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USSR: Well placed Soviet sources are suggesting that Kozlov's political career has ended.

Khrushchev's son-in-law Aleksei Adjubei has told Western reporters that Kozlov is "sick enough to retire." Other Soviet sources are saying that he may never return to his job.

The American Embassy in Moscow, noting recent signs of stress within the leadership, has raised the possibility that the illness was politically caused.

As yet there are no good indications what impact Kozlov's apparent incapacitation has had on the distribution of power within the ruling hierarchy. If Kozlov's departure from the political scene could be considered as potentially strengthening Khrushchev's hand, there have been no clear signs yet that he or the party leadership as a whole are interpreting it as such.

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Venezuela. Venezuelan President Betancourt appears to be under increasing pressure from the armed forces to halt the current upsurge of Communist terrorism.

The US army attaché in Caracas reports that Venezuelan army and national guard officers have expressed concern at the inability of the civilian authorities to prevent persistent extremist attacks against armed forces personnel. The murder of a military policeman and the sabotage of a military commissary and US-owned business firms during the past several days, resulting in losses estimated at more than \$500,000, have added to the unrest.

Communist leaders are seeking to take advantage of the situation

While the danger of garrison revolts by dissident military elements has increased, the majority of the armed forces are believed to be loyal to Betancourt and capable of preventing any major uprising.

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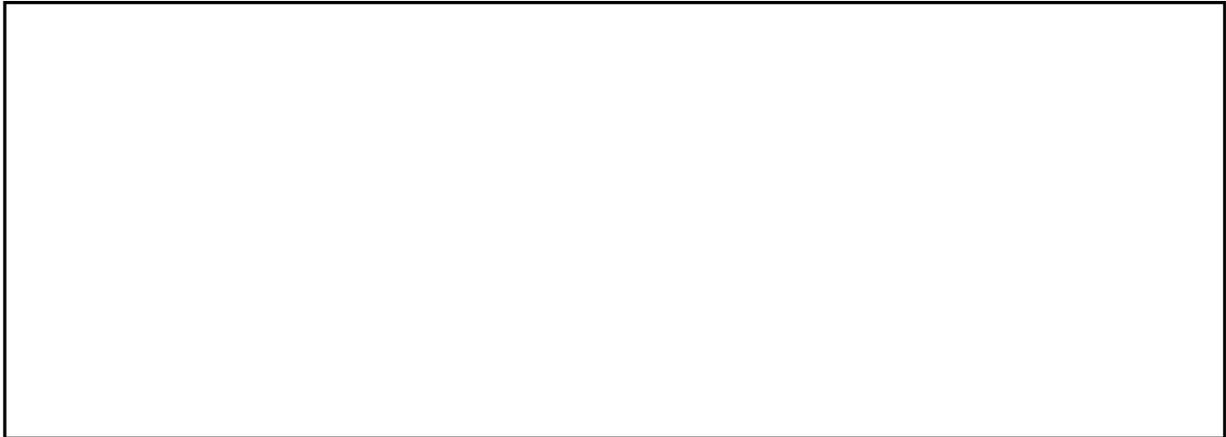
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NOTES



USSR-Cuba: The Soviet ship Transbalt, which [redacted] unloaded a military cargo the next day. A preliminary analysis of aerial photography [redacted] shows 21 flat-bed trucks and 70 other vehicles, some of which presumably were connected with the unloading of the Transbalt. [redacted]

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Bulgaria: (The Bulgarian armed forces are being reduced. [redacted])

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[redacted] It is rumored in Sofia that the cut might amount to as much as 20 percent of the present estimated strength of 164,000 and that it is justified in part by the receipt of newer weapons. Bulgaria has recently received new-generation Soviet fighters and surface-to-air missiles and may have received short-range surface-to-surface missiles. [redacted]

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Spain: [Spanish Ambassador Garrigues on 3 May, immediately prior to his return to Madrid for consultations, asked both the White House and the State Department for US assistance in helping Spain achieve its desire for a greater role in the West's political and military councils. Spain, in return, would extend the bases agreement. Garrigues pressed unsuccessfully for US support in bringing Spain into NATO and EEC, and hinted that Spain desires a more formal military relationship with the US.]

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