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India - Communist China: Activity along the border continues at a low ebb.

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India's period of greatest danger from the Chinese will occur in 1963, before the Indian Army's expansion program, begun in 1959 and accelerated in recent weeks, is completed.

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Nehru's remarks regarding aircraft purchases from the USSR are still unclear. They seem to be more an expression of "confidence" that Moscow will not renege on orders already placed than a precise statement, as initially reported in the press, that the planes will be delivered. Nehru was probably trying to counterbalance publicity given Western arms aid and at the same time encourage the Soviet Union to deliver additional transports and helicopters, as well as the MIG-21 jet fighters.

Peiping has reportedly rejected Nasir's proposals for ending the conflict, presumably because of their similarity to the Indian position. Peiping continues its efforts, nevertheless, to persuade Asian and African nations to put pressure on the Indians to negotiate, while continuing to portray the Nehru government as having "sold out" to Western imperialism.

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North Korea: North Korea apparently has recalled most of its ambassadors, probably for an across-the-board foreign policy review.

As of 9 November, envoys to the USSR, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland, Bulgaria, and Rumania were reported absent from their posts or preparing to leave. Other North Korean ambassadors may also have left their embassies.

The foreign policy conference will probably discuss North Korea's position in the recently intensified Sino-Soviet dispute, especially in light of the Cuban situation and the Sino-Indian border conflict. Pyongyang has been increasingly vocal in its support of the Chinese position on both questions.

The conference is also likely to consider the upcoming UN deliberations on both the annual UNCURK report on Korea and the Soviet-introduced proposal calling for debate on the withdrawal of foreign troops from South Korea.

Communist China recalled a number of its diplomats in October for a conference. These envoys apparently are still in Peiping.

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Colombia: Opposition to the Colombian Government's austerity program--announced on 7 November--is mounting and is likely to cause major political repercussions.

The US chargé in Bogota reports that the administration is under increasing pressure and the "political situation could deteriorate very rapidly." The government's program--intended to ease the heavy strain on Colombia's balance of payments and to help finance the country's ten-year development program--includes new consumer taxes and higher import tariffs. The plan is awaiting congressional approval. Meanwhile, normal foreign exchange transactions have been suspended and a financial panic threatens.

Unsettled conditions in Colombia could seriously affect its potential for being a showcase for the Alliance for Progress and will further weaken public confidence in the administration. President Valencia is already under sharp criticism for his inability to exercise effective leadership during his three months in office.

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Canada: Prime Minister Diefenbaker is under growing pressure from his own party to cooperate more closely with the US on Cuba and certain controversial defense questions, including the acceptance of nuclear weapons.

According to the American Embassy in Ottawa, the 8 November speech of George Hogan (Diefenbaker's campaign manager) calling for a break in diplomatic and trade relations with Cuba is the third recent example of such pressure.

Hogan also proposed that the government qualify its stand on nuclear weapons by setting a time limit on its public promise that it will not acquire them. He urged that the senior Canadian air force officer in NORAD be given the authority to place Canadian air defenses on alert without referring to Ottawa. He suggested these steps would increase Allied confidence in Canada, and "perhaps restore our own self-respect."

The embassy sees no open rebellion among the Conservatives against Diefenbaker's leadership at this point but believes that the group within the cabinet favoring closer military cooperation with the US has probably been strengthened.

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Guatemala: Conservative elements in the armed forces are considering a coup this month. Guatemalan Communists, aware of the plotting, are preparing to take advantage of the confusion that would follow a coup attempt.

The military plotters expect to act before the end of November.

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Primarily, they are determined to prevent the return from exile of the controversial and strongly anti-US former President Arevalo, who is seeking the presidency again in elections scheduled for late next year. Arevalo's supporters have recently made significant political gains and anti-Arevalo discussions are known to have been under way for some months in the armed forces.

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neither the minister of defense nor the chief of staff and their followers are involved. The US Embassy doubts that the plot will get beyond the talking stage.

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the party is preparing to deliver arms to its action units in expectation that the rightist coup will be attempted before 13 November. He said party units are to be instructed to attack US diplomatic and business installations.

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