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*South Vietnam: [The Viet Cong in the Saigon area reportedly are under orders to concentrate on subversion for the time being, on grounds that terrorism and sabotage would tend to unite the people.]

[redacted]
[redacted] Viet Cong agents are to start a whispering campaign that the Americans engineered the recent religious clashes, and that Generals Khanh and Khiem are American stooges. The Viet Cong allegedly hope to foster popular agitation for the release of arrested rioters and for improved living conditions, and to work through Buddhists to attack Khanh.]

[A Saigon newspaper, [redacted] implied in a recent article that the US has been manipulating the situation in Vietnam to extend its own influence. The paper sought to attribute recent religious strife to American influence, claiming that there was no Buddhist violence before the Americans arrived.]

[Saigon student groups, meanwhile, have announced support for Khanh, but reserve the right to resume agitation should he appear to be reneging on his promise to create a civilian government within sixty days.]

[These anti-American manifestations may not be directly attributable to Viet Cong agitation, but they indicate that, at the least, the Communists have a fertile field in which to operate.]

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NATO-Cyprus: [Both Greece and Turkey have appealed to NATO for help in heading off a showdown between them]

[Athens and Ankara made their pitch in almost identical fashion at a NATO Council meeting on Tuesday. Although the general consensus of the council was that the main burden for working out a settlement rested with the two interested parties, it commissioned Secretary General Brosio immediately to undertake a study of how NATO might play a more effective role]

[The council concluded that there are two principal alternatives by which NATO might intervene more directly between Greece and Turkey. One is to broaden Brosio's present mandate to keep a close watch over the Cyprus situation. The other is to make use of the secretary general's good offices role as established in a council resolution of December 1956. The council recognized that NATO's actions should be consistent with the continuing role of the UN Security Council]

[Greek and Turkish tempers may flare again in New York today, however, when the Security Council takes up Athen's complaint about Turkish treatment of Greeks in Istanbul and Turkey's counterclaims against Greece]

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UK: [The US Embassy in London believes that the Labor Party is still a slight favorite to win next month's general election]

[The Conservatives, however, are hopeful of overtaking Labor in the home stretch. They are greatly encouraged by Prime Minister Douglas-Home's steadily improving image. They also are counting on reaping the benefits of domestic prosperity and their greater experience in international affairs]

[Labor leaders concede the Tories have made a comeback and some fear that they could win the election. Indeed, the party faces the danger that its leader, Harold Wilson, will have played out his appeal before polling day]

[Labor also has an uphill job of convincing the electorate that a change is necessary. Most Laborites, nonetheless cling to the belief that the "time-for-change" psychology, their chief ally, will be strong enough to permit them to oust the "played out" Conservatives]

[A potentially important factor in what promises to be a close race is the pulling power of the small Liberal Party. While the party is not expected to increase its representation in Parliament, votes for the Liberals are likely to hurt the Conservatives more than Labor]

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USSR: [A Soviet submarine, which appears to be a nuclear powered N-class torpedo-attack unit, has been tracked on a southwesterly course in an area about 500 miles east of Newfoundland. The apparent course of the submarine suggests that it may patrol into the western Atlantic. Soviet nuclear submarines rarely conduct long-range patrols and have never been known to cruise in the western Atlantic.]

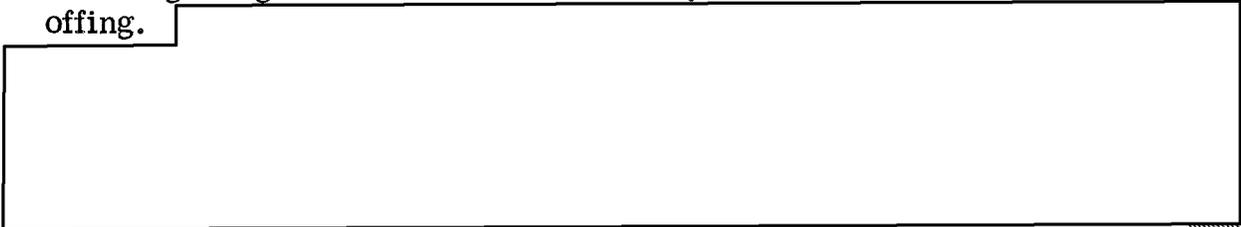
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Guatemala: There have been a number of reports in recent weeks suggesting that rightist and leftist extremists are once again trying to coordinate moves against the Peralta regime. The recent recurrence of terrorist incidents in Guatemala City may be a reflection of this plotting. Although the regime's position seems secure for the present, more extremist-inspired disturbances aimed at throwing the government off balance may be in the offing.

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