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.
BAGHDAD, HOWEVER, FEELS IT HAS HIM ON THE RUN AND APPEARS
UNINTERESTED.

4. USSR-INDIA:

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5. NOTES:

A. IRAQ-KUWAIT: BAGHDAD HAS AGREED TO RECOGNIZE KUWAIT'S INDEPENDENCE, APPARENTLY ABANDONING ITS CLAIM TO SOVEREIGNTY OVER KUWAIT, IN EXCHANGE FOR A GIFT OF \$5.6 MILLION, A SIZABLE LOAN TO BE NEGOTIATED SHORTLY AND A PLEDGE THAT KUWAIT WILL ABROGATE ITS DEFENSE TREATY WITH THE UK "AT A SUITABLE TIME."

B. BOLIVIA: OUR EMBASSY IN LA PAZ BELIEVES THAT THE EXTREME LEFTIST INFLUENCE IN PRESIDENT PAZ'S NEW CABINET-- COMPOSED ALMOST ENTIRELY OF EITHER LONG TIME OR NEW SUPPORTERS--HAS BEEN CUT AND THAT PAZ WILL RECEIVE INCREASED SUPPORT IN HIS FIGHT TO REFORM THE TIN MINING INDUSTRY.

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1. South Vietnam

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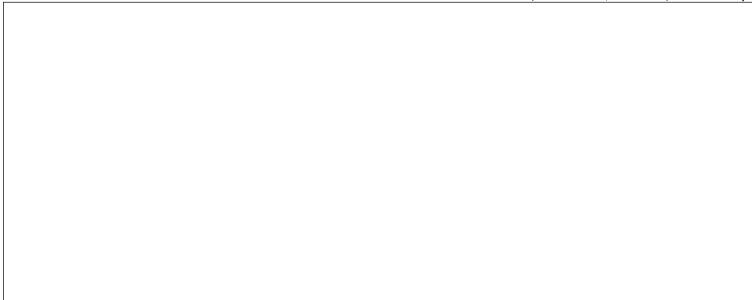
Nhu's hand is the dominant one in the present situation in Saigon.

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b. Several officials--including army gnerals--tell us that Nhu tricked the army into declaring martial law and thus used his own special forces and police to raid the pagodas without the army's advance knowledge.

c. [redacted] the precise balance of power between Diem, Nhu, and the military remains obscure. There are still many professions of loyalty to Diem and expressions of concern among the military over Nhu's apparent increase in power.

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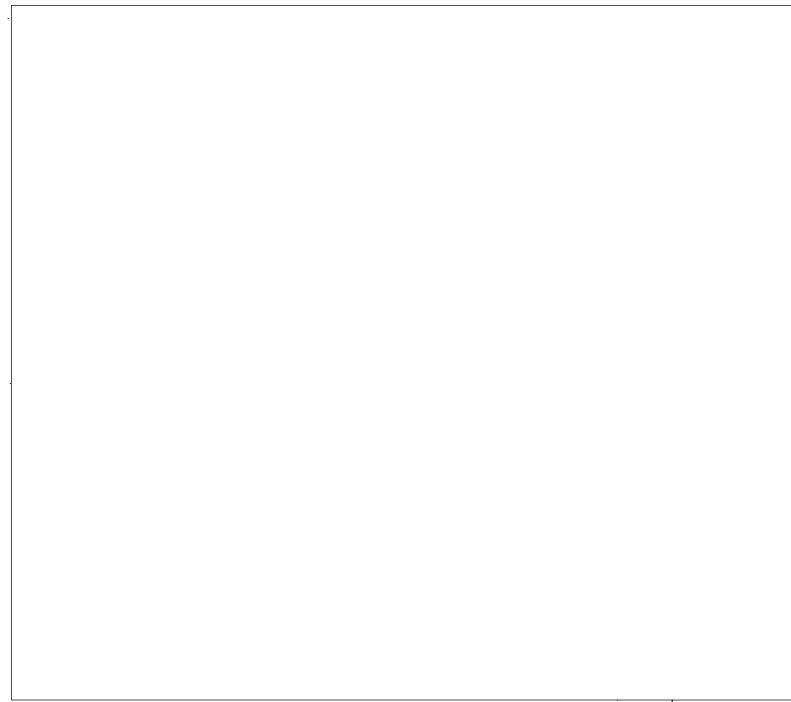
2. USSR-Laos



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3. Iraq-Kurds

a. [redacted]

[redacted] the Iraqi army has asked the Turks to undertake combat operations against the Kurds in Northern Iraq.

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b. [redacted] the request was prompted by the Iraqis' inability to crush the Kurds before bad weather sets in.

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c. Turkey is always concerned
that the Kurdish revolt in Iraq will
infect their own Kurdish minority

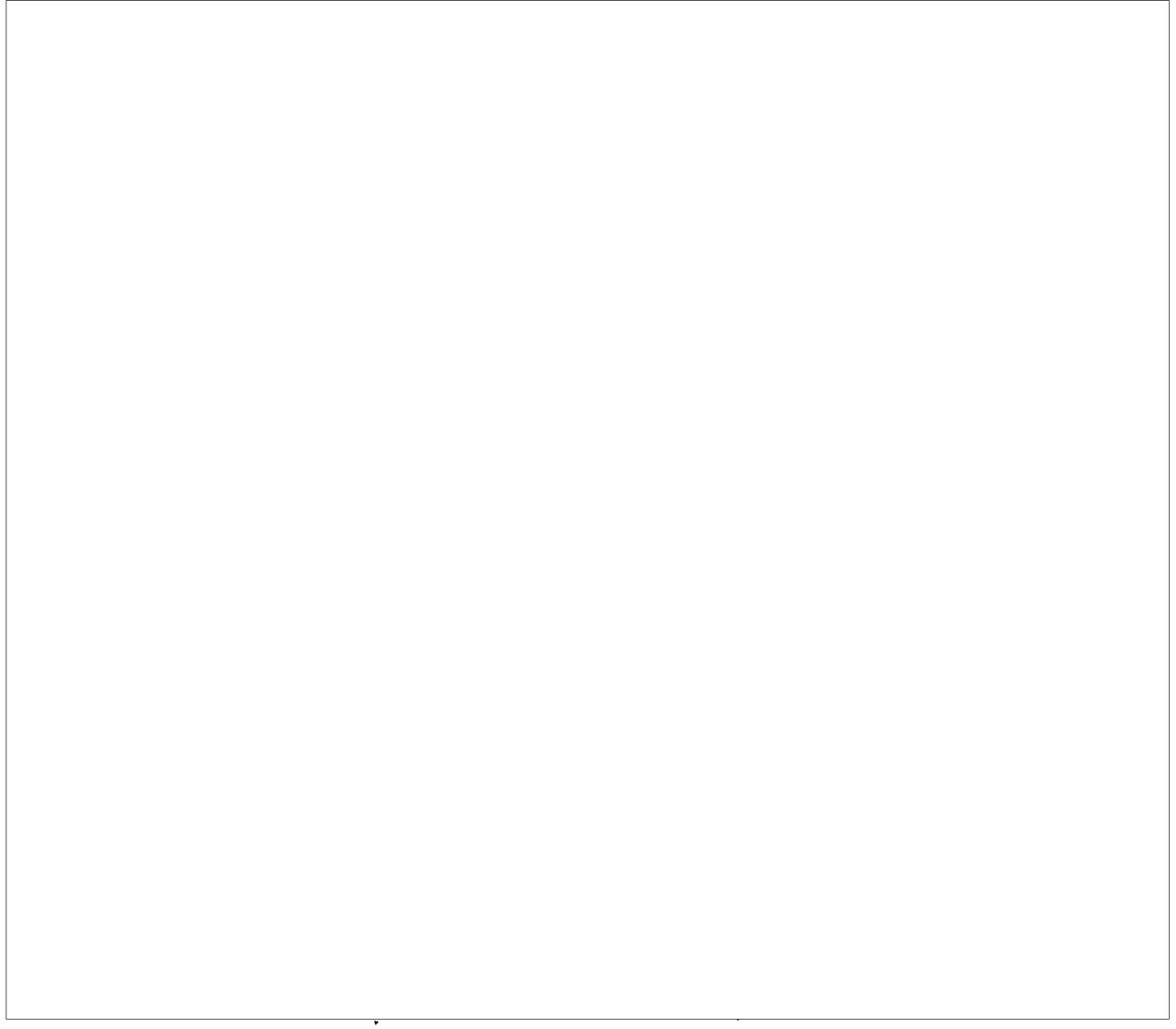
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4. Cuba-USSR

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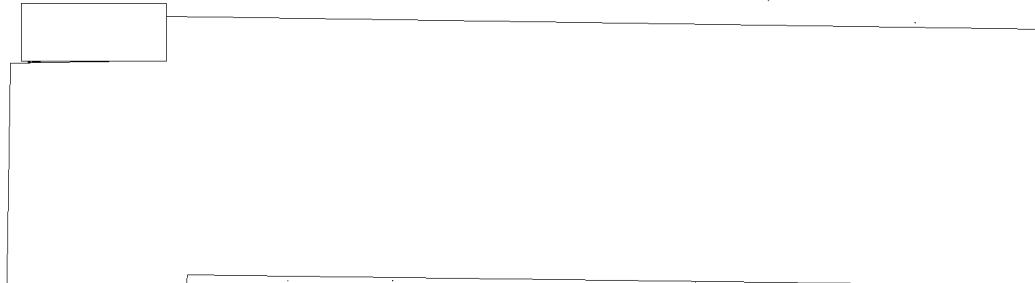
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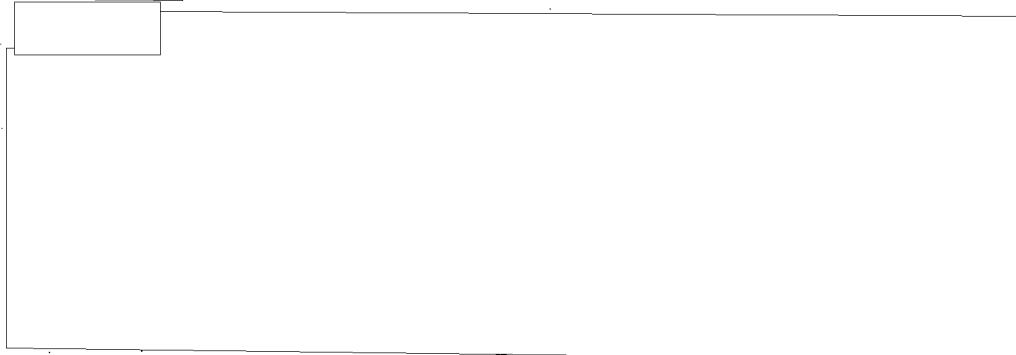
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C. US Students in Cuba The U.S. students left Cuba last night on an Iberian airliner for Madrid, where they hope to get passage back home. 55 would-be Cuban refugees were "bumped" to make room. A spokesman for the students said that the American Civil Liberties Committee was being asked to defend the students against any action brought against them.

D. Algeria Algiers radio has just revealed a 14 August decree of Ben Bella's Council of Ministers banning the creation or existence of any association of political nature in Algeria. The draft

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constitution drawn up by Ben Bella's National Liberation Front (FLN), now under hot attack by the opposition, also contains a provision under which all parties but the FLN would be prohibited.

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F. Cuba

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an island-wide alert against possible attack []
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27 AUGUST 1963
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1. South Vietnam

- a. Troops remain in control of strategic points in major towns, although the government appears eager to restore an appearance of normality.
- b. There are further indications that the army is not in complete charge of security operations, as would be expected under normal martial law.
- c. Ambassador Lodge reports numerous comments by Vietnamese that the government's repressive measures would not have been possible without US equipment. An accompanying implication, Lodge adds, is that only the US has the power to end the present situation and oust Diem.
- d. Saigon and Phnom Penh have broken diplomatic relations. South Vietnam's next move may be to close the Mekong River to Cambodian traffic. This would cause an almost immediate pinch in the POL situation, and a substantial curtailment of Cambodian exports.
- e. Meanwhile, we have been searching for indicators that the Communists plan to exploit the situation in some way, but so far Viet Cong activity remains at a fairly low level. A battalion-strength attack in the north on 21 August looks to be unrelated.

2. India

a. The ministerial transfers announced Saturday appear to us merely to put different hats on the same key personalities. Nehru's power has not been undermined.

b. In order to meet strong pressures for a "rejuvenation" of the Congress Party, six ministers, including the most influential men after Nehru, were moved from the cabinet to party posts.

c. The new party assignments have not been announced, but []
[] ex-
Home Minister Shastri will become party president, and ex-Finance Minister Desai chairman of the party parliamentary board.

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d. This leaves the power positions of Shastri and Desai, the leading contenders for Nehru's place, undisturbed.

3. Malaysia

a. Colonial Secretary Sandys, now visiting Malaya, says that Britain will make no more concessions regarding Malaysia.

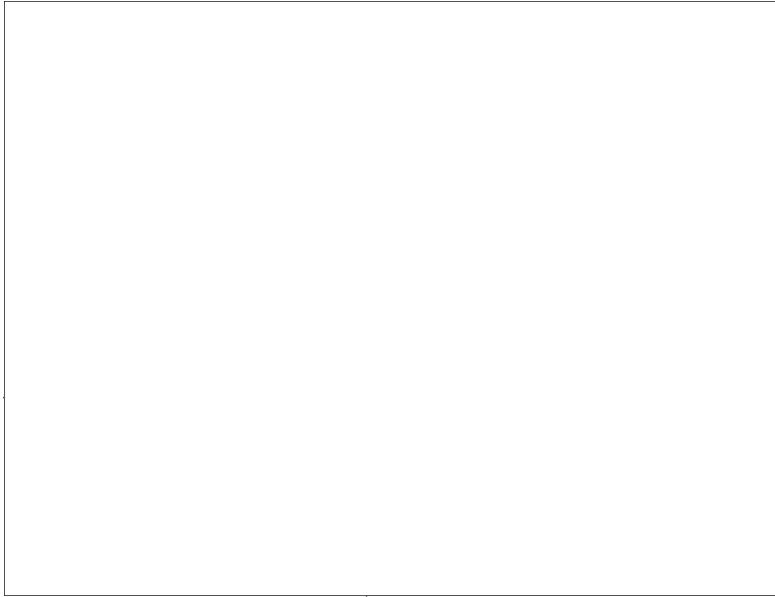
b. Sandys told our ambassador in Kuala Lumpur on Monday that the Filipinos seem to be trying to comply with the UN observer compromise. The Indonesians have not yet come completely into line.

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c. The Colonial Secretary expects the road ahead for Malaysia to be rough, but he feels that any further concessions would cause the British and Malayan position to deteriorate seriously.

d. The arrival of a UN survey team in Sarawak today sparked a riot by an estimated 3,000 Chinese, but the team apparently went on with its business. We are not sure whether this is a local Chinese sideshow or part of the Indonesian opposition activity.

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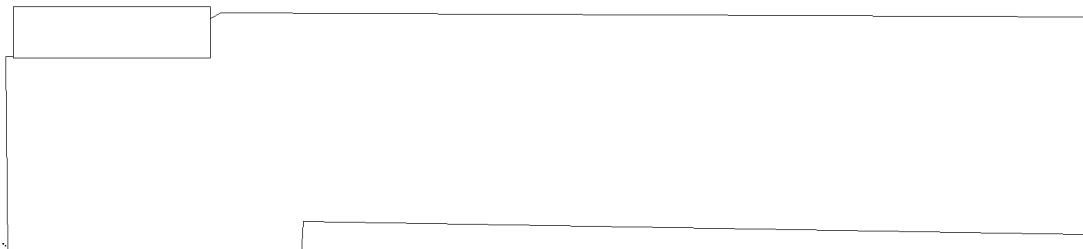
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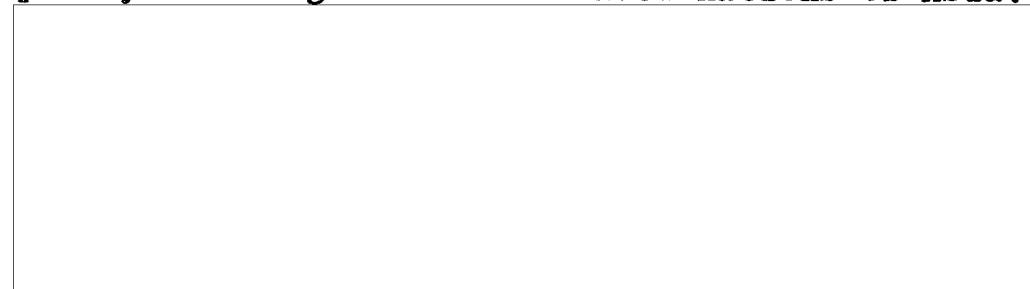
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B. UAR-Asia Egyptian recognition of North Korea on Sunday is the first step in implementation of a policy to recognize "the divided nations of Asia."



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C. Yemen-UK Our embassy in Taiz fears sporadic shooting along the Yemen-Aden border will soon produce another nasty incident. Yemen accused Britain yesterday of shelling two Yemeni villages, and made noises about appealing to the UN.

D. Laos Some sort of negotiations with the Pathet Lao may yet come off. Phoumi Vongvichit, Communist minister of information in the coalition government, returned to Vientiane yesterday, after an absence of four months. He says he has "full powers" to negotiate for Souphanouvong. Pathet Lao military forces, however, are continuing to maintain pressure in widely scattered areas despite the general lull caused by the heavy rains.

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E. West Germany Bonn is considering a request from the Ruhr steel industry for an immediate tariff increase on steel from countries outside the European Coal and Steel Community. German officials have acknowledged that the increase--from 6-8 percent to 10-12 percent--might hurt the Kennedy Round tariff talks, although Bonn "hoped" to minimize the damage by making the increase only temporary.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--28 AUGUST 1963

1. SOUTH VIETNAM

A. THOUGH SOME EASING OF MARTIAL LAW WAS EVIDENT IN SAIGON YESTERDAY, STEPS WERE BEING TAKEN TO TIGHTEN THE SECURITY RING AROUND THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, WHICH HOUSES DIEM AND THE NHU'S.

B. THE PALACE SECURITY GUARD, NORMALLY PROVIDED BY AN ELITE ARMY UNIT, IS NOW, WE HEAR, BEING DRAWN FROM UNITS UNDER COLONEL TUNG, THE PRO-REGIME COMMANDER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES. IN ADDITION ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS HAVE BEEN EMPLACED IN THE PALACE AREA.

C. MEANTIME, THE SHADOW OF NGO DINH NHU LOOMS EVER LARGER. HIS PICTURE HAS BEGUN TO SHOW UP IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS- [REDACTED] DIEM'S IS COMING DOWN--AND A MILLION POSTERS OF NHU, RESPLENDENT IN HIS YOUTH CORPS UNIFORM, HAVE BEEN MADE UP FOR NATIONWIDE DISTRIBUTION.

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D. [REDACTED]

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E. MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST THE VIET CONG CONTINUE, BUT MARTIAL LAW COMMITMENTS LED TO THE SUSPENSION OF A LARGE-SCALE OPERATION IN CENTRAL VIETNAM AND THE NUMBER OF SMALL-SCALE GOVERNMENT ACTIONS HAS DECLINED.

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2. MALAYSIA:

A. THE UN SURVEY IN NORTHERN BORNEO IS UNDER WAY WITH NO INDONESIAN OR PHILIPPINE OBSERVERS IN ATTENDANCE.

B. DJAKARTA IS STILL BEING CAPTIOUS ABOUT MINOR PROCEDURAL ISSUES INVOLVING THE OBSERVERS, AND MANILA REFUSES TO ORDER IN ITS TEAM UNTIL THE INDONESIANS SEND THEIRS.

C. THE INDONESIAN PRESS AGENCY THIS MORNING SAID THAT INDONESIA WAS NOT LIKELY TO SEND ANY OBSERVERS IN VIEW OF THE "DIFFICULTIES CREATED BY THE BRITISH."

D. [] KUALA LUMPUR [] HAS
DECIDED TO ANNOUNCE ON FRIDAY THAT MALAYSIA WILL
COME INTO BEING ON 16 SEPTEMBER. []

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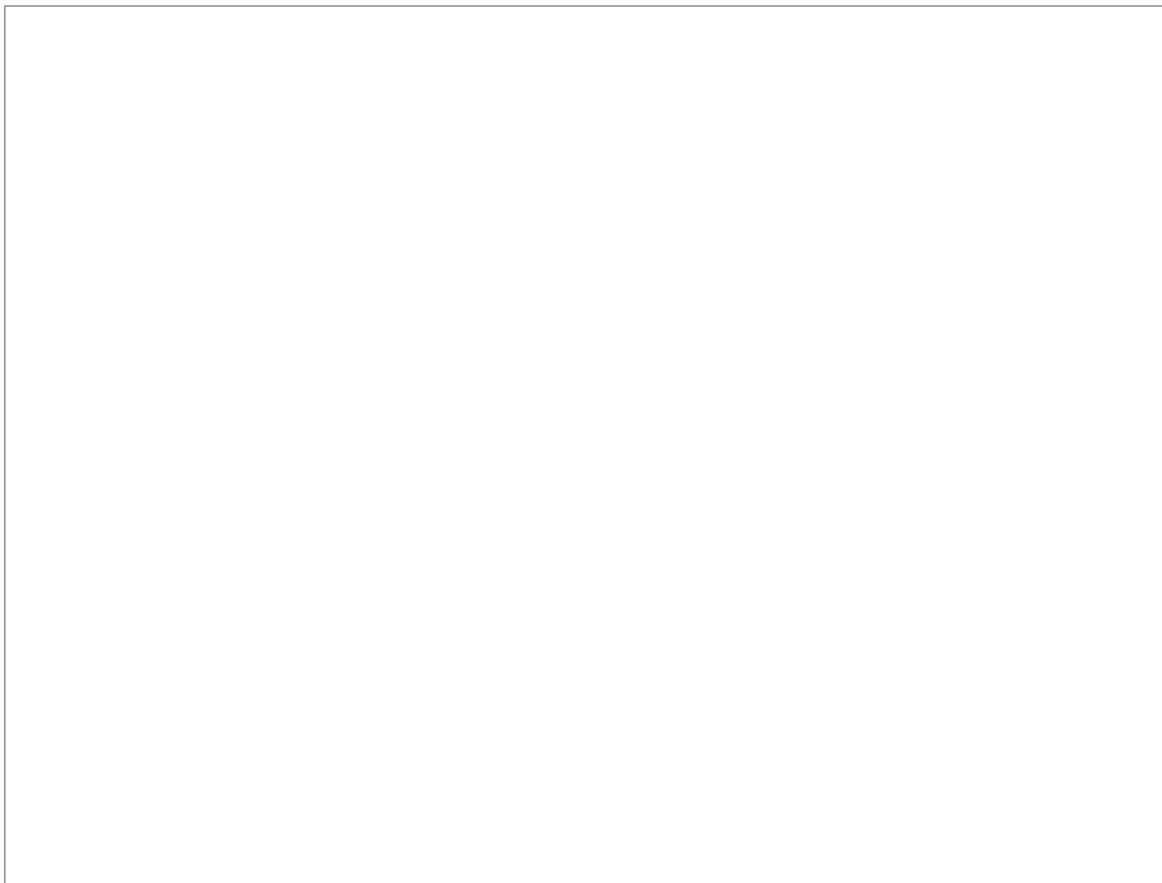
3. PORTUGAL:

A. []
SALAZAR'S OPPONENTS ARE STEPPING UP THEIR EFFORTS
TO UNSEAT THE DICTATOR.

B. OPPOSITION ELEMENTS ARE TAKING HEART FROM
THE GROUNDSWELL OF FEELING BOTH AT HOME AND IN THE
COLONIES THAT SALAZAR'S UNBENDING STAND ON AFRICAN
MATTERS WILL LEAD THE NATION TO RUIN.

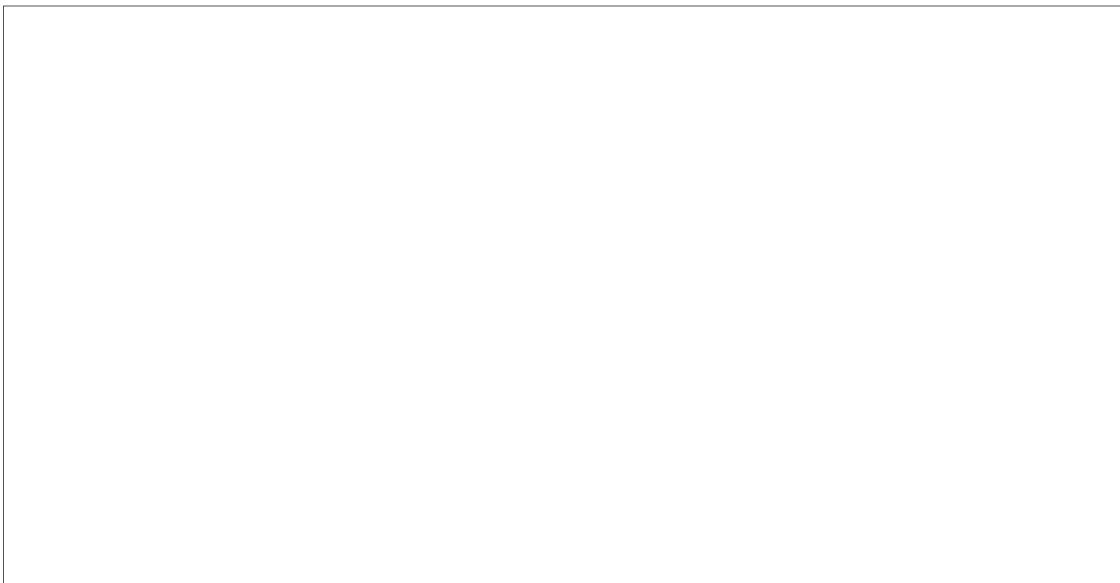
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4. IRAQ-USSR:



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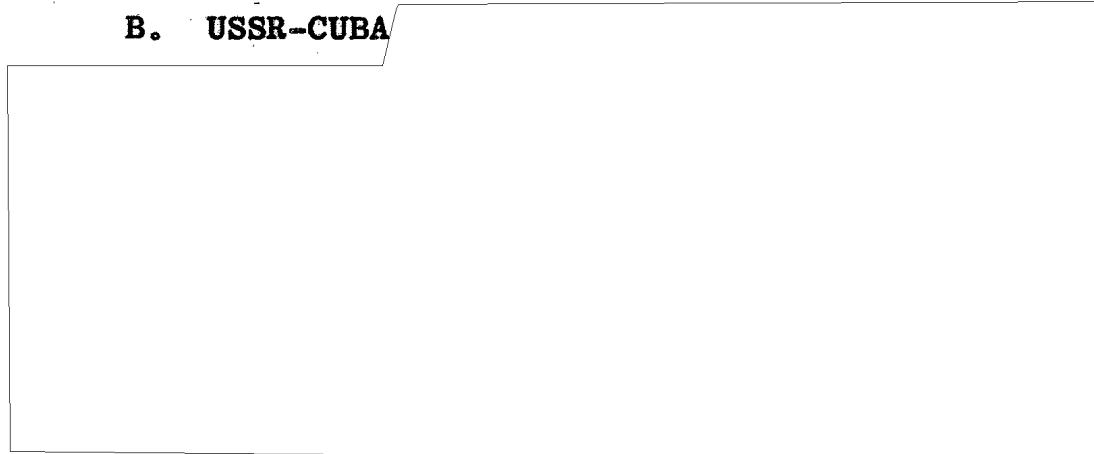
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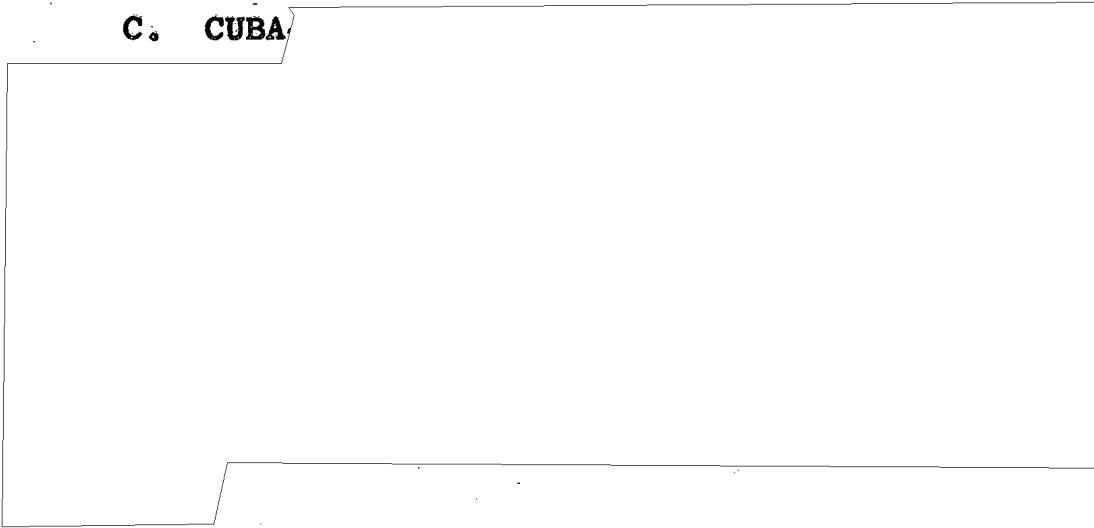
B. USSR-CUBA



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D. IRAQ-SYRIA

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E. EEC-POULTRY:

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HAVE TO RETALIATE IF THE US WITHDRAWS TARIFF CONCESSIONS IN THE AMOUNTS THREATENED. THE EEC CONSIDERS THE US FIGURE UNACCEPTABLY HIGH.

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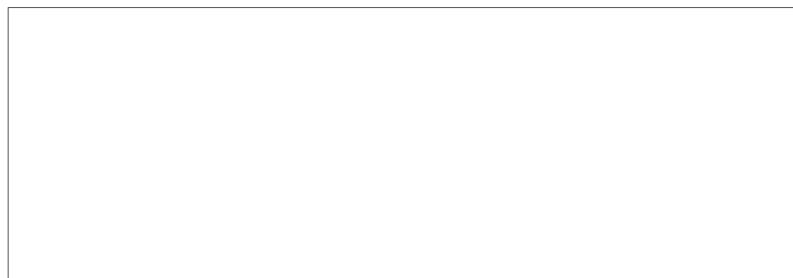
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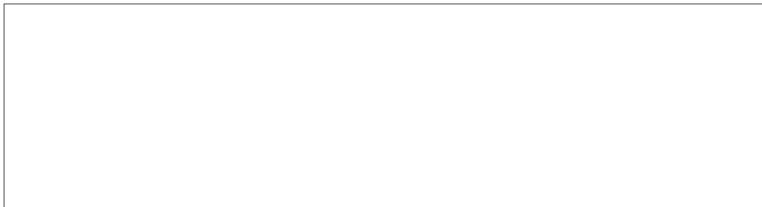
a. Nhu continues to take steps
to consolidate the regime's position.



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e. [REDACTED] we hear rumors
that Nhu has placed his brother,
Ngo Dinh Can, under house arrest near
Hue [REDACTED]



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f. We have noted no appreciable
change in the level of Viet Cong
military actions since the crack-
down on the Buddhists.

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g. The Viet Cong appear quite cautious at present, possibly fearing that strong action might not be to their advantage at this juncture.

2. UN-Congo

a. U Thant has turned a deaf ear to US arguments that UN forces in Congo can and should be extended beyond 31 December.

b. He also feels that lack of funds will result in near total phase-out of UN civilian operations by 31 December.

c. Thant is convinced that the General Assembly would not raise the funds essential to prolong UN operations in the Congo.

d. He also feels strongly that his mandate has been fulfilled and disagrees with the US view that he still has authority to maintain law and order in the Congo.

e. Nevertheless, our UN mission has some hope that assurances of additional funds and expressions of African support for continuation of the force might conceivably give Thant an "out" for continuing the operation under a label other than "peace-keeping operation."

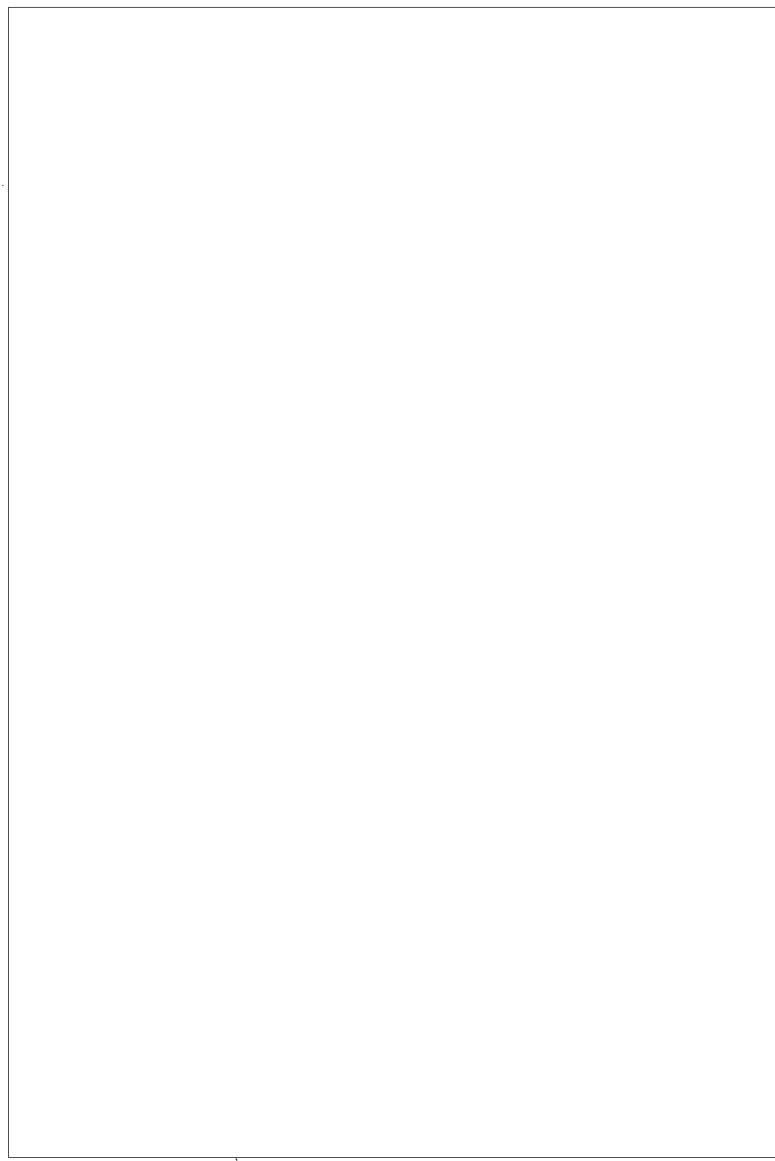
3. Haiti

a. Haitian ex-General Leon
Cantave reportedly plans to invade
Haiti [REDACTED]
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4. USSR-Cuba

a. The thinning out of the Soviet presence in Cuba continues with the departure aboard the Soviet cargo ship Valentina Tereshkova of naval communications personnel and perhaps other Soviet naval personnel as well.

b. Photography of the ship, which left Havana on 25 August, shows 175 persons on deck, 5 field kitchens, 5 large mess tables, and possibly some equipment from the naval communications net.

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5. Laos

a. Evidence is mounting that the "dissident" neutralist troops who defected to the Pathet Lao earlier this year are increasingly dissatisfied with their present lot.

b. Some of these troops--they numbered 600 originally--already have broken away [REDACTED]

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c. [REDACTED]

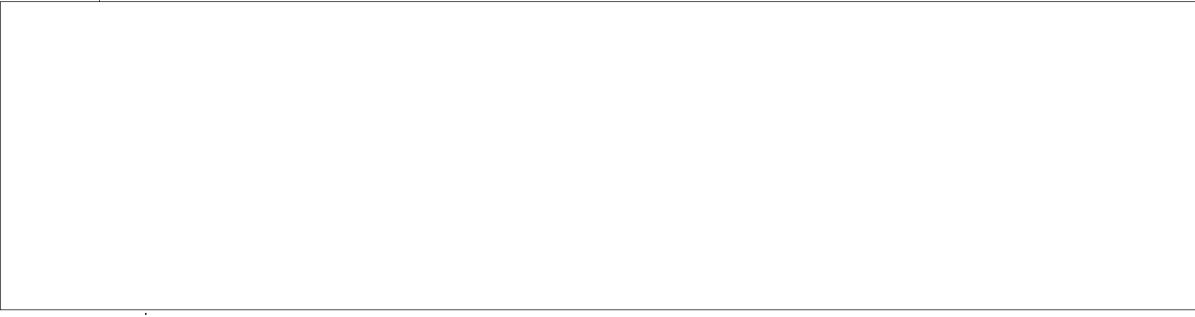
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- A. Yugoslavia-UN [redacted] 50X1
Tito may conclude his Latin American goodwill tour--
it begins on 16 September--with a visit to the UN. [redacted]
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the possi-
bility of such a visit and that a speech for Tito to
deliver to the General Assembly has already been
written.
- B. Brazil President Goulart may get away as planned
to Europe in late September to visit several Western
capitals and Warsaw and Prague. This trip is ap-
parently the one he planned last year, but cancelled
because of political difficulties in Brazil.
- C. Laos Preliminary reports on Pathet Lao representa-
tive Phoumi Vongvichit's talks with Souvanna are not
encouraging. Souvanna's political adviser told our
Embassy that the talks were not productive and that
the PL were repeating all their usual demands. The
feeling in Vientiane is that whatever the purpose of the
Phoumi Vongvichit visit to Vientiane, it is not to
reinvigorate the coalition government.
- D. Finland Embassy Helsinki reports that Prime Minister
Karjalainen's coalition-cabinet may fall or require
major alterations. The problem is a sharp disagree-
ment between the conservative and trade union repre-
sentatives within the Cabinet over measures to meet
the government's financial crisis. Even if the
cabinet falls, it would probably have to remain in
a caretaker capacity for some time because of the
difficulties in putting together a successor.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--30 AUGUST 1963

1. SOUTH VIETNAM:

- A. DIEM IS VIGOROUSLY AND EMOTIONALLY DEFENDING THE REGIME'S POLICIES TOWARD THE BUDDHISTS.
- B. HE TOLD A US OFFICIAL ON WEDNESDAY THAT HE HAD NOW SOLVED THE BUDDHIST ISSUE WITH THE HELP OF "REAL" BUDDHIST LEADERS PREVIOUSLY SHUNTED ASIDE BY VIET CONG CADRES WITHIN BUDDHIST RANKS.
- C. DIEM--REPORTEDLY USING WORDS AS IF THEY HAD SOME MAGIC THAT MADE THEM BELIEVABLE--SAID NHU'S ACTIONS WERE SELFLESS, AND SHOWED PASSIONATE INDIGNATION OVER ATTACKS IN THE "IRRESPONSIBLE" US PRESS AGAINST HIS GOVERNMENT AND HIS FAMILY.

D. EFFORTS-- [REDACTED] --TO LINE UP POPULAR SUPPORT FOR THE REGIME ARE CONTINUING, [REDACTED]

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E. YESTERDAY MAO TSE-TUNG, IN A STATEMENT AIMED ACTUALLY AT CONTRASTING CHINESE SUPPORT WITH MOSCOW'S RELATIVE RESTRAINT, PLEDGED SUPPORT FROM "THE CHINESE PEOPLE" IN THE FIGHT "AGAINST DIEM AND THE US."

2. INDIA-USSR:

A. MOSCOW APPEARS WILLING TO UP ITS ECONOMIC AID TO INDIA, AND FINANCE MINISTER KRISHNAMACHARI SAYS

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DISCUSSIONS WILL OPEN IN A FEW WEEKS.

B. NEW DELHI IS COUNTING ON THE SOVIET BLOC TO CHIP IN ABOUT A BILLION DOLLARS TOWARD THE THIRD FIVE YEAR PLAN. BLOC COMMITMENTS UP TO THE PRESENT MIDPOINT ARE JUST OVER \$600 MILLION.

C. THE INDIAN STEEL MINISTRY WANTS TO SEEK SOVIET AID FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BOKARO STEEL MILL, BUT NEHRU HAS NOT DECIDED YET ON THIS.

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3. YEMEN-UAR-SAUDI ARABIA:

A. UN REPRESENTATIVE RIKHYE, EN ROUTE TO YEMEN, TOLD OUR EMBASSY IN CAIRO YESTERDAY THAT THE EGYPTIANS ASSUMED HIM THERE WOULD BE NO MORE BOMBINGS OF SAUDI TERRITORY.

B. RIKHYE ALSO CLAIMS FOREIGN MINISTER FAWZI TOLD HIM CAIRO HAS INFORMED THAT IT WILL PAY ITS SHARE TOWARD KEEPING THE UN MISSION IN YEMEN ANOTHER TWO MONTHS.

C. RESENTMENT IS GROWING IN JIDDA, HOWEVER, OVER THAT'S RECENT ALLEGATIONS THAT THE SAUDIS HAVE NOT LIVED UP TO THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT.

D. OUR EMBASSY IN TAIZ HAS OBSERVED A SHARP INCREASE IN UAR CASUALTIES DURING THE PAST MONTH, WHICH DOESN'T

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QUITE JIBE WITH MARSHAL AMER'S EARLY AUGUST PUBLIC ASSERTION THAT "MILITARY OPERATIONS IN YEMEN ARE COMPLETED."

4. MALAYSIA:

A. COLONIAL SECRETARY SANDYS TOLD US OFFICIALS YESTERDAY THAT LONDON DOES NOT CONSIDER THE FORMATION OF MALAYSIA TO BE CONTINGENT UPON A UN FINDING THAT IT REFLECTS THE WILL OF THE PEOPLES CONCERNED.

B. HE ADDED THAT THE PEOPLE OF BORNEO HAVE ALREADY SEEN TOO MUCH EVIDENCE OF INDONESIAN STRENGTH AND APPARENT BRITISH WEAKNESS BEFORE PRESSURE.

C. MEANWHILE, THE INDONESIAN NAVY IS PREPARING TO COUNTER INCIDENTS THAT MIGHT ARISE OUT OF THE MALAYSIA DISPUTE.

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5. NOTES:

A. INDIA: NEHRU'S NEW CABINET APPOINTEES, ESPECIALLY FINANCE MINISTER KRISHNAMACHARI, ARE PROMINENT AND CAPABLE MEN. THEY ARE, HOWEVER, WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL INFLUENCE. SUBSTITUTION OF THEM FOR THE THREE CONGRESS PARTY STALWARTS RECENTLY TRANSFERRED TO PARTY ORGANIZATIONAL WORK SUGGESTS THAT HENCEFORTH REAL POWER WILL LIE IN THE NATIONAL ORGANS OF THE PARTY INSTEAD OF THE CABINET, WHICH IS THE WAY NEHRU WANTS IT.

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C. URUGUAY - COMMUNIST CHINA: INTERESTED IN EXPANDING ITS EXPORTS TO COMMUNIST CHINA, URUGUAY HAS GIVEN PEIPING PERMISSION TO ESTABLISH A TRADE OFFICE IN MONTEVIDEO. THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE OF SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASING THE PRESENT LOW LEVEL OF TRADE, HOWEVER, AND WE FIGURE THE OFFICE WILL BE MAINLY AN OUTLET FOR PRO-PEIPING PROPAGANDA.

D. WEST GERMANY: THE THREE ALLIED EMBASSIES IN BONN FORESEE AN EARLY RENEWAL OF WEST GERMAN PROPOSALS TO HOLD BUNDESTAG MEETINGS IN WEST BERLIN. THE EMBASSIES GENERALLY AGREE THAT THE PRESSURE WILL COME FROM ALL PARTIES AND WILL BE EVEN GREATER THAN THAT EXERTED LAST SPRING. IT WAS GENERALLY FELT THAT THE ALLIES MAY SOON BE CONFRONTED WITH A CHOICE OF GIVING IN ON THE ISSUE, OR OBJECTING TO IT ON PRINCIPLE.

E. CUBA:

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THE PRESS LAST NIGHT CITED "REPORTS" OF A POSSIBLE NEW ANTI-CASTRO INVASION AND AN ALERT OF THE CUBAN MILITIA.

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1. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. THE DIEM/NHU REGIME IS BUSILY TRYING TO SHARPEN UP ITS DESIRED IMAGE AS A UNITED NATION.

B. "SPONTANEOUS" MASS RALLIES WERE STAGED TODAY IN SAIGON AND OTHER CITIES TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND ARMED FORCES ENJOY BROAD POPULAR SUPPORT. AMBASSADOR LODGE REPORTS THAT THE SAIGON DEMONSTRATION WAS ATTENDED BY A WELL-ORGANIZED BUT APATHETIC CROWD.

C. THE ARMY HAS ALSO CHIPPED IN. GENERAL DINH, THE MILITARY GOVERNOR OF SAIGON, HAS PUBLICLY DENIED THAT DISSIDENCE EXISTS IN THE ARMED FORCES. THIS IS A FOLLOW-UP TO A RECENT STATEMENT FROM THE GENERAL STAFF ACCEPTING FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MARTIAL LAW.

D. REGIME PUBLICISTS ARE MAKING MUCH OF THE RELEASE OF THE MAJORITY OF RECENTLY ARRESTED STUDENTS AND BUDDHISTS AND OF THE MEETING BETWEEN DIEM AND THE "TRUE" BUDDHIST LEADERS.

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2. MALAYSIA:

A. A BRITISH-INDONESIAN COMPROMISE ON THE OBSERVER ISSUE HAS BEEN REACHED AND, ACCORDING TO REPORTS THIS MORNING, A TEAM OF EIGHT INDONESIAN OBSERVERS IS ON ITS WAY TO NORTHERN BORNEO.

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3. BOLIVIA:

A. THE BOLIVIAN COMMUNIST PARTY IS ENDEAVORING TO DISRUPT THE STILL FRAGILE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE TIN MINERS TO END THEIR COSTLY STRIKE.

B. THE COMMUNISTS, STUNG BY THE ARREST OF SEVERAL PARTY MEMBERS, ARE AGITATING FOR A SERIES OF SYMPATHY STRIKES BY WHICH OTHER WORKERS WILL SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH THE TIN MINERS.

C. IF THE PARTY SUCCEEDS, THE LEADERS OF THE TIN MINERS' UNION WILL BE HARD PRESSED TO KEEP THEIR FOLLOWERS IN LINE.

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4. JORDAN:

A. KING HUSAYN HAS INTENDED THAT JORDAN'S PARLOUS FINANCIAL STATE MAY DRIVE HIM TO SEEK SOVIET SUPPORT.

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C. HE DOUBTLESS HOPES THAT THE THREAT OF AN APPEAL TO THE SOVIETS WILL STIMULATE THE US TO STEP UP ITS BUDGETARY SUPPORT, NOW AT \$35 MILLION A YEAR.

5. USSR:

A. WE SEE SIGNS THAT THE USSR MAY BE PREPARING TO PUT NUCLEAR SUBMARINES ON LONG-RANGE PATROL IN THE PACIFIC.

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6. NOTES:

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B. CUBA-BRAZIL: CHARTERED CUBANA FLIGHTS BETWEEN
HAVANA AND VARIOUS POINTS IN BRAZIL HAVE BECOME A MAJOR
MEANS OF MOVING LATIN AMERICANS TO AND FROM CUBA.

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C. BRAZIL-USSR: [REDACTED] BRAZILIANS WHO
LEFT RIO DE JANEIRO [REDACTED] MAY BE GOING TO MOSCOW TO
RECEIVE TRAINING IN GUERRILLA WARFARE.

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[REDACTED] THE MOSCOW-
ORIENTED BRAZILIAN COMMUNIST PARTY HAD DECIDED TO SEND
SOME 30 BRAZILIANS TO THE USSR FOR SUCH TRAINING.

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[REDACTED] THE PARTY HAS COUNTINGENCY PLANS FOR
A PROGRAM OF RURAL AGITATION STARTING EARLY NEXT YEAR
AND IS LOOKING AROUND FOR LIKELY AREAS IN WHICH TO CON-
DUCT GUERRILLA OPERATIONS.

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D. INDONESIA-COMMUNIST CHINA:

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E. USSR-YUGOSLAVIA: KHRUSHCHEV'S PROGRESS THROUGH YUGOSLAVIA HAS BEEN MARKED BY SIGNS THAT SUBSTANTIAL ADVANCES HAVE BEEN MADE TOWARD THE RESOLUTION OF SOVIET-YUGOSLAV DIFFERENCES. WITH AN EYE COCKED TOWARD PEIPING, BOTH KHRUSHCHEV AND TITO HAVE BEEN LABORING THE IDEA OF CLOSE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS. TITO HAS ALSO REMARKED THAT THE "DYNAMIC" EXPANSION OF SOVIET-YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC RELATIONS "SHOULD COMPENSATE FOR WHAT HAS BEEN OMITTED IN THE PAST."

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