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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--1 JULY 1963

1. USSR - COMMUNIST CHINA:

A. THE CHINESE HAVE ISSUED AN ICY COMMUNIQUE SAYING THAT, NO MATTER WHAT THE SOVIETS DO, THEY WILL SHOW UP FOR THE 5 JULY TALKS IN MOSCOW.

B. THEY ADD, HOWEVER, THAT THEIR DELEGATION IS UNDER ORDERS TO "EXPOUND OUR PARTY'S VIEWS ON THE GENERAL LINE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT AND ON SOME RELATED QUESTIONS OF PRINCIPLE."

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2. UAR-YEMEN:

A. CAIRO IS AGAIN UPPING THE ANTE IN YEMEN.

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C. THE EGYPTIANS HAVE ALSO SCHEDULED FURTHER OPERATIONS USING GAS BOMBS--WHICH THEY CLAIM ARE NOT POISONOUS--SHRUGGING

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OFF PROTESTS AS "ISRAELI MACHINATIONS."

D. THE UN MISSION IN YEMEN WILL LOOK INTO THE GAS SITUATION, BUT ONLY INFORMALLY. WE DOUBT THAT THE SMALL MISSION CAN COVER ENOUGH OF THE DIFFICULT TERRAIN TO PUT THE FINGER ON THE EGYPTIANS.

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3. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. DIEM'S BROTHER NHU, BITTER OVER THE PRESIDENT'S CONCESSIONS TO THE BUDDHISTS, GIVES THE IMPRESSION HE WOULD MOVE AGAINST HIS BROTHER IF CONVINCED THE REGIME HAD BECOME "SERVILE" TO THE US.

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C. [REDACTED] MILITARY PLOTTING AGAINST DIEM [REDACTED]

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D. BUDDHIST LEADERS HAVE APPARENTLY NOW DECIDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT SHOWN SUFFICIENT GOOD FAITH, BUT WILL HOLD OFF THE NEXT PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION UNTIL WEDNESDAY.

E. THIS, HOWEVER, WILL BE ANOTHER SPECTACULAR, WITH A MONK PUBLICLY DISEMBOWELING HIMSELF.

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4. CUBA - MILITARY:

A. CUBANS HAVE STARTED FORMAL TRAINING IN THE OPERATION OF THE SOVIET SAM SYSTEMS.

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5. NOTES:

A. VENEZUELA: [REDACTED] VENEZUELAN COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS ARE 50X1
 REPORTED ON THEIR WAY TO THE USSR FOR [REDACTED] 50X1
 GUERRILLA WARFARE TRAINING. [REDACTED]

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B. USSR: KHRUSHCHEV'S SPEECH TO THE RECENT CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING--PUBLISHED FRIDAY--STRUCK A NOTE OF DISCOURAGEMENT ON ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE. HE REVIEWED A NUMBER OF OLD PROBLEMS, AND THEN PROPOSED OLD SOLUTIONS.

C. SYRIA: A COMPROMISE BETWEEN BAATHISTS AND ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF HARIRI APPEARS TO HAVE HEADED OFF A CRISIS FOR THE MOMENT. THIS COMPROMISE STILL REQUIRES SOME TICKLISH IMPLEMENTATION, HOWEVER [REDACTED] 50X1

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D. BRITISH GUIANA: THE TRADES UNION COUNCIL IS TO MEET IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION TODAY, APPARENTLY IN A MOOD TO DISCUSS SERIOUSLY TERMS FOR A RESUMPTION OF WORK.

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F. LAOS: PREMIER SOUVANNA AND SOUPHANNOUVONG HAVE FINALLY AGREED ON THE PLAINE DES JARRES AIRFIELD AS THE SITE FOR THE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WHICH ARE TO LEAD TO NEW TALKS BETWEEN THEM. WE HAVE NO IDEA WHEN--OR IF--THEIR MEETING WILL FINALLY COME OFF.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--2 JULY 1963

1. CUBA:

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2. USSR-INDONESIA:

**A. MOSCOW HAS APPARENTLY AGREED TO A THREE-YEAR MORATORIUM
ON THE INDONESIAN DEBT OF \$725 MILLION.**

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3. BRITISH GUIANA - CUBA:

**A. THE JAGAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN STRENGTHENING ITS TIES
WITH CUBA WHILE STEPPING UP ITS ATTACKS ON THE US.**

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B. GEORGETOWN RECENTLY CONTRACTED FOR THE 1964 SALE TO CUBA OF 45,000 TONS OF RICE--THREE TIMES THIS YEAR'S CONTRACT-- AND A LARGE ORDER OF RAILROAD TIES. TOTAL VALUE APPROXIMATES SOME 5 MILLION DOLLARS.

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D. GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN AND JAGAN'S NEWSPAPER ARE CHARGING THE US WITH TRYING TO UNDERMINE THE REGIME. THEY SAY THAT OFFICIAL US ACTION PREVENTS THE USE OF AMERICAN-OWNED FACILITIES TO STORE FUEL OBTAINED FROM CUBA. JAGAN'S NEWSPAPER SUGGESTED THAT US DIPLOMATS BE RECALLED FROM GEORGETOWN.

4. COMMON MARKET:

A. BONN AND PARIS MAY SOON AGREE TO SET EEC GRAIN PRICES AT A LEVEL WHICH WOULD PROBABLY STIMULATE FRENCH PRODUCTION AND REDUCE EEC IMPORTS FROM THE US.

B. ACCORDING TO WEST GERMAN OFFICIALS, THESE TWO MEMBERS HAVE AGREED TO WORK TOWARD A DECISION ON THIS MATTER IN THE LATE FALL, WITH INITIAL PRICE ADJUSTMENTS TO BE MADE IN MID-1964.

C. PARIS HAS BEEN PRESSING BONN FOR A COMPROMISE AND ERHARD IS EVIDENTLY WILLING TO GO ALONG ONCE HE BECOMES CHANCELLOR.

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D. WEST GERMAN OFFICIALS SAY THAT NO CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO A PRICE LEVEL LOWER THAN MIDWAY BETWEEN THE GERMAN PRICE AND THE FRENCH PRICE. THEY CLAIM THE FRENCH SUPPORT THIS LEVEL.

5. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. CHARGE TRUEHART IN SAIGON, RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS REGARDING A POSSIBLE DEMARCHE TO DIEM ON THE BUDDHIST PROBLEM, EXPRESSES HIS VIEW THAT FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS OR SELF-SACRIFICES BY BONZES MAY WELL OCCUR, NO MATTER WHAT MEASURES DIEM TAKES.

B. TRUEHART SUGGESTS THAT THE BUDDHISTS MAY INTEND TO PUSH THEIR PRESENT ADVANTAGE UNTIL THE REGIME FALLS. HE SAYS THEY MAY BE ACTING ON A BASIS OF SELF-PRESERVATION OR POLITICAL AMBITION, OR BOTH.

C. HE ALSO SUGGESTS THAT DIEM MAY HAVE MADE UP HIS MIND TO DEAL HARSHLY WITH ANY FURTHER BUDDHIST ACTIONS DESPITE THE RISK OF A STRONG US REACTION.

D. TRUEHART SEES NO REAL DIFFERENCE IN OUTLOOK BETWEEN DIEM AND THE TWO NHUS. DIEM SEEKS MORE AND MORE RELIANT ON NHU AND DOUBTS HE WOULD BE WILLING TO SEND HIM ABROAD.

6. NOTE:

A. NATIONALIST CHINA - COMMUNIST CHINA: [REDACTED]

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3 JULY 1963
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1. Test Ban Treaty

- a. At the end of his speech in East Berlin yesterday, Khrushchev dropped his long-standing insistence that an indefinite moratorium on underground testing accompany any agreement to ban nuclear testing in the atmosphere, outer space and under water.
- b. With this abrupt shift and another favorable comment on the President's 10 June speech, Khrushchev gives forthcoming Moscow talks the appearance of greater promise.
- c. The new proposal, however, calls for a NATO - Warsaw Pact non-aggression treaty to be signed "simultaneously" with the partial test ban agreement. This we are inclined to view as a bargaining tactic which Khrushchev eventually may modify or drop.
- d. Khrushchev, it would seem, wants to hold the door open to the West against the prospect of an even sharper deterioration of intra-bloc relations following the upcoming Sino-Soviet talks.

2. Cuba-USSR

a. Subsequent events have shown us wrong on two points relating to Soviet commercial flights to Cuba.

b. Sekou Touré has assured us that last week's TU-114 flight from Moscow via Conakry was "exceptional" and that it did not represent the inauguration of a regular Aeroflot schedule using this route. We note that a TU-114 from Moscow to Havana today is taking the usual northern route.

c. Apparently the Soviets have not inaugurated regular twice-weekly flights to Havana. There is still only one regular flight (on Mondays), but there have been a large number of special flights recently.

3. Cuba

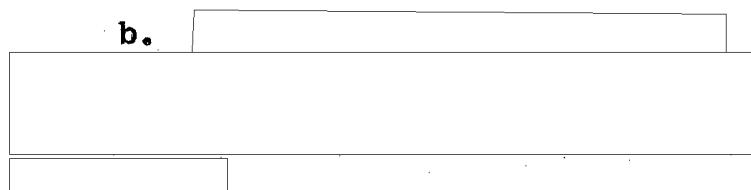
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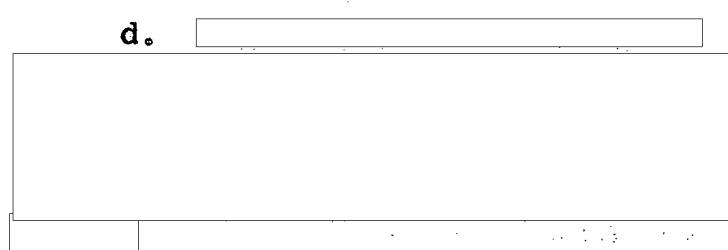
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4. South Korea

a. Reports of coup plotting persist.

b. We now have word that security chief Kim Chae-chun plans to give it a try, possibly this weekend.

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c. He has been slipping lately in his contest with the clique of former security chief Kim Chong-pil for control of the government's political apparatus.

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d. Kim Chong-pil has been known to fabricate charges of coup plots in order to remove rivals, and he may be putting out this word himself to justify removal of Kim Chaechun.

e. Either way, however, revelation of the plot might be used to justify an extension of military rule beyond late this year, when Korea is supposed to return to civil administration.

NOTES

- A. Italy The Socialist Party's decision yesterday to abstain in the confidence vote, expected Friday, assures the survival of Leone's minority government, but only for the time being.
- B. Yugoslavia The election yesterday of Rankovic as Vice President under the new Yugoslav constitution seems to settle the question of Tito's succession. The somewhat more pro-Western Kardelj is no longer in the running. Ambassador Kennan expects Tito to take longer and more frequent leaves, allowing Rankovic greater control over day-to-day affairs, but does not anticipate substantial changes in policy.
- C. Argentina With general elections four days off, tension is running high. Several groups, mostly Peronists, are reportedly plotting to disrupt the elections, but still lack cohesion. The armed forces, taking no chances, are implementing a comprehensive security plan which is to be kept in effect until the critical period has passed.
- D. Venezuela [redacted]

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REVIEW ITEM

World Commentary on the President's Trip

1. Soviet coverage of the President's trip this past week has been moderate both in scope and tone. Attention is concentrated on the West German visit and commentary keyed to the stock theme of disarray in the Western camp.
2. Much is made of the contention that the President failed in his "main aim" of creating a NATO nuclear force.
3. Moscow concludes "regretfully" that the visit left no ground for optimism over prospects of a German settlement, but its comment on the German question was routine and displayed no sense of urgency.
4. East European media toed the line, with East Germany, as might be expected, providing the most comprehensive coverage and most vehement censure of the West Berlin stop.
5. China and the Asian satellites paid much less attention to the trip, but what they had to say was characteristically more virulent in picturing the President's "provocative and aggressive" speeches.
6. Cuban media, too, picture the speeches as "aggressive and warmongering." Again, NATO disunity is stressed.

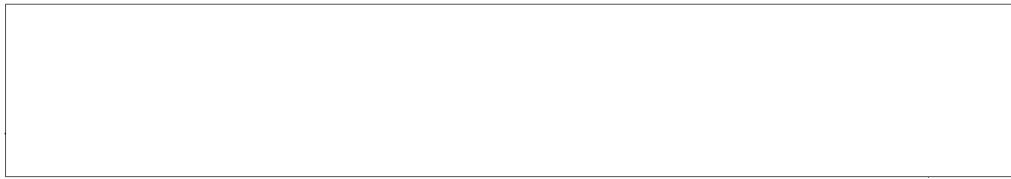
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7. In Europe, noncommunist commentators generally agree that the President succeeded in strengthening NATO unity and gained popular support for the US. The reaffirmation of US obligations for the defense of Europe is stressed.
8. This concensus is shared by most noncommunist commentators in Asia and the Far East and by the few commentators dealing with the subject in the Middle East, Latin America and Africa.
9. Questions are raised by most, however, over the extent to which differences in attitude toward the multilateral nuclear force were overcome.
10. West German media are unanimous in their praise and express the view that reassurances of US support show that the US, in dealing with the Soviets, will not do so at the expense of Western Europe.
11. British papers generally express gratification that a decision on multilateral nuclear force has been postponed, at least for Britain, while other means are examined.
12. The French are inclined to picture the trip in terms of a contest with France for influence in Europe. They concede the President's success in Germany and will be measuring De Gaulle's visit against it.

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4 JULY 1963
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1. South Vietnam

a. There has been no movement by either side on the Buddhist problem. Diem told Truehart Wednesday in a very non-committal way that while Buddhist demands may be reasonable, concessions would only whet their appetite.

b. It appears that Vice-President Tho has submitted his resignation.

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2. USSR-Iraq

a. Soviet and Iraqi tempers are quickly growing shorter.

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b. Yesterday Communist non-commissioned officers unsuccessfully attempted to seize the military prison in an army camp near Baghdad and release a number of prominent Communist leaders held there.

c. The Iraqi government claims to have evidence that Soviet instructors helped to plan the revolt. Baghdad radio has accused Moscow of "a plot against our national independence."

d. During the past month the Soviets have suspended military shipments to Iraq and become more open in their support for the Kurdish rebels. This has led to more violent propaganda attacks by Baghdad.

e. Mongolia has asked that charges of Iraqi "genocide" against the Kurds be put on the next UN General Assembly agenda. Iraq has broken relations with Mongolia and is trying to mobilize Arab support in the UN against the bloc.
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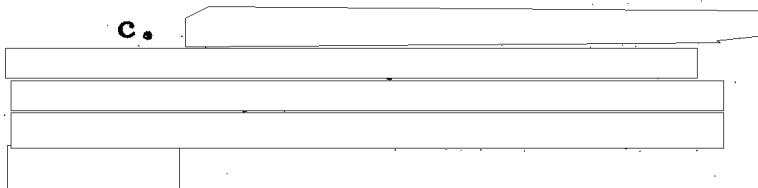
3. USSR

a. Moscow had denied current reports of possible Soviet nuclear testing last month.

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b. Yuri Zhukov--frequently used as an unofficial spokesman for the Kremlin--told an Embassy official in Moscow that the rumored explosions were "earthquakes as announced by the Soviet press."

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d. Zhukov hoped the US now shared the view of "certain Western observers" that the risk of an "isolated" one-kiloton test is nothing compared to the danger of additional countries gaining a nuclear capability.

e. His remarks--the first Soviet acknowledgment of US press speculation--appear to be part of Moscow's mood music for Governor Harriman's mission.

4. Argentina

a. Tensions over Sunday's elections are mounting rapidly and there may yet be no elections.

b. The Argentine government, under pressure from the military, has barred Raul Matera, a Peronist supporter running on the Christian Democratic ticket, from the presidential race. The Christian Democrats decided immediately not to run any candidate.

c. Soon after this announcement the National and Popular Front--whose candidate Solano Lima, also pro-Peron, had been banned earlier--decided to go along with Peron's desire for "revolutionary abstention" in the elections. The 62 unions of the General Labor Confederation have agreed to turn in blank votes.

d. The armed forces are now on full alert to keep the elections orderly, but the trade unions may call a general strike before Sunday.

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- A. Laos The Soviet charge in Laos told our charge, after a short trip to Khang Khay, that it was impossible to understand Souphanouvong's "incomprehensible and intransigent attitude." Our charge suggests the Soviet's candor was another indication of Moscow's effort to wash its hands of Laos.
- B. Yugoslavia-The Vatican Belgrade and the Vatican have apparently been negotiating since last February for a partial restoration of diplomatic relations. The Vatican desires greater freedom in religious education while Belgrade wants assurances the church will not engage in political activity.
- C. USSR-Sweden Stockholm has cancelled the good-will exchange between Swedish and Soviet air force units planned for later this year, presumably because of the Wennerstrom case. We have heard of no reaction from Moscow.
- D. Jordan [REDACTED] 50X1
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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--5 JULY 1963**1. USSR:**

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B. [REDACTED] 50X1

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C. EARLY LAST WEEK, THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY TASS PUT OUT A REPORT THAT "LARGE CHEMICAL EXPLOSIONS" WERE CONDUCTED IN THE TASHKENT AREA "TO TEST THE BEHAVIOR OF BUILDINGS AGAINST EARTHQUAKES."

D. NO DETAILS OR DATES WERE GIVEN [REDACTED] 50X1

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E. REPORTERS AT YESTERDAY'S RECEPTION IN MOSCOW TRIED TO GET BOTH MIKOYAN AND ZORIN TO CLARIFY THE SOVIET CONNECTION BETWEEN A PARTIAL TEST BAN AGREEMENT AND A NONAGGRESSION PACT, BUT NO SOAP.

F. MIKOYAN SAID KHRUSHCHEV HAD "DIRECTLY" CALLED FOR A "CONNECTION" BETWEEN THE TWO ACCORDS. THEN ZORIN SAID THAT A NONAGGRESSION TREATY IS NOT A CONDITION FOR A TEST BAN AGREEMENT, BUT THAT IT IS "PART OF THE WHOLE."

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2. SINO-SOVIET TALKS:

A. SINO-SOVIET "UNITY" TALKS GET UNDERWAY TODAY IN MOSCOW FOLLOWING A LAST MINUTE POLEMICAL FIREFIGHT SHOWING THAT EACH INTENDS TO STICK TO HIS GUNS.

B. CHANCES ARE THAT A LET-UP IN THE PUBLIC DEBATE, IF ANY, WILL LAST LITTLE LONGER THAN THE MEETING.

C. THE CHINESE SEEM INTERESTED IN THESE TALKS PRIMARILY AS A STEPPING STONE TO A FULL-BLOWN MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL COMMUNIST PARTIES.

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3. GUINEA-CUBA-USSR:

A. ANOTHER SOVIET TU-114 LANDED AT CONAKRY YESTERDAY ON ITS WAY TO CUBA.

B. WHEN OUR EMBASSY PEOPLE ASKED TOURE FOR AN EXPLANATION, HE AGAIN STOUTLY DENIED THERE WAS ANY AGREEMENT FOR LANDING RIGHTS, EVEN FOR NON-SCHEDULED FLIGHTS, MUCH LESS REGULAR FLIGHTS.

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C. THE FRENCH PRESS, NOT ALWAYS RELIABLE, NOW SAYS AN AGREEMENT FOR REGULARLY SCHEDULED FLIGHTS HAS BEEN PROMULGATED [redacted]

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4. USSR:

A. THE SOVIET MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE HAS ANNOUNCED A NEW GOAL (47 MILLION TONS) FOR FERTILIZER PRODUCTION IN 1965.

B. THIS IS SO HIGH THAT A MAJOR SHIFT IN THE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES INCLUDING THOSE TO DEFENSE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO MEET IT. THE FIGURE IS NEARLY A THIRD MORE THAN THE US PRODUCED LAST YEAR AND ALMOST THREE TIMES SOVIET PRODUCTION IN 1962 (17.5 MILLION TONS).

C. WE FIND THIS HARD TO BELIEVE AND ARE CHECKING FURTHER.

5. USSR:

A. AFRICAN STUDENTS IN THE USSR CONTINUE TO CALL AT OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW WITH COMPLAINTS OF THE TREATMENT BEING ACCORDED THEM BY THE RUSSIANS.

B. THEIR GRIPES COVER NOT ONLY LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES, ISOLATION, AND EXCESSIVE POLITICAL INDOCTRINATION, BUT ALSO INSTANCES OF SOCIAL DISCRIMINATION.

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C. THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED SOVIET GUESTS, ARE OFTEN REFUSED SERVICE IN RESTAURANTS OR BY TAXIS, AND ARE CONSTANTLY SUBJECTED TO DEGRADING VERBAL ABUSE.

D. THE SITUATION BECAME MORE OPPRESSIVE WITH THE PUBLICATION LAST FALL OF A STORY CONCOTED BY KOMSOMOLSKAYA PRAVDA ABOUT A SOVIET GIRL WHO, AFTER MARRYING A STUDENT, PRESUMABLY AFRICAN, ACCOMPANIED HIM HOME AND WAS THEREUPON SOLD INTO SLAVERY.

6. NOTE:

CAMBODIA: SIHANOUK HAS GIVEN UP TRYING TO GET AN AGREEMENT ON NEUTRALITY GUARANTEES. IN A HUFF, HE HAS RAPPED US FOR CREATING COMPLICATIONS, THANKED FRANCE AND THE "SOCIALIST POWERS" FOR THEIR SUPPORT, AND SAID CAMBODIA WOULD HAVE TO LOOK TO ITS OWN MEANS TO DEFEND ITS BORDERS WITH THE AID OF "GREAT FRIENDLY POWERS," PRIMARILY COMMUNIST CHINA.

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1. CUBA:

A. PHOTOGRAPHY OF 4 JULY SHOWS THAT THE SAM EQUIPMENT MOVED FROM SANTA LUCIA TO SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD HAS NOW BEEN SET UP IN AN OPERATIONAL CONFIGURATION NEXT TO THE EXISTING SAM SITE.

B. THIS STRONGLY SUPPORTS OUR BELIEF THAT SAN JULIAN IS TO BE THE CENTER FOR TRAINING CUBANS IN SAM OPERATIONS.

C. ON 3 JULY, HAVANA RADIO, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SEVERAL WEEKS, ATTACKED US PRESENCE AT GUANTANAMO, CALLING THE BASE A CENTER FOR SABOTEURS AND COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES.

2. PORTUGAL-US-CONGO:

A. PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER NOGUEIRA TOLD AMBASSADOR ELBRICK THURSDAY THAT HE HAD RELIABLE INFORMATION THE US WAS BEHIND ADOULA'S DECISION TO RECOGNIZE THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT IN EXILE.

B. AFTER SOME TYPICAL INTEMPERATE LANGUAGE, NOGUEIRA THREATENED TO TAKE UNSPECIFIED RETALIATORY ACTION AGAINST LEOPOLDVILLE.

C. ALTHOUGH NOGUEIRA'S BARK IS WORSE THAN HIS BITE, A BREAK IN PORTUGUESE-CONGOLESE RELATIONS SEEMS QUITE LIKELY. THE PORTUGUESE SIT ON TOP OF THE CONGO'S ACCESS TO THE SEA, BUT WE THINK USE OF THIS WEAPON LESS LIKELY.

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D. ALL MAJOR EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN POSTS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO COUNTERACT PORTUGUESE ACCUSATIONS AND TO ASSIST IN KEEPING TEMPERS DOWN.

3. BRITISH GUIANA:

A. LOCAL POLICE HAVE NOW BEEN ORDERED TO SHOOT IF UNRULY CROWDS GET OUT OF HAND.

B. [REDACTED] THE LABOR UNIONS WOULD GO BACK 50X1 TO WORK IF JAGAN WOULD PROMISE NOT TO REINTRODUCE THE LABOR BILL.

C. THREE-QUARTERS OF THE SUGAR CANE WORKERS ARE READY TO RETURN--IT IS ALMOST HARVEST TIME--BUT THE CIVIL SERVANTS ARE STILL STUBBORN.

D. RADIO HAVANA IS PLAYING UP JAGAN'S ACCUSATIONS THAT THE US HAS IMPOSED AN ECONOMIC BLOCKADE AND THAT IT IS FINANCING THE STRIKE.

4. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. WHILE WE ARE UNABLE TO POINT TO ANY SIGNIFICANT NEW DEVELOPMENT, WE ARE MORE UNEASY THAN EVER ABOUT THE SITUATION IN SAIGON.

B. THE VARIOUS OPPOSITION GROUPS ARE SHARPENING THEIR KNIVES, BUT SEEM NOT YET TO HAVE THE UNITY AND DETERMINATION TO ACT AGAINST DIEM AND THE NHU'S.

C. ALL ELEMENTS SEEM TO BE WAITING FOR SOMETHING. IN SUCH AN ATMOSPHERE, A MINOR INCIDENT COULD CAUSE THE OPPOSITION TO COALESCE OVERNIGHT.

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D. DIEM IS PROBABLY TRYING TO OUTWAIT HIS FOES. THE GREATEST THREAT TO THIS TACTIC WOULD BE A RESUMPTION OF BUDDHIST DEMONSTRATIONS. THE BUDDHISTS TOO ARE REPORTED "WAITING."

E. REPORTING ON VICE-PRESIDENT THO'S INTENTIONS IS CONFUSED. WE SAID THAT HE HAD SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION, BUT LATER INFORMATION SUGGESTS HE HAS NOT YET DONE SO BUT IS "UNCERTAIN AS TO TIMING." SINCE THO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE DEALING WITH THE BUDDHISTS, DIEM'S ACCEPTANCE OF HIS RESIGNATION WOULD BE TAKEN AS GOVERNMENTAL REPUDIATION OF THE 16 JUNE AGREEMENT.

F. A GROUP OF OUR HELICOPTERS RAN INTO UNUSUALLY HEAVY GROUND FIRE YESTERDAY. ELEVEN WERE HIT, OF WHICH TWO WERE BADLY DAMAGED. FIVE US PERSONNEL WERE WOUNDED.

5. NOTES:

A. BOLIVIA: THE GOVERNMENT'S 4 JULY DECISION TO SHUT DOWN THE CATAVI TIN MINE, BOLIVIA'S LARGEST, RATHER THAN PAY HIGHER WAGES TO THE MINERS, MAY SPARK AN EXPLOSION BY COMMUNIST-DOMINATED LABOR UNIONS. [REDACTED]

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B. INDONESIA-MALAYSIA: [REDACTED]

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C. US-USSR: AT THE RECEPTION ON THURSDAY, AMBASSADOR KOHLER WAS UNABLE TO EXTRACT FROM MIKOYAN ANY CLARIFICATION OF KHRUSHCHEV'S TEST-BAN STATEMENT.

D. FRANCE-WEST GERMANY: WE HAVE NO USEFUL INFORMATION YET ON THE DE GAULLE - ADENAUER TALKS. AMBASSADOR McGHEE DESCRIBES THE ATMOSPHERE AS LOW-KEY, WITH DE GAULLE "SUBDUED IN STYLE."

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1. South Korea

a. Kim Chong-pil, who has been off travelling, may soon be back at his old stand behind the scenes, helping Chairman Pak deal with a restless opposition and fixing the military regime squarely in place, elections or no.

b. Kim's supporters have reportedly been pressing for his early return,

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2. Sino-Soviet Relations

a. Sino-Soviet discussions continue behind closed doors.

b. The Soviets seem to be playing down the meeting as much as possible.

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c. The Communist press in Hong Kong, which often serves as a fore-runner for the official line adopted later by Peiping, has some predictably unkind things to say of the forthcoming test-ban talks:

d. "As for trying to bind China's hands through great nation chauvinism and prevent it from nuclear testing, this is only dreaming. However, there are people who agree to immediately consider suspension of tests. We just wonder what is in minds of those who are in such a hurry to help Kennedy plot to cheat people!"

e. Even more pointedly, another paper editorialized: "US officials said banning atmospheric testing without banning underground tests can keep China out of the nuclear club. It comes as a surprise that Moscow has even welcomed such vicious proposals. To let a small number of countries have a monopoly of nuclear weapons to threaten others is by no means the way to peaceful coexistence... are those who welcome Kennedy's 'strategy of peace' stupid or are they just sharing the same viewpoints with him?"

3. Argentina

a. Yesterday's elections were accomplished without major incident.

b. Only about a half of the votes have been counted so far (slowness is attributed to heavy winter weather), but it is already clear that many Peronists did not obey Peron's orders for "revolutionary abstention." The blank vote totals only about 15 percent. The Peronist vote thus ranks in fourth place at the present count.

c. The Peoples Radical Civic Union (UCRP), supporting Dr. Arturo Illia is in the lead thus far, followed by the Intransigent Radicals (UCRI) under Dr. Oscar Alende.

d. One possible outcome is that the two Radical parties, both of center-left orientation, may reunite to form a reform-oriented government.

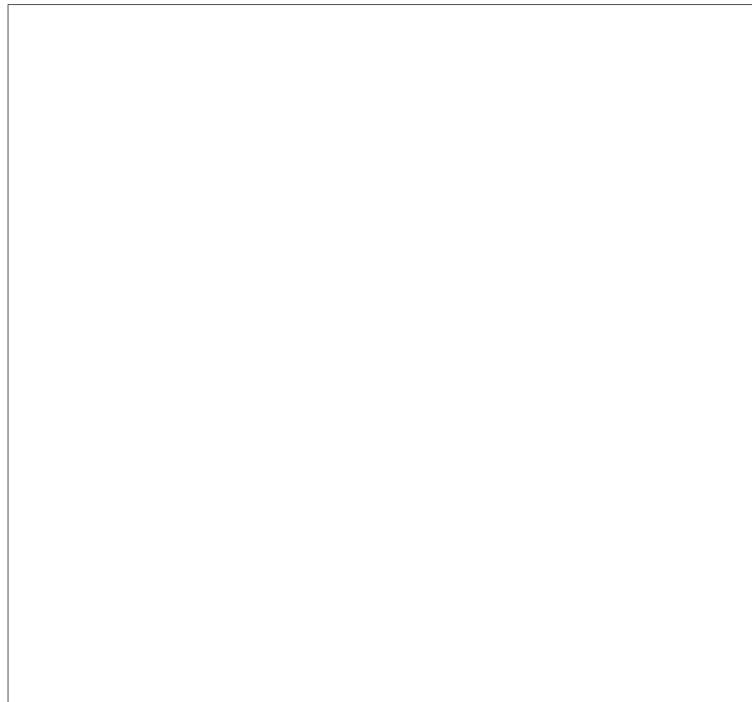
e. Retired General Aramburu, candidate of the Union of Argentine People, is running third, and apparently losing ground, but still has a chance to win in the electoral college when it meets on 31 July.

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South Vietnam



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- A. Cuba The Cuban navy has relaxed its alert status. It had gone on alert following an emigre announcement two weeks ago that an "invasion" had been launched. [redacted] 50X1
- B. Syria The two-week-long standoff in the struggle for power between the Baathists and military boss Hariri has apparently been resolved in favor of the Baathists. Hariri has been relieved of his jobs as Defense Minister and Chief of Staff and, according to an Egyptian broadcast, posted, in the good Arab tradition, to the embassy in Paris where he can do less harm.
- C. Nationalist China - India Chiang Kai-shek has reportedly given up trying to establish an unofficial representation in India. He has been angered by Nehru's unwillingness to accept the mission on an overt basis and by Nehru's continued Indian desire to maintain relations with Peiping.
- D. Jordan With the carefully controlled election over, prospects are that King Husayn's new government will be conservative and docile under Prime Minister Nasir. [redacted] 50X1
- E. British Guiana There has been no further violence in British Guiana as workers return to their jobs following the agreement reached this weekend between Jagan and the Trade Union.

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1. USSR - Communist China

- a. The Sino-Soviet talks may already have come to an abrupt end. The Chinese delegates apparently failed to show for today's meetings.
- b. If so, it would appear the Soviets finally succeeded in maneuvering Peiping into making the overt break.
- c. The Chinese were probably reacting to a Soviet Central Committee statement published in this morning's Pravda charging the Chinese with carrying on a "deliberate campaign" to worsen relations and claiming--somewhat disingenuously--that Moscow will continue to strive to "overcome the difficulties."
- d. The pretext for this blast was Sunday's rally in Peiping held in honor of the five Chinese thrown out of Moscow for distributing polemic literature.

2. Portugal-US-Congo

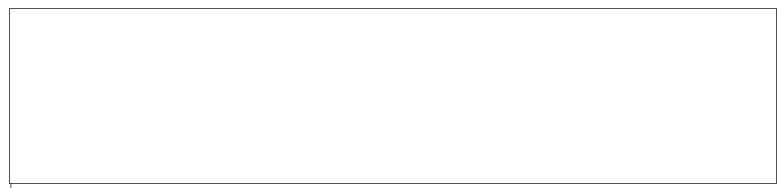
- a. Portuguese Foreign Minister Nogueira's blood pressure is down once more, although he apparently still believes the US is behind Adoula's recognition of the Angolan government-in-exile.

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b. In a long and inconclusive talk yesterday with Ambassador El-brick, Nogueira said that Lisbon is not planning drastic action in the immediate future.

3. Egypt-Yemen

a. Ali Sabri told Badeau on Saturday that Saudi aid to the royalists had continued after the UN observers had arrived and that Egypt would not begin troop withdrawals until it stopped.



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c. On the other hand, it is clear that the royalists are giving the Egyptians a hard time north and east of Sana. Sabri admitted that tribal support for the Sallal government was "cooling."

d. Badeau is to see Nasir on the 15th.

4. Cuba

a. The Soviet ship Metallurg
Bardin, now in the Mediterranean de-
clared for Cuba, could be carrying
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- A. USSR We do not know why Khrushchev is in Kiev at present--he left Moscow last Friday--but suspect his absence from Moscow is intended as a deliberate insult to Peiping. He was still in Kiev yesterday when he received Spaak.
- B. USSR-Rumania Moscow is still trying to cover up Khrushchev's hurried visit to Bucharest on 24-25 June. Soviet Ambassador Zhegalin stated flatly in Bucharest that Khrushchev received the Women's Congress group in Moscow 24 June. However, Moscow's Mayor greeted the opening session and the Soviet delegate read Khrushchev's message to the group. We continue to believe Khrushchev made the trip.

- C. USSR

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1. Sino-Soviet talks

a. Talks with the Chinese resumed in Moscow this morning following yesterday's hiatus.

b. Demonstrating righteous innocence and speaking in tones more of regret than anger, Peiping issued a statement this morning which urges that all fault lies with the Soviet side.

c. This done, the Chinese returned to the conference where they are pressing hard for a conclave of world Communist party leaders, [redacted]
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d. Khrushchev, meanwhile, has returned from the Ukraine to greet his faithful ally Janos Kadar and the visiting Hungarian delegation.

2. Soviet Forces in Hungary

a. We have no hard evidence to support speculation in yesterday's Washington Post that Soviet troops may soon be withdrawn from Hungary.

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c. On the other hand, U Thant, who is just back from talking with Janos Kadar, says he believes Kadar will take up the matter of withdrawing Soviet troops while in Moscow.

3. UAR - Saudi Arabia

a. The UAR clandestine radio, Voice of the Arab Nation, has, despite our urgent representations in Cairo, again broadcast vicious charges against Saudi leaders for allowing American Jewish troops to enter "holy Islamic territory."

b. The International Red Cross has turned down the Saudi request for an investigation of Egyptian use of gas in Yemen. The Red Cross says the request would have to come from both parties.

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A. Yugoslavia - West Germany Economic talks between Yugoslavia and West Germany are again close to breaking up.

B. USSR [REDACTED]

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11 JULY 1963
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1. USSR - Middle
East

a. Moscow is stepping up its effort to bring international pressure on Iraq to halt military operations against the Kurds.

b. The Soviet statement of 9 July to Iraq charged that CENTO members and Syria are undertaking "joint measures" against the Kurds.

c. By this tactic Moscow seeks to undermine Baghdad's position that the Kurdish problem is strictly an internal Iraqi affair and lays the groundwork for an appeal for UN or other international action.

2. East Africa

a. East African leaders are threatening to turn east toward the Soviet Bloc if Tanganyika President Nyerere's talks with President Kennedy next week are not productive regarding South Africa.

b. Tom Mboya, Kenya's Minister of Justice, told the US consul general in Nairobi that Nyerere will ask for US support in ousting South Africa from all international bodies. He also plans to ask the US to cut off investment in South Africa and to embargo US arms shipments to South Africa.

3. USSR-Chile

a. Moscow has offered trade credits to the Chilean Special Trade Mission recently in the USSR and has urged the signing of a trade agreement.

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c. The Chilean mission has also been to Prague, Warsaw and Belgrade for similar trade negotiations.

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4. Indonesia-Malaysia

a. President Sukarno said yesterday that Indonesia will not recognize the projected Malaysian federation, scheduled for formal inauguration on 31 August.

b. Sukarno claimed the Malayan Prime Minister Rahman has broken a promise that a referendum would be conducted in the Borneo territories before Malaysia was formed.

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- B. Ecuador-Mexico-Cuba Ecuador has asked Mexico not to issue transit visas to Cuba-bound Ecuadoreans. Mexico on 1 July prohibited the issuance of travel visas to foreign nationals if their government's regulations prohibit travel to Cuba. [redacted] 50X1
- C. Ecuador [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] officers in Quito and elsewhere are discussing plans for a coup against President Arosemena. They hope to form a military junta before congress convenes on 10 August. Thus far, however, these preliminary plans lack support from any of the established political parties. [redacted] 50X1

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12 JULY 1963

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1. Ecuador

a. Military leaders have been threatening and plotting off and on for two and a half years to throw Arosemena out, but when they finally did so yesterday, it was not the culmination of any well laid plans.

b. They acted on the spur of the moment out of exasperation over another sorry spectacle the President made of himself at a reception Wednesday night, when he drunkenly attacked the US in Ambassador Bernbaum's presence.

c. The junta is made up of all the former service chiefs and, at least initially, seems to have been headed by Navy Captain Ramon Castro. These officers are vigorously anti-Communist; they say they will try to restore constitutional democracy as soon as possible.

d. Popular reaction has so far been contained, although there has been some shooting in the vicinity of the Presidential palace. The possibility of serious violence remains as better organized extremists begin to catch up with the situation. The labor confederation, with encouragement from the Communists, is talking of a general strike.

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e. Martial law is being rigidly enforced, however, and the junta, though jerry-built, has been able to make a few key command changes. It has ordered a roundup of all known Communists in Quito.

f. Arosemena is sleeping it off in Panama, having been deposited there by an Ecuadorean air force plane. Vice-President Varea, roundly disliked by almost everyone, tried unsuccessfully yesterday to capitalize on the situation. He, too, has been ushered away (to Colombia).

g. Because of the incident which triggered the coup, we can expect a sizable segment of world opinion to think the US did it.

2. UAR-Yemen

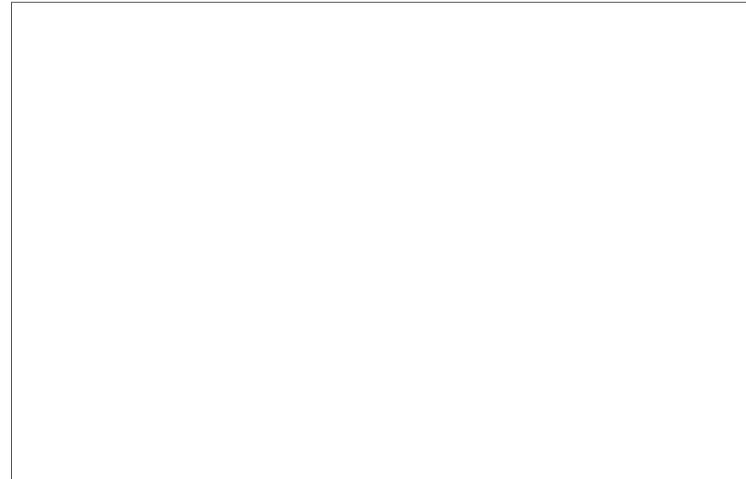


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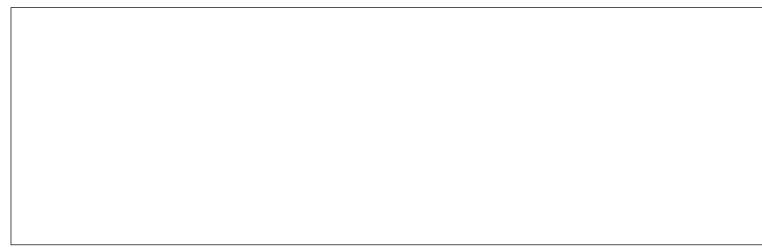
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3. Cuba--Civil Air
Connections

a. [redacted] Soviet TU-114 on
its way from Moscow to Havana landed
at Conakry yesterday.

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c. A group of some 40 Grand
Cayman islanders yesterday blocked
the airstrip to protest the onward
travel (to Kingston) of passengers
who arrived on a Cubana plane. They
were forced to return to Cuba.

4. Laos

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c. Souvanna has Chosen Col. Somboun to replace Kong Le. While no world-beater, Somboun would have to go a long way to match Kong Le's ineptitude. His non-controversial, middle-of-the road standing among the neutralists may help pull this faction back together.

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B. Sino-Soviet talks There was no meeting between the parties yesterday and if there is one today it apparently is only of lower-level technicians. What happens next is not at all clear, but we have some doubt that the Chinese will want to go on talking while Governor Harriman is in town.

C. Iraq-Iran-USSR The Iraqis, [redacted] believe the Soviets have airdropped ammunition to the Kurds. [redacted]

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D. Argentina Oscar Alende, who ran second to Illia in the Presidential race, is said [redacted] to be planning to give Illia the support he needs to win in the electoral college on 31 July. He hopes this will lead to reunification of the Radical (i.e., moderate) parties--a goal toward which he plans to work in the hope of becoming their candidate in the next Presidential elections (1969).

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E. Cuba-USSR A Soviet ship sailed from Havana for the USSR [redacted] with a number of van-body trucks and trailers aboard which appear to be associated with the SAM system. [redacted]

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[redacted] With preparations under way for eventual turnover of the system to the Cubans, some withdrawal of equipment which the Soviet want to keep is to be expected.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--13 JULY 1963**1. SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE:**

A. THE CHINESE, WITH A GREAT SHOW MORE IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER, MADE CLEAR IN TODAY'S PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL THAT THE TALKS IN MOSCOW HAVE REACHED A COMPLETE IMPASSE AND WILL PROBABLY END SOON. THEY ACCUSED THE SOVIETS OF SABOTAGING THE NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE THEY STARTED BY "CATEGORICALLY REJECTING" THE VIEWS IN THE CHINESE 14 JUNE LETTER.

B. WE DO NOT RULE OUT AN AGREEMENT TO MEET AGAIN, BUT PEIPING'S REMARK THAT IF DIFFERENCES CANNOT BE RESOLVED THIS YEAR "THEY CAN WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR" SHOWS THE CHINESE ARE IN NO HURRY. THEY APPEAR TO BELIEVE THEIR POSITION SO STRONG THAT THE SOVIETS WILL EVENTUALLY BE FORCED TO COME AROUND.

C. THE NEGOTIATORS IN MOSCOW HAD NOT APPEARED AGAIN TODAY WHEN WE WENT TO PRESS.

2. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. THE SITUATION IN SAIGON HAS TAKEN AN UGLY TURN.

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C. OUR BEST GUESS IS THAT NHU IS CONVINCED THE ARMY IS ABOUT TO MOVE AND KNOWS A SINKING SHIP WHEN HE SEES ONE. HE HAS BEEN MAKING NOISES OF LATE WHICH SUGGEST HE HAS COME TO SEE HIMSELF AS THE SAVIOUR OF HIS COUNTRY. IT IS STILL POSSIBLE, OF COURSE, THAT HE IS ACTING FOR HIS BROTHER TO SMOKE OUT THE ARMY'S MOOD.

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E. [redacted] A MOVE AGAINST
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[redacted] THE ODDS ARE SOMEWHAT BETTER THAN EVEN, HOWEVER, THAT SOMETHING WILL BE TRIED. NHU'S SENSE OF URGENCY, AND THE EFFECT THAT HIS PITCH WILL HAVE ON THE SENIOR OFFICERS, LEAD US TO THINK IT WILL COME SOON IF IT COMES.

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3. EGYPT:

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4. NOTES:

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SITUATION IS QUIET WITH THE JUNTA IN FULL CONTROL.

B. SOUTH KOREA: KIM HYONG-UK HAS REPLACED KIM CHAE-CHUN AS DIRECTOR OF SOUTH KOREA'S CIA. AS KIM HYONG-UK IS ONE OF THE EXILED STRONGMAN KIM CHONG-PIL'S STRONGEST SUPPORTERS, THIS IS A SETBACK FOR THE MODERATES IN THE POLITICAL STRUGGLE FOR POWER.

C. US - USSR - NORTH KOREA: AN OFFICIAL OF THE SOVIET MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IN RESPONSE TO YESTERDAY'S QUERY BY THE US CHARGE ABOUT OUR REQUEST FOR AID IN RELEASING THE TWO HELICOPTER PILOTS HELD BY NORTH KOREA, SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY INFORMED PYONGYANG OF THE US INQUIRY AND STATED "THIS CONSTITUTES THE FULL RESPONSE." WE SUSPECT THAT MOSCOW'S INFLUENCE WITH PYONGYANG HAS ABOUT DISAPPEARED.

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E. WEST GERMANY - US: THE GERMANS WANT TO DISCUSS WITH SECRETARY McNAMARA POSSIBLE DELIVERY OF NUCLEAR FUEL ELEMENTS FOR A RESEARCH REACTOR FOR MILITARY PURPOSES.

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F. CUBA: [redacted]

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G. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: BOSCH MAY BE GRABBING A TIGER

BY THE TAIL IN SUBMITTING A BILL IN THE SENATE TO CURB

THE ALMOST UNLIMITED POWERS OF THE POLICE. THE BILL STRIKES

AT THE POLITICAL STRENGTH OF BOSCH'S ENEMIES ON THE RIGHT,

A NOT PARTICULARLY SAVORY GROUP AROUND ANTONIO IMBERT, WHO

MAY NOT TAKE IT LYING DOWN.

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1. Sino-Soviet
Dispute

a. The Chinese and Soviets appear unable even to find a formula for ending their talks.

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b. The Soviets yesterday published a vindictive 35,000-word reply to the notorious Chinese letter of 14 June, which they also finally published.

c. The Soviet letter is a free-swinging attack on the most vulnerable points of the Chinese position, directly accusing the Chinese leadership of distortion, falsification, "pseudo theorizing", just plain lying, and even using "foul language."

d. Moscow for the first time accused the Chinese of organizing and supporting "various anti-party groups of renegades" in an attempt to undermine the unity of the entire world Communist movement.

e. But, by stopping short of the brink--the Soviets insist that unity is still desired and possible and still address the Chinese as "comrades--the Soviet party shows it still hopes to force Peiping to take the final step, or at least break off the talks.

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f. Much of this two-scorpions-in-a-bottle act is purely tactical, but we suspect there is also an emotional aspect: after 40 years of living Marxism-Leninism, it must be exceedingly difficult to accept a schism.

2. South Vietnam

a. [REDACTED]

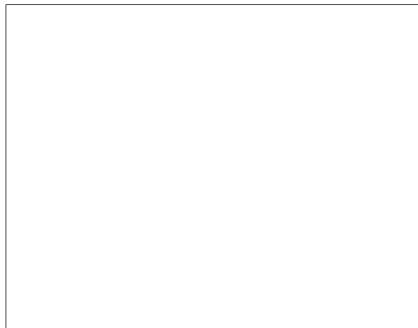
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b. We are convinced Nhu was most critical of Diem and sought the support of the military for his own policies in exchange for more responsible positions, but are less confident that Nhu directly urged the generals to mount a coup.

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3. British Guiana



a. Duncan Sandys has made some progress in forming from the three main parties a temporary coalition government to hold office until another constitutional conference is held in London.

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b. [REDACTED]

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d. There may yet be considerable infighting about specific ministries. [REDACTED]

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A. Guinea The confusion over whether Toure has decided to stop TU-114 flights to Cuba via Guinea probably reflects a major policy struggle which appears to be going on in the regime's ruling political bureau. The extreme left seems to be trying to make an issue of this in an effort to reverse Toure's movement toward the West. Even if Toure wins out, as our embassy thinks probable, he may have to make other concessions which will slow the trend away from the bloc.

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Haiti Radio Haiti announced yesterday afternoon that Clement Barbot, his brother and others were killed in a fire fight yesterday morning.

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C. India

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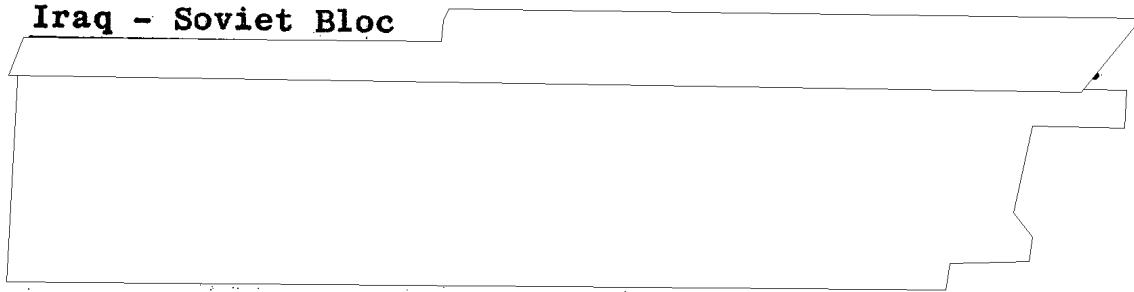
D. Ecuador Ambassador Bernbaum tells us that the junta has been accepted with enthusiasm by the parties of the right and with tolerance by the parties of the democratic left. The Communists apparently have been forced to abandon their plans for mass demonstrations and a general strike. The junta has declared its intention to return the nation to an electoral civilian government by mid-1964 rather than 1965 as previously announced.

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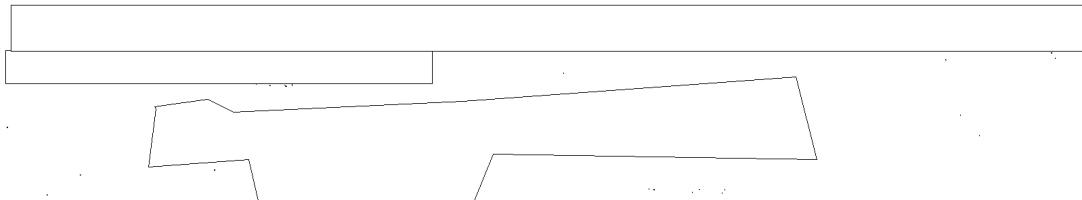
E. Iraq - Soviet Bloc



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16 JULY 1963

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1. South Vietnam

a. Ambassador Nolting reports:
"Our patient is still on the critical
list, but improving."

b. He finds that coup rumors
and evidence of anti-Diem plots
abound, but feels that each passing
day increases slightly the chances
of surmounting the crisis. He be-
lieves the Buddhist leaders, who
could still take the initiative to
bring down the government, are re-
luctant to do so.

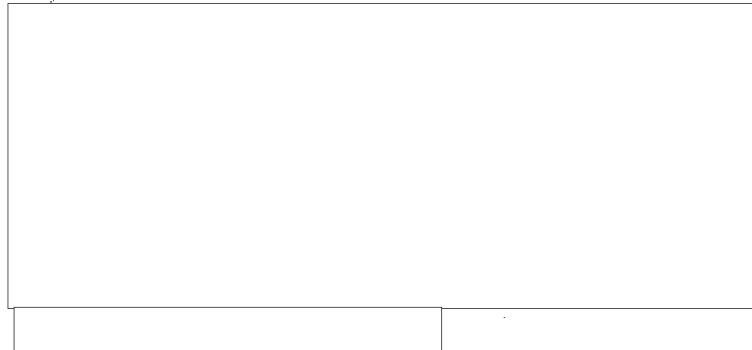
c. Yesterday, however, the
head of the principal Buddhist or-
ganization issued a statement charg-
ing Diem with bad faith and threaten-
ing a new wave of hunger strikes,
demonstrations and suicides. Some
150 monks are said to have volun-
teered to commit public suicide by
one means or another.

d. Today a group of some 150
Buddhists demonstrated in front of
Nolting's residence, giving rise to
fears that a suicide was to be car-
ried out there. The crowd, however,
dispersed several hours later with-
out incident.

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2. Cuba

a. More cargo was off-loaded in Cuban ports during June than in any one month since last October. Deliveries totaled about three-quarters of a million tons, roughly two-thirds of which arrived in tankers.



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A. East Africa Ambassador Korry in Addis Ababa is reasonably certain that a secret mutual defense pact has been signed by Ethiopia and Kenya. This would be directed at Somalia, which has been trying to put teeth into its claims to portions of both countries.

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D. Communist China This year's early grain harvest, by all signs, will not be up to the level of the poor early crop last year. Rations will continue very tight until at least September, when the late crop begins to come in. It is too early yet for a reading on the late crop.

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- E. Malaysia Sukarno, who apparently saw a threat of economic warfare in a recent Rahman remark concerning the utility to Indonesia of ties with the proposed Malaysian states, could be trying his hand at the same game. His oil negotiator has suggested to representatives of the three Western oil companies that the oil question is not entirely separate from the Malaysian issue.
- F. South Korea Ambassador Berger takes a very gloomy view of the course of events. He sees Chairman Pak's continued willingness to back the unsavory Kim Chong-pil over the moderates as leading to another period of instability, increased repression and irresponsible economic policies. "If events unfold as now appears likely", he observes, "we anticipate that we will soon find ourselves unable to support the junta."
- G. Hungary A great deal of speculation that there may be a withdrawal of Soviet troops from Hungary has been generated by Kadar's trip to Moscow

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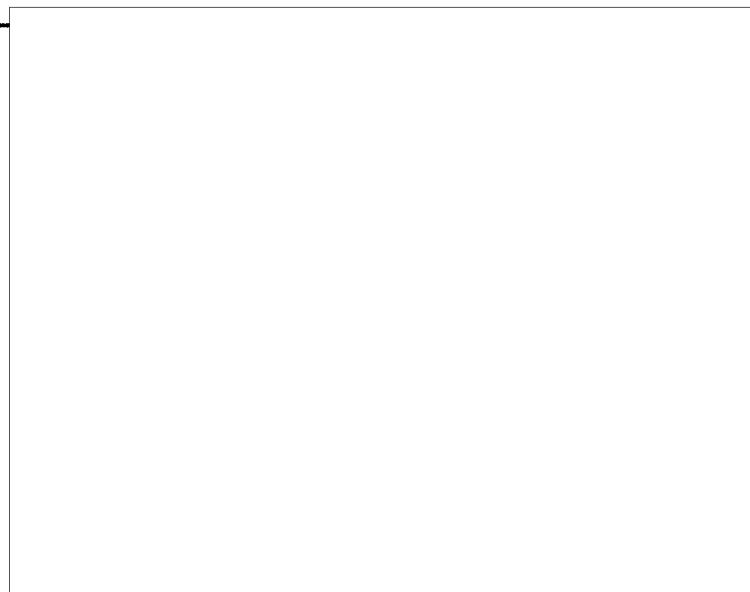
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1. British Guiana -
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d. [redacted] Cuban pilots,
ground crew, and traffic control
personnel were on a tanker which
brought Jagan another shipment of
fuel oil and gasoline from Cuba on
Monday.

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2. Yemen

a. A Soviet ship recently de-
livered tanks, armored vehicles,
large mortars, and anti-tank guns
to Hudaydah. Some of this equipment
may be replacements for destroyed
Egyptian equipment.

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b. Over 5,000 tons of other, unspecified, cargo has been delivered by the USSR over the last three weeks. Most of this is probably for the Soviet airport construction project near Sana.

3. Sino-Soviet dispute

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b. The Soviet party is clearly on the defensive. Its reply to the tightly-reasoned Chinese letter is a mixture of emotional appeals to popular sentiment against nuclear war, the materialism of the new Soviet bourgeoisie, and plain Russian nationalism.

c. The two delegations met again today.

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4. South Vietnam

a. Buddhist demonstrations continued on a larger scale today and there were a number of clashes with the police. The latter indulged in some unprovoked violence against the crowds.

b. Ambassador Nolting believes Buddhist agitation is now predominantly controlled by radical elements bent on overthrowing Diem's government.

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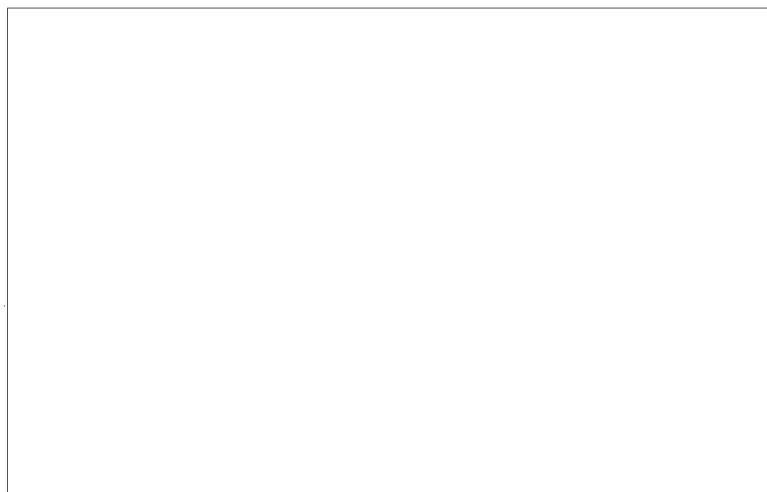
5. Nationalist China - South Vietnam

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- C. Malaysia Sukarno told Ambassador Jones yesterday that he was still undecided about attending the heads-of-state conference in Manila on 30 July. He has thrown no more cold water, however, since his announcement last week that Indonesia would not recognize Malaysia, and we put the odds in favor of his attending. Rahman continues to make conciliatory noises.

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**18 JULY 1963
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1. Pakistan

a. Ayub's government is press-ing the US for a curtailment of arms aid to India or for compensatory benefits for Pakistan.

b. Foreign Minister Bhutto told Ambassador McConaughy Monday that what he described as mounting public resentment against the West is forcing Pakistan toward a more "independent" policy. This is non-sense; Ayub's government is not that subject to public opinion and in this case is not above creating it.

c. Both Ayub and Bhutto are publicly stressing the need for closer relations with the Chinese. Among moves said to be under study is a defense or nonaggression pact with Peiping.

d. Pakistani officials are also making a show of determination to go through with the civil air agreement despite formidable practical difficulties.

e. We continue to think, how-ever, that Pakistan's dependence on US aid--and the absence of a feasible alternative--will eventually bring Ayub up short.

2. Syria

a. This morning, shortly after a Syrian delegation left Damascus for discussions with Nasir in Alexandria regarding Syrian-Egyptian unity, fighting broke out in downtown Damascus.

b. A Syrian army force attacked army headquarters, Radio Damascus, and other government buildings, which were defended by other army forces. The radio went off the air about noon after declaring a curfew.



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d. We have not yet been able to establish which of the many possible factions rose against the regime, but a late broadcast from Radio Damascus by Chief of Staff General Hafiz asserts that the mutiny has been crushed.

NOTES

A. Laos Souvanna's office announced today the Pathet Lao had launched a "general attack" against neutralist positions in the Plaine des Jarres utilizing North Vietnamese troops. If true, this might be an effort to deny use of the neutralist-held airstrip. In recent weeks, there have been a number of vague indications that the Communists could be building up to something, but so far we have no official confirmation that this announcement is not yet another false alarm.

B. USSR-India [redacted] Khrushchev took an optimistic line on the test ban talks, but contended world opinion must continue to press for an agreement and a nonaggression pact. [redacted]

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[redacted] He wants to meet Nehru for discussion of world problems.

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C. Morocco The arrest of leftist National Union of Popular Forces leaders Tuesday evening on charges of "plotting to create agitation" is designed to guarantee a victory for the royalist party in municipal elections on 28 July. In the longer run it will increase the isolation of King Hassan and his coterie.

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E. USSR-Cuba

[redacted] Khrushchev will not visit Cuba until 1964.
[redacted] he will come on 1 January in connection with the fifth anniversary of the Cuban revolution.

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F. South Vietnam No major developments were reported yesterday.

G. Yemen What appears to be a program to surface evidence of Cairo's use of gas warfare in Yemen is in progress

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H. Portuguese Guinea Portuguese Defense Minister General Manuel Gomes has admitted that rebel guerrilla forces control the southern portion of the colony. The rebels claim they will be able to take over the entire colony if they receive the aid promised by the African heads of state at Addis Ababa earlier this year.

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19 JULY 1963

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1. South Vietnam

a. Diem last night announced that further steps would be taken to carry out last month's agreement with the Buddhists.

b. This conciliatory gesture was taken only after considerable prodding from Ambassador Nolting. It should help produce at least a temporary lull, while the Buddhists see how the government lives up to its promises.

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2. Cuba-USSR

a. With the outlook doubtful for future TU-114 flights to Cuba via Conakry, the Soviets seem to be trying their luck elsewhere.

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c. Another shipload of Soviet military equipment, the fifth since last October, was delivered to Cuba Tuesday by the Metallurg Bardin.

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a. It is still not clear what happened yesterday.

b. The Baath regime is trying to give the impression that Nasir was behind the army "mutiny"

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but the very absence of clarification leads us to suspect that the Baath is in fact trying to conceal some sort of split in its own ranks.

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c. In any case, the public line it is taking will not sit well with Nasir and may finish off the unity talks now in progress.

d. Damascus is not yet completely quiet and late press reports state that the curfew is again in effect.

NOTES

- A. Laos The US military attache visited the Plaine des Jarres yesterday and found that the Pathet Lao "attack" of the previous night was in fact a false alarm. The Communists laid down the "heaviest and most concentrated barrage" of the past two months, but no ground changed hands and the situation was quiet. Signs of unusual activity on the Communist side continue to accumulate, however.
- B. Greece The way now seems paved for Karamanlis' eventual return to power. He will be the principal beneficiary of an open split in the main (centrist) opposition party. He also stands to gain from the scheduling of new elections for October. A prolonged postponement of elections, previously rumored, would probably have weakened his hold on his own party.
- C. Iran The dissident mullahs who sparked demonstrations early last month are said to be planning some new anti-government action. [redacted] The authorities are alert to the possibility and can probably keep the lid on the situation. 50X1
- D. Malaysia The British seem determined to go ahead with plans to throw Indonesian consular officials out of North Borneo. They have convinced themselves that failure to act would only encourage Sukarno to take an even harder line on Malaysia. Ambassadors Bruce and Jones are trying to persuade them that the expulsion of these officials would not be a helpful step, especially just before the Manila conference is scheduled to open. 50X1

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E. South Korea The [] ex-security chief Kim Chong-pil will probably soon be on his way back to a position of power in the Korean military junta. []

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[] he may be passing through the US en route next week.

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F. Bolivia The government's difficulties with the tin miners have taken another turn for the worst. President Paz told Ambassador Stephansky on Monday that miner unrest is at the point where a general strike is a definite possibility. He thinks that such a strike would not last long but concedes that if it were to stretch out for more than a month it might lead to civil war.

G. West Germany On 12 July, the cabinet approved a draft tax reform law which would stimulate West German exports. German foreign exchange surpluses could thus again become important in US balance-of-payments difficulties. Although a Finance Ministry official says the new tax measure is unlikely to become effective before 1966, parliamentary consideration will begin this fall.

LATE NOTE

South Vietnam The initial Buddhist reaction to Diem's overture was to reject an immediate truce. The press this morning says that Buddhist leaders sent a note to Diem in which they vowed to continue their demonstrations until the government meets all of their demands.

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1. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. DIEM HAS RELAXED POLICE HARASSMENT OF THE BUDDHISTS SOMEWHAT, POSSIBLY ENOUGH TO INDUCE BUDDHIST LEADERS TO MEET WITH A GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE ON MONDAY.

B. DIEM'S MORE MODERATE MINISTERS THINK HE IS NOW ON THE RIGHT TRACK, BUT STILL SUBJECT TO STRONG, CONTRARY ADVICE. THERE IS ALSO THE POSSIBILITY THAT HIS POLICIES WILL BE UNDERCUT.

C. THE THAI FOREIGN MINISTER YESTERDAY TOLD OUR EMBASSY THAT UNLESS DIEM'S CURRENT EFFORTS DAMPEN DOWN THE CRISIS, THAILAND WOULD FEEL COMPELLED TO REACT STRONGLY.

2. CUBA--NAVY:

A. CUBAN CREWS APPEAR READY FOR A FIRING EXERCISE WITH KOMAR GUIDED MISSILES. [REDACTED]

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3. NOTES:

A. USSR - TEST BAN: KHRUSHCHEV'S SPEECH YESTERDAY TREATED A LIMITED TEST BAN AS AN ACCOMPLISHED FACT. THERE WAS NO IMPLICATION THAT THE TEST BAN IS CONDITIONAL ON A NONAGGRESSION PACT: KHRUSHCHEV SIMPLY STATED THAT "WE WOULD LIKE TO HOPE"

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THAT THE MOSCOW TALKS WILL PRODUCE AGREEMENT ON SUCH A PACT.

B. SYRIA: NAMES OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THURSDAY'S FIASCO ARE EMERGING, AND THE PRO-NASIR COLORATION IS APPARENT. THE CAIRO PRESS IS NOW GIVING THE SYRIAN REGIME THE FULL TREATMENT. THE BAATHIST GOVERNMENT, DISREGARDING ESTABLISHED RULES FOR SYRIAN COUPS, HAS SUMMARILY SHOT A SCORE OF THE LOSERS, AND REMAINS IN SOMEWHAT SHAKY CONTROL THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

C. CUBA - BRITISH GUIANA:

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D. BOLIVIA:

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E. AUSTRIA: AUSTRIA HAS AGREED TO WITHDRAW AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EAST GERMAN AIRLINE TO RUN A WEEKLY EAST BERLIN - VIENNA SERVICE. THIS SEEMS TO END AUSTRIAN EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH SERVICE TO BERLIN AND ALSO TO END THE FLAP OVER ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR BERLIN ACCESS.

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LATE ITEM

USSR-CHINA:

A. PEIPING, IN ITS FIRST DIRECT PUBLIC REPLY TO LAST SUNDAY'S SOVIET LETTER, TAKES THE WRAPS OFF A LITTLE MORE.

B. TODAY'S PEOPLES DAILY CHARGES "THE LEADER OF THE CPSU" WITH "MALICIOUSLY" CONDEMNING CHINA AND SAYS "HE PARTICULARLY ATTACKED COMRADE MAO TSE-TUNG--THOSE WHO SLANDER COMRADE MAO AND OUR PARTY WILL ONLY MAKE FOOLS OF THEMSELVES" AND EXPOSE "THEIR DIRTY AIMS."

C. THEY SAY THERE ARE "70 OR 80 TRULY SHOCKING INSTANCES OF CALLING WHITE BLACK" IN THE SOVIET LETTER, WHICH THEY WILL CLARIFY IN FURTHER ARTICLES "WITH MATERIAL EVIDENCE."

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**22 JULY 1963
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1. Sino-Soviet
Dispute

a. The two parties managed this weekend to extricate themselves from the talks with a communique stating they have "agreed" to resume discussions, "some time later."



b. Several East European countries, in commentaries so similar that Moscow's guidance seems apparent, have harshly criticized the Chinese.

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c. As expected, the party and government chiefs of the CEMA member states are to meet Wednesday in Moscow, for the first time since 1962. Moscow has also announced an aid agreement for Yugoslavia and Khrushchev's plan to go there in August.

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d. The CEMA meeting may discuss breaking economic relations with Peiping, and will surely deal with Rumania's recalcitrance. The Rumanian ambassador in Moscow told Kohler Saturday that this problem had been satisfactorily resolved.

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2. Syria

a. The regime is still uneasy, although there has been no shooting since Friday.

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b. Large military units are deployed throughout Damascus, and in some sections are conducting a house-to-house search for pro-Nasir elements. The severe curfew has been only slightly relaxed.

c. Negotiations for an Egyptian-Syrian-Iraqi union have apparently been broken off. The Cairo press is accusing the Syrian leaders of "unparalleled terrorism."

3. Iraq-USSR

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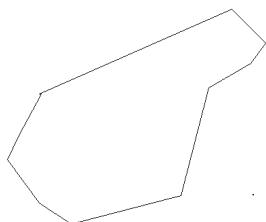
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5. UAR-Yemen

a. Cairo last week approved
the withdrawal of one Egyptian bri-
gade

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b. Since mid-July stepped-up military operations and negotiations with important tribal elements have reduced royalist activity.

c. Fighting seems bound to continue, however, around royalist strongholds in the north.

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6. South Vietnam

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a. Buddhist leaders, the majority of them still unconvinced of the government's sincerity, have responded to Diem's conciliatory actions with new demands and threats of further violence. They are reported to have given the government a deadline of midnight tonight.

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b. They are now asking Diem to release all Buddhists arrested since the initial incident in May and to punish officials involved in repressions.

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7. Ecuador

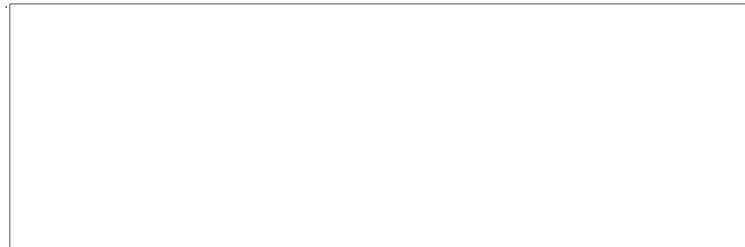
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a. The junta may soon "reduce" to one strong man, probably Colonel Gandara

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b. Gandara has told US officials that needed reforms "can only be achieved under a strong dictatorship."



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d. The Foreign Minister told the US Embassy Friday that the junta believed it possible to hold elections within a year, but would not be tied down to a specific date at this time.



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A. Cuba

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B. Haiti Saturday Duvalier's forces shot up the remnants of the late Clement Barbot's insurgent group. This would seem to eliminate, for the moment, organized internal resistance to the regime. There are rumblings of discontent in the army, however, over the losses sustained in fighting Duvalier's battles.

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C. Congo

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D. Laos Neutralist forces in the Plaine des Jarres, probably unnerved by recent heavy shellings, seem convinced a large-scale Pathet Lao attack is brewing. The Pathet Lao may be encouraging this belief in order to influence the Souphanouvong-Souvanna negotiations.

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E. Berlin

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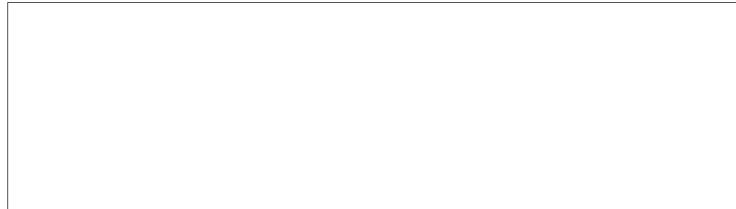
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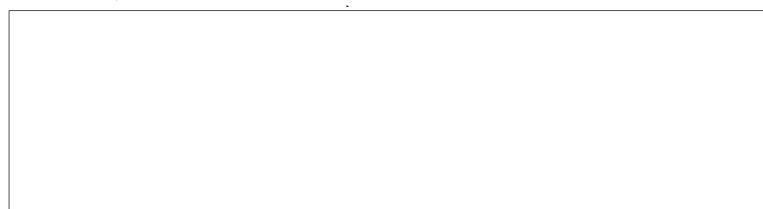
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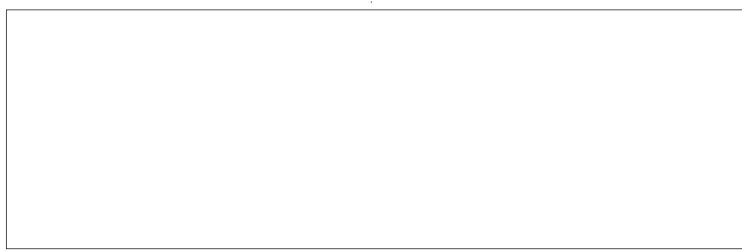
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2. British Guiana

a. Four charges of dynamite were exploded Sunday evening in the vicinity of the pier where the Soviet ship Michurinsk had tied up a few hours earlier.

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c. The incident apparently grew out of continuing labor unrest caused in part by the refusal of some government-controlled organizations to rehire workers who had been on strike.

3. Sino-Soviet Relations

a. A hero's welcome greeted the Chinese delegates on their return Sunday from the Moscow talks. Mao himself was on hand--a rarity these days.

b. There are signs the Chinese, armed now with voluminous testimony from the discussion, will redouble their campaign against the Soviets among world Communist parties.

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c.

Moscow sus-

pects the Chinese of sabotaging a Soviet airliner which exploded in mid-air while en route from Peiping to Moscow on 13 July and crashed near Irkutsk. This despite the fact that the passenger list included the family of the Albanian ambassador in Peiping.

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4. Chinese Com-
munist

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5. Pakistan

a. Foreign Minister Bhutto has given Ambassador McConaughy unqualified assurances that Pakistan has no secret defense agreement of any kind with Peiping.

b. Interestingly, Peiping seems to have been surprised by Bhutto's reference last week to a possible defense pact. In reporting on the speech, Chinese media have omitted those portions which raised this question.

c. Bhutto, of course, insists we misunderstood him.

6. Syria-UAR

a. As expected, Nasir in his speech last night, tore the skin off the backs of the Syrian Baathists and slammed the door against any further thoughts of "unity" so long as they remain in control in Damascus.

b. He was gentler on Iraq.

c. In Damascus, meanwhile, summary executions continue. Official statements put the total at twenty-eight. More are expected.

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e. By the severity of the crackdown (in no case since Syrian independence in 1945, have unsuccessful coup plotters been put to death) the Syrian Baathists, like their brethren in Iraq, hope to discourage any further attempts against them.

f. The executions also show a Baathist willingness to carry out a bare-knuckles campaign against Nasir.



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NOTES

- A. Israel-UAR The Israel Defense ministry announced an aerial engagement this morning involving two UAR Mig-17's allegedly over Israeli territory. One UAR plane was said to have been hit, but both apparently returned to UAR territory. The UAR says it shot down an Israeli intruder. The Israelis have been engaged in maneuvers in the border area, and we suspect the Egyptians might have been trying to get a close look at them.
- B. Security Council meeting on Colonialism The Soviets are losing no time climbing on the bandwagon at the Security Council meeting on Portuguese colonialism. Ambassador Fedorenko has scheduled himself to speak today without waiting for the four African delegates to finish presenting their case.

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- C. Indonesia-Malaysia

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Djakarta announced yesterday that its armed forces will hold "joint maneuvers" in adjacent areas of the South China Sea and Strait of Malacca.

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- E. Central American Foreign Ministers' Meeting Nicaraguan President Schick has suggested to the Costa Ricans another meeting of Central American Foreign Ministers in early August to consider the menace of Cuban Communism. They last met at Managua in late June. [redacted]
- F. South Korea The junta leadership is now rather clumsily hinting to Ambassador Berger that unless the US increases its food deliveries, elections will have to be postponed.

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1. The Arab States

- a. The Baathists in Syria, taking Nasir's outburst on Monday as his official withdrawal from the Egyptian-Iraqi-Syrian union drive, have begun to talk up a bilateral union with Iraq.
- b. Spokesmen in Damascus are saying that difficulties with Egypt need not rule out a "different union." Such an arrangement would be visible proof of the regime's devotion to Arab unity and the emptiness of Nasir's pretensions to Arab pre-eminence.
- c. Baghdad remains silent but its sympathies are clearly with Syria. An Iraqi Baathist said last week: "We will strike the Nasirites with an iron fist and will be in ambush for them here and in Syria."

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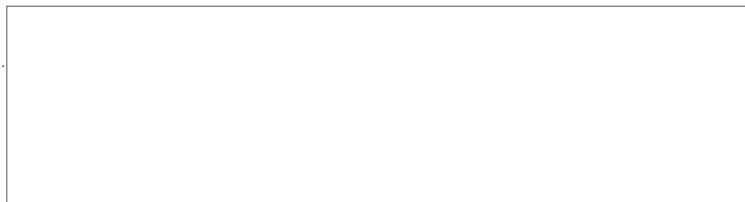
2. Sino-Indian Border

- a. Indian officials are concerned over the prospect of a new Chinese Communist military thrust into the Northeast Frontier Agency.

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b. We regard Indian worries
as somewhat overdrawn. [redacted]

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3. Portuguese Colonies

a. Lisbon is reinforcing its garrison in Portuguese Guinea by diverting to the colony several battalions which had been earmarked for service elsewhere in Africa.

b. Ambassador Elbrick believes that the move will enable the Portuguese to hang on to parts of Guinea, but not to pacify the colony or solve basic problems.

c. The dimensions of guerrilla activity are hard to establish, but it seems to have spread to most of the colony in the past few weeks.



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d. The African delegations in
the UN have decided to push for
economic sanctions against Portugal
in the Security Council debate

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e. Embassy Lisbon has been
asked to find out what Portugal in-
tends to do with 24 B-26's it has
ordered from a Miami firm.

4. Malaysia

a. After several weeks of
playing cat and mouse with the sum-
mit meeting on Malaysia, Sukarno
assured Ambassador Jones yesterday
that he would attend.

b. We are convinced, however,
that his chief object in going will
be to try to delay the formal estab-
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some time-consuming form of self-
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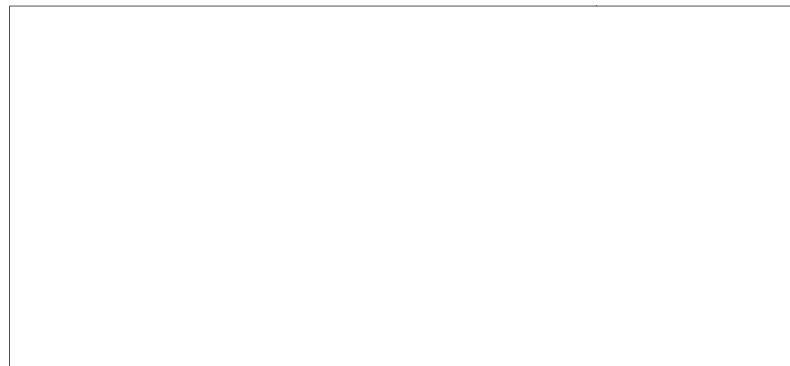
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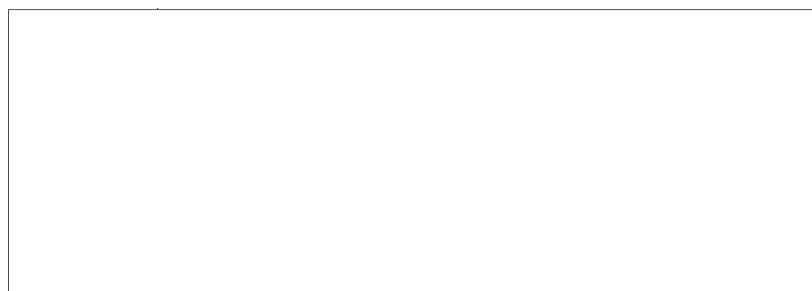
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5. Cuba

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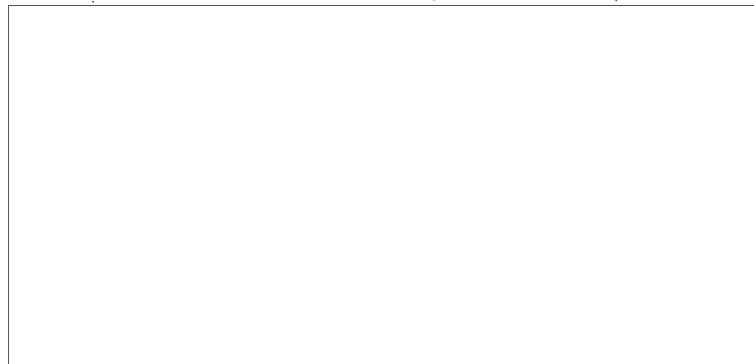


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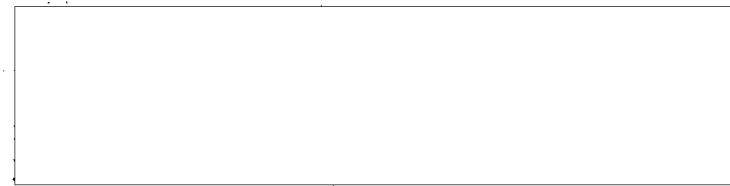
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6. Indonesia-USSR

a. The Indonesians are still backpedalling on military assistance from the USSR.

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c. Djakarta has also decided to buy only spare parts for military equipment already on hand during the rest of the year. Some military items continue to trickle in under old contracts, however.

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d. Pressures for acquiring added Soviet equipment could build up again as a result of Sukarno's desire to frustrate Malaysia, but we do not expect the Indonesians again to accept the accelerated deliveries

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NOTES

- A. Ecuador The junta has ordered the Ecuadorean Navy to avoid another fishing boat incident "at all costs." Ambassador Bernbaum comments that the order will give breathing space until negotiations on the matter are resumed.
- B. The Kurds A cease-fire between the Iraqi Government and the Kurds could be in the works.

[redacted] the Iraqis have sent a delegation to see whether the Kurds would like to talk about ending the fighting. The Iranians, [redacted] have indications that [redacted] both may be ready to consider a truce. [redacted]

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- C. Congo [redacted] Tshombe may have left his Paris clinic for the south of France. This could prove to be the first stage of a return trip to the Congo [redacted]

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[redacted] We have an unconfirmed press story that he subsequently left France for an undisclosed location in Spain.

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- D. Pakistan [redacted]

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[redacted] A late press item from Rawalpindi has Bhutto reiterating today that Pakistan has had assurances of help from Peiping in the event of an Indian attack.

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E. Brazil-Cuba Communist-inclined Foreign Minister Lins
may support Cuba's bid for membership in the Latin
American Free Trade Association.

F. India-USSR [redacted] 50X1
the Soviets have agreed to supply India with [redacted]
[redacted] heavy transport aircraft and [redacted] helicopters [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] however, the Indians are running
into difficulties over the acquisition of more exotic
Soviet hardware. Soviet harping on the security expects
of a surface-to-air missile sale has "almost become
an obsession."

G. France Mr. Nixon is scheduled to have lunch with
De Gaulle next Tuesday.

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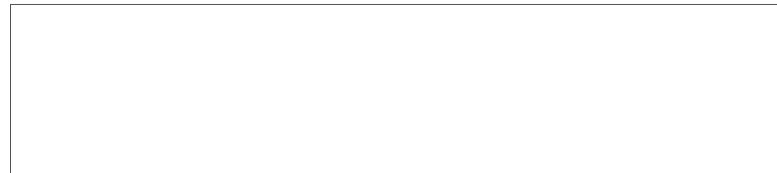
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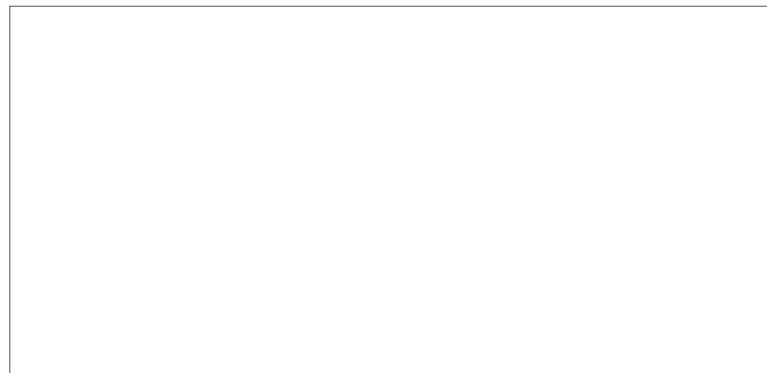
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1. **Sino-Indian**

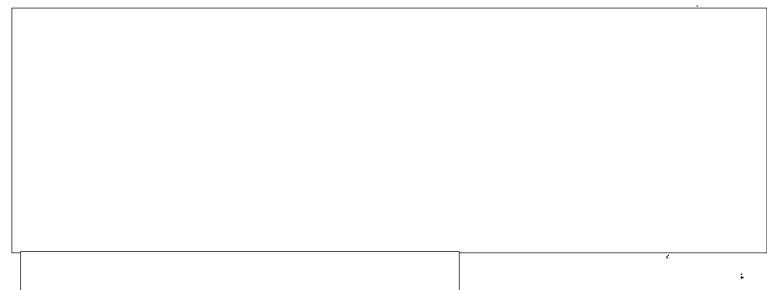
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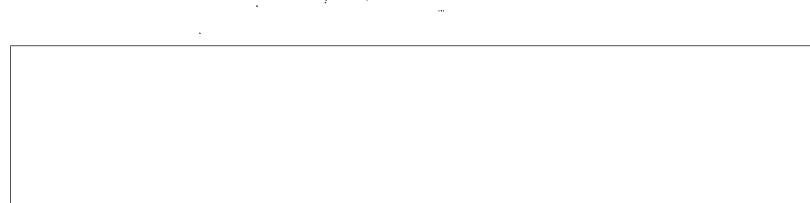
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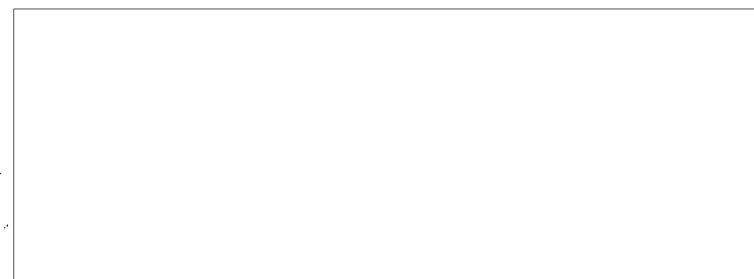
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2. **The Arab States**

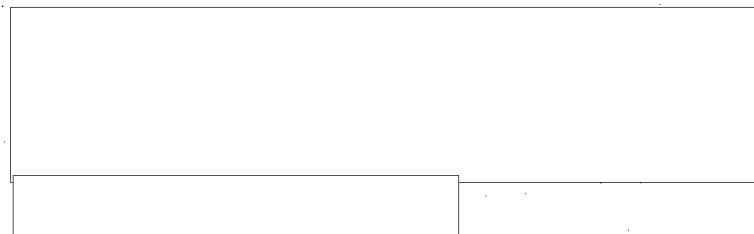
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3. Egyptian
Rockets

a. Egypt's "new" two-stage rocket, displayed in Tuesday's parade in Cairo, appears to be a combination of two rockets shown last year.

b. It seems virtually worthless as a military weapon. If used as a surface-to-surface missile it might have a range of about 800 nautical miles, but with a small payload. It has no guidance system.

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c. Egyptian press claims that this vehicle has been fired several times strike us as very dubious.

4. UK-Kenya-Somalia

a. Britain has offered to "discuss" Somali territorial claims in Kenya with the two disputants [redacted]

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b. [redacted]
[redacted] If Somalia accepts the offer it will at least demand a plebiscite for the area in dispute.

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c. Kenya's new African government, feeling its oats with its new defensive alliance with Ethiopia, is in no mood to give up any territory now, or after independence in December.

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- E. Western Europe Since the exception made for Canada, the proposed tax on foreign security purchases has been getting an even cooler reception in Europe. Critics doubt that it will ease our balance-of-payments problem, and claim its enforcement would "inevitably" require exchange controls.

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1. Cuba

a. Havana is all decked out for today's anniversary celebration which will culminate in a mass rally in Revolutionary Plaza.

b. At least 200 Latin Americans apparently have been invited to attend the celebrations. For a variety of reasons, however, including Jamaica's refusal to allow transit, scheduling difficulties (probably at least partly deliberate) out of Mexico City, and a delayed Cubana flight from Europe, the number of actual arrivals has been considerably reduced.

c. Following an earlier suspension of the flight, a Cubana airlines IL-18 arrived in Rio de Janeiro on Tuesday and returned to Havana yesterday with a load of Latin American delegates to attend the celebrations. [redacted]

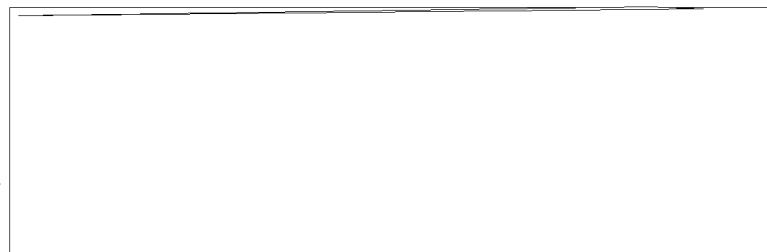
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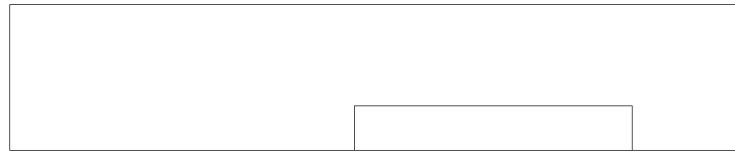
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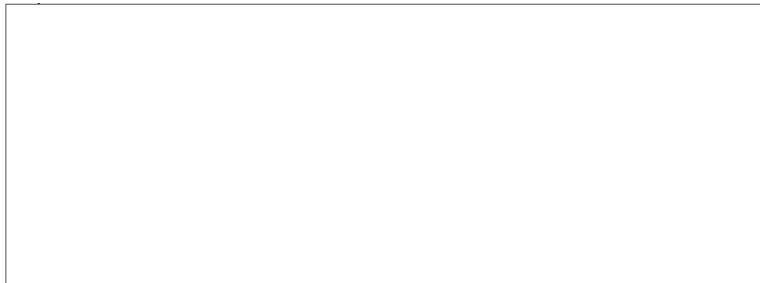
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2. USSR-Cuba

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3. South Vietnam

a. Nhu continues to meet with army generals. His purpose, he has told them, is to surface and "deflate" some of the problems that may be troubling them.

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b. With these [redacted] tactics he may well have succeeded in his evident real purpose which is to smoke out and disarm those who have harbored thoughts of a coup.

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c. [redacted] a lull in Buddhist demonstrations has coincided with a more conciliatory attitude on the part of Diem and his ministers.

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d. This has led some, including Ambassador Nolting, to express the thought that perhaps the regime can weather the crisis after all.

4. Indonesia

a. Sukarno, already angered by British expulsion of his consuls in Jesselton, professes to be outraged by receipt of a formal Malayan invitation to send a delegate to the Malaysian inaugural ceremonies on 31 August.

b. Now he says he will not attend the summit talks set for next Tuesday in Manila. Evidently to show that he means it, the Indonesians have cancelled their hotel reservations in Manila.

c. Ambassador Jones is doing what he can to repair the damage before Sukarno addresses a mass rally tomorrow.

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- A. UAR A wave of arrests has hit civilian and military personnel alike in Cairo and Alexandria (where Nasir is due to speak today).

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- B. Laos The Chinese Communists apparently now consider "neutralist" General Khamouane, strong man in Laos' northernmost Phong Saly province, a safe bet. Both Peiping and Hanoi have been buttering him up with supplies from time to time.

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- C. Czechoslovakia Czech party boss Novotny, a Stalinist from way back who is in bad odor with Khrushchev, has been unable with threats and warnings to stifle the demand for liberalization among intellectuals inside the party and out. He has refrained so far from using the repressive measures he knows best, possibly because he no longer can. The boldness of his critics suggests they have found important support in high places.

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- D. France-NATO

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- E. Panama-US President Chiari responded favorably to Ambassador Farland's suggestion of possible "special assistance", and Farland therefore plans to deliver the President's letter to Chiari on Monday.

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1. PORTUGUESE COLONIES:

A. AMBASSADOR KAISER IN DAKAR REPORTS THAT PORTUGUESE FORCES IN GUINEA ARE EXPERIENCING CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY IN KEEPING SUPPLY LINES OPEN TO KEY TOWNS AND VILLAGES.

B. AN EMBASSY OFFICIAL WHO WAS RECENTLY IN GUINEA SAYS THAT THE TRAINING, EQUIPMENT AND MORALE OF THESE FORCES LEAVE "MUCH TO BE DESIRED."

C. WE ARE ENCOURAGING THE FOUR AFRICAN MINISTERS WHO PRESENTED THE CASE AGAINST PORTUGAL TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER CAREFULLY WHETHER THEY SHOULD NOT TAKE UP NOGUEIRA'S INVITATION TO VISIT PORTUGAL'S AFRICAN COLONIES.

2. COMMUNIST CHINA:

A. MAO'S CHINA GREETED THE INITIALING OF A TEST BAN AGREEMENT WITH NEW INTIMATIONS THAT IT STANDS ON THE THRESHOLD OF A NUCLEAR CAPABILITY, AND WON'T BE "CHEATED."

B. WE DETECT AN ELEMENT OF WHISTLING IN THE DARK HERE.

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FOR A CHINESE TEST WOULD BE NEXT YEAR, WITH 1965 OR 1966 MUCH MORE LIKELY.

3. THE KURDS:

A. SOME 6,000 KURDISH REFUGEES FROM IRAQ ARE POSING A PROBLEM TO THE IRANIANS.

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B. TEHERAN FEARS THAT A NUMBER OF COMMUNISTS AND QASIMITES ARE INCLUDED. THE IRANIAN AUTHORITIES WILL TRY TO CUT THESE OUT OF THE MAIN GROUP FOR RETURN TO IRAQ.

C. [REDACTED] 50X1

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[REDACTED] WE DOUBT THAT THE IRAQI FORCES WILL BE ANY MORE SUCCESSFUL IN THIS ATTEMPT THAN THEY HAVE ON EARLIER DRIVES. 50X1

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4. GUATEMALA - BRITISH HONDURAS:

A. THE PERALTA REGIME IS FOLLOWING UP ITS SEVERANCE OF RELATIONS WITH LONDON OVER BRITISH HONDURAS BY STEPPING UP MILITARY ACTIVITY NEAR THE BORDER.

B. [REDACTED] 50X1

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C. PERALTA SEEMS TO BE TILTING AT WINDMILLS HERE. HE IS PROBABLY MORE CONCERNED OVER USING THE EMOTIONAL ISSUE OF BRITISH HONDURAS TO IMPROVE HIS DOMESTIC STANDING THAN HE IS ABOUT A MILITARY THREAT FROM ACROSS THE BORDER.

5. CUBA-VENEZUELA:

A. CASTRO HENCHMAN CHE GUEVARA SAID LAST WEEK THAT US-CUBAN RELATIONS WERE NOT LIKELY TO IMPROVE MUCH, EVEN IF THERE WERE A US-SOVIET DETENTE, SINCE CASTRO IS DETERMINED TO AID

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OTHER REVOLUTIONS IN LATIN AMERICA.

B. GUEVARA, WHO HAS BEEN IN ALGERIA SINCE EARLY THIS MONTH, IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT REVOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS, AS IN VENEZUELA, WERE THE FIRST, NOT THE LAST.

C. IN VENEZUELA CASTRO-AIDED TERRORISTS MADE A BIG WEEK OF IT. ON THURSDAY ALONE, THEY SPARKED A LARGE-SCALE BREAKOUT FROM CARACAS' MAIN PRISON, DAMAGED AN IMPORTANT OIL PIPELINE, AND BLEW UP AT LEAST THREE HIGHWAY BRIDGES.

D. EARLIER IN THE WEEK THEY OCCUPIED TWO SMALL TOWNS IN AN AREA WHERE GOVERNMENT FORCES HAVE STAGED STRONG ANTI-GUERRILLA OPERATIONS.

6. NOTES:

A. BOLIVIA: PRESIDENT PAZ IS GIRDING HIS LOINS FOR FURTHER TROUBLE WITH THE TIN MINERS. [REDACTED]

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B. SINO-INDIAN BORDER: PEIPING'S DESIRE TO KEEP A TRAINED EYE ON THE FORTHCOMING US-UK-INDIAN AIR DEFENSE EXERCISES AS WELL AS ON OTHER ASPECTS OF INDIAN MILITARY COOPERATION WITH THE WEST PROBABLY PROMPTED IT TO RETURN A MILITARY ATTACHE TO NEW DELHI AFTER A FIVE-MONTH ABSENCE.

C. MALAYSIAN SUMMIT: [REDACTED]

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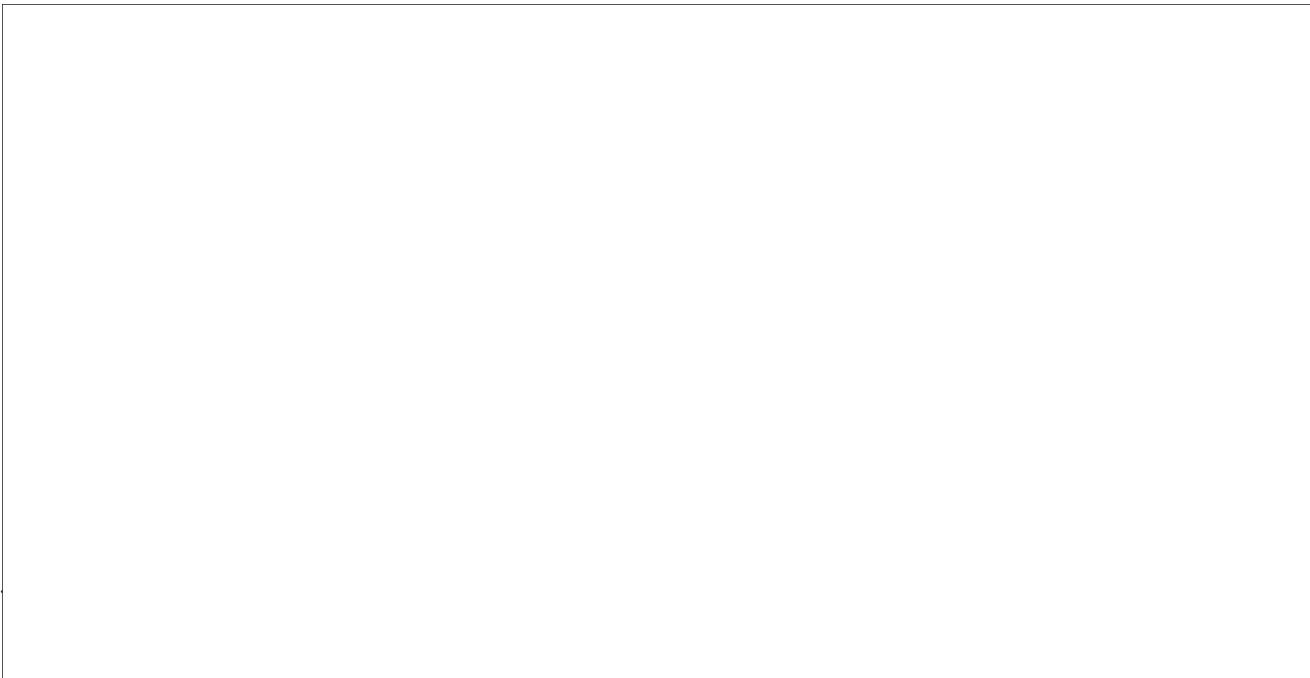
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D. SWITZERLAND: WE READ THE GUARDED REMARKS LAST WEDNESDAY OF DEFENSE CHIEF CHAUDET AS ANOTHER INDICATION OF SWISS INTEREST IN GETTING TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS. HE SAID THAT ATTENTION MUST BE DEVOTED TO RESEARCH ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS "APPROPRIATE TO THE DEFENSIVE MISSION" OF SWISS FORCES. RUMORS ARE CIRCULATING IN BERN THAT THE SWISS HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH THE FRENCH ON THIS SUBJECT.

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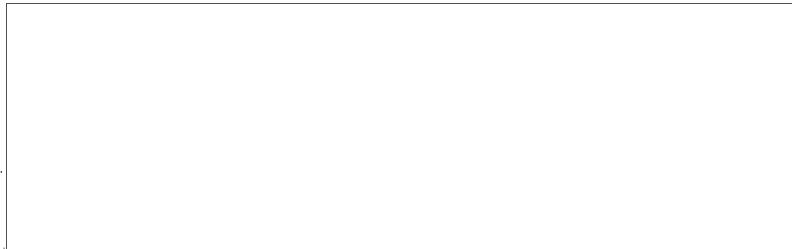
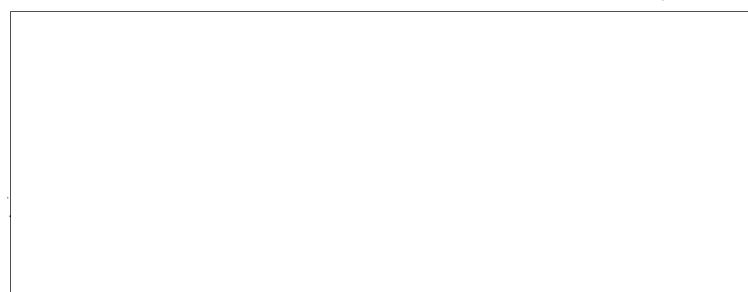
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1. France

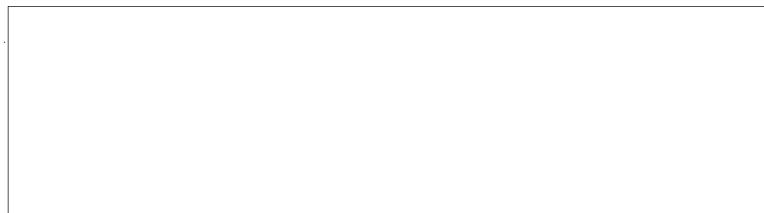
a. The French plan to carry out three or four underground nuclear tests in the Sahara this fall.

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d. De Gaulle will probably have something to say on this at his press conference later today.

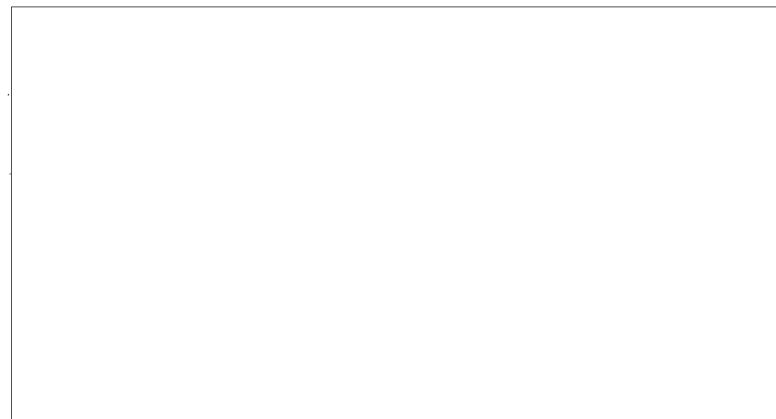
2. Pakistan-China



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3. South Vietnam

- a. Saigon is alive with talk of a big Buddhist demonstration tomorrow.
- b. Word has gone out from the main Buddhist temple that the faithful should drop their work and join in the demonstration. Another self-sacrifice may be in the day's events.
- c. This could be the "one big wingding" that Ambassador Nolting says the Buddhists want to try before sitting down again with government negotiators.
- d. Vietnamese leaders have been telling Nolting that they will not use repressive measures on the Buddhists, but we are not at all sure that the security forces in the streets will live up to the government's resolve.

4. Syria

a. The emergence over the weekend of General Hafiz as Syria's new strongman puts the government in the hands of men who prefer extreme solutions of the country's problems.

b. Hafiz was the chief architect of the bloody suppression of pro-Nasir and anti-Baath elements following the 18 July coup attempt.

c. Premier Bitar may be the next to go.

d. Cairo will not like all this and may well redouble its efforts to upset the Baath. The weekend's developments have not, however, improved its chances.

5. Cuba

a. The Cubans continue to talk up revolution in Latin America. Fidel Castro told his 26 July audience, which included 200-300 visitors from elsewhere in Latin America, that revolution in the area was "inevitable" and that Cuba would be the main source of inspiration and guidance.

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c. Conakry is under heavy Soviet pressure to reverse its decision to deny landing rights in Guinea for the regular weekly TU-114 flight from Moscow to Havana. The Soviets now say they will provide their own fuel, thus undercutting the Guinean argument that the flights were impractical because US-supplied fuel could not be used. It will take Soviets several months to build up the necessary stocks, however.

NOTES

A. Italy The Christian Democrats meet today and are expected to give party Secretary General Moro a renewed vote of confidence and a mandate to resume his attempt to form a coalition with the Nenni Socialists if that party emerges from its October Congress prepared to talk. We hear that the Christian Democrats are "almost bankrupt" and in no shape to face another election.

B. Burma

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C. Haiti Anti-Duvalier activity continues.

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1. Cuba-Brazil



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c. Roa--son of the foreign minister and one of Castro's most trusted diplomats--was recently transferred from Prague to Brasilia. One of his objectives is probably a commercial air agreement that would let Cubana link up with the Brazilian airline's flight to Dakar.

2. East Africa - Soviet Bloc

a. Kenya's African government, taking advantage of London's relinquishment of authority in foreign affairs, plans to send a trade mission to Moscow in October.

b. Kenyatta's party has long favored relations with Moscow, and Kenya must dispose of coffee over and above its free world quota.

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3. Congo

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4. North Korea -
US

a. This morning another US
soldier was killed by presumed North
Korean infiltrators about seven miles
south of the demilitarized zone.

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b. After South Korean police spotted the infiltrators, 1st Cavalry Division troops joined them in a search which resulted in a fire-fight.

c. Eighth Army estimates there are three small groups of North Koreans in the rear of the division.

5. Egypt-Yemen

a. About 1,500 Egyptian troops arrived back in the country from Yemen on Sunday. [Redacted]

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Our embassy in Cairo does not think these men will be replaced.

b. No new units have been sent to Yemen since early this month, but Egypt will still have nearly 30,000 troops there. [Redacted]

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NOTES

- A. USSR Mikoyan is again ailing. Khrushchev told Kohler Saturday that Mikoyan, now 68, had attempted to get back to full-time work too soon after "a serious operation" in early May.
- B. British Guiana - Cuba Havana claims Jagan will facilitate air travel between Cuba and neighboring countries, implying that he will form a national airline for this purpose. Jagan would probably like to transfer his aircraft from the anti-Jagan civil service to a "corporation" which, like others in the country, would be under the thumb of his People's Progressive Party.
- C. Cuba The Soviet-Cuban construction activity at Cayo Frances on the north coast, which had us puzzled earlier this year, now appears almost certainly connected with oil exploration and drilling, rather than military activity. [redacted]
- D. South Vietnam Today's demonstration by some 7,000 Buddhists in Saigon has gone off peacefully so far. The police seem to have obeyed Diem's orders not to interfere.
- E. Laos Heavy monsoon rains may account for slackening Pathet Lao military activity.

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F. Malaysia Macapagal [redacted]

[redacted] expects Rahman to insist on the original target date of 31 August, and Sukarno to demand a referendum in Borneo. Sukarno, however, seems to have left himself room to justify some concessions.

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G. British Honduras Public reaction to Guatemala's antics is almost non-existent. The government, somewhat more worked up, has decided to boycott the regional table tennis tournament in Guatemala City.

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1. Communist
China

- a. Peiping today issued a "statement of the Chinese government advocating the complete, thorough, total, and resolute prohibition and destruction of nuclear weapons."
- b. It charges the USSR with "selling out" the Soviet people to the forces of war and allying itself with the US against China, peace and socialism.
- c. To document the case, the Chinese use Moscow's own earlier arguments against such a treaty.
- d. The Chinese repeat their contention that it would be "unthinkable" for China to adhere to such a treaty--a "dirty fraud" under which the US has everything to gain and nothing to lose.
- e. Instead, Peiping puts forth its own sweeping nuclear disarmament proposals and calls for a meeting of world leaders to discuss total prohibition of nuclear weapons.

2. Korean Patrol
Clashes

- a. North Korean media have not yet mentioned the patrol clashes of yesterday and the day before.
- b. The silence suggests the infiltration attempts (not uncommon in this area) were not a deliberate effort to heat up the border situation.

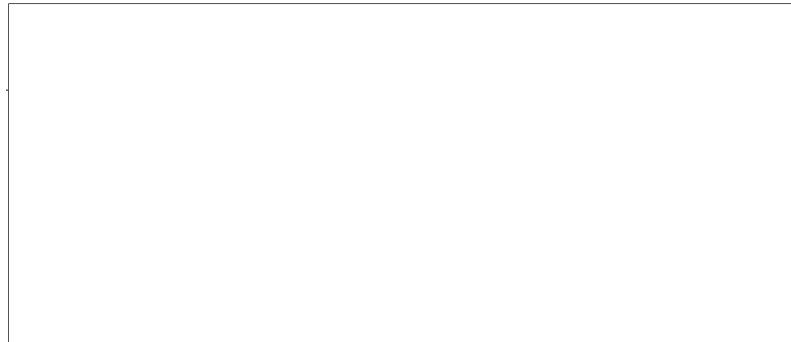
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3. Sino-Indian
border

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4. Malaysia

a. The meeting in Manila is described for public consumption as proceeding satisfactorily and in a friendly atmosphere.

b. The three chiefs of state have approved the agreement drawn up last month by their foreign ministers, but by their own admission, have not yet come to the crucial question of whether Malaysia will be formed before or after the wishes of the people of North Borneo are ascertained.

c. The meeting is scheduled to end Saturday.

5. Bolivia

a. The Paz government is considering a state of siege in the troublesome mining districts.

b. It is determined to keep the rampaging miners in check and will use armed force if necessary to do so, but would rather rely if possible on the local peasant militia.

c. The crisis may finally be coming to a head, however. The peasant militia in the crucial Catavi area were broken up Monday when a force of armed miners attacked their headquarters and killed their leaders.

6. UAR-Yemen



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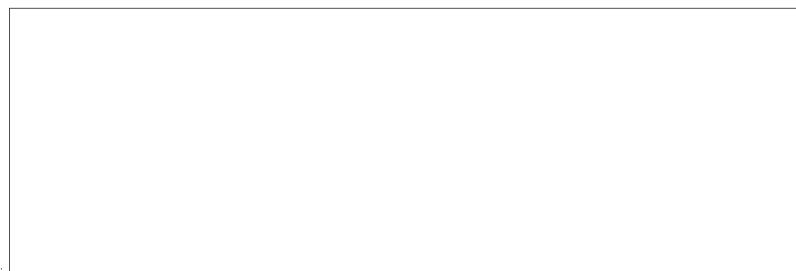


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NOTES

A. Test Ban agreement - UN U Thant has accepted the invitation to attend the signing of the test ban agreement. He is thinking of staying on a day or two in Moscow for talks with Gromyko and Khrushchev.

B. Cuba-US The US students who have been touring Cuba held a press conference yesterday in Havana

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D. USSR-Iraq

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E. Argentina The state of siege, nearly five years old, will probably be declared at an end on Friday. One result will be the release of Frondizi who, according to press reports, plans to try to form a new party of "moderate opposition" to Illia's government.

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F. USSR

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