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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Laos

a. The military situation has taken no new major turn. Skirmishing continues, and Kong Le is continuing his efforts to build up a force around Xieng Khouang.

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b. Both Kong Le and Vang Pao, the Meo leader, claim Vientiane is too chary with supplies. Vang Pao says that if his Meos do not get more ammunition, they will have to pull back from along the roads, thus giving the Pathet Lao freedom of movement into the Plaine des Jarres.

c. Souvanna came away from his session at Khang Khay with Souphan-nouvong yesterday with little more than a Pathet Lao proposal for mixed civil and military commissions to arrange a cease-fire. Kong Le, however, is still saying he will not even talk to the Pathet Lao before his lost positions are restored.

d. In talking yesterday to Ambassador Unger, Soviet Ambassador Afanassiev--who claims to be only "partially informed" on the Harriman-Khrushchev talks--appeared to agree

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that a cease-fire in the Plaine des Jarres on the basis of a return to the status quo ante would be "logical."

e. Unger feels the Communists may be giving some thought to a de facto partition. Souphanouvong has dropped remarks about a two-way division as a "temporary device to restore peace." Polish ICC member Thee has spoken along similar lines.

2. Cuba

a. Raul Castro, filling in for Fidel, will mount the rostrum today for what is being billed as Cuba's biggest May Day yet.

b. Further comment on Cuba's creaking economy

the very poor quality of oil used to lubricate heavy machinery and to fuel merchant ships, particularly since the turn of the year.

lard is so short that every ship loading for Cuba is asked to pick up some.

c. Lord Home told Secretary Rusk yesterday that the British "are doing what they can" to keep their ships away from Cuba and are "speaking to the shipping people."

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Five of ten companies involved (40 ships) have withdrawn from the Cuban trade and a sixth is doing so. One of the remaining companies has 19 ships on charter to the USSR--breaking the contract would involve "millions of pounds compensation."

d. The preliminary scan of yesterday's photography showed no change at three Soviet armored camps; the fourth and the Torrens headquarters area were obscured by clouds.

e. Monday's photography reveals the launch positions and guidance area of the Campo Florida cruise missile site (a few miles east of Havana) to be vacant, with a convoy of missile related vehicles drawn up nearby. It has been considered a training site and a display in today's parade--possibly with Cubans aboard--may be forthcoming.

3. Jordan

a. Stringent security precautions remain in effect and the situation is outwardly calm. Propaganda from Baghdad, Cairo, and Damascus portray conditions in Jordan as seething, but the Baathi press in Damascus on Monday changed its line

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and commented grudgingly that the "Jordan rulers may be able to delay their grim future for some time."



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4. Yemen

a. The Saudis told Ambassador Hart "positively" but not "officially" on Monday that all aid to the Yemeni royalists had ceased and that "nothing" had crossed the border for two days. UAR military action now against Saudi Arabia would mean "real war between us in Yemen."

b. U Thant, nervous about Soviet reaction and wishing to ensure his legal and financial authority over the UN operation, is restricting General Von Horn's present mission to one of reconnaissance.

5. Soviet Bloc

a. Soviet/Satellite economic planning seems to be running into snags.

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b. The Executive Committee of the Bloc's Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CEMA) is to meet within the next 10 or 12 days. It concluded a meeting only last week and it normally meets only every other month.

c. We know that one issue in dispute is Rumania's reluctance to accept its allotted role in CEMA's plans for economic integration.

d. The Polish delegate, in a statement to the press after the last meeting, dropped a hint that the problem could be broader than the specific issue of Rumania. He said the "debates" were "pervaded by the concern" with which members "approached the expansion and deepening of cooperation."

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A. Haiti The QAS team is beginning what may prove to be a prolonged investigation, and the situation in both countries has simmered down. Duvalier is keeping the lid on brutally tight. Bosch has proclaimed that the Dominican Republic will "not do anything to aggravate the status quo,"

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B. Turkey [redacted] spreading discontent and restlessness within the Turkish officer corps, particularly in eastern Turkey.

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C. USSR Khrushchev, who was most critical of the Soviet construction program in his speech a week ago, is now moving to overhaul it. I. T. Novikov, chairman of the State Committee for Construction, has had "unexpectedly" to cancel his trip here (an exchange for Secretary Udall's trip). He says he has been charged with completely reworking present construction plans this month. With a growing backlog of uncompleted construction starts, we expect many projects will be dropped or put on ice.

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D. Communist China The Chinese Communists seem determined to prevent another mass exodus of refugees to Hong Kong this spring. Since February they have been carrying on an intensive propaganda drive to discourage residents of Kwangtung from trying to escape to Hong Kong. They have also instituted additional controls on population movements within the province

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1. USSR

a. Despite their absence from the reviewing stands in Red Square yesterday, our attaches managed to get a good look at the equipment as it lined up on a side street. They saw nothing new.

b. Marshal Malinovsky's speech, otherwise mostly a humdrum set piece, did charge that the US and its allies were stepping up their espionage efforts. This may be part of the stage-setting for the upcoming Penkovsky trial.

c. [redacted]

[redacted] Frol Kozlov, still missing at the May Day ceremonies, [redacted] the Yugoslav ambassador in Moscow. The ambassador told one of his colleagues on one day that Kozlov was sick, and on the next, that he was on vacation.

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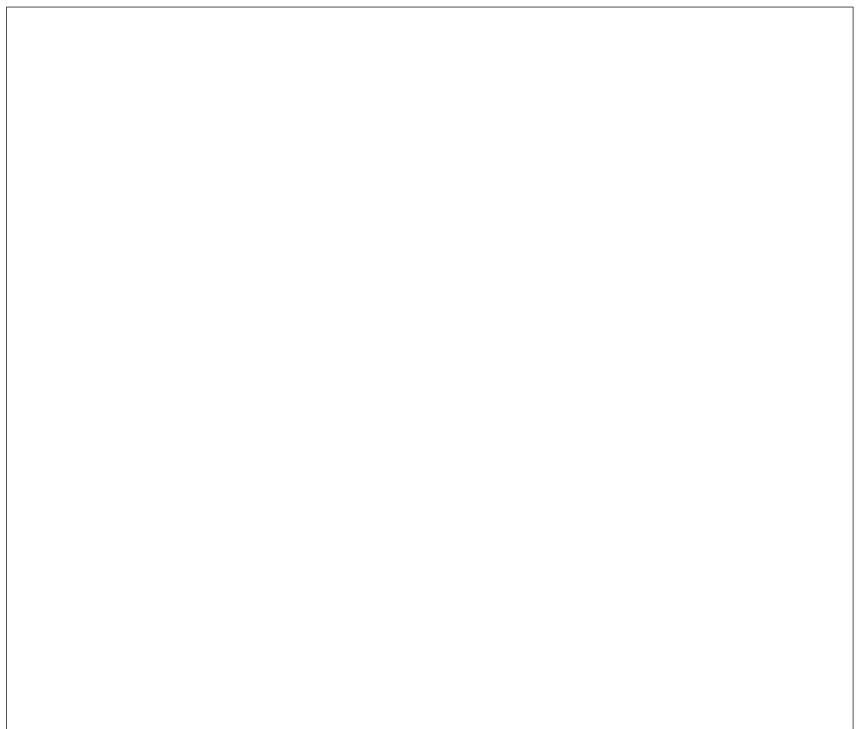
2. Yemen

a. The proposal that General Von Horn's reconnaissance mission might serve as a starting point for a de facto disengagement operation, without further UN consideration, has blown up a storm at UN headquarters.

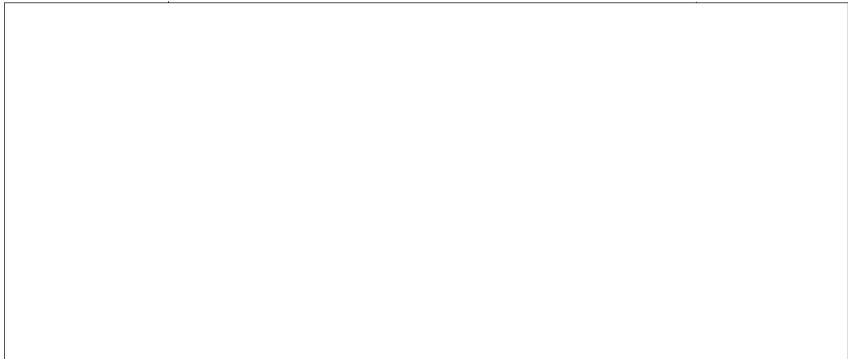
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3. Cuba

a. Yesterday's celebrations in Havana featured what is described as the largest workers' parade in Cuban history. It was a sober occasion, however, devoted largely to an exhortation for increased production, and the May Day parade included no displays of military equipment.

b. The absence of military equipment from the parade causes us to look for another explanation--possibly a mobility exercise

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d. The Cubans have been invited to name observers to two commissions of the bloc's Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CEMA)--those dealing with machinery construction and transport.

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e. Preliminary scan of yesterday's aerial photography showed another seven non-Soviet type tents near the Holguin encampment. Photography of three of the remaining four sites was obscured by cloud cover.

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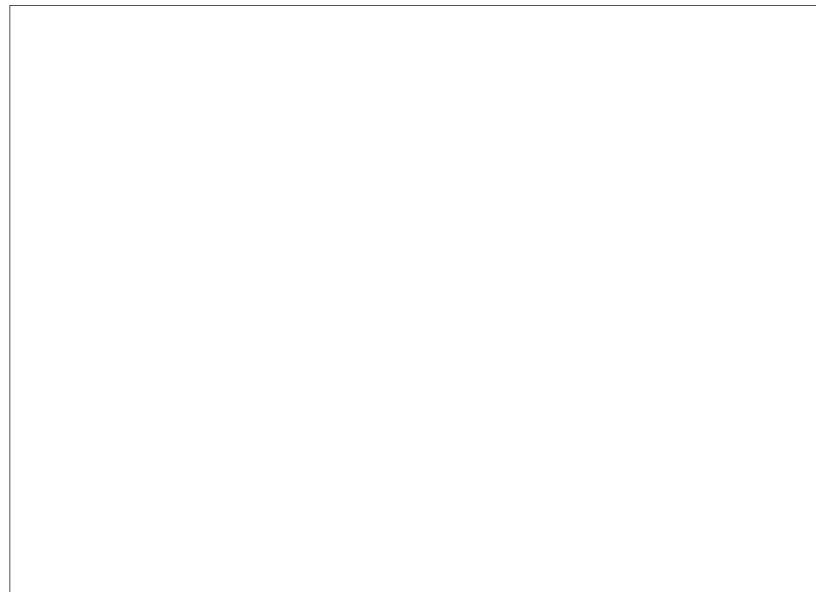
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5. Malaysia

a. Subandrio has told Ambassador Jones "in strictest confidence" that Tunku Abdul Rahman has invited Sukarno to meet and have a friendly exchange sometime in the next few weeks.

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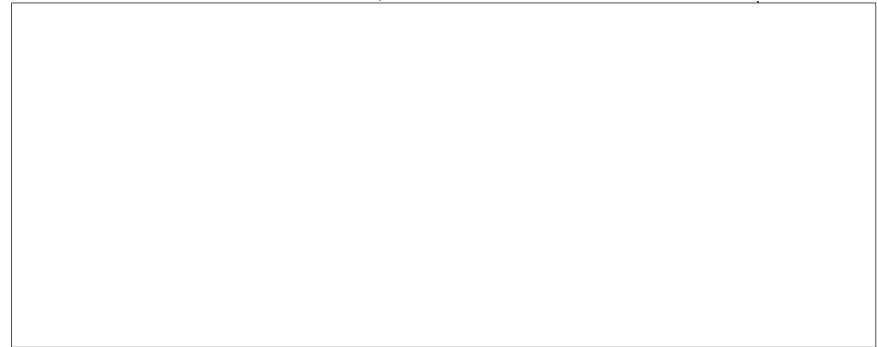
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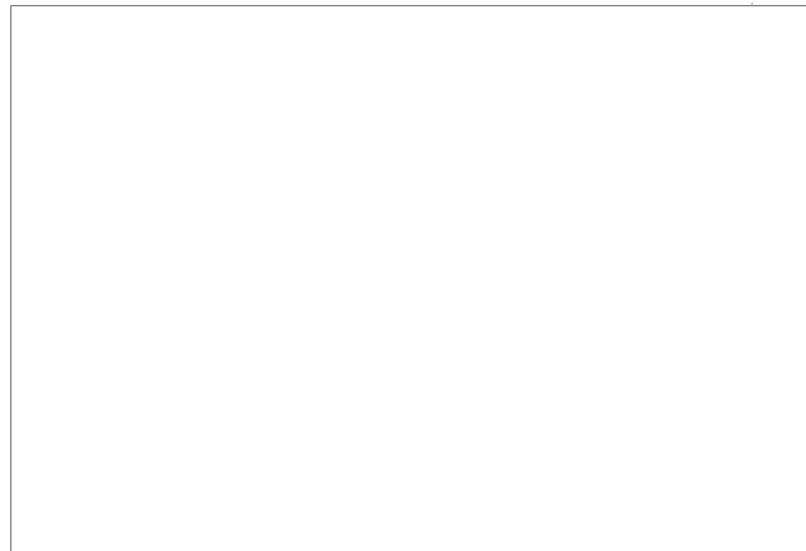
6. Chinese Com-
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sinking

a. There are still some un-
explained circumstances surrounding
the sinking of the Chinese Communist
freighter Yueh Chin (Leap Forward)
in the East China Sea yesterday.

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7. Cyprus

a. Tensions have increased the past few days in Cyprus over the long standing issue of who is to administer divided communities.

b. A recent court decision has invalidated past actions taken by both the Greek and Turkish communities and reopened this highly sensitive problem.

c. The Turks have rejected compromise proposals by the Greek Cypriots

Turkish Cypriot underground has been alerted for action. the Turkish army contingent on Cyprus is planning to make trouble.

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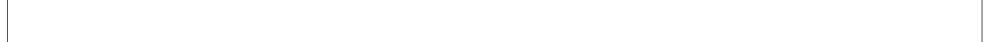



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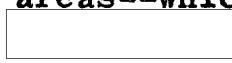
C. Haiti Duvalier is trying to put his hands on additional military aircraft.

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D. Laos Kong Le has changed his stand and 
agrees to negotiations without his lost positions having first been restored. He has, however, named other conditions--e.g., the stationing of ICC teams at crucial points in Pathet Lao areas--which the Communists are unlikely to buy.



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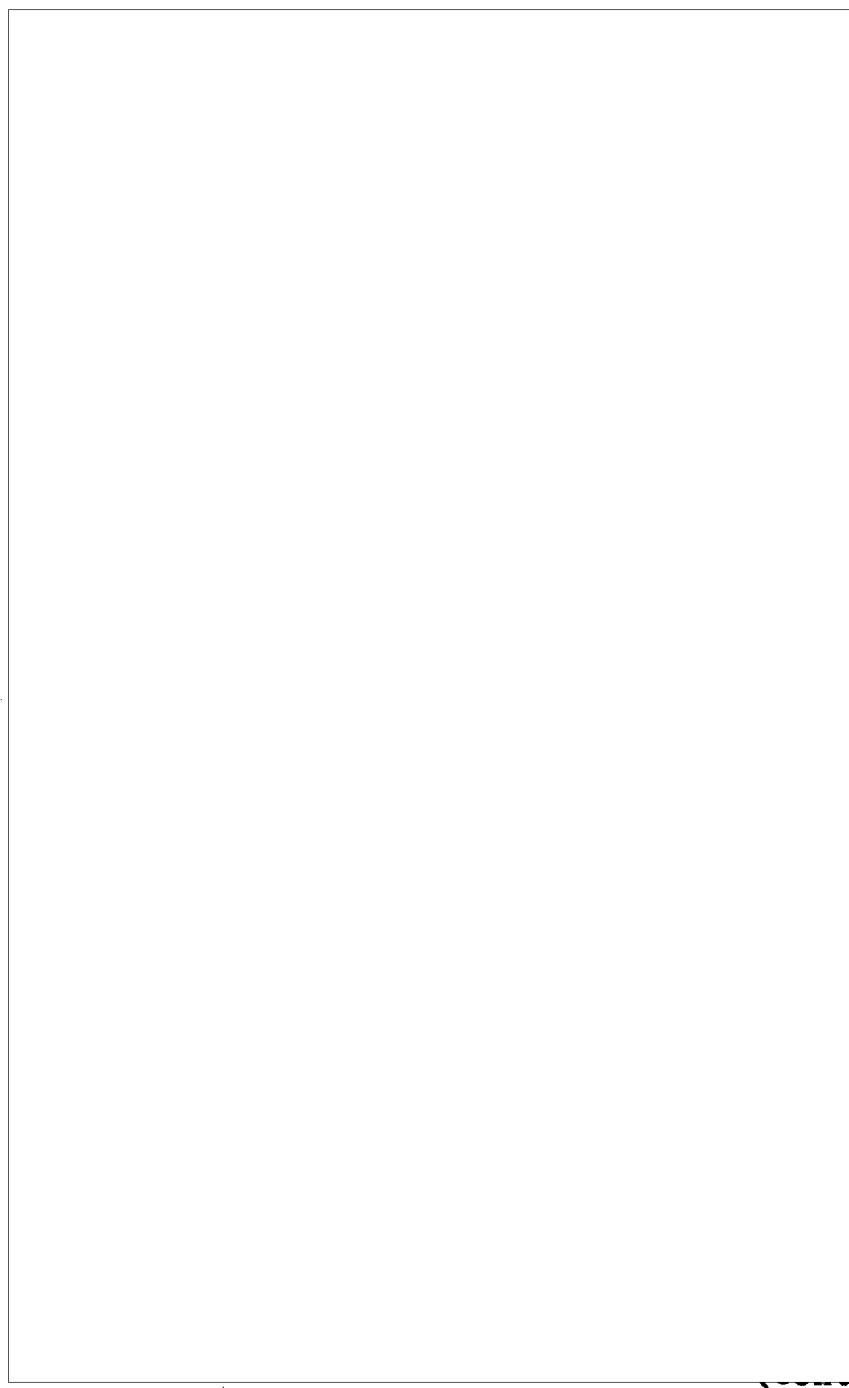
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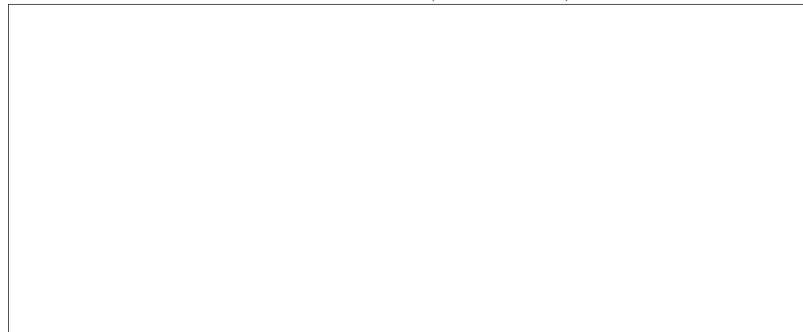
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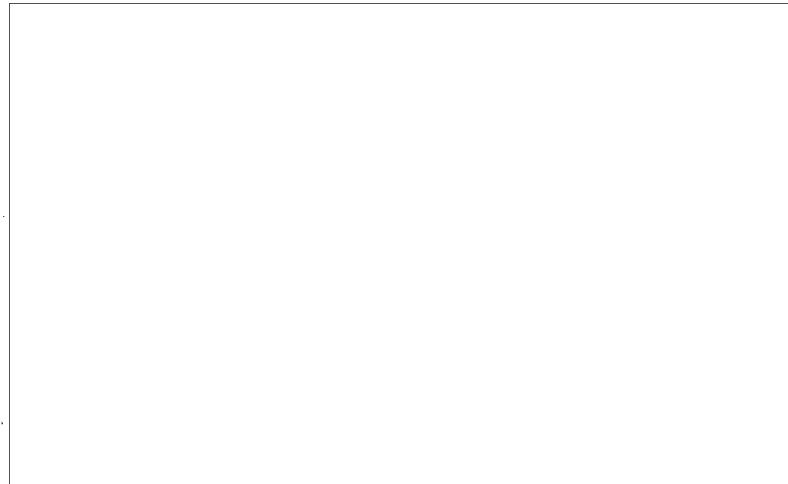
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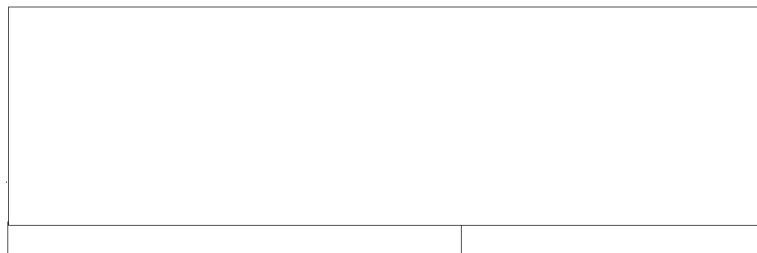
3. Haiti

a. Ambassador Thurston reported yesterday that it would be difficult to exaggerate the fear permeating the Haitian populace, many of whom have headed for the hinterland to get out of range of Duvalier's henchmen.

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b. Thurston believes that, unless Duvalier is soon removed, intervention--preferably some form of OAS collective police action-- would be the only means of controlling the "powder keg."

c. Now that the OAS team has left (it flew to Santo Domingo yesterday) further incidents against embassies harboring asylees can be expected.



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4. Laos

a. Souvanna went to the Plaine des Jarres again yesterday, accompanied by the ICC, the British ambassador and the Soviet first secretary. We do not yet have official reporting, but the British ambassador told the press things had moved forward an inch. They have gone back there again today..

b. Scattered skirmishing has continued around Xieng Khouang town. A neutralist effort against Ban Ban apparently failed yesterday.



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5. Communist China

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6. Ethiopia

a. High Ethiopian military of-
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[redacted] and several govern-
ment ministers say they intend to
move against Haile Selassie [redacted]

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unless, he acts on an ultimatum already presented to him which demands sweeping internal reforms.

b. The cabal appears over-confident. It lacks the support of several key elements, [redacted] and, as things now stand, it is by no means assured of success.

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7. Iraq

a. The failure of Iraqi and Kurdish leaders to agree on steps to implement their preliminary agreement of 8 March may cause the Kurds soon to resume open rebellion. Baghdad now is stalling on Kurdish demands for local autonomy while strengthening its military position in the area.

b. Both Iran and the UAR see in the resumption of hostilities an opportunity to weaken the new regime in Baghdad [redacted]

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A. Cuba Preliminary scan of Wednesday's photography shows no significant activity at Soviet installations.

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C. Brazil The Alliance for Progress has upstaged the Poles in Guanabara where for at least two years the Poles have been negotiating with Brazil to build a thermo-electric power station.

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- E. Afghan - Pakistan President Ayub is letting Kabul know through the Iranians that Afghanistan will be permitted to reopen all the commercial offices maintained in Pakistan before the break-including the important consulate at Peshawar. Ayub is looking, in turn, for some form of assurance against hostile propaganda from the Afghans.
- F. Leap Forward sinking Peiping has released a factual statement concerning the "Leap Forward" sinking [redacted] saying only that the ship "suddenly met disaster" and that the cause is being investigated. The Chinese crew has been returned to Shanghai by a Japanese maritime patrol craft. 50X1
- G. Syria We have some preliminary reports of resignations by pro-Nasir cabinet members and the dismissal of pro-unity army officers, suggesting another crisis may be developing.

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1. USSR

- a. The wave of speculation on Kozlov has finally forced a statement out of Moscow.
- b. Pravda says he has missed various affairs "because of illness." TASS says the announcement was made "in view of inquiries which have come in."
- c. Mikoyan, too, could be ailing. He made the May Day parade but has missed other affairs.

2. Cambodia

- a. The Cambodians are taking massive security precautions during the visit of Chicom chief of state Liu Shao Chi.

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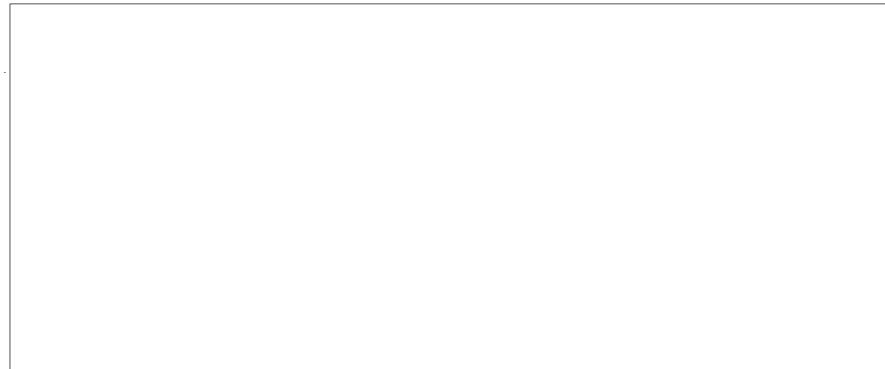
3. Jordan



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4. Syria-Egypt

- a. Damascus--in the wake of the ouster of Nasirists from the Syrian army and the cabinet by the Baath socialist regime--is waiting for a reaction from Cairo. Additional troops and security forces have been moved into the city.
- b. Meanwhile, probably hoping to undercut Nasir's appeal as a radical, the Syrian leaders have moved against conservative elements--by nationalizing all banks, dismissing several moderate civil servants from economic posts, and stripping old-line politicians of their political rights.

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d. Cairo last night announced the postponement of Iraqi-Syrian-Egyptian military talks.

5. Yemen

a. A senior Saudi official has again insisted--this time to the UN's General Von Horn--that "on his personal word of honor" the border with Yemen has been closed since 28 April. He swears it will remain closed except--and this could cause trouble--for the transport of food and medicines.

b. Von Horn heard from the Egyptians that, in addition to a military training mission, they intend to keep in Yemen a "security force," totalling 6,000 men. Faysal will not be happy about this.

6. Haiti - Dominican Republic

a. Bosch is still breathing fire and brimstone.

b. He says that even if the OAS voted sanctions against Haiti, he would try to subvert Duvalier-- and says he is in touch with Haitian army elements. "If one Dominican is hurt" in Haiti, he will take military action.

c. On the side, he has admitted to Ambassador Martin that he is "opportunistic" and that the Haitian crisis has given him time to get his domestic program going.

d. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] Martial law now reigns.

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[Redacted] Venezuela would be willing to send token forces.

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g. He has suggested a gimmick to Ambassador Thurston: an OAS request for US Marines to protect foreign embassies sheltering asylees.

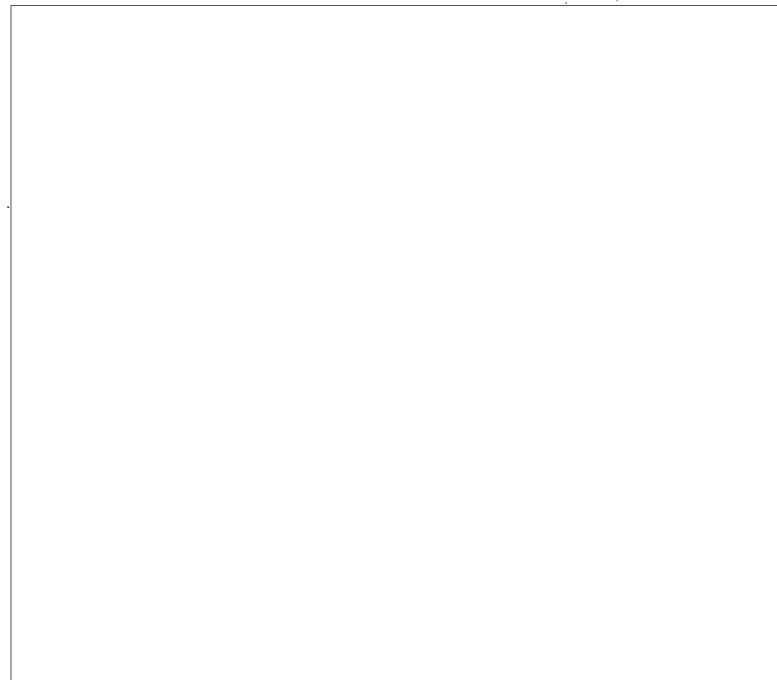
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7. Cuba

a. Tighter Mexican procedures for processing travelers going to and from Cuba are apparently touching the communists in a delicate spot--the purse.

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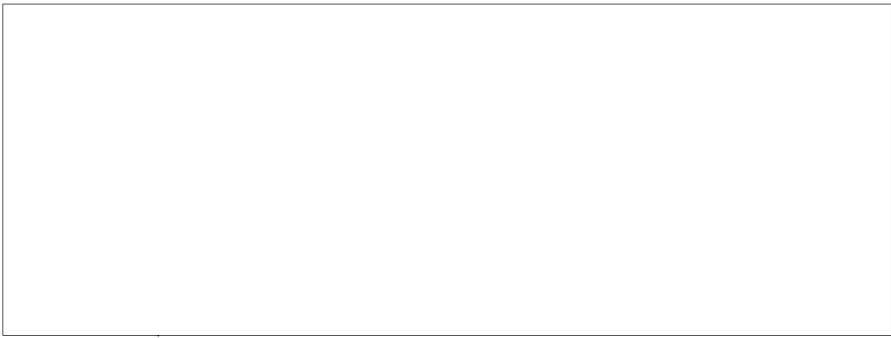
f. An attempt at an uprising
could be forthcoming, but we doubt
that the groups in on the plan.

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h. Photography of 2 May shows that the launchers and guidance equipment are still missing from the Campo Florida cruise missile site--since 29 April. A convoy of 24 vehicles is still lined up outside. We can only speculate that a mobility exercise is involved, or that they are being moved to a new site--for which we have found no candidate.

8. Ethiopia

a. Further information indicates that Haile Selassie faces pressures from two camps.

b. One [redacted] predominantly conservative [redacted] and led by the minister of defense, has "petitioned" the Emperor with a demand for a constitutional monarchy. It apparently seeks to forestall changes and reforms sought by more radical, predominantly military elements--who have the support of the army and air force commanders and three of the army's four division commanders.

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c.

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there will be no action until after the African Summit Conference there 23-25 May, but security forces will be preoccupied then with protecting VIP's and it could be a tempting period for plotters.

9. Laos

a. The episode of the ICC helicopters is not yet completely clear, and the facts are emerging slowly.

b. At last report, except for a French sergeant and a Laotian neutralist who escaped, the mixed group aboard the two choppers appears to have been taken off to Khang Khay by the Pathet Lao.

c. Predictably, the Pathet Lao radio is charging that Kong Le engineered the whole affair--"a savage and cruel act...aimed at creating an unfavorable atmosphere for the talks."

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A. Iraq During a long talk Wednesday with US representatives in Baghdad, the Iraqi defense minister claimed that the day before the Soviet ambassador had presented an offer of "full political, economic and military assistance" in return for the release of Communist prisoners and permission for the party "loyally to cooperate with the government."

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C. France [redacted] underground nuclear test in the Sahara. There may be as many as three before the end of June.

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F. USSR A Soviet fishing fleet--over thirty ships by the end of April--is now operating 50 to 100 miles off the Atlantic coast between Montauk Point and Cape Henlopen, Delaware. The catch is good and more ships may show up.

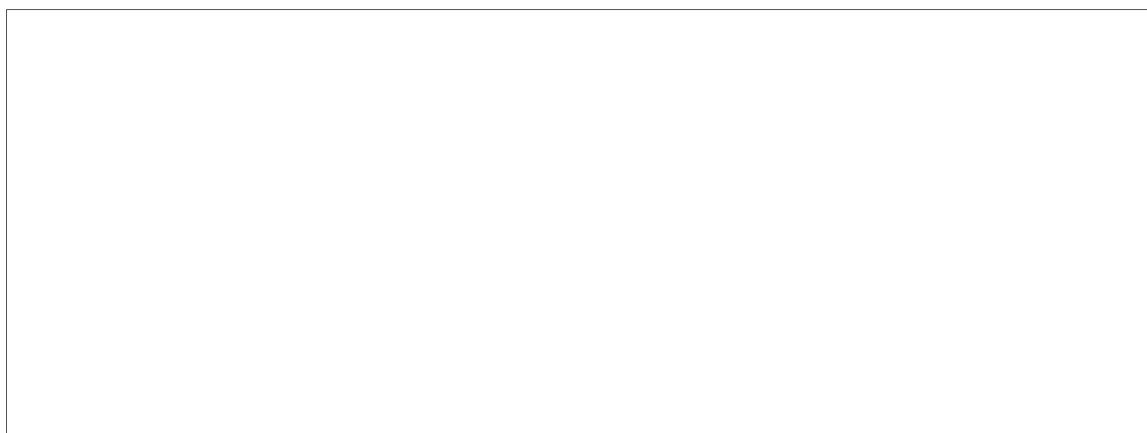
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G. Italy The US embassy thinks a temporary caretaker government "is apt to be formed"--most likely a center left coalition, but without Fanfani. It doubts there will be a stable government for some time.

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1. Laos

a. The helicopter incident has overshadowed Souvanna's talks with the Pathet Lao.

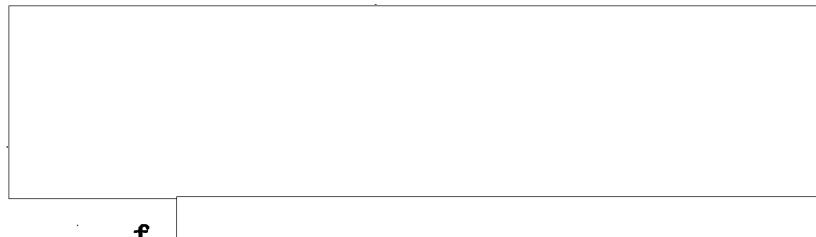
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c. On the ground in the Plaine des Jarres area, all factions continue their jockeying for military advantage.

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[redacted] to jump a para-troop battalion into Ban Ban and start a general assault. This he says would flush out the Vietnamese units and reveal the true nature of the conflict--Lao against Vietnamese. Ambassador Unger has pointed out to Phoumi that it might also flush out Chinese "volunteers."

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g. Phoumi also says he wants T-28 aircraft in case of emergency and more cash--5 million dollars--to "battle the mounting kip rate."

2. Rumania

a. We have a mounting collection of bits and pieces which have led us to wonder about the status of Rumanian-Soviet relations.

b. [redacted]

[redacted] Rumanian resistance to certain CEMA plans for an integration of the Rumanian economy with that of the bloc. [redacted]

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[redacted] Rumania has threatened to withdraw from CEMA over the issue.

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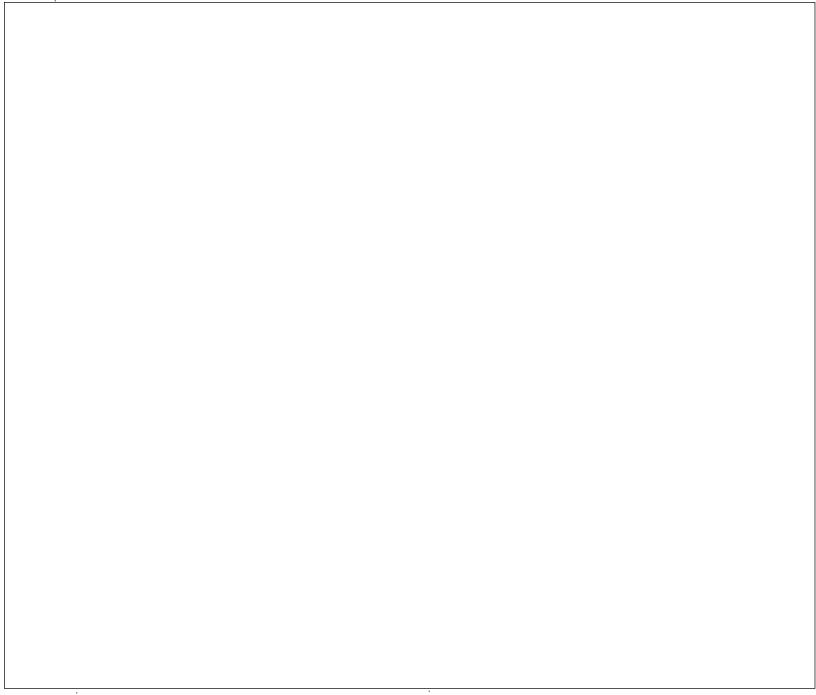
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c. We note a present willingness by Bucharest to criticize certain Soviet World War II political actions.

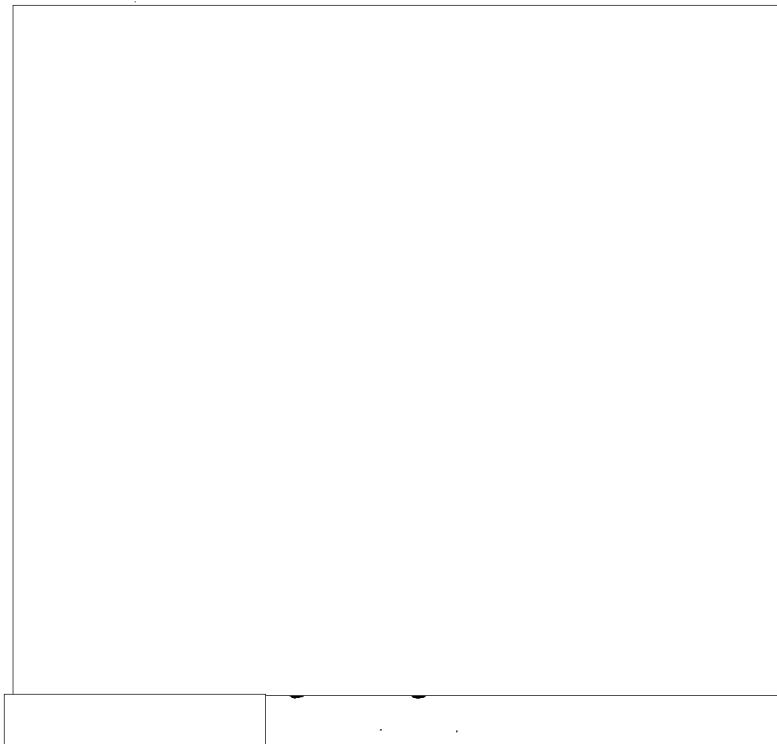
d. In contrast to the other satellites, Rumania has been relatively mum on the Sino-Soviet dispute and may even be playing footsy with the Chinese--new agreements have upped Rumanian trade with China and Albania a notch, and Rumania returned an ambassador to Albania in late March.

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3. Jordan



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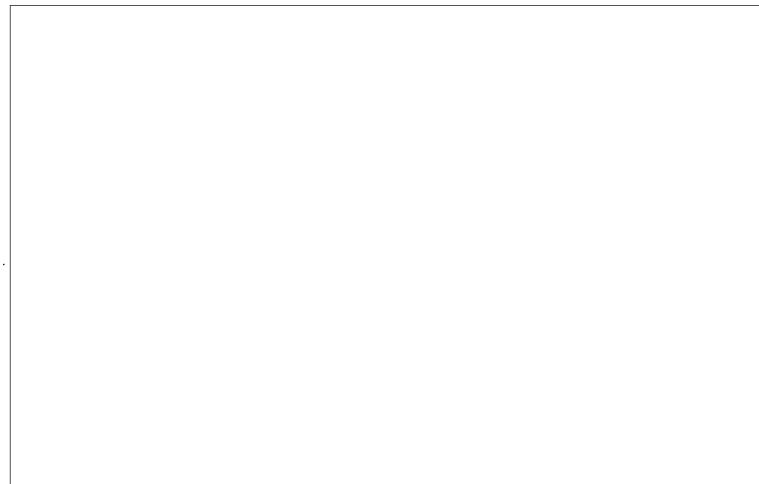


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5. Kashmir

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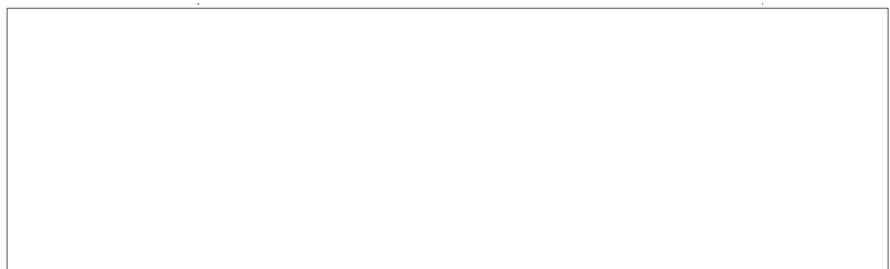
Ayub might not survive if real progress toward a Kashmir solution is not forthcoming soon.

b. Any succeeding government, [redacted] would have to take some action in Kashmir--probably a quasi-military venture designed to focus world attention on Kashmir.

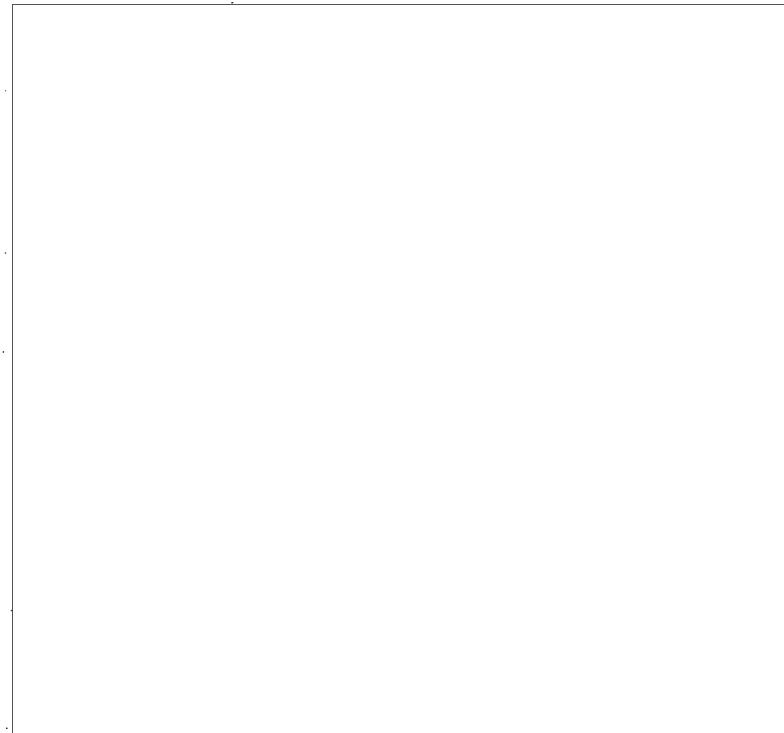
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6. Italy

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7. **MLF**

a. The permanent Dutch representative on the North Atlantic Council, "letting his hair down," has told Ambassador Durbrow that his government basically favors MLF but is having its troubles.

b. Each service chief is concerned only about getting funds for his own service. The navy chief has trouble envisaging how what looks like a merchantship can really be a warship.

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c. But the real rub is that the Dutch are getting "allergic" to US suggestions on military matters since it is increasingly difficult to explain various changes and modifications to parliament after large sums have already been appropriated.

d. The Dutchman thinks a post-Ottawa briefing on US defense programming might help explain why the US sometimes feels obliged to change its plans.

e. An Italian Foreign Office official says that the Foreign Office and the Defense Ministry are at a loss on how to go ahead with MLF matters until a new government is formed. He says the navy is still dubious about the use of surface ships.

8. British Guiana

a. Tension is growing, with the general strike in its third week. Food and fuel are in exceeding short supply, and the government is weighing plans for a "state of emergency."

b. Both sides are avoiding violence, but the ingredients are there. Continuation of the strike, however, may depend on the availability of outside funds.

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c. The US Embassy notes growing sentiment among union leaders toward using the strike to overthrow Jagan but doubts this can be done unless the British wish it.

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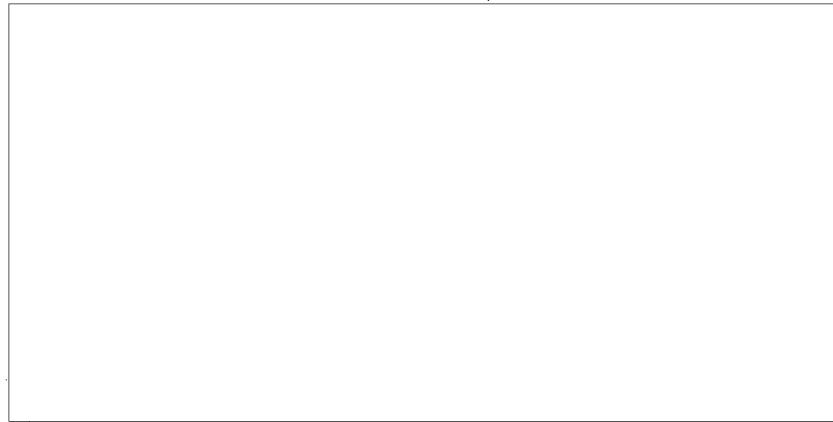
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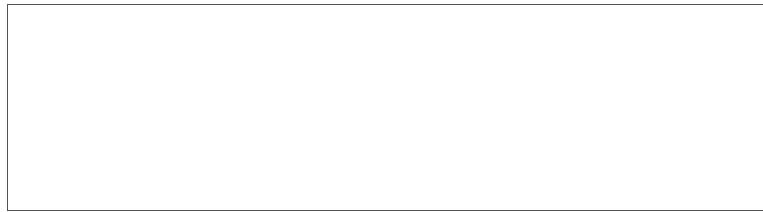
a. The Transbalt, suspect as a possible arms carrier, arrived in Mariel last night.

b. Photography on Friday and Saturday showed no significant change at Soviet or Cuban military installations.



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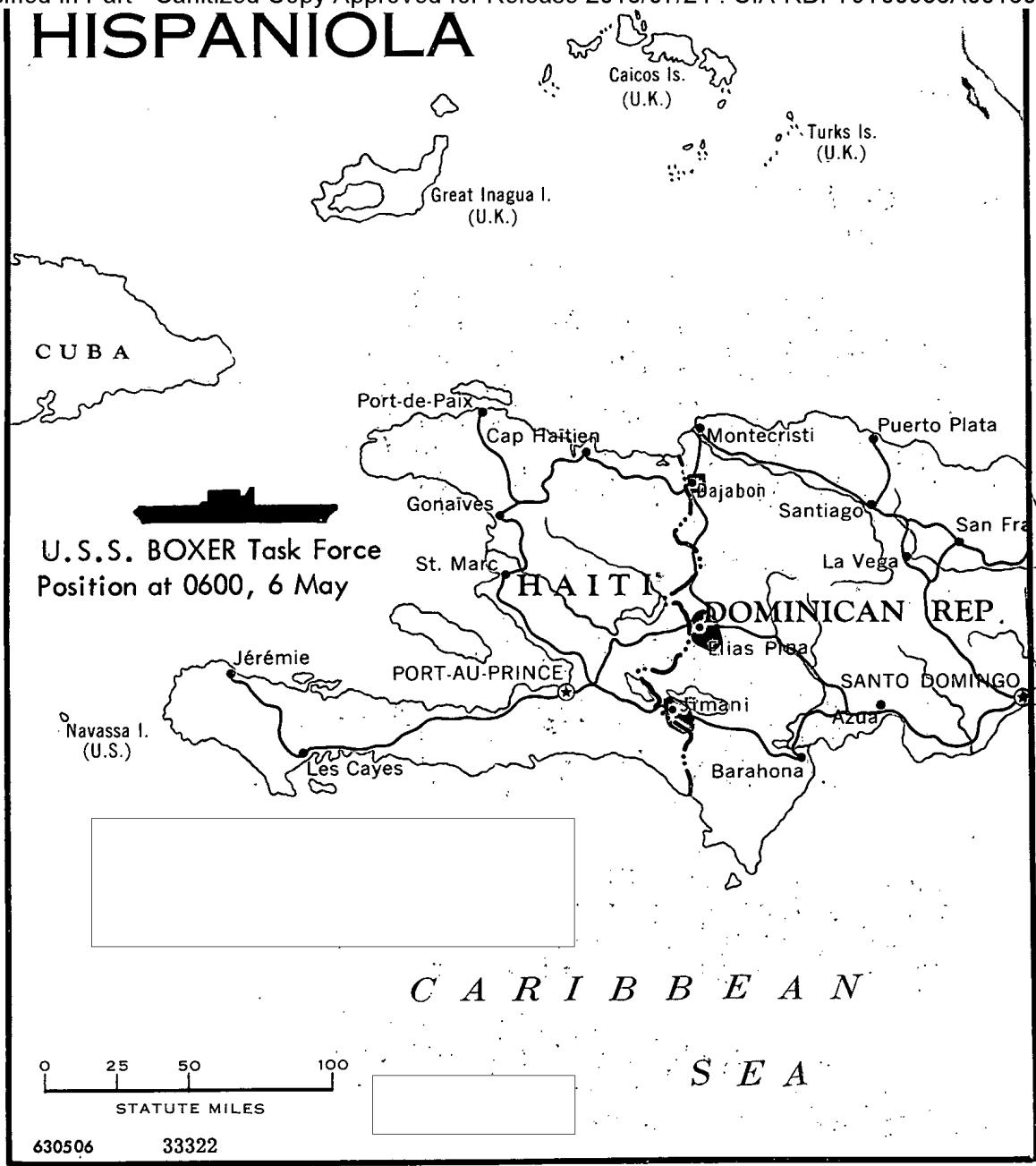
e. The organization of Cuba's new political machine--the United Party of the Socialist Revolution--has now reached the stage where local cells are being formed into district and regional units. Its first national congress has been promised sometime this year.



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11. Haiti-Dominican Republic

a. All the ingredients for an explosion are present.

b. Additional Dominican ground units have been moved to the border and the Haitian military, in turn, is on a full alert.

c. Bosch last night told two US newsmen that Dominican forces would attack Haiti Tuesday morning. This may, however, be part of his war of nerves.

d. He is obviously seeking a provocation. Last night he asked Ambassador Martin for information on the alleged recent murder of a Dominican; he wanted this for a cabinet meeting this morning. (Ambassador Thurston has heard such a story--"an unconfirmed rumor").

e. Saturday, the Dominican Foreign Minister said he was advocating early intervention--"on a collective not a unilateral basis." He would seize on the first pretext, such as any incident involving the asylees in the Dominican embassy in Haiti--now under the "protection" of the Colombian flag.

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having some second thoughts. They fear they are not really ready to mount an invasion, and they talk of a "confrontation" with Bosch, possibly at his cabinet meeting this morning.

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h. Early yesterday, Ambassador Thurston in Port-au-Prince commented that Duvalier appeared to be "in an exalted mood like that of Hitler in his last days in Berlin" and that Duvalier was capable of starting a blood bath should he receive word of any border incursion by anti-regime forces.

i. He notes, however, that the Haitian government has done much to put its house in order as far as the Dominicans were concerned and that Bosch's sabre rattling was running the "danger of being out-of-phase."

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Duvalier, however, remains vulnerable over the presence of the Trujillos.

j. Early this morning, Haiti forwarded to New York a request for a session of the UN Security Council to "study the serious situation between Haiti and the Dominican Republic."

NOTES

A. East Germany So far the Soviets have been quiet about a Danish F-84 which strayed 160 miles into East Germany Saturday when its instruments went out. The Soviets put up ten MIG fighters to intercept it, but, instead of trying to force it down, they merely provided an escort to West Germany.

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B. Bulgaria We are seeing signs of some easing up on the Catholic Church.

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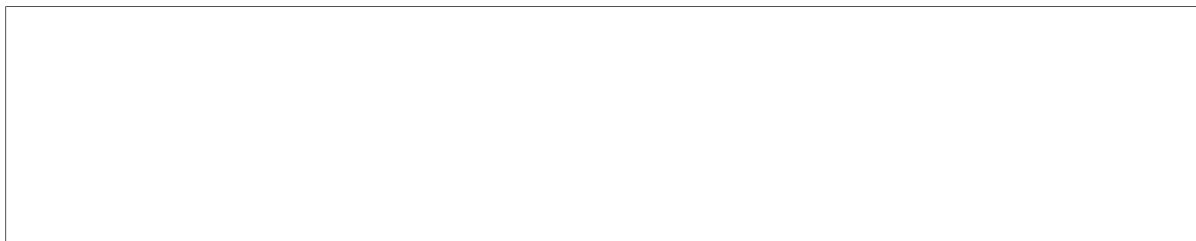
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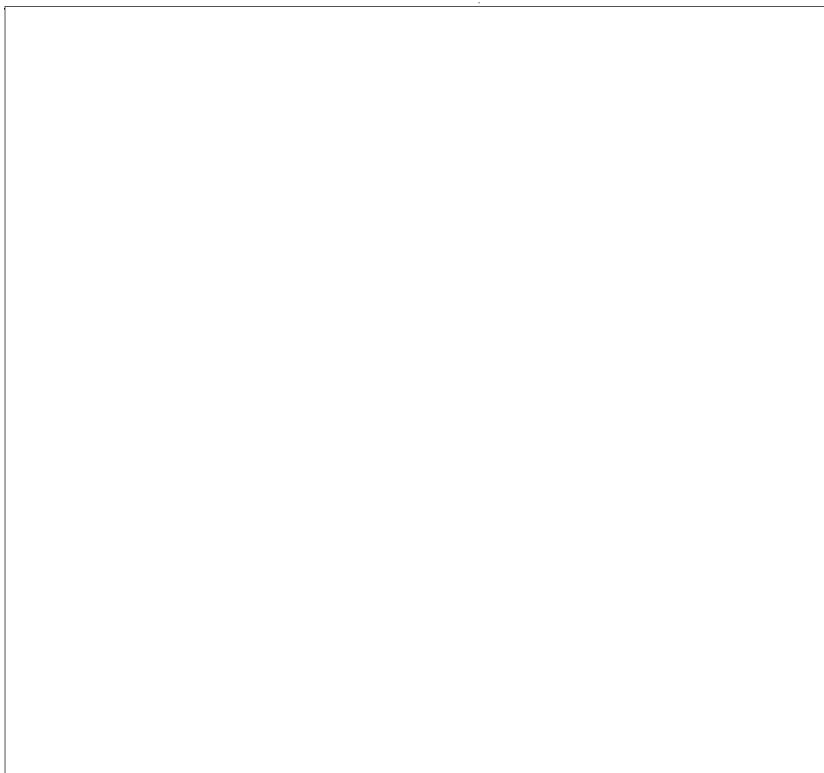
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1. Dominican Republic - Haiti
 - a. The Dominican military's misgivings about an invasion of Haiti have gotten through to Bosch.
 - b. Ambassador Martin yesterday drew Bosch into admitting that his armed forces are not up to the job. He conceded that his navy is "a joke," his jets are unsafe, and his army lacks transport.
 - c. More Dominican troops were to be moved to the border today but Martin was told that this was being done to keep the OAS stirred up.
 - d. Bosch plans to go on the air at 8 o'clock this evening.

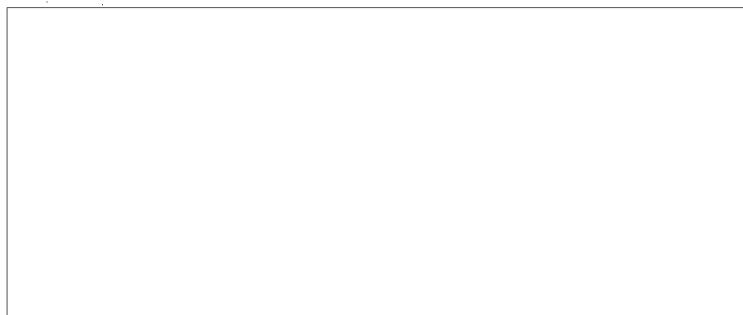
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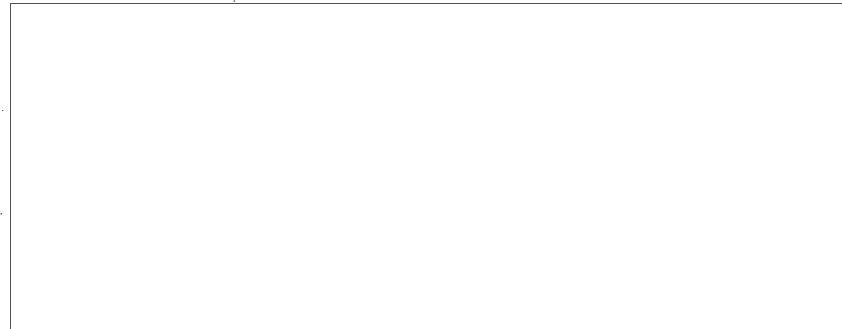
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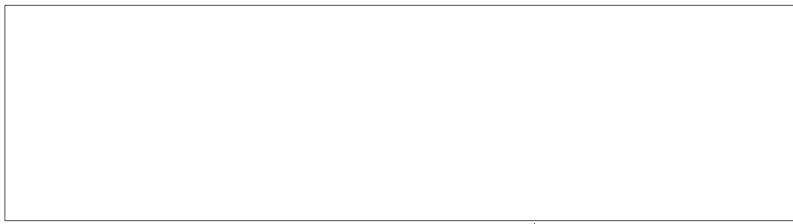


4. Laos

a. Souvanna has rarely been more discouraged. He says his weekend experience in the Plaine des Jarres--the empty results of his talks as well as the helicopter incident--has left him all but convinced that the Pathet Lao want war, sooner or later.

b. Souvanna has asked the King to call a meeting of the Council of Ministers as soon as possible. This, he seems to feel, will tell him how the land lies. If the Pathet Lao refuse a summons to Luang Prabang, he will know that they intend to take themselves out of the government.

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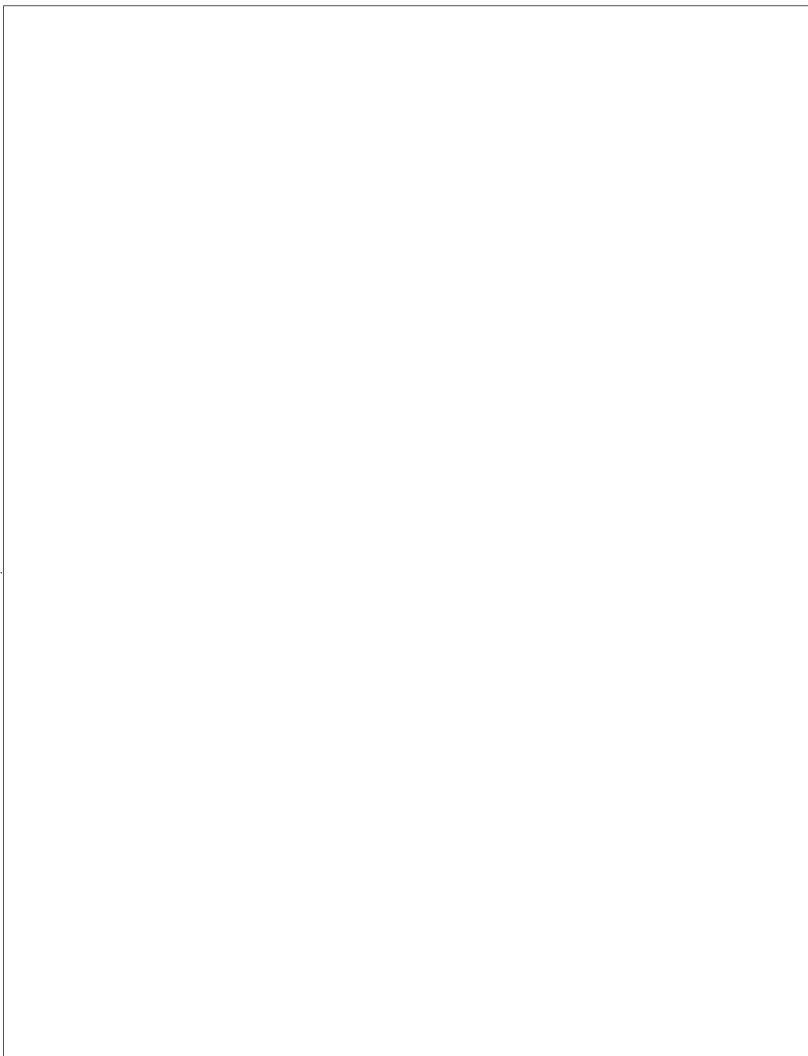


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d. Militarily, the situation
is essentially unchanged.

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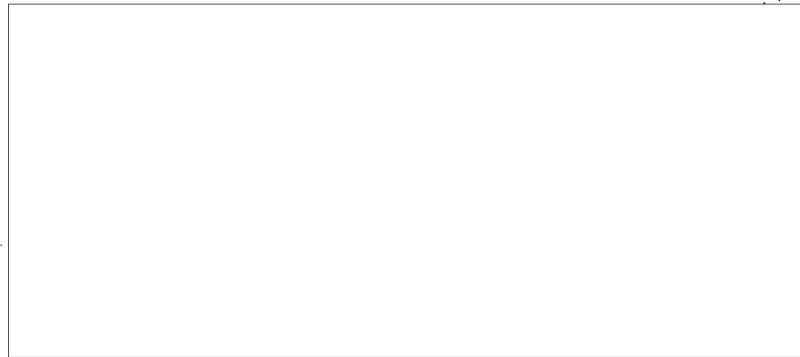
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6. UAR - Yemen -
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7. EEC-US

a. The US is facing a setback on tariff negotiations at the 8-9 May EEC ministers' meeting.

b. Ranking officials in several EEC capitals have separately predicted that France's five partners will make no strenuous effort to overcome France's opposition to the US position unless the US offers concessions.

c. This opinion has been expressed by Dutch, Luxembourg and German representatives. They contend that some common ground must be found between the US proposal for 50% across-the-board tariff cuts and the French advocacy of "harmonized" tariffs. An impasse at the EEC meeting would foredoom the GATT ministerial conference scheduled for 16 May.

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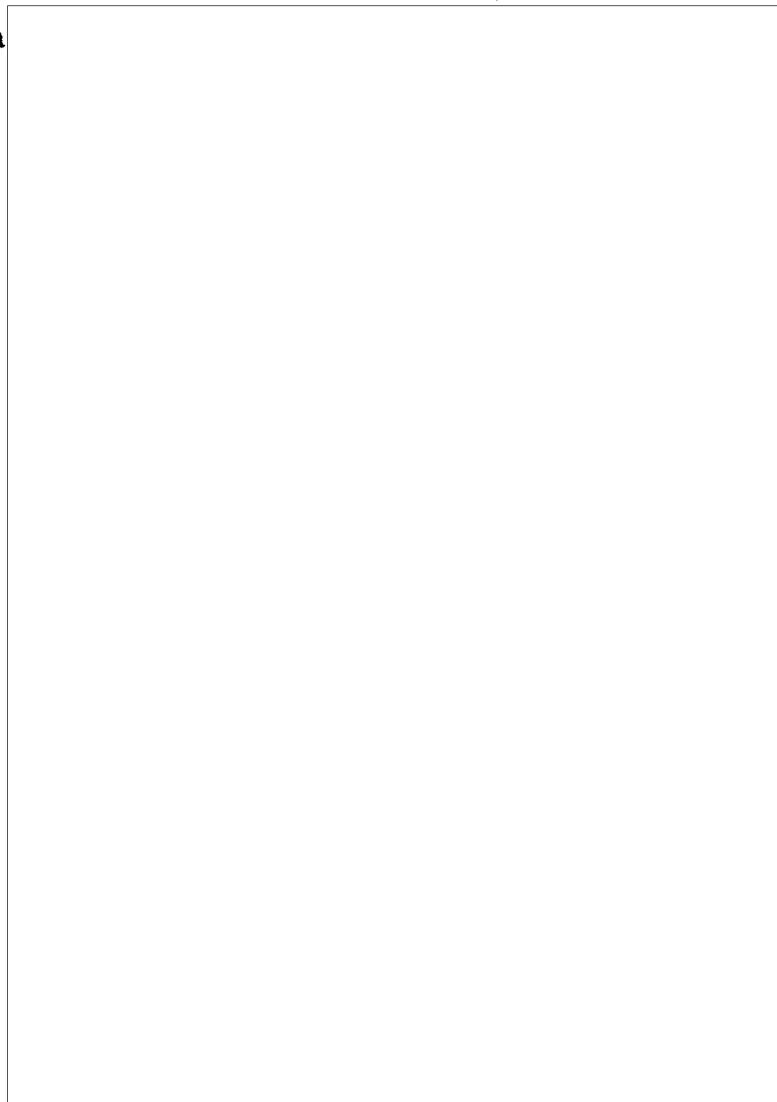
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e. For what it is worth, we have been assured by the Haitian foreign ministry that the government will facilitate the departure of US dependents and will continue to guarantee protection to foreigners in the country.

f. Bosch's hour-long speech last evening was devoted mainly to domestic matters--the government workers' strike and agrarian reforms. In 15 minutes devoted to the Haiti problem, he promised to heed the advice of opposition leader Fiallo and allow the OAS a chance to settle the dispute.

g. Meanwhile, he said, if the situation is serious enough for Americans to evacuate, it is serious enough to keep his troops at the ready along the border.

2. UAR - Saudi Arabia

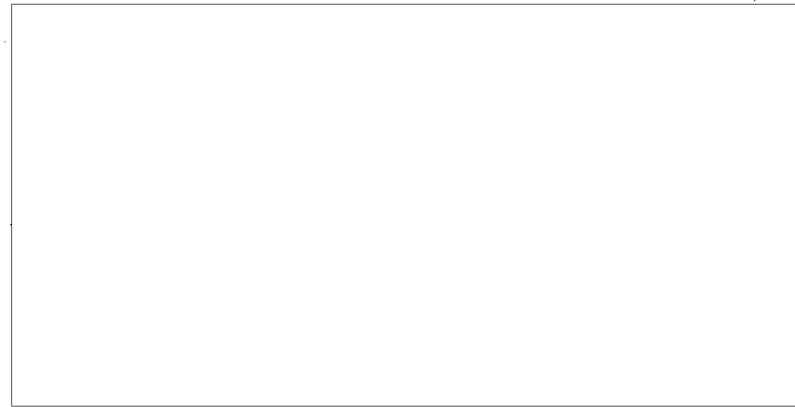
a. Nasir has good reason to believe the Saudis intend to honor their part of the bargain over Yemen.

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d. Nasir, still in Algeria, had cut short his scheduled visit (it has been something of a shambles), but then delayed his departure by a day to allow time for more talks with Ben Bella.

e. Rumors are he will return to Cairo before proceeding, by plane instead of boat, to Yugoslavia.

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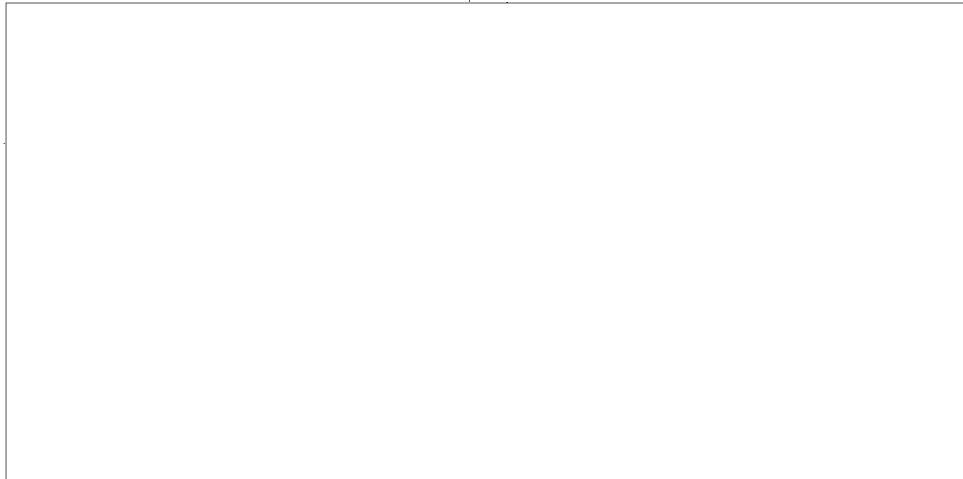
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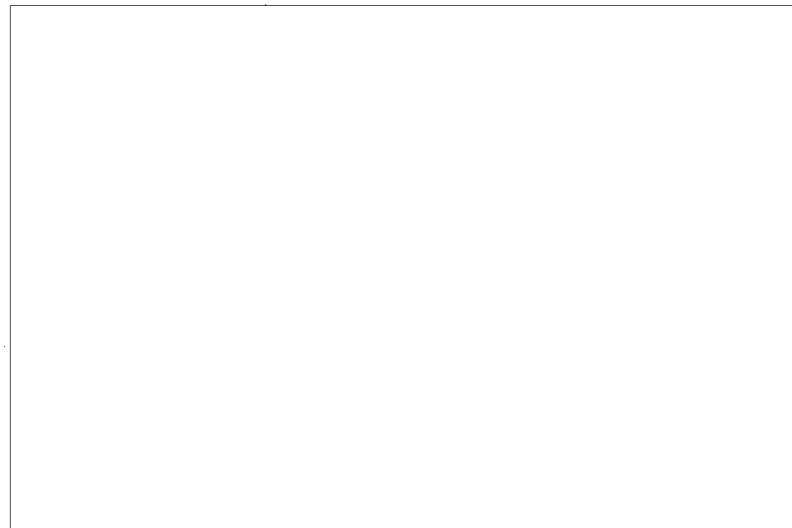
c. The Transbalt unloaded its military cargo at Mariel on Monday.

d. Aerial photography on that day disclosed 21 flatbed trucks and 70 other vehicles at Mariel, some of which presumably had to do with unloading the Transbalt.

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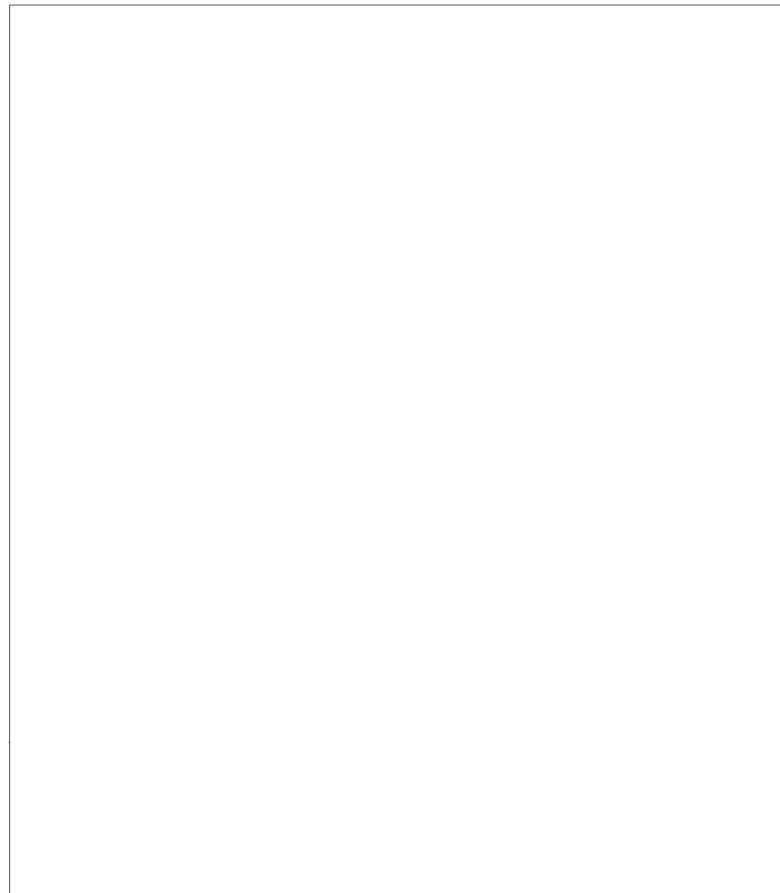
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h. Monday's photography showed no changes at Torrens and Artemisa, the only two Soviet encampments covered.

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4. Soviet Bloc



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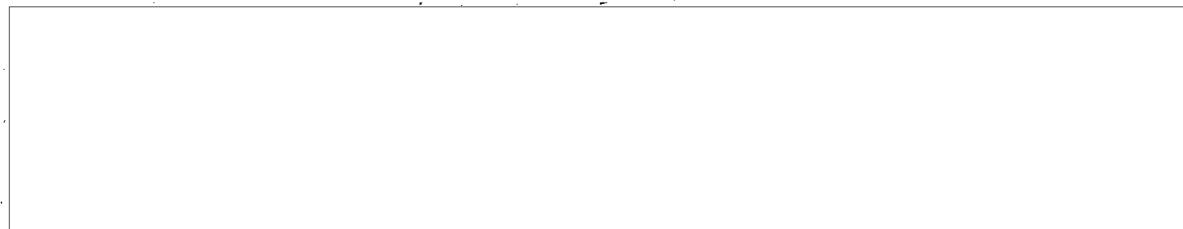
NOTES

- A. USSR The story from well-placed Soviet sources [redacted] is that Kozlov's stroke was so serious that he will be unable to resume his duties. We are not sure this is the real or whole story, but there is little reason to doubt he is out of the act. 50X6
- B. USSR The Cosmos 16 satellite the Soviets have had up for the past ten days was brought to earth early this morning as it began its 158th orbit. This is the longest orbit time yet for a recovered Cosmos satellite; earlier ones have not exceeded eight days. [redacted] 50X1
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- D. Afghanistan-Pakistan Iranian efforts to mend Afghanistan-Pakistan relations are close to success. The Afghans have let up on their propaganda over Pushtoonistan, and Ayub, in turn, has indicated he is ready and willing to meet with King Zahir in Tehran. [redacted] 50X1
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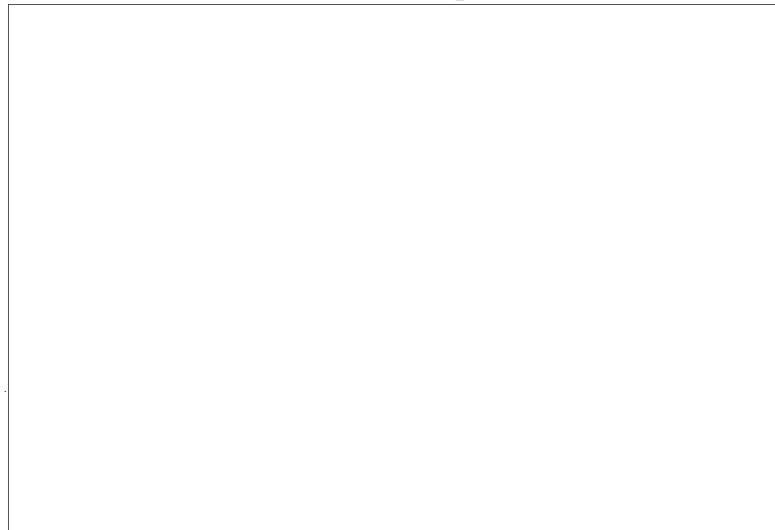
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1. Cuba

a. Cuban pilots are now going into advanced training in MIG-21's.

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d. Cuba's cumulative trade debt to the USSR totaled \$275 million as of early April. The USSR agreed to defer repayment of this debt during the recently concluded trade negotiations.

2. Laos

a. Kong Le is in Vientiane, possible to work out the details of his plan for an offensive in the Plaine des Jarres using neutralist, Lao army, and Meo forces.

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b. The Pathet Lao have meanwhile been reinforcing and resupplying their own positions, and are conducting minor mopping-up actions against Meo outposts.

c. The rains are beginning. They may hamper the movement of heavy equipment and the use of some airfields, but are not likely to obstruct the kind of operations both sides are preparing for in the Plaine.

d. Souphanouvong has refused to attend the Council of Ministers meeting in Luang Prabang, which Souvanna had earlier cast as a test of Pathet Lao willingness to continue the tripartite coalition government. He has called instead for more talks at his headquarters at Khang Khay.

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e. [REDACTED]
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convoy activity in southern Laos

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f. This may presage a strengthening of the North Vietnamese-Pathet Lao military position in the area or new infiltrations into South Vietnam through Laos--or both.

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3. Syria

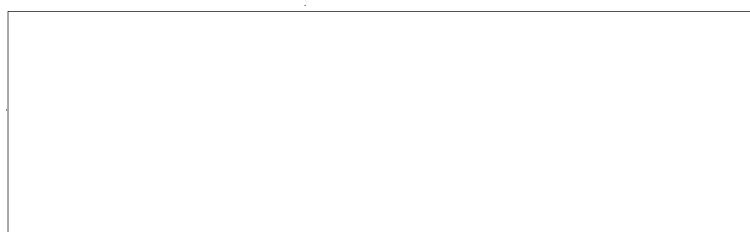
a. A showdown may be approaching.

b. Army units are beginning to align themselves with the opposing Baathist and Nasirist political groups and army officers cashiered by the pro-Baathist command are said to be dickering with units outside Damascus, possibly for a march on the capital.

c. Broadcasts from Cairo are stirring up emotions. Force was required yesterday to put down demonstrations in Damascus and Aleppo. More have been reported today.

4. Haiti-Dominican Republic

a. The two countries are eyeing each other uneasily while the OAS and the UN talk over the affair.



c. The Duvalier regime is pressing its hunt for Clement Barbot.

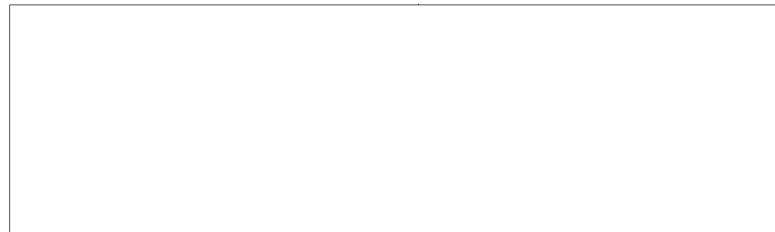


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NOTE

- A. Cuba The Transbalt may have carried ammunition in its cargo. Photography [redacted] showed a convoy of trucks, similar to those seen unloading the vessel, at a munitions storage site just southeast of Havana. [redacted]
Some "munitions" had been moved from the Transbalt to another storage site a few miles further from Havana. 50X1
- B. USSR Our data indicates that investment in Soviet agriculture in 1962 increased by 17 percent--the largest such increment noted since 1955. This was presumably at the expense of heavy industry. 50X1
- C. USSR Marshal Zhukov's star may not be rising after all. An April issue of the military's political journal listed him among those responsible for Soviet unreadiness in 1941.
- D. USSR The Soviet Mars probe--launched in December and due to reach the vicinity of Mars on 19 June--will be wide of the mark. At a conference in March, a Soviet astronomer let slip the word that it would come no closer than 105,000 nm. An attempt to correct its path in mid-course had failed.

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F. Colombia A demonstration being organized in support of former dictator General Rojas Pinilla on 10 May in Bogota may attract as many as 30,000 participants. Government authorities fear that Colombian communists may try to create trouble and are taking extra precautions to prevent disorders.

G. Communist China-UK Consul general Green in Hong Kong has heard that the Chinese and Shell Oil are cooking up a deal--"very big and moving very fast." China imports 30 percent of its oil, virtually all from the USSR, but may now be seeking alternate sources of supply. Even though foreign exchange reserves are slim, Peiping could pay cash for essential oil imports.

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10 MAY 1963
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1. Haiti

- a. Haitian authorities yesterday asked Pan American to provide 45 places on today's outgoing flight for asylees. Release of this number would, by our embassy's rough count, empty the embassies of refugees.
- b. Haitian foreign minister Chalmers, in New York for the UN proceedings, asked to see Ambassador Stevenson yesterday to complain of US misunderstanding of Haiti's government. He made much of an alleged inability of US representatives in Port-au-Prince to establish rapport with a "middle-class" government. Chalmers said he would be in Washington to see "responsible" officials on his way home.
- c. The Trujillo family contingent may have departed Haiti. Our embassy has received a report to this effect but there is as yet no corroboration.

2. South Vietnam

- a. Further disorders are expected today in Hue, 400 miles north of Saigon, where government troops clashed Wednesday with demonstrators, leaving some dozen dead or wounded.

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b. The violence developed when government forces decided that a large public gathering in connection with a Buddhist religious holiday was taking on an anti-government cast.

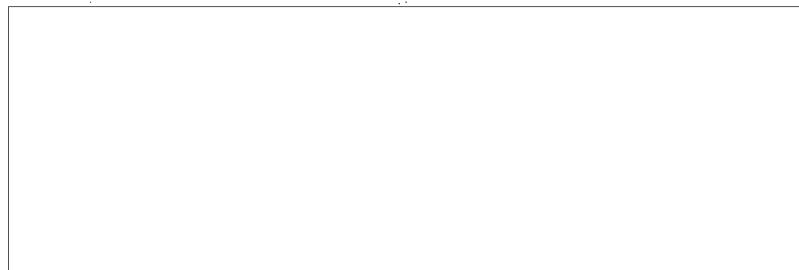
c. Whether or not anti-government feeling on the part of the local population was the cause of the outbreak, it is the result. There is, in addition, a religious factor arising out of Buddhist-Catholic animosities.

d. Diem's brother Can runs his satrapy over the northern part of the country from Hue.

e. The US civilian and military community in Hue has been placed on alert status in anticipation of new violence.

3. Moscow spy trial

a. The courtroom doors have been reopened for today's session. Sentencing is expected to take place tomorrow.



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4. Colombia

a. The government could find itself hard put in dealing with the demonstrations ex-dictator Rojas Pinilla is organizing for today.

b. Rojas now claims that he can bring out upwards of 50,000 in Bogota. This ambitious figure may derive from pledges of support given by the Communists and other extremist groups exploiting Rojas in their efforts to unseat the Valencia government.

c. A turnout of these dimensions would leave the government's security forces stretched thin. Rural violence has drawn off several army units from the capital area.

5. Cuba

a. The Transbalt has apparently completed unloading at Mariel.

b. [redacted] photography showed the addition of a small number of tents

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at the Cuban encampments near the
Soviet installation at Holguin.

c. Photography at the other
Soviet sites, where readable, re-
vealed no significant change.

NOTES

A. Argentina Signs appeared yesterday that the government is undergoing still another cabinet crisis. There has been nothing to indicate that the threat of a military coup has been revived. As before, however, the issue turns on what can and should be done to restrict the electoral potential of real or suspected Peronists.

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D. Bolivia The Communists and the left in general are beginning to smart from the effects of President Paz's moves to reduce their influence in peasant and labor organizations.

[redacted] the Communist youth organization [redacted] group earlier this week discussed plans for violence against the US embassy as a means of embarrassing Paz.

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E. Communist China - India The Chinese Communists, in their brainwashing of prisoners taken in the border war, worked hard to drive a wedge between Gurkha and Indian soldiers. [redacted] Chinese Communist tactics included preferential treatment for the Gurkhas and appeals to ethnic affinity. The objective is to attract Nepal.

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F. Syria The government's security forces were able yesterday to contain the pro-Nasir demonstrations in Aleppo. There are no reports this morning of new trouble.

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1. HAITI:

A. DUVALIER'S LEGAL TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRES ON 15 MAY. HE IS TAKING PRECAUTIONS AGAINST PLOTTING AGAINST HIM BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD WHICH MAY TAKE SHAPE AFTER THAT DATE.

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D. NEARLY ALL OUR OFFICIAL DEPENDENTS HAVE DEPARTED PORT-AU-PRINCE. THESE DEPARTURES APPEAR TO BE HAVING A PROFOUND PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT ON HAITIANS WHO TAKE IT AS A SIGN OF SERIOUS TROUBLE IN THE OFFING. THEY EXHIBIT NO ANTI-US FEELING, HOWEVER.

E. A VISIT TO THE HAITIAN SIDE OF THE BORDER HAS DISCLOSED NO TROOP REINFORCEMENT OR DEFENSIVE PREPARATION EVEN AT STRATEGIC POINTS.

2. LAOS:

A. SOUVANNA IS INSISTING ON A COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING DESPITE PATHET LAO REFUSAL TO ATTEND.

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3. INDONESIA:

A. RIOTING ERUPTED YESTERDAY IN BANDUNG AND THREE OTHER IMPORTANT CENTERS IN WEST AND CENTRAL JAVA. TROOPS ARE BEING CALLED OUT TO RESTORE ORDER.

B. WE HAVE ONLY FRAGMENTARY REPORTS REGARDING THE CAUSE OF THE RIOTING WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DIRECTED LARGELY AGAINST CHINESE MERCHANTS.

C. SPECULATING, WE COULD SAY THE DISORDERS MAY HAVE BEEN IN PROTEST AGAINST RISING PRICES AND THE CHINESE MERCHANTS WHO LARGELY CONTROL THE LOCAL ECONOMY.

D. THE COMMUNISTS MAY HAVE HAD A HAND, HOWEVER. WE BELIEVE THEY WERE BEHIND A LARGE BANDUNG STUDENT DEMONSTRATION IN MARCH WHICH PROTESTED RISING PRICES.

4. CUBA:

A. CUBAN-URUGUAYAN RELATIONS HAVE RETURNED TO NORMAL FOLLOWING AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES OVER THE SHOOTING INCIDENT AT THE URUGUAYAN EMBASSY IN MARCH. THE CUBANS BENT OVER BACKWARD TO REPAIR THE SITUATION.

B. THE SWISS, NOT DISGUIISING THEIR RELIEF, TELL US CASTRO'S PROPOSED TRIP TO THEIR COUNTRY IS OFF. THEIR INFORMATION IS THAT HE WILL RETURN DIRECTLY FROM MOSCOW TO CUBA, BUT THEY DO NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHEN.

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5. UAR-US PRESS CONFERENCE:

A. CAIRO HAS SO FAR REACTED CAUTIOUSLY TO THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST.

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D. SYRIAN OFFICIAL REACTION TO THE STATEMENT HAS BEEN LAUDATORY AND THE STATEMENT IN FULL HAS BEEN WELL PUBLICIZED.

6. SYRIA:

A. A NEW PRIME MINISTER HAS BEEN APPOINTED IN SYRIA. SAMI AL JUNDI, DESCRIBED AS A SOCIALIST UNIONIST, WILL REPLACE SALAH BITAR, A CO-FOUNDER OF THE BAATHIST PARTY.

B. OUR FIRST GLANCE INTERPRETATION OF THIS CHANGE IS THAT IT IS A SOP TO THE PRO-NASIRITES WHO HAVE CRITICIZED THE GOVERNMENT FOR BEING OVERLOADED WITH BAATHISTS. WE DOUBT IT ALTERS THE POLITICAL SITUATION SIGNIFICANTLY.

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7. NOTES:

A. COLOMBIA: BOGOTA IS CALM. SUPPORT FOR THE ROJISTAS DWINDLED AND THE DEMONSTRATIONS FIZZLED YESTERDAY WHEN WELL PLANNED GOVERNMENT ACTION DENIED THE DEMONSTRATORS ACCESS TO THE CENTRAL PLAZA.

B. ALBANIA-YUGOSLAVIA: THE YUGOSLAV ARMY G-2 HAS TOLD US OF AN "UNCONFIRMED" REPORT OF A "SMALL INSURRECTION" IN ALBANIA. WE HAVE NOTHING TO SUPPORT THIS STORY. BECAUSE IT IS MOST UNUSUAL FOR THE YUGOSLAVS TO SHARE THIS SORT OF INFORMATION WITH US, WE SUSPECT THEY ARE COVERING UP SOMETHING THEY ARE DOING OR PLANNING TO DO THEMSELVES IN ALBANIA.

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1. Argentina

- a. Guido's government has fallen apart under pressure of Interior Minister Rauch's charges of corruption against four cabinet ministers.
- b. All of the civilian ministers and the three service secretaries in the cabinet resigned late yesterday in a successful move to force Rauch out too.
- c. We suspect the mass resignations are the result of a compromise engineered by Army Commander in Chief Onganía and other military commanders.
- d. While the latter support the general line of Rauch's campaign, they apparently feel his attacks on the ministers went too far and would like to damp down political turmoil until the elections in July.

2. Haiti

- a. Bosch told Ambassador Martin on Saturday that the OAS failure thus far to take strong action in Haiti had humiliated him and had given his political enemies at home additional ammunition to use against him.

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b. Bosch's political need for some sort of victory over Duvalier is almost certain to generate additional Dominican overt pressures or clandestine efforts against the Haitian dictator. Martin thinks a Dominican invasion of Haiti unlikely, however, barring any new Haitian provocation.

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d. The Dominican radio is contributing to the war of nerves by broadcasting reports that an invasion of Haiti will take place on 15 May.

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3. Iraq-Syria

a. The Iraqi cabinet was shuffled on Saturday at the same time changes were being made in Syria and for the same reason: to disarm pro-Nasirites who are making headway with charges both regimes are excessively Baathist.

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b. In the Iraqi shakeup, the chairman of the Iraqi Baathist party, Deputy Premier Ali Salih Sadi, was dropped from his government post.

c. A new cabinet, still heavily Baathist, has been formed in Iraq, but Jundi's efforts in Syria have so far failed. In both countries, however, the real power lies with the revolutionary command councils, and these are Baathist dominated.

d. Nasir's radio is blasting away at the new governments which it charges are "fake national pro-unity fronts."

4. Laos

a. Moscow has printed a number of articles in the press since Governor Harriman's departure which suggest it is moving in the direction of more blatant support for the Pathet Lao.

b. In the complicated game the Soviets are playing with the Chinese, this line probably represents both a hope that Ho Chi Minh can be persuaded not to align himself more fully with Peiping and a fear that failure to back the Pathet Lao will give the Chinese more ammunition.

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B. Iraq Today's talk between Kurdish representatives and the government in Baghdad may well be the last. The government is under strong pressure from military extremists to crush the Kurds by force. Both sides have been preparing for a resumption of fighting.

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D. Cuba The Soviet passenger ship Baltika (430 passenger capacity) arrived in Havana on Saturday. Holguin was the only Soviet encampment well covered by photography on Saturday. No change was noted there.

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F. Saudi Arabia-US Faysal seems to have changed the signals at the last minute and now apparently does not want our air unit based in Dhahran.

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14 MAY 1963
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1. Laos

a. Planning for a 16 May joint offensive in the Plaine des Jarres continues despite Souvanna's reluctance. Souvanna has told Kong Le he still has "a couple of cards to play" politically.

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c. Hanoi is talking ominously. According to TASS, the North Vietnamese propose to "take effective measures to cut short the intrigues of the US and pro-American forces in Laos."

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2. Haiti

a. [redacted] the partial withdrawal of Dominican forces from the frontier area, [redacted]

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[redacted] considerable concern over rumors and reports of impending invasion.

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c. The US Embassy is now getting "many reports" of government lists of persons selected for liquidation and of orders for the systematic murder of foreigners. According to one report it is to be "Americans first, then mulattoes."

d. Ambassador Thurston says the embassy consensus is that the mulattoes would be in real danger should Duvalier feel himself threatened.

e. He thinks that, by painting Americans as a prime target, the mulatto group and others in opposition would hope to stimulate US action.

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f. As Thurston sees it, since most Haitians would seek to save their own skins should it appear that Duvalier was losing control, another abortive or ineffective attempt against the regime would bring the greatest risk of a blood-bath.

g. Duvalier is said to have promised a press conference today.

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3. USSR

a. Postponement of the Central Committee plenum from 28 May until 18 June will upset Khrushchev's planned schedule.

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c. The only known topic on the agenda for this plenum was to have been matters of "ideology." However, the Chinese problem will undoubtedly figure in it.

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4. Cyprus

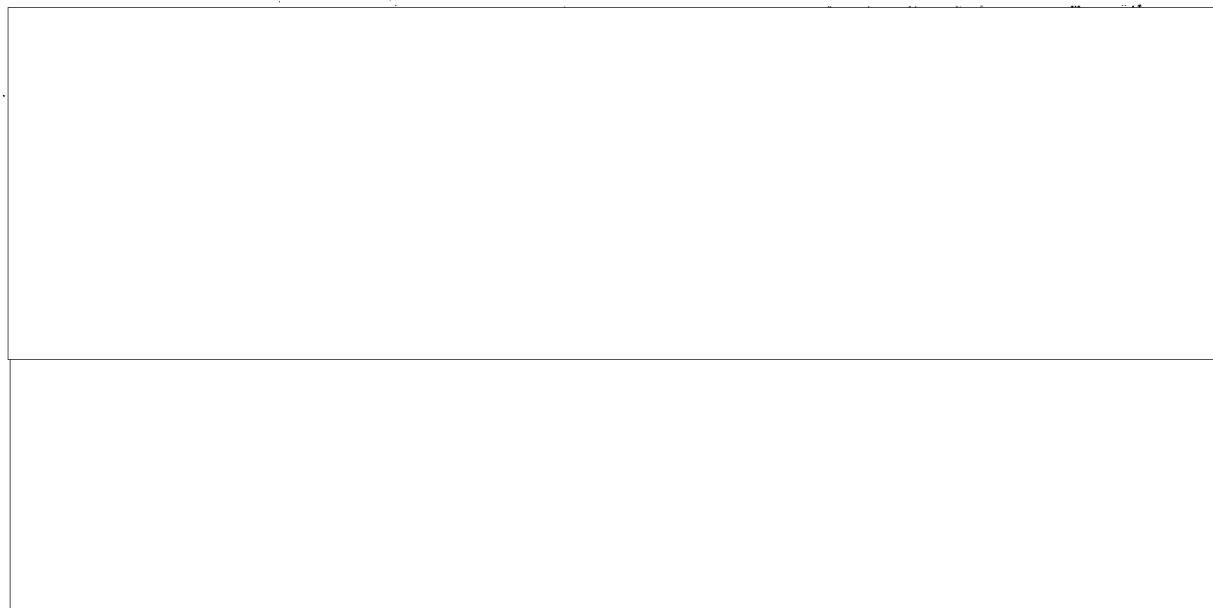
a. Tempers are rising over the failure to resolve the issue of Turkish and Greek municipalities.

b. The Turks see Makarios as moving toward unifying municipal administrations unilaterally and Ankara has warned both the US and British embassies that it "could not be sure" of the behavior of Turkish Cypriots should this continue.

c. Several Cypriot officials have put in a strong plea for US "intervention," not to support one side or the other but to "keep us from killing ourselves" and to "get people talking again."

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- A. Jamaica-Cuba New regulations [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] will make Jamaican travel to Cuba
more difficult. [redacted] 50X1
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- B. Brazil Military tempers are flaring again. Army officers are incensed over a scurrilous public attack on a division commander last week by Goulart's brother-in-law, Leonel Brizola. [redacted] 50X1
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has so far ducked taking a position. [redacted]
- C. Jordan King Husayn expects further troubles but appears [redacted] now that he can weather the storm. [redacted] 50X1
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- D. Indonesia Caltex, Standard Vacuum and Shell have been informed that new regulations governing their operations will go into effect on 16 June. These presumably will reduce the companies' profit share to less than 40 percent. They have been told that should they decide against either resuming negotiations or accepting the new regulations, they have five months in which to close down. Ambassador Jones is fairly optimistic; he thinks this a tactic to force the companies back into negotiation. [redacted] 50X1
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- G. Cuba Excellent photography for Sunday which covered the majority of the significant military targets reveals no significant changes.

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15 MAY 1963
~~TOP SECRET~~

1. Haiti

a. We should know by mid-day whether Duvalier has pulled up stakes. If reports that he intends to leave today prove out, he will have arrived in Curacao about that time.

b. A peculiar new element has entered the picture. Duvalier yesterday received a letter from De Gaulle (a reply to a Duvalier letter) which was friendly enough to leave top Haitian officials wreathed in smiles.

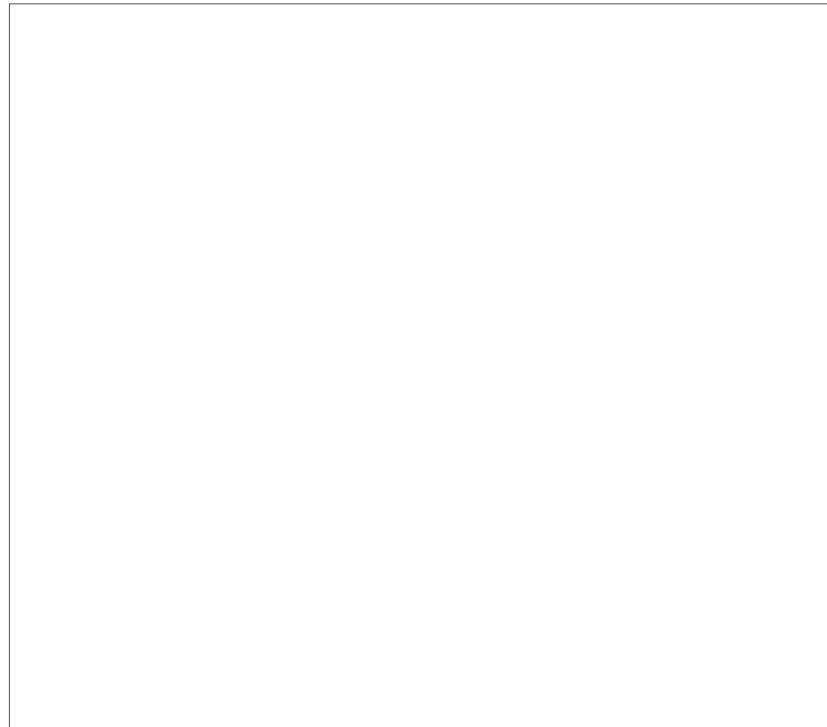
c. This has our embassy in Port-au-Prince wondering--purely as a hunch--whether Duvalier is planning a visit to France, giving himself in that way a chance to study the future at a safe distance.

d. Venezuela has, meanwhile, broken relations with Haiti.

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2. Jordan



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3. Africa

a. African foreign ministers are meeting today to lay the groundwork for the long-heralded African summit conference.

b. The full-dress conference, opening next week, will bring the leaders of the so-called "Monrovia" and "Casablanca" groupings together for the first time since the separate blocs emerged in 1961.

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c. The present climate favors submergence of differences of view--roughly speaking, moderate vs. radical--which have divided the two blocs.

d. This is likely to mean that the conference will ignore regional issues and focus on the familiar themes of anticolonialism and African unity.

e. A common charter for an intra-African "system" is now being drafted along the lines of the OAS charter.

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4. Czechoslovakia

a. A combination of uncertainty on the regime's intentions with regard to deStalinization and unhappiness with its economic policies has put Czech youth in an ugly mood.

b. In two separate incidents over the weekend, three African students and an Arab were beaten up in the center of Prague. In one case, the Czech youths, numbering upwards of 300, created a minor riot.

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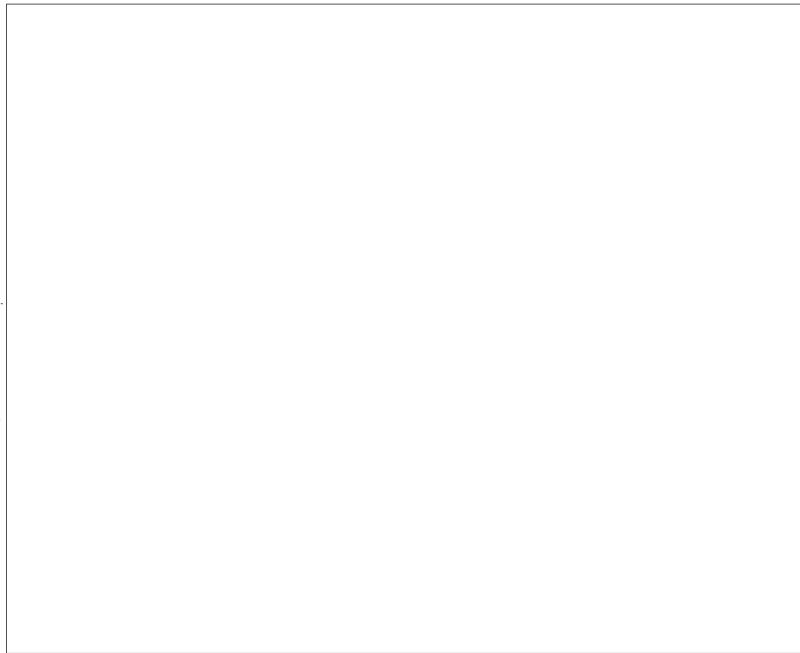
c. Both the racial angle-- compounded by the government's coding of foreign students--and resentment at government outlays in the underdeveloped countries probably figured in the outbursts.

d. Young workers and students a little more than a week earlier, on May Day, tried to demonstrate against the government but were blocked by security forces.

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6. Cuba



d. The Soviet passenger ship
Baltika left Havana yesterday, bound
for another Cuban port. [redacted]
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e. Monday's aerial reconnaissance covered only one of the five major Soviet installations and was impaired by cloud cover. Readable photography reveals no significant change at that installation.

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A. Laos US officials in Vientiane talked with Phoumi and Meo leader Vang Pao yesterday in an attempt to divert them from plans for the joint offensive with the neutralists which had been set for today. Outward signs were that the warning note had been heeded. Vang Pao said he would try to dissuade Kong Le.

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C. Argentina Progress in ending the cabinet disarray is painfully slow. Only one new appointment, interior minister, has been made. This goes to a man close to Army commander Onganía, who looks increasingly to be the real signal caller. Onganía is firmly advocating that elections take place as scheduled in July.

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E. North Korea The first SAM site in North Korea was identified by a Chinese Nationalist reconnaissance mission flown on 9 May. Photography of the site, located 16 nautical miles south southeast of Pyongyang, showed six launch positions, with launchers probably emplaced in each. We have not yet determined how long it has been there.

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G. France-Guinea A high-level Guinean delegation has arrived in Paris to explore the prospects for mending French-Guinean relations. The setting is hopeful, but there are some tough economic knots to be untied, in particular the problem of indemnification for nationalized property once French.

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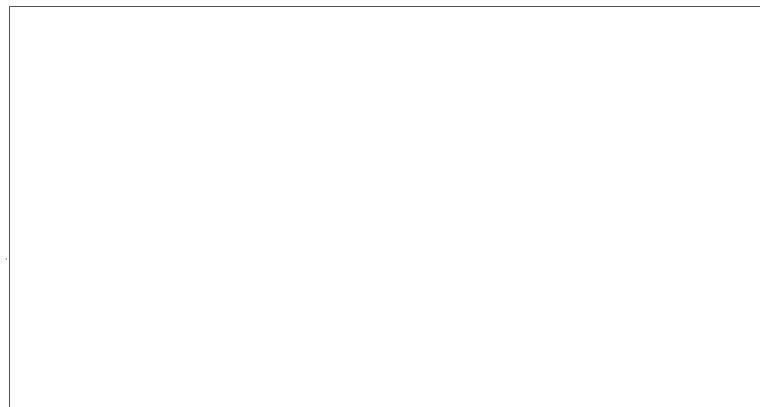
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16 MAY 1963
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1. Haiti

a. Duvalier is still on the scene in Port-au-Prince. Those flight reservations may have been insurance in case of trouble, which did not materialize.

b. Another critical day--22 May, the second anniversary of his "inauguration"--is approaching. Duvalier is making extensive preparations for a mass "celebration" involving up to 1.5 million people.



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e. Dominican troops continue their withdrawal from the border,



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2. Cuba

a. Castro's future travel plans apparently are not known even in Cuba.

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c. Our shipping summary for April shows an upswing from March in arrivals, from 64 to 77. Free world ship arrivals also were up; dry-cargo ships rose from 22 to 26.

d. The most apparent single cause for this rise is that this is the sugar shipping season. Some 20 dry-cargo vessels and 5 tankers arrived in ballast to load sugar and molasses.

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e. Another Soviet passenger vessel, the Maria Ulyanova (a regular in the Cuba run) is on its way to Cuba.

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3. Cuba

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4. Laos

a. Leaders in Vientiane appear to have called off their 16 May "offensive."

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c. [redacted]
increased Vietnamese activity in the area, this could reflect either a buildup within Laos or increased infiltration into South Vietnam. Or both.

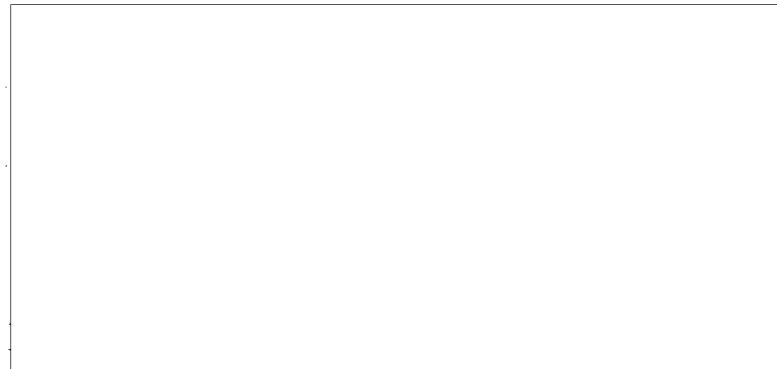
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C. Iraq - the Kurds There has been no move from either side toward a settlement, and the forces of both are getting ready for a fight.

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E. USSR We may have identified another top military man who may have been tainted by association with Penkovsky. Marshal Varentsov (commander of the Rocket and Artillery Forces of the Ground Forces) has been completely out of the news since January. So far we have heard of no successor.

F. Congo Although the program for restraining General Mobutu's unruly Congolese warriors has yet to get off the ground, the UN command--beset by money and manpower problems--is planning against a timetable calling for the progressive withdrawal of all UN forces by the end of the year.

G. Turkey Prime Minister Inonu may soon offer up the resignation of his government. He is having trouble keeping in line the small parties in coalition with his Republican Peoples Party and may think he can capture their popular support. His military backers, however, may be hard to convince.

H. UAR-Syria-Iraq Cairo is making it quite clear that the current regime in Syria is not to its taste.

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I. Middle East A Cairo press item claimed yesterday that the Arab states have begun "consultations" over President Kennedy's statements on "US protection for Israel." The item says that the Lebanese Foreign Affairs Committee would hear from Foreign Minister Taqla on this today. We have no other word on such a "consultation."

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17 MAY 1963
~~TOP SECRET~~

1. Haiti

a. Duvalier's militia are flooding into the capital both to guard against any further opposition activity and to participate in celebrations marking his inaugural anniversary on 22 May.

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c. Haitian authorities have proclaimed the Dominican border area a prohibited zone.

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The French have six ships standing by to evacuate French nationals, if necessary.

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f. Costa Rica has joined Venezuela in withdrawing recognition of Duvalier's regime. Most of the other Latin American governments are on the fence.

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2. Cuba

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b. Mexico has agreed with Brazil's proposal that the two countries cooperate in opposing any OAS effort to tighten hemisphere restrictions on trade with Cuba.

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c. The argumentation is that trade (other than in foods and medicines which would not be restricted) is already insignificant, and that any proposal to increase restrictions would provoke friction in the OAS and adverse public reaction in various member nations.

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A. North Korea - US One of our helicopters was forced down by North Korean ground fire some 17 miles northwest of Seoul in North Korean territory. It had strayed north of the demilitarized zonal boundary while on a routine mission checking boundary markers. Two US Army captains were aboard, but we do not know yet whether either was hit by the gunfire.

B. North Korea

SAM site identified in North Korea.

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C. Iraq-USSR The Soviets are making a determined effort to stay in the aid-to-Iraq business. Their sheer persistance, coupled with an accommodating attitude, has overcome the initial Iraqi resolve to get rid of them. Only about a quarter of some 350 to 400 Bloc personnel actually left Iraq, and the remainder are still very much in the act, with aid and industrial equipment now being expedited from the USSR.

D. Israel-UAR Ambassador Barbour still cannot win Ben Gurion's okay for regular US visits to the Dimona site. Ben Gurion said he would have to "consult" his government.

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F. Indonesia Anti-Chinese riots continue in population centers south of Djakarta.

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18 MAY 1963

~~**TOP SECRET**~~

1. Cuba

a. Havana has assigned a special officer to Paris to carry through on the program for recruiting West European technicians.

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b. These men have been told to look for "progressives" but not necessarily card-carrying Communists.

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it appears that the objective is to fill the gap left by the emigration of Cuban specialists and, thus, to supplement rather than replace Soviet bloc technicians.

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d. The Cubans are not likely to gain a bonanza from the current high world price of sugar--10 cents a pound. Of the million tons of this year's crop released from contractual obligations by Communist China and the USSR, 800,000 tons had been sold by 11 February at prices averaging 5.5 to 6 cents. At least another 100,000 tons were delivered at 1962 prices to cover 1962 contract obligations.

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f. Thursday's aerial reconnaissance covered all five major Soviet installations. Coverage of three was good but revealed no significant change. Photography of the remaining two was of poor quality.

2. Haiti

a. Increased security measures were instituted along parts of the coast yesterday.

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b. Duvalier continues to maintain effective control of the country. This provides nations which have not already withdrawn recognition sufficient basis for maintaining diplomatic relations.

c. Most of the OAS Committee arrived in Port-au-Prince yesterday. Three members remained in the Dominican Republic.

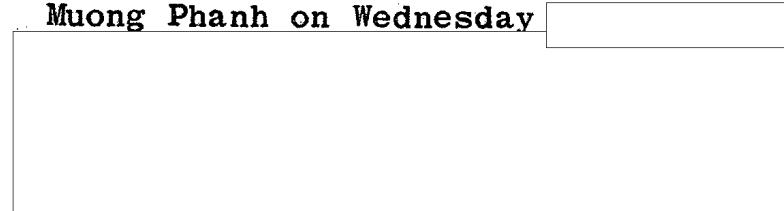
d. General Constant, Haitian Armed Forces Chief of Staff, apparently got cold feet concerning the unofficial meeting he had arranged for yesterday with Colonel Batterton, head of the US military mission, and did not show.

3. Laos

a. The Communist shelling
of Kong Le's headquarters at
Muong Phanh on Wednesday

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General Phoumi has readied all eight
of his T-6 aircraft for a "mission
of war," and has asked the US for
100-pound bombs for these aircraft.

c. Meanwhile, Souvanna is
still sparring unsuccessfully with
Souphanouvong over the choice of
a negotiation site--Luang Prabang
as against Khang Khay.

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4. Dominican Re-
public

a. The domestic political
challenge which Bosch had hoped to
head off with a resounding success
against Haiti may now be taking
shape.

b. Angel Miolan, president of
Bosch's Dominican Revolutionary
Party, is said to have demanded
that Bosch replace certain "reac-
tionary" cabinet members, including
Foreign Minister Freites.

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c. Miolan, who has ambitions to succeed Bosch, has threatened to lead sizeable elements of the party into opposition if Bosch does not give in.

5. Soviet Bloc

a. A meeting of the first secretaries of the Soviet bloc parties--the first to be held since mid-1962--appears scheduled for June in Moscow.

b. Problems of economic integration--particularly the Romanian wrangal with CEMA--will probably be well up on the agenda.

c. The Polish party is attaching a great deal of importance to this meeting, which is expected "to significantly affect the Polish economy."

d. The meeting will fall between the Soviet party plenum set for 18 June and the two-sided encounter between the Soviets and the Chinese Communists which will begin on 5 July. This timing will give the Soviets a chance to put the East European ranks in step before facing the Chinese.

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- A. UAR-Syria Nasir's controlled press declared bluntly yesterday that the "point of no return" has been reached in relations between Egypt and the Syrian Baath.

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- B. North Korea - US

The North Koreans currently refuse to return either the helicopter or the officers, but we recall that the last US pilot to be captured--in March 1958--was released after eleven days.

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- C. USSR Three Soviet research vessels which have been gathering hydrographic information off the east coast from Nova Scotia to Bermuda for the past three months are en route back to the USSR.

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E. USSR Preparations at Tyuratam for the announced
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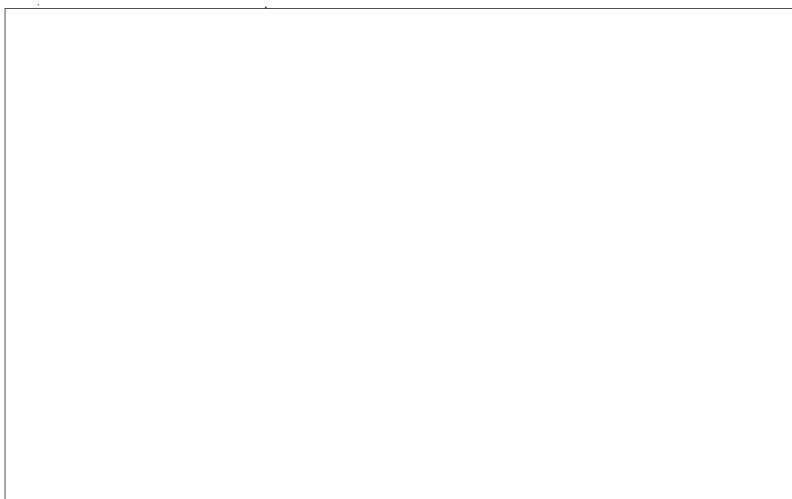
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20 MAY 1963
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1. UAR-Syria

- a. Positions are hardening on both sides of the Nasir-Baath dispute.
- b. The Baath party is moving its members into key positions in both the army and the internal security forces to prevent a pro-union coup.



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- e. Ambassador Kohler has obtained from the Turks some interesting information on the Soviet attitude toward all of this which we are enclosing as a document of interest.

2. Indonesia

a. As things now stand Caltex and Stanvac see no possibility of reaching a satisfactory agreement with Indonesia before the 15 June deadline. They are getting ready to withdraw their personnel and dependents.

b. Ambassador Jones has been instructed to see Sukarno as soon as possible.

c. Peiping has finally publicly acknowledged the anti-Chinese outbreaks in Indonesia. Our Djakarta embassy has received information, however, that Peiping plans no official protest. The Chinese apparently learned a lesson in 1959, when the heavy-handed intervention on behalf of Overseas Chinese in Djakarta brought damage to their prestige.

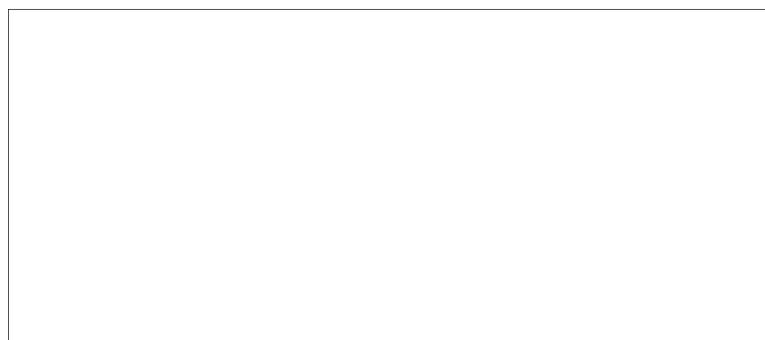
3. Haiti

a. The OAS commission completed its work in Port-au-Prince and returned to Washington yesterday.

b. The Commission's final report may not indict either Haiti or Dominican Republic, but could stimulate broader OAS consideration of the character of Duvalier's dictatorship and the international tension generated by it.

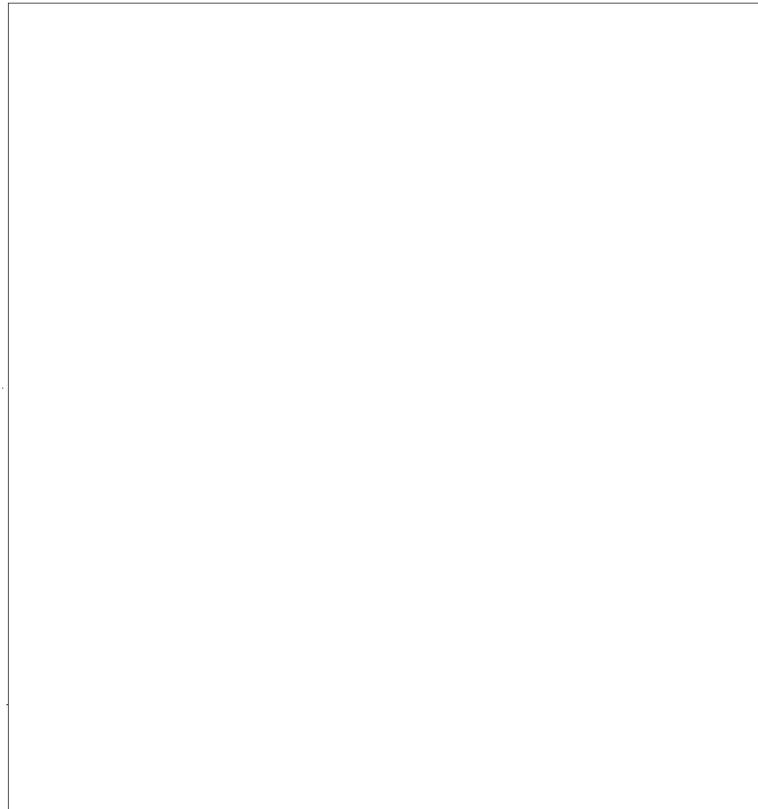
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4. Cuba

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d. Friday and Saturday's aerial reconnaissance showed no significant change at major Soviet and Cuban installations.

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- B. South Vietnam Further Buddhist demonstrations are planned for 21 and 23 May. The occasion is the requiem services for those killed in Hue on 8 May. The government is readying precautionary measures, but anti-government groups may try to exploit the situation.

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**21 MAY 1963
TOP SECRET**

1. Turkey

- a. Last night's unsuccessful coup was the second in the past fifteen months by Colonel Talat Aydemir and the officers of the Military Academy.
- b. With some help from armored units, the rebels managed at midnight to occupy the Ankara and Istanbul radio stations and a number of government buildings in the capital. By dawn, however, all major military commands had declared their loyalty to the government.
- c. The air force, ignoring an admonition from the General Staff against extreme action, finished the coup off by bombing and strafing the academy and General Staff buildings where the rebels had holed out. Many casualties have been reported.
- d. Ankara and Istanbul are now under martial law and the rest of the country is apparently quiet. Fragments of rebel forces are being hunted out, but Aydemir is reported to have escaped.

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e. The affair, like its predecessor, is symptomatic of deep-seated dissatisfaction throughout the Turkish military establishment.

f. Senior officers, who have felt that Inonu is "too old and too soft" toward his opposition, have been plotting a coup themselves. Junior officers are disgusted both with the government and with their superiors. Inter-service squabbles are likely to be aggravated by the air force's action last night.

2. Haiti

a. [redacted]
planning an attempt to assassinate
Duvalier [redacted]

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c. Several grenades were exploded in the capital last night. Although the action was apparently directed against back country peasants being housed in schools, streets near the palace have been blocked off as a precautionary move.
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3. Cuba

a. Recent Cuban refugees report "strong rumors" in Havana that Mikoyan is in Cuba. We can not confirm this, but are checking further.

b. Mikoyan has not been seen in the USSR since 2 May, when Castro called on him at home. We have assumed he is ill.

c. Another interesting coincidence is the special out-of-schedule TU-114 flight from Moscow to Havana on 8 May. No ready explanation for this flight has cropped up. [REDACTED]
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d. For the second week running, Havana has dispensed with its usual incitements to hemisphere revolt and subversion. Coverage has stressed US racial riots, but generally there has been a somewhat more conciliatory tone.

e. A Prensa Latina dispatch on 13 May, attributed to a Washington correspondent, noted "For the first time since he became President, Kennedy did not refer to Cuba in his weekly appearance before the press.... Meanwhile, even the worst enemies of the Cuban revolutionary government in Washington are beginning to

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admit the necessity for being realistic and are speculating on the necessity of coexistence with a country ruled by norms foreign to the socio-economic structure of the United States."

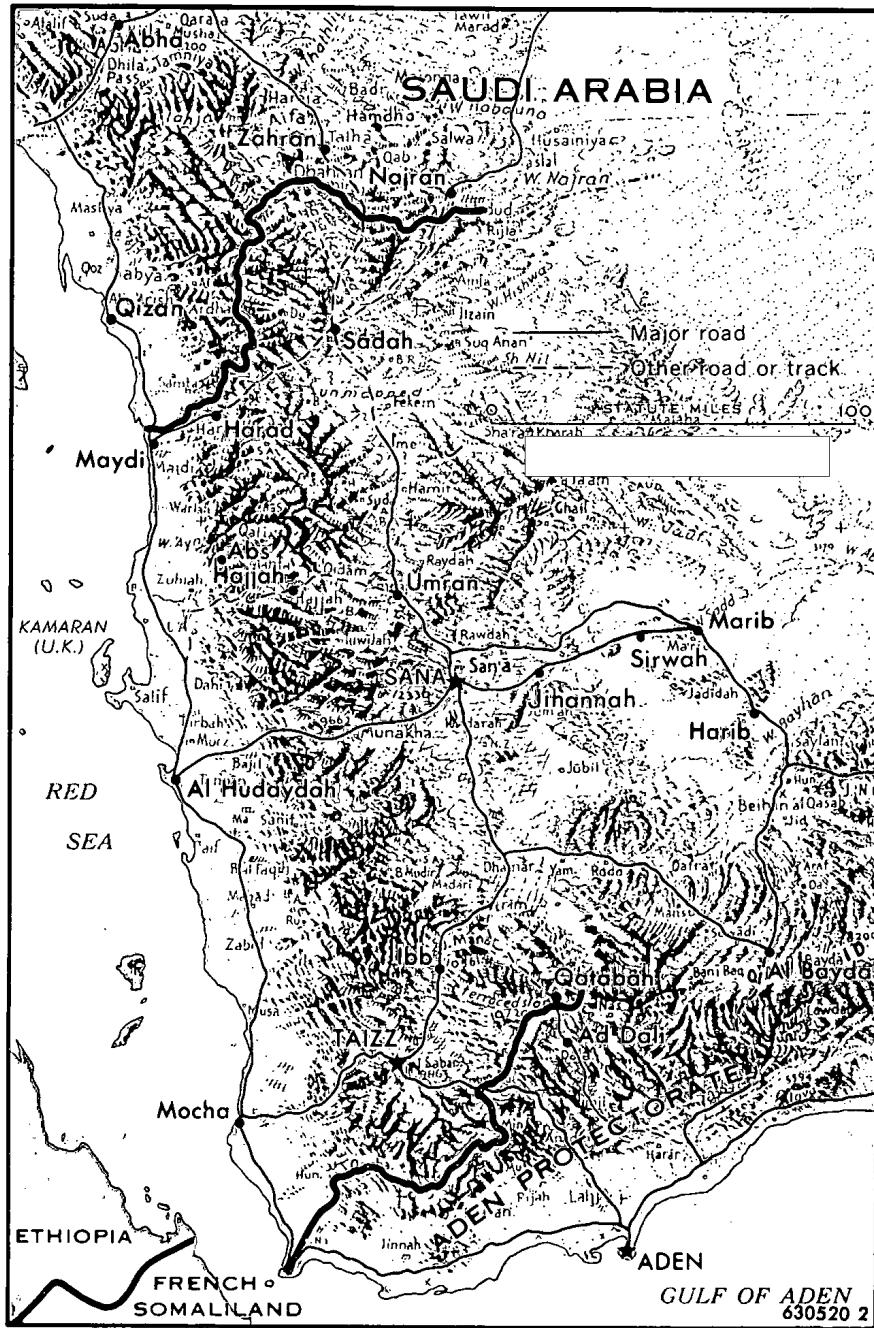
f. The following day Havana radio repeated this comment and added "There are those in the US who believe that by negotiating and accepting the Cuban government's conditions they may be able to recover something, and something is better than nothing. After all, business ~~is business~~."



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4. Cuba-Albania

a. Cuba has decided to open a diplomatic mission in Albania, nearly two and a half years after relations were formally established and a year and half after the arrival in Havana of the resident Albanian ambassador.

b. The first secretary of the Cuban embassy in Rabat has been named Cuban charge d'affaires to Tirana.

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c. The move [redacted] 50X1
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may be an attempt by Castro to show his "neutrality" in the Sino-Soviet dispute despite his triumphal tour of the USSR. It will not sit well in Moscow. [redacted]

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5. Yemen

a. The character of the fighting in Yemen has remained largely unchanged in recent weeks.

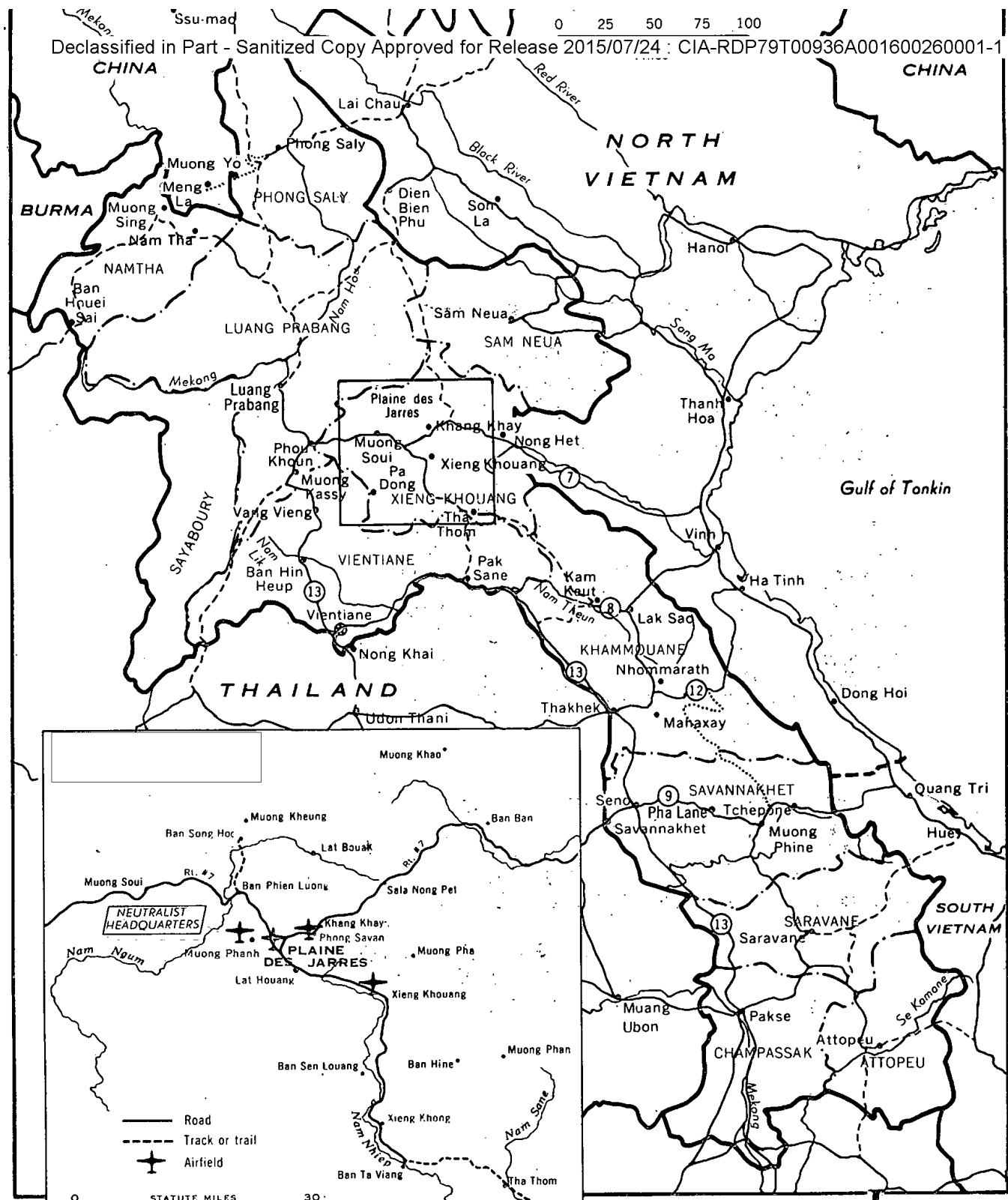
b. Egyptian air strikes within Yemen were recently hampered by weather but are now being maintained

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Royalist tribesmen, for their part continue to put up stiff resistance.

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d. The Egyptians may be tempted
in the circumstances to undertake
some larger scale operation to set
the royalists back

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6. Laos

a. Kong Le's troops, with the
help of Meo and Lao army elements,
tried to take Xieng Khouang town
over the weekend.

b. They have not succeeded,
and the Communist garrison is counter-
attacking.

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c. Skirmishing elsewhere in the Plaine des Jarres has also picked up in tempo. So, too, have Communist charges that the situation is becoming dangerous and can only be reversed "if the US-Phoumist aggressors are immediately checked."

d. Thus the stage has been set for another Communist move forward, in retaliation for the attack on Xieng Khouang.

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7. Ecuador

a. A top Ecuadoran Communist, Jose Maria Roura, was arrested at Quito airport Sunday on his arrival from London. He was carrying documents and a plan for terrorist activities in Ecuador, and some fifty US \$500 bills.

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c. The plan for subversion is part of an overall plan drafted by Che Guevara for terrorism in five Latin American countries.

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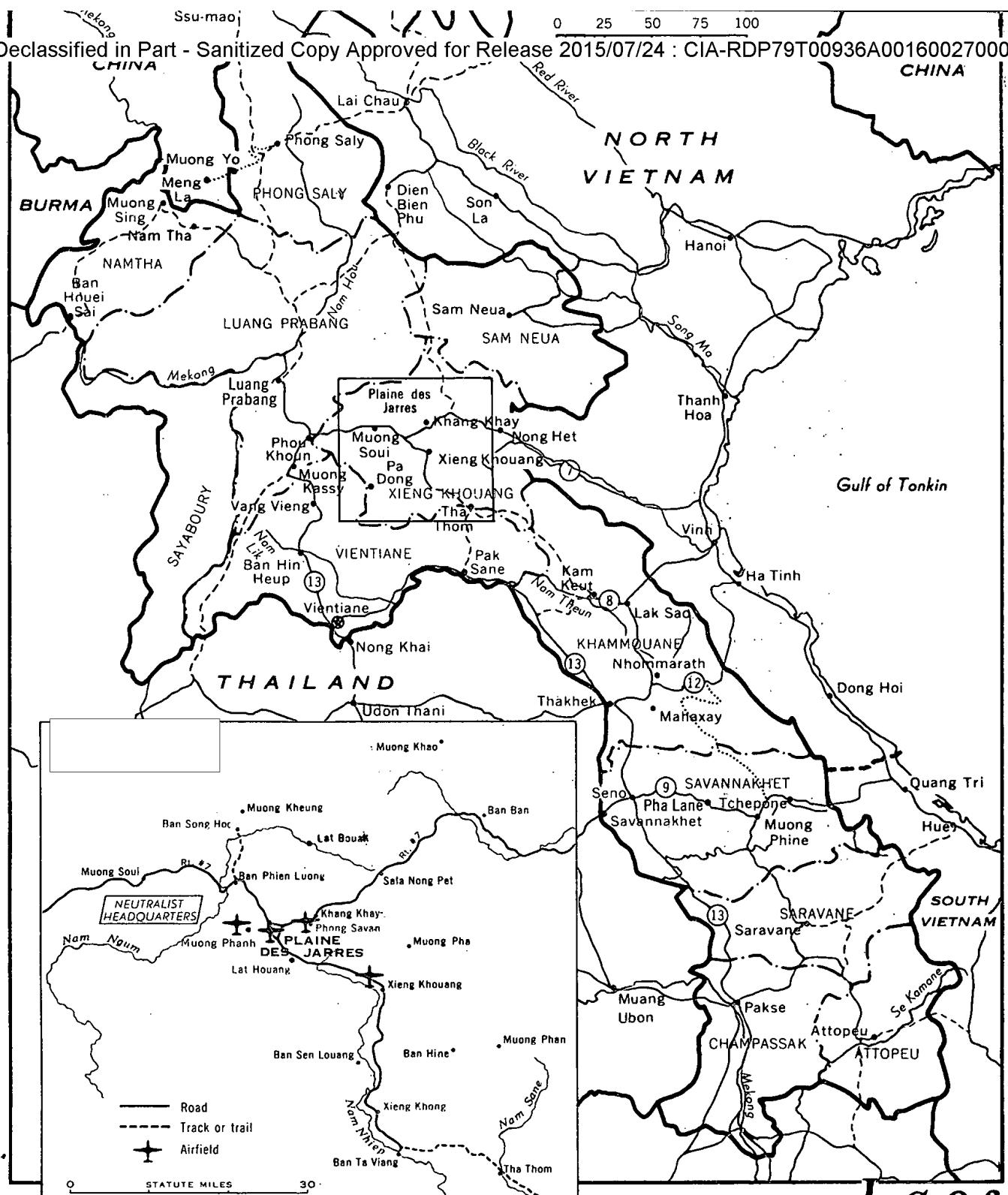
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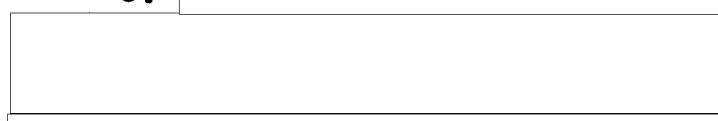
1. Laos

a. Kong Le's units may be hurting from the Communist response to the effort to take Xieng Khouang.



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c. [redacted]



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[redacted] photos [redacted] appear to provide signs that the Vietnamese have indeed been funneling more military support through Tchepone--either into or through Laos.

d. With the departure of the last Soviet technicians [redacted] the Soviet-provided airlift operating from Vientiane will be all but grounded.

e. [redacted] LI-2 transports (there are also [redacted] light aircraft and a helicopter) is currently [redacted] operational. The Laotians can fly them, but cannot repair them.

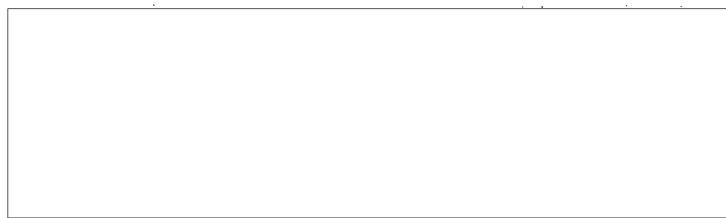
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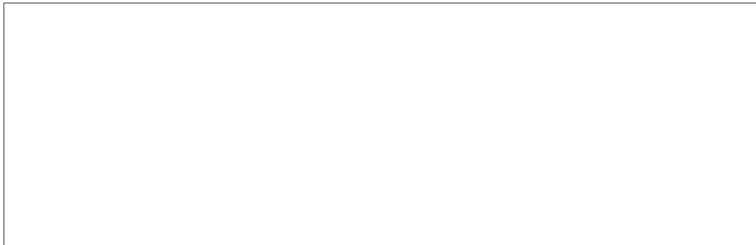


2. Indonesia-Malaya

a. The Indonesians are livid. They say Malaya's Prime Minister Rahman has cancelled his secret meeting in Tokyo with Sukarno which had been scheduled for tomorrow.

b. They report that recent Sukarno statements on Malaysia have been cited as the reason; Foreign Minister Subandrio claims that Sukarno had actually "said nothing new."

c. Subandrio, highly agitated, has asked Ambassador Jones "What do they want--war?"



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3. Cuba

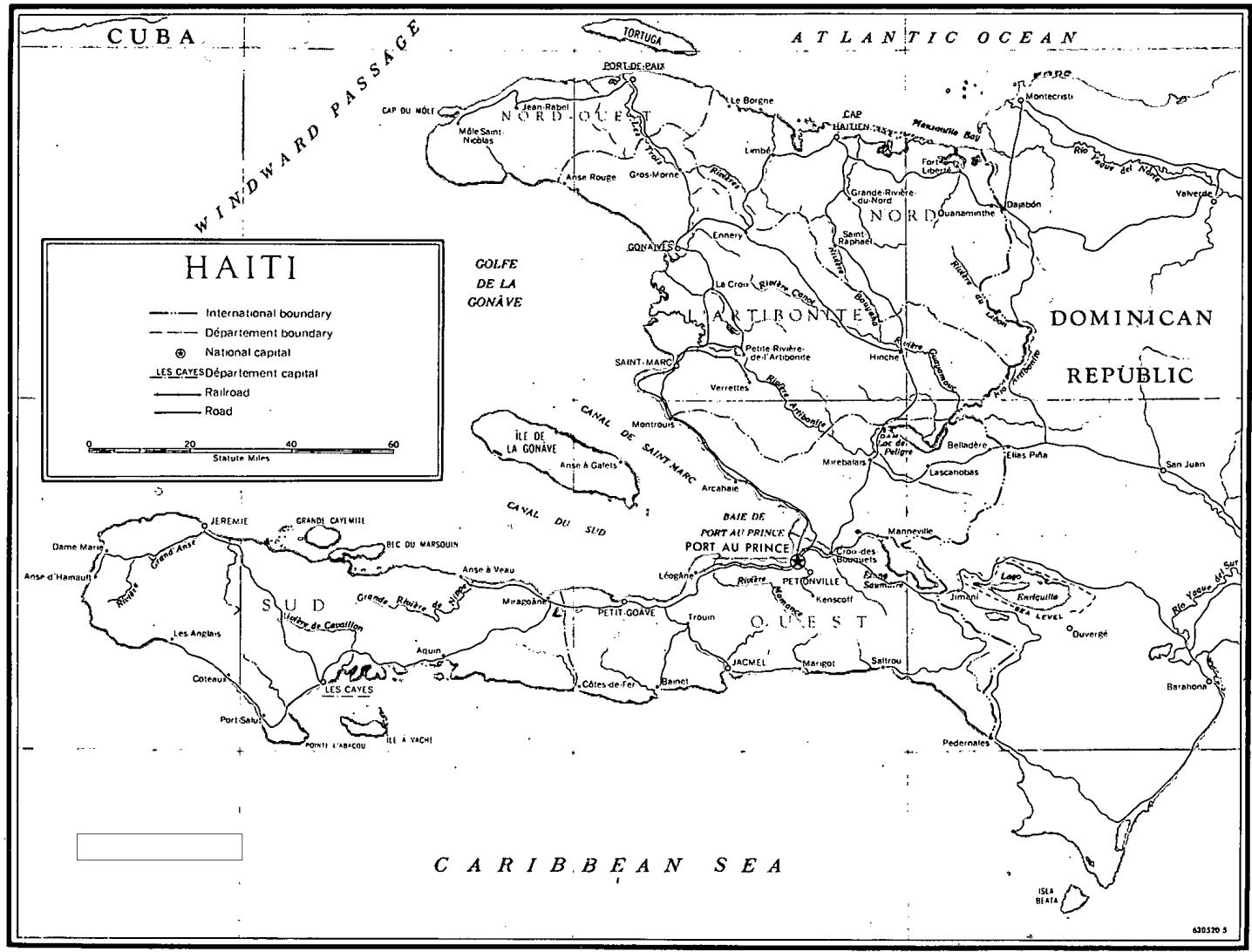
c. The Havana press says Castro will wind up his formal USSR visit next week and then will rest "for a few days" in the Crimea. The Algerian government, meanwhile, has announced without fanfare that Castro is expected at "the end of May or early June."

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e. Cuba is supposed to get dollars for 20 percent of at least the first million tons of sugar sold to the USSR. Moscow, however, hewing to a business-like line, is applying these to the repayment of sterling credits granted Havana during the winter.

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4. Cuban exiles

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b. CUBANA Airlines has stepped up its Havana-Mexico flights from two to three a week and Mexico is more liberal with visas. As a result, about 100 refugees a week are now arriving in Mexico.

c. Two-thirds of the 700 already there have applied for US visas.

5. Haiti

a. Today's celebrations, with thousands swarming into Port-au-Prince, are loaded with possibilities for violence.

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b. The regime also remains concerned over possible attacks from outside.

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6. Syria-UAR

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7. USSR

a. Soviet military doctrine and training envisaging possible extensive wartime use of chemical warfare toxic agents are backed up by extensive stockpiles.



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8. USSR

a. We think the Soviet proposal for declaring the Mediterranean a "zone free of nuclear-rocket weapons" is but the opening gun in an attack planned to greet

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any announcement coming out of Ottawa on the Interallied Nuclear Force.

b. The tenor of recent propaganda suggests that Moscow will paint any NATO nuclear force as merely a device for giving Germany access to nuclear weapons. In Pravda two weeks ago, Malinovsky termed such access as "a direct threat" to Soviet "vital interests"--a formula hauled out by the USSR on the rarest of occasions.

c. Most, or all, Mediterranean nations have apparently received the Soviet proposal. [REDACTED]

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- A. USSR An unmanned, probably nonrecoverable Cosmos-series satellite was orbited from Kapustin Yar last night. TASS has announced only that it is carrying scientific equipment to study outer space.

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- C. Argentina Another coup effort may be in the making,

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- D. Ecuador [redacted] arrest of Ecuadorean Communist leader Roura upon his return from Europe with money and terrorist plans. The affair has also a Chinese flavor. Roura's traveling companion to Europe was the local New China News Agency representative,

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E. British Guiana With the strike deadlocked in its fifth week, violence edges nearer.

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F. Soviet Bloc Forces in Eastern Europe appear to be making extensive preparations for a large-scale joint exercise.

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G. Cuba Monday's photography, which provided excellent coverage of three of the four armored camps and the Torrens headquarters complex, showed no significant change. Three PT boats from Mariel were spotted at Banes in eastern Cuba. The Cubans may be planning to make Banes into a more important naval base or may be expanding their naval patrol capability around eastern Cuba.

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1. Haiti

a. Duvalier's regime has held its grip through the 22nd of May, but there still remain some potential threats.

b. Clement Barbot's small group in Haiti has not yet been captured.

c. Jacques and Raymond Cassagnol's group in the Dominican Republic is still looking for a chance to launch a revolt.

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d. Dominican Republic Foreign Minister Freites is still ardently seeking assistance to subvert the Duvalier regime.

e. Freites for some time has been planning a trip to the US to get action started. Ambassador Martin considers it likely that Freites will push for joint plans to utilize exile groups.

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2. Cuba

a. That hit-and-run attack on a militia headquarters near Havana, which exile groups claim they made on the 19th, remains a mystery.

b. Havana radio on 22 May referred to such an attack and made vague charges that "a pirate launch from the north" fired its machine guns and then fled "to the north" when the attack was repelled.

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d. Cuba is seeking a commercial air agreement with Brazil to replace the anticipated loss of Mexican landing rights.

e. The Cubans are worried that Mexico may sever one of their two remaining air links with the rest of the hemisphere.

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3. Ecuador

a. [redacted] incident involving the
seizure of Jose Maria Roura [redacted]

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4. Belgium

a. De Gaulle is reported to
be extremely irritated with what
Paris refers to as Spaak's anti-
French attitude.

b. Spaak disclaims an anti-
French attitude. He says he is
unalterably opposed to De Gaulle's
European and Atlantic policies which
he fears will end by making the Ger-
mans the arbiters of the continent.

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c. These policies, Spaak says,
also have a destructive effect on
Western unity and rekindle European
nationalism.

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- A. Yugoslavia-USSR Belgrade rumors have it that Khrushchev's scheduled trip to Yugoslavia in early June will be postponed.
- B. USSR - West Berlin The Soviets are calling Chancellor Adenauer's planned trip to West Berlin with President Kennedy "provocative." Their argument: since West Berlin is not a part of West Germany--as US has confirmed--the head of the Government of West Germany has nothing to do with West Berlin.
- C. Britain Lord Home, in expressing London's reservations about the NATO Multilateral Force to Secretary Rusk at Ottawa, indicated that the additional cost--some \$28 million--might prove to be the last straw. The Macmillan government is more worried about British military objections than Labor's "ambivalent" attitude.
- D. North Korea - US Pyongyang's representative at the military armistice meeting yesterday was still stalling on return of helicopter pilots. No date was set for the next meeting.
- E. Indonesia Sukarno has agreed to review the Caltex and Stanvac oil problems with a US special emissary, preferably in Rome during his annual vacation. Ambassador Jones gathered from Sukarno's responses during this last-minute appeal that Sukarno had probably not been completely informed by his subordinates on the deterioration of the negotiations.

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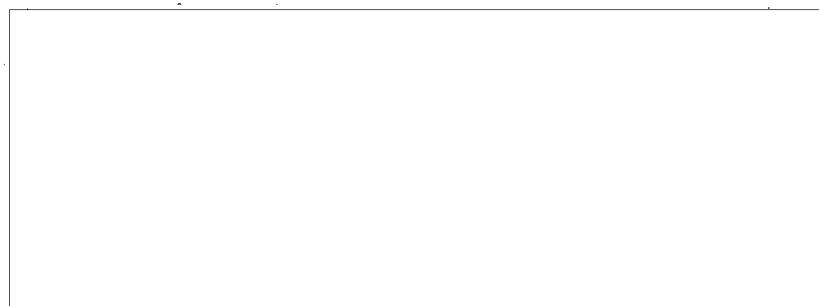
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1. Haiti -
Communist Bloc
 - a. Port-au-Prince calmed down yesterday, a religious holiday, as peasants from the hinterland began to head home.
 - b. Duvalier has invited suspicion that he might appeal for help to the Communist Bloc by implying, in a speech Wednesday, that he would accept foreign aid from any source.
 - c. We note in connection with this that a Polish "economist" arrived in Port-au-Prince last Saturday for consultations with the resident Polish commercial attache.
 - d. Warsaw's ambassador to Mexico, who is accredited to Haiti as well, is expected to present his credentials to Duvalier on Monday. This would provide a suitable occasion to make a formal appeal, especially if the spadework has already been done.
2. North Vietnam -
Laos
 - a. Comparison of photography taken in mid-May with earlier reconnaissance shows that a military installation in the extreme southwest corner of North Vietnam has undergone considerable expansion since January 1961.

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c. [redacted]

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the Pathet Lao, with North Vietnamese help, are readying a general offensive to clear the Plaine des Jarres of neutralist and rightist forces.

d. [redacted]

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[redacted] The Communists are capable of doing this and have--from their point of view--ample justification in Kong Le's efforts to restore his own position

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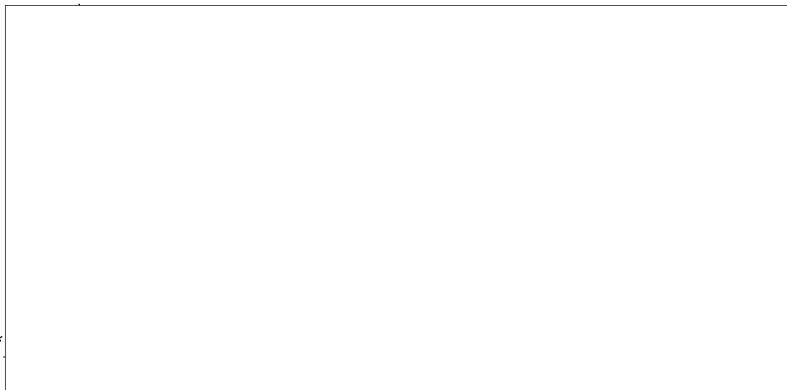
3. Cuba-USSR

a. The official portion of Castro's visit ended yesterday with a huge rally at a Moscow stadium.

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b. In Khrushchev's speech, there was no hint of a bilateral defense pact, and his statements on Soviet military backing for Cuba were less explicit than some he has made previously.

c. Castro's reply suggests the Soviets have successfully softened him up. For instance, he now refers to Khrushchev's "timely and energetic" actions in preserving peace last fall.



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f. The Soviet ship Maria Ulyanova (capacity 430) arrived in Havana yesterday on its regular run. We have no passenger information yet, but Moscow announced yesterday that 100 Soviet agriculture specialists had sailed (it did not say when) to help with mechanization problems.

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g. [redacted] photography shows no significant change in the status of the Soviet camps covered. This included all of the principal encampments except Holguin. [redacted]

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4. Indonesia

a. [redacted]

[redacted] most conditions for revolution now exist in [redacted] country. One missing ingredient is the support of army leaders, and [redacted] this may develop.

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b. [redacted] the rather passive, sympathetic attitude of government troops during the recent anti-Chinese riots in the Bandung area. [redacted] younger army officers and students as the principal elements behind these disorders.

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c. We feel [redacted] implication of imminent revolution is overdrawn. We have little doubt, however, that a cessation of operations by the oil companies [redacted]

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will lead to a sharp rise
in popular discontent.

5. Brazil

a. Political tensions in
Brazil are rising yet again.
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elements of the left or
right intend to take some sort of
violent action against their oppo-
nents today or tonight.

[redacted]

c. Serious military plotting
for an eventual coup against Goulart
continues to move forward.

NOTES

- A. EEC At the EEC Agriculture Ministers' session on Tuesday, West Germany's Minister Schwartz set the tone with a declaration that Bonn is unwilling "on principle" to reduce its grain prices (the highest in EEC). He anticipates inflationary price rises will gradually bring the other member's prices into line. The outlook appears no better for a reduction in duties on poultry which the council will consider next week.
- B. Turkey Ankara and Istanbul are outwardly quiet under martial law. The prevailing mood is one of regret, not so much that the coup failed (it had few real sympathizers), but that the government has been given an excuse to do nothing but retrench. Pressure is building up again.

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- D. Berlin Khrushchev told Swedish Foreign Minister Nilsson last week that he found it difficult to discuss Berlin with Adenauer. He assumed it would also be difficult to discuss the matter with Chancellor-Designate Erhard and therefore reserves the right to discuss the issue with Erhard's successor.
- E. USSR The Soviets early this morning launched what appears to be another recoverable, Cosmos series satellite from Tyuratam. [redacted]

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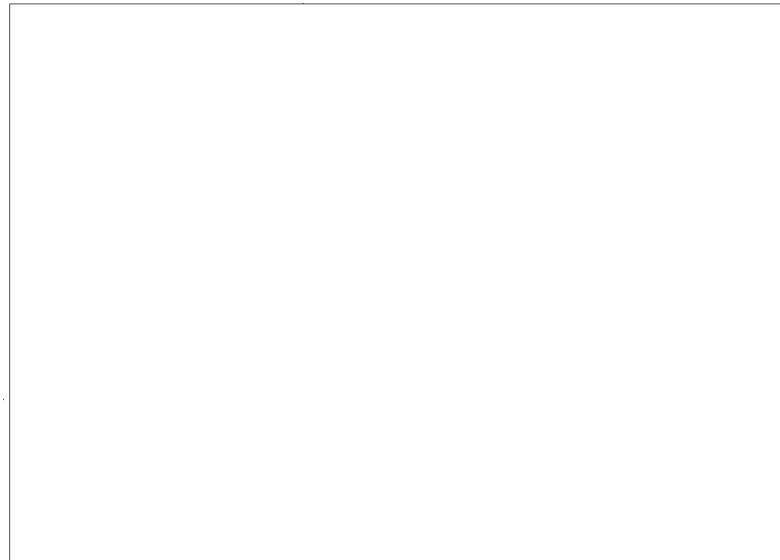
a. French military officials say privately that De Gaulle--who wants France to make its own decision on war without being drawn into it by NATO actions--has decided to eliminate all "earmarking" of French forces to NATO. He would not, however, change French commitments relating to "assigned" forces.

b. Most immediately this would affect the Light Squadron of seven destroyers operating from Brest, which has recently been exercising in the Caribbean area.

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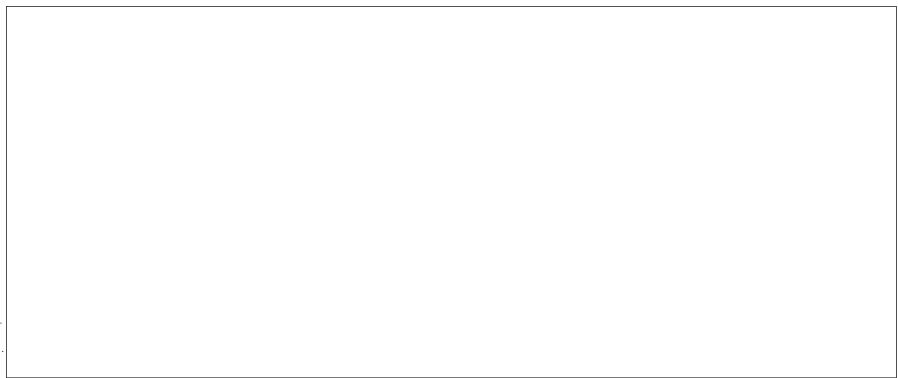
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2. Cuba-USSR

a. The Russians may now be
out of one of their four armored
camps--Santiago de las Vegas, south
of Havana.

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e. Castro, meanwhile, may now
be down on the Black Sea coast. [redacted]

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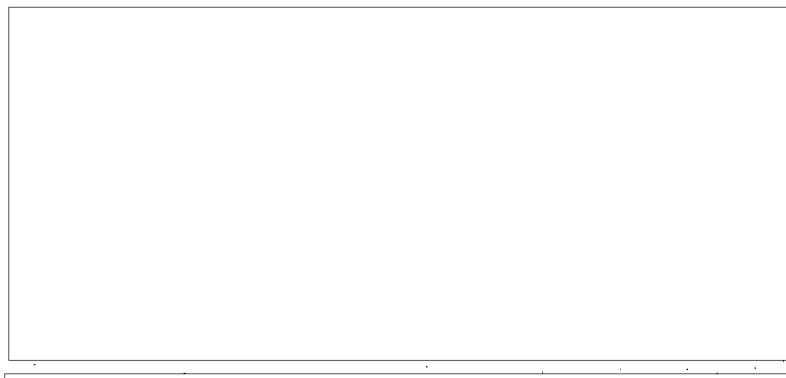
[redacted] Castro may return Mon-
day. A Mexican journalist has been
asked to come and interview him.

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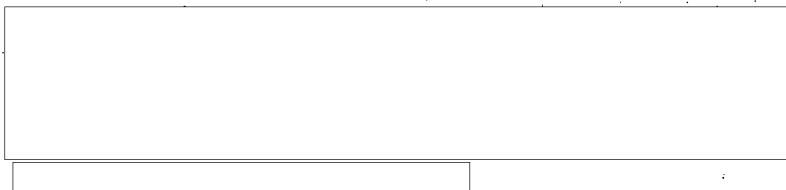
3. Cuba

a. The US embassy in Tokyo
hears that Cuban representatives
are coming to Japan to look at elec-
tronic equipment plants and food
processing plants.

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d. Havana last night announced the nationalization and expropriation of the Cuban properties of the Merck, Sharp and Dohme Corporation.

4. North Vietnam

a. We have yet another sign of activity which could reflect either increasing North Vietnamese activity in south-central Laos or increasing infiltration into South Vietnam via Laos.

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b. Since 7 May there has been a sharp step-up in flights from Hanoi to Vinh and Dong Hoi in southern North Vietnam; trucks can move from both into Laos.

c. We suspect that there may also have been some flights into Laos--to Tchepone. [redacted]

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5. Laos

a. For a time at least, unless the Pathet Lao lash out again, the Plaine des Jarres may be quieter.

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c. However, a political accommodation seems no closer. Souvanna has had some limited contact with Souphanouvong but is dubious about prospects for reestablishing relations.

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6. Congo

a. The Congolese yesterday began rounding up the Katangan gendarmerie company which has been serving as Tshombe's personal guard. This may persuade him to reconsider his long-contemplated trip to France.

b. Parliament in Leopoldville, meanwhile, appears close to passing legislation providing for slicing off a new province in western Katanga which in effect would remove the larger part of Katangese resources (two thirds of the copper, for example) from Elisabethville control.

c. Tribal rivalries are already growing in this area and the limited UN force available would be hard put to control any major eruption.

d. In New York, Ralph Bunche, who agrees with US representatives that even the end of 1963 would be too early to close out the UN operation, says that U Thant is obsessed by the financial crisis and is now talking of withdrawing UN forces this October.

7. Pakistan

- a. The Indians may soon have a new issue.
- b. The head of the Pakistani airline is off to Hong Kong and Peiping next week to explore the possibilities for Pakistani air service to China.
- c. In talking to our embassy, he bent over backwards to stress that this was "commercial and exploratory." He said Ayub had to make certain concessions to "pro-Chinese public feeling" in Pakistan.

8. Iraq-USSR-UAR

- a. The Iraqis, [redacted] have canceled Qasim's \$15 million deal for Soviet SAMs even though the first of three scheduled shipments has already arrived.

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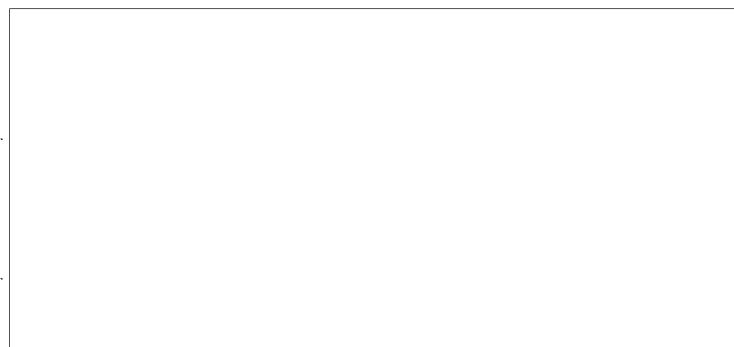
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[redacted] The Soviets, [redacted] may offer [redacted]
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THE NEW YORK TIMES, MONDAY, MAY 20, 1963.

Polish Sabotage in Laos

Now that neutralist Premier Souvanna Phouma and his commanding general Kong Le have awakened to the real aims of their former pro-Communist allies and are seeking to keep Laos out of Communist hands, one of the chief blockers of peace in that troubled land is, of all people, a member of the International Control Commission. He is Marek Thee, representing Communist-dominated Poland, who is doing his best, or worst, to clear the way for a Communist conquest of Laos.

As a result of continued pro-Communist attacks on the neutralist forces in the strategic Plaine des Jarres, the Premier has requested the commission to establish its presence at the point of conflict. The Indian and Canadian members of the three-man commission have done so. They have been unable to stop all shooting, but they have succeeded in limiting it. Specifically, they are credited with having kept Communist reinforcements from North Vietnam from moving into the battle line. The Polish member not only refuses to join them, but sabotages their work by persuading the pro-Communists to withdraw their consent to the commission's presence.

His position goes beyond that of Soviet Russia, which is dragging its feet on joining Britain and the United States in efforts to preserve the Geneva accords for a neutral Laos. He is siding with the Chinese and North Vietnamese in espousing aggressive "revolutionary" wars. The United States has warned Poland that Thee's conduct is arousing such resentment here as to imperil President Kennedy's effort to lift the trade barriers against Polish goods.

This may not be the best method of meeting the problem, but it reflects Washington's determination to hold Poland accountable if the irresponsibility of its representative shatters hopes for peace in this critical area.

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- A. Poland Polish government officials can have little doubt as to the US attitude on the activities of Polish ICC Commissioner Thee in Laos (now en route to Poland for, he says, ten days). On Wednesday, the Polish Press Agency "special bulletin," which reprints selected foreign press items bearing on Poland and which is put on the desks of some 500 officials each morning, carried the text of a New York Times editorial entitled "Polish Sabotage in Laos."

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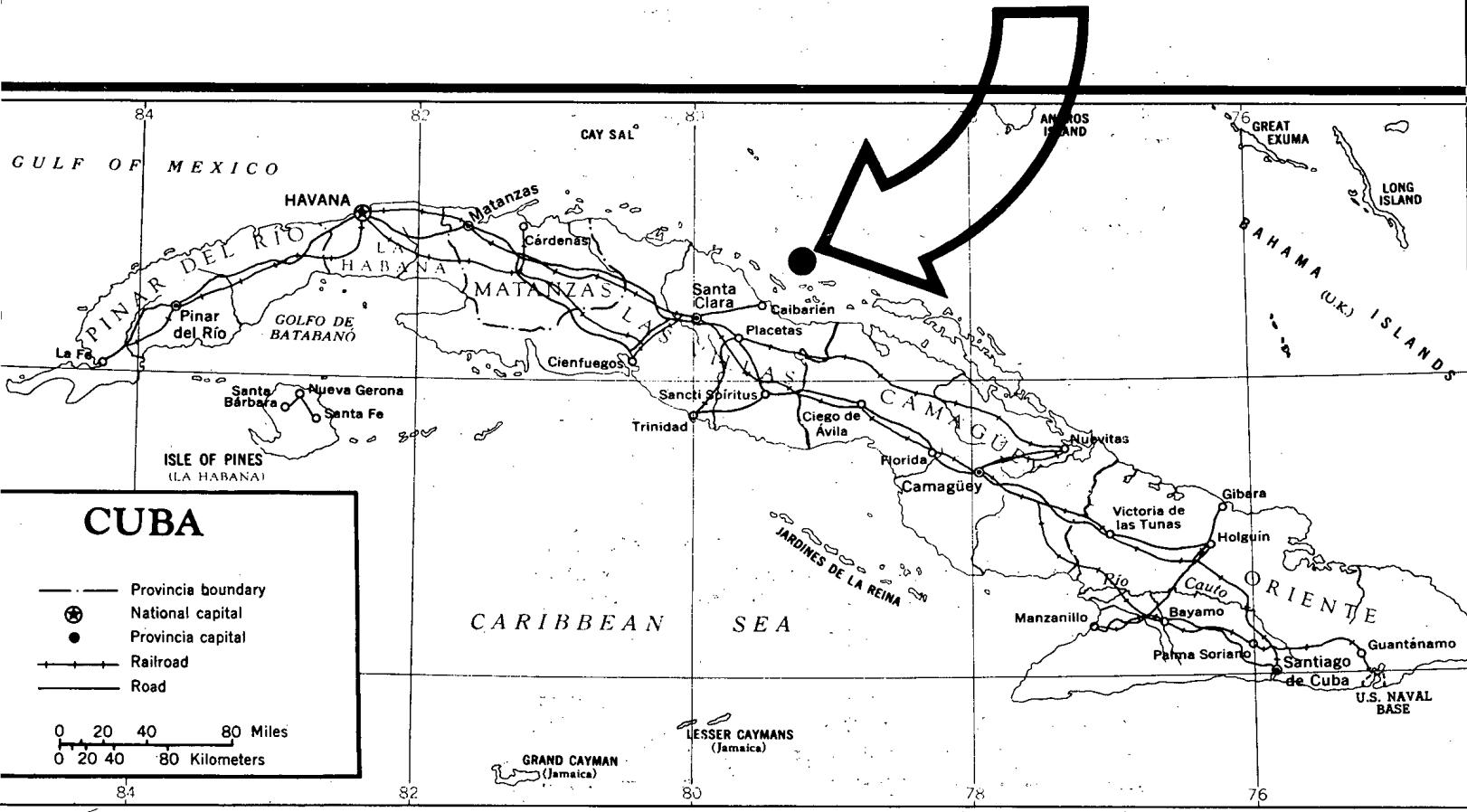
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LOCATION OF 26 MAY INCIDENT



1. Cuba-US

a. Yesterday, about 1030 EDT, a US Navy patrol plane was fired on by anti-aircraft near Cayo Frances off the north coast.

b. The aircraft was not hit--none of the 70 to 100 rounds fired came closer than half a mile, and the pilot believes the fire was for warning purposes only.

c. He saw fire only from a Cuban frigate

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2. Cuba-USSR

a. The Soviet passenger ship Maria Ulyanova left Havana for the Baltic on Saturday carrying a mixed bag.

b. [redacted] 150 Russians, including 40 women, on deck; press correspondents said there were several hundred men, women and children--the men "middle-aged, possibly technicians."

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d. The Cuban military are making a big thing of Castro's new title as Hero of the Soviet Union.

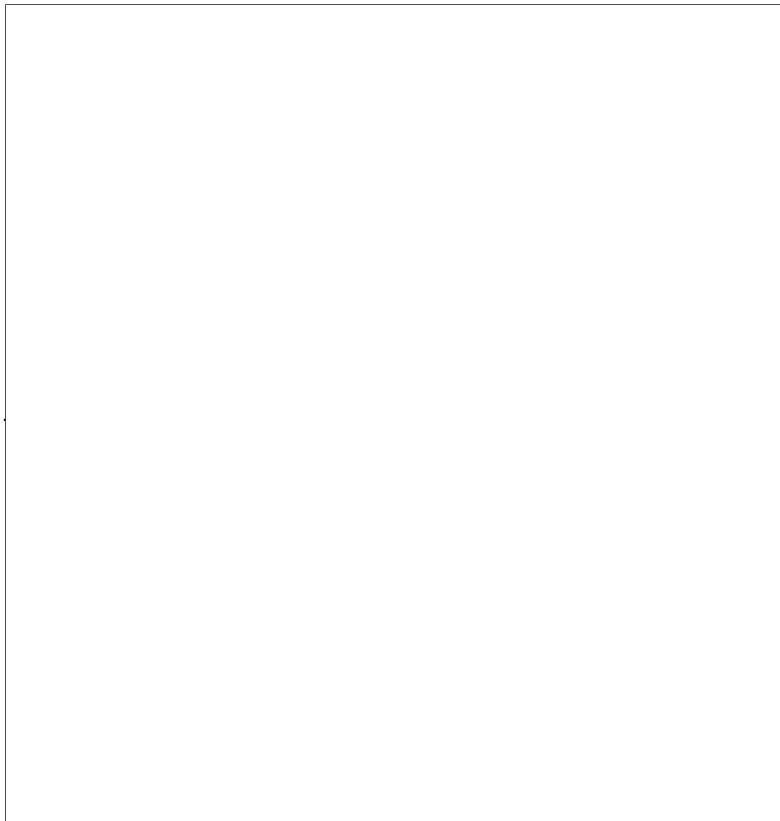
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e. A Soviet official in Moscow said recently that the 20 Soviet fishing boats operating from Cuba will be increased to 120 next year.

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3. China - Hong Kong

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4. Iraq-Syria-Egypt

a. Saturday's display of strength by the Iraqi Baathist regime--its arrest of 45 army officers and civilians from a full anti-Baathist spectrum--puts up another roadblock against Arab "unity."

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b. Egyptian propaganda is handling this episode cautiously but has kept the gloves off in its treatment of Syria's Baathist leadership. Yesterday, the Egyptian clandestine radio broadcast an appeal for the murder of Baathist Premier Bitar and party leader Aflaq--"a service which Arab history will never forget."

c. Nevertheless, a session is now apparently being cooked up between Nasir, Iraqi President Arif, a high Syrian and Algeria's Ben Bella.

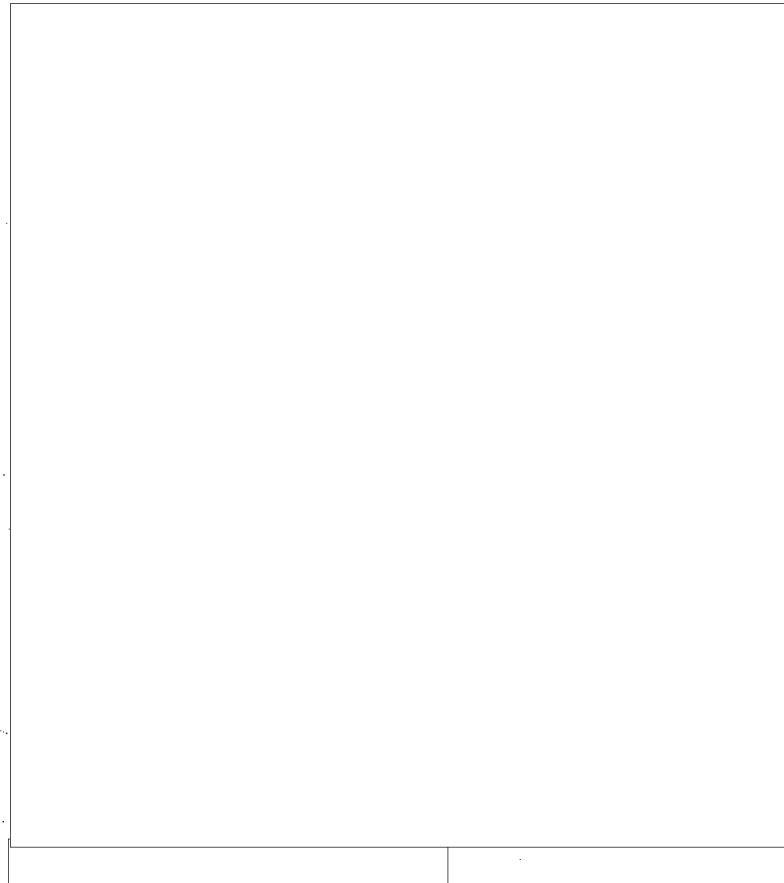
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5. Yemen

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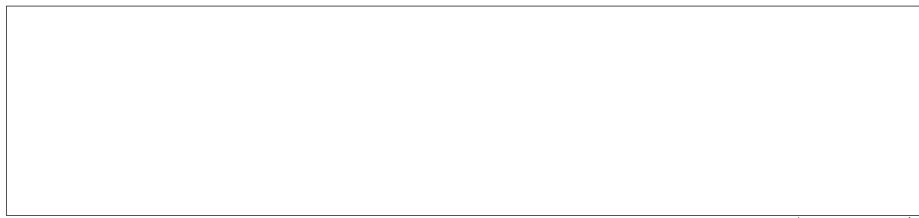
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6. Indonesia

**a. We continue to be uneasy
over the state of popular morale in
Indonesia.**



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c. Thinking back to the way former regimes were overturned in Korea and Turkey, they raise the question--as a speculation only--whether a working alliance between military and student elements is evolving.

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B. Laos There have been a few scattered skirmishes outside Xieng Khouang, with each side eyeing the other nervously.

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C. Indonesia--Oil Sukarno's oil negotiator, Chaerul Saleh, says he had not expected the new regulation to be taken so seriously but now that the US Government is in the picture "we should be able to come to an agreement." The Canadian UN oil adviser, according to Ambassador Jones, "frankly admitted" issuance of the regulations was a negotiating tactic.

D. Haiti With his "reinauguration" festivities out of the way, Duvalier has cracked down on potential domestic opposition with a new wave of arrests.

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- E. Cambodia - South Vietnam Phnom Penh is charging the South Vietnamese with a new series of military border violations this month in which Vietnamese troops were accompanied by "Caucasians".
- F. USSR Mikoyan's son, who works for the Institute of World Economics and Politics in Moscow, is due in New York early next week. He has informed the Social Science Research Council in New York, with which he will be talking, that his "special interest is USSR-USA relations with the uncommitted world." [redacted]
- G. Korea The North Koreans today at Panmunjom refused to return the US helicopter pilots, saying they "should be punished for espionage."
- H. Afghanistan-Pakistan The talks in Tehran have hit a snag over Afghan reluctance to agree officially to drop propaganda on Pushtoonistan. [redacted]
- I. Cuba We have found no significant change at the four armored camps and the Torrens headquarters in photography of 23, 24 and 25 May.

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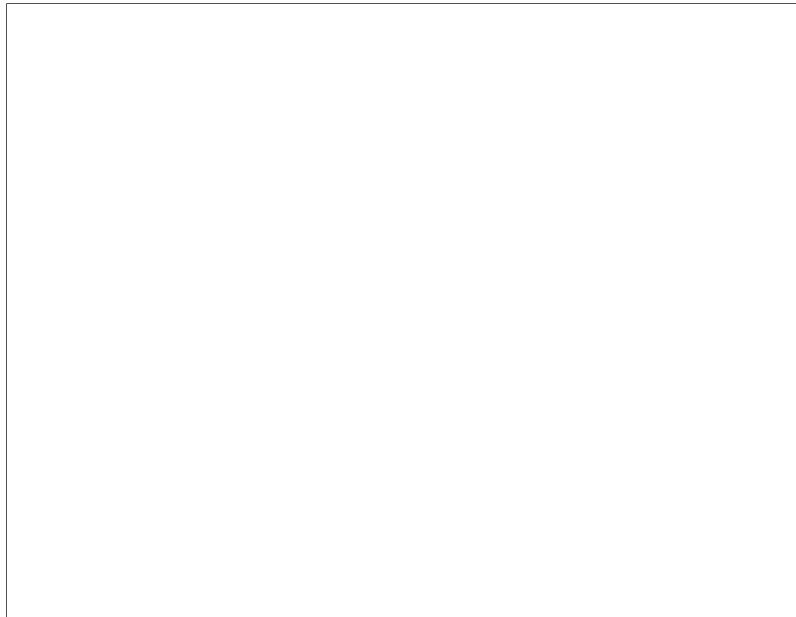
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1. Cuba

a. Both President Dorticos and Foreign Minister Roa have expressed optimism about the present course of US-Cuban relations--"better off now than before" the missile crisis.



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e. Photography of 26 May shows a new coastal defense cruise missile site adjacent to the present Santa Cruz del Norte site 25 miles east of Havana. We think the equipment

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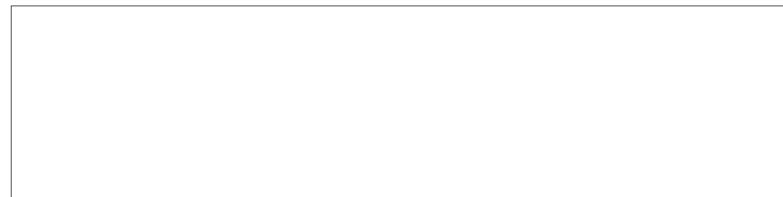
sighted came from the Campo Florida site, standby or training, which was unoccupied on the same day. All four of the armored camps were covered but there was no apparent change in the facilities.

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2. Cuba [redacted]

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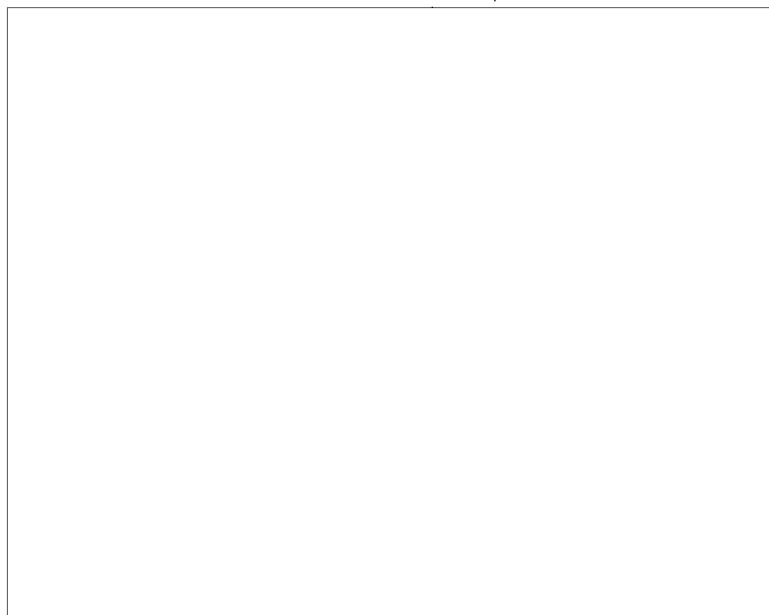
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3. Yemen

a. The delay in sending a UN
observer team to Yemen is raising
everyone's temperature.

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4. Argentina

- a. The government fears that the current "Week of Protest" sponsored by the General Confederation of Labor may be the prelude to revolutionary activity.
- b. A police dragnet is out for former General Miguel Iniguez, a Peronist who maintains contacts with top labor leader Andres Framini.
- c. Peronist Framini's extreme left views alarm more moderate Peronists, who are afraid that their movement--already split--is subject to more Communist penetrations.

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5. Laos

- a. The political and military stalemate continues.

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NOTES

- A. Rumania A fact-finding mission has gone from Bucharest to Indonesia to explore the possibility of obtaining raw materials for Rumania's industries.

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- B. Indonesia-Malaysia Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman announced he has accepted Sukarno's invitation to meet him in Tokyo this week. The talks may produce some noise, but probably not much else.

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- D. Brazil Military plotters against Goulart are receiving active support from business interests in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. Timing for action is still uncertain. An effective organization apparently is not yet ready.

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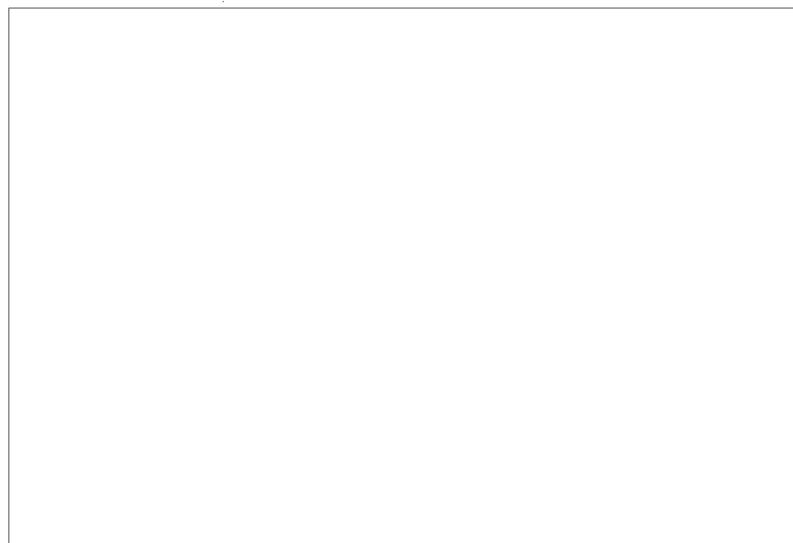
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1. USSR-Manned
space effort

a. A manned space shot seems
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come within a week.

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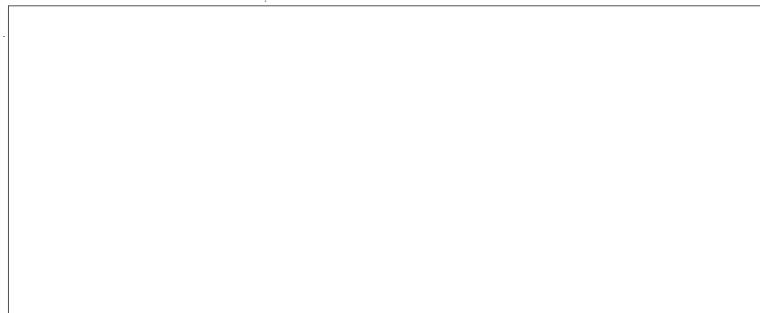


2. Saudi Arabia -
Yemen



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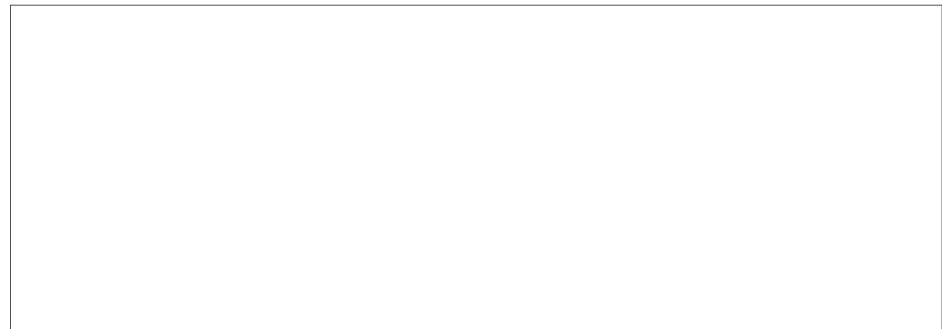
3. Laos

a. Kong Le, it is now established, is still in command of the neutralists on the Plaine des Jarres.

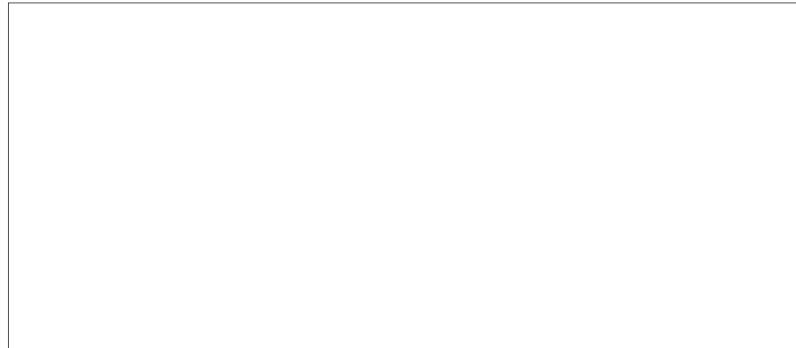
b. With Souvanna's concurrence, Ambassador Unger has authorized use of Air America to transport some artillery (105's and mortars) to meet an urgent request from Kong Le. The operation is to begin tomorrow.

4. Ecuador-US

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5. Indonesia

- a. According to Indonesian oil negotiator Saleh, an Indonesian financial delegation leaves for Moscow Friday to tell the Soviets Indonesia cannot meet debt service on obligations incurred for past military assistance.
- b. They are to tell the Soviets politely but unequivocally that a moratorium is the only alternative.
- c. Saleh also said a breakthrough in the oil problem may result from a compromise suggested by Caltex for handling the foreign exchange problem, which has been a principal sticking point.
- d. Saleh told Ambassador Jones on their way to Tokyo that he was very encouraged and had high hopes for the Tokyo talks.

NOTES

A. Afghanistan-Pakistan A joint communique is to be issued today on resumption (after 21 months) of Afghan-Pakistan relations. Kabul managed to avoid giving public assurances of good behavior on the Pushtoonistan issue, but will find assurances it gave privately very hard to live up to if, as expected, it is pressed hard by Pakistan-baiting supporters of former premier Daud.

B. Cuba - Haiti - Dominican Republic Cuban Foreign Minister Raul Roa [redacted] found Bosch and Duvalier "equally distasteful." Cuba [redacted] its own problems to solve and is neither interested in nor involved in their "comic opera antics."

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D. Cuba Holguin was the only Soviet encampment which showed up well enough in Monday's photography to allow us to conclude there was no change there. Further activity, evidently more mobility training, was noted at the Campo Florida cruise-missile site.

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E. South Korea Yet another Korean political crisis, involving control of the security apparatus [redacted]

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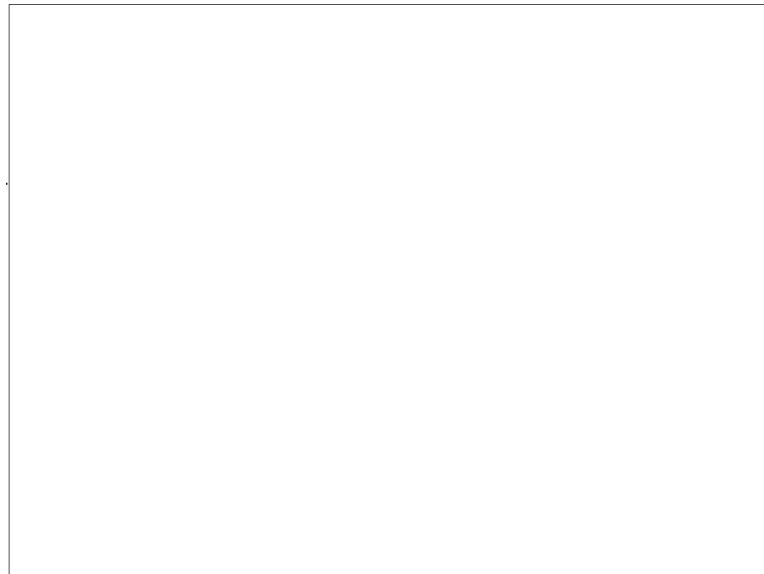
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1. Cuba

a. The cruise missile equipment [redacted] at the new Santa Cruz del Norte installation was returned to Campo Florida on 27 May.

b. This movement apparently was another mobility exercise.



e. We will know in a few days whether the Soviet freighter Yuri Gagarin, which we think may have military equipment aboard, is going to Cuba or the Middle East. [redacted]
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2. Germany



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3. Berlin

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[REDACTED] at East Germans are planning steps which would lead to formal incorporation of East Berlin into the GDR next fall.

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b. In preparing for the fall elections of the East German parliament, East German politicians apparently anticipate that the membership of the Parliament is to be increased. This suggests that full

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membership is to be given to the East Berlin representatives, who presently attend on a non-voting basis.

c. Incorporation of East Berlin, following the abolition of the Soviet commandant's office in East Berlin last August, would remove the last vestige of four-power responsibility for the whole of Berlin.

4. Laos

a. [redacted]

[redacted] there is nothing the Soviets can do with the Chinese to remedy the situation in Laos.

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5. Indonesia

a. Saleh has postponed "for the time being" the implementation of Regulation 18 limiting operations of foreign oil companies.

b. In Tokyo, negotiations between representatives of Caltex and Standvac and Indonesian officials continues.

c. At present the situation appears to be breaking rapidly and favorably on the basis of more realistic understanding by Saleh of what is actually at stake for Indonesia.

NOTES

- A. Peru APRA leader Victor Raul Haya is confident he will win the 9 June presidential election

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- B. Italy Christian Democrat Aldo Moro is still optimistic about his chances of forming a government.

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Neither side has made any concessions in two days of consultations.

- C. USSR-Iraq the Soviets have agreed to replace surface-to-air missile equipment in Iraq with tanks and other heavy conventional weapons commensurate in value.

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- D. British Guiana Hope for a strike settlement has been raised by the Jagan government's acceptance of all amendments to the Labor Relations Bill proposed by the Trades Union Council. The end is not in sight, however, since other major problems exist.

- E. Yugoslavia Tito is making tentative plans to visit the UN this fall in connection with a tour of Latin America.

- F. North Korea The new accidental US overflight of North Korea on 29 May will probably complicate the negotiations for the return of the helicopter pilots who were captured two weeks ago.

- G. Cuba Although there was some cloud cover at Artemisa, Holguin, and Torrens, Tuesday's photography showed that there was no apparent change in facilities and equipment at the four camps and Torrens headquarters. Only Artemisa was photographed on Wednesday and no change was noted.

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