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1. SOVIET PASSENGER SHIPS HAVE MADE NINE UNPUBLICIZED TRIPS TO CUBA SINCE LATE JULY; TWO MORE BELIEVED EN ROUTE NOW. THE TWO WILL BRING ESTIMATED TOTAL MILITARY TECHNICIANS ARRIVING SINCE MID-JULY TO ABOUT FORTY-TWO HUNDRED.

UNDER AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED RECENTLY BY BRITISH GULANA TRADE MINISTER ON VISIT TO HAVANA, BRITISH GULANA WILL SEND UP TO ONE THOUSAND EXPERIENCED CANE CUTTERS TO HELP WITH NEXT YEARS HARVEST.

2. CHICOMS HAVE ASKED FOR EMERGENCY MEETING OF WANG AND CABOT IN WARSAW. DATE SET IS 21 SEPT. NO HINT OF SUBJECT, BUT WE SUSPECT IT WILL BE CHICOM CHARGE OF "AGGRESSIVE INTENT" IN WAKE OF U-2 INCIDENT. CHICOM PRESS BENDING EVERY EFFORT TO TAG US WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE U-2 OPERATIONS OVER MAINLAND, AND WE ARE ALSO GETTING COMPLAINTS FROM PEIPING ABOUT US

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DESTROYER OPERATIONS OFF EAST CHINA COAST.

3. GENERAL TAYLOR HAD FAIRLY ROUGH TIME IN SESSION WITH SARIT 14 SEPT. SARIT ADMITTED HE CONCURRED IN TAYLORS MILITARY RATIONALE BEHIND US ARMS AID TO CAMBODIA BUT SARIT SAID THAI PEOPLE WOULD NEVER UNDERSTAND. WITH FORNMIN THANAT PLAYING ROLE OF DEVILS ADVOCATE, SARIT IN EFFECT WARNED TAYLOR THAT THAILAND TO START MOVING IN LESS PRO-WEST DIRECTION.

4. DIEM SEEMS INTENT ON BREAKING RELATIONS WITH LAOS AS SOON AS LAOS OFFICIALLY RECEIVES HANOI'S AMBASSADOR. OUR EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE IS UNEASY OVER LATEST BOX-SCORE WHICH SHOWS TOTAL OF EIGHT COMMIE-BLOC DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS LIKELY TO BE ESTABLISHED IN VIENTIANE, AS COMPARED WITH THREE NEUTRALIST AND SEVEN PRO-WEST MISSIONS, EMBASSY URGING DEPARTMENT TO LIGHT A FIRE UNDER MORE PRO-WEST GOVTS TO INCREASE DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN LAOS.

SOUPHANOUYONG LEAVING FOR PEIPING (AND PERHAPS MOSCOW TOO

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FOR "MEDICAL TREATMENT." HE HAS TOLD THE PRESS HE IS GOING FOR AN EAR OPERATION AND NOT FOR A "POLITICAL OPERATION."

5. DEPARTMENT HAS, ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, INFORMED UAR OF US WILLINGNESS TO SELL GROUND-AIR MISSILES TO ISRAEL. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN RELUCTANT BECOME MAJOR SUPPLIER OF ADVANCED WEAPONS TO MID-EAST BUT HAS DECIDED "RESPOND SYMPATHETICALLY" TO ISRAELI REQUEST BECAUSE OF BUILD-UP OF OFFENSIVE AIR AND MISSILE CAPABILITY IN THE AREA.

6. IRAQ ABOUT TO RECEIVE ADVANCED WEAPONRY FROM USSR UNDER AID AGREEMENT SIGNED LAST YEAR. THIS INCLUDES FIVE SAM SITES, AIR-TO-AIR MISSILES FOR MIG-21'S, AND ANTI-TANK GUIDED MISSILES (FIRST APPEARANCE OUTSIDE THE BLOC). AS YOU RECALL, SOVIETS MAKING SAMS AVAILABLE TO EGYPT AND INDONESIA AS WELL AS IRAQ AND CUBA.

7. SYRIAN PARLIAMENT HAS GIVEN CONFIDENCE VOTE TO NEW PREMIER AL-AZM, WHO WILL RULE BY DECREE FOR ONE YEAR. AT END

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OF THIS TIME, SYRIA TO HAVE GENERAL ELECTIONS AND RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONAL GOVT. ARMY UNHAPPY ABOUT HAVING AL-AZM IN POWER BUT HAS APPARENTLY DECIDED TO SWALLOW RESERVATIONS, AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING. WE LOOK FOR AL-AZM, WHO TOUTS HIMSELF AS NEUTRALIST, TO COZY UP TO SOVIETS WHILE TRYING TO GET AS MUCH FROM US AS HE CAN. A SYRIAN MILITARY MISSION HAS RECENTLY ARRIVED IN MOSCOW.

8. DON'T KNOW WHETHER PRESS AVAILABLE TO YOU HAS CARRIED THE STORY, BUT ATTY GEN LAST WEEK MADE PUBLIC THE SOVIET APPROACH TO FLINK, THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE IN NEW YORK STATE.

9. FROM ALL EVIDENCE AT HAND, WE ARE VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT THE LATEST SOVIET VENUS PROBE FAILED.

10. BRAZILIAN CONGRESS HAS ADJOURNED AND GENERAL STRIKE HAS ENDED. LATEST CRISIS NOW BELIEVED PAST AS DATE (6 JANUARY) SET FOR PLEBISCITE ON ISSUE OF WHETHER BRAZIL CONTINUE

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PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM, OR REVERTS TO PREVIOUS PRESIDENTIAL
FORM. GOULART NOW IN PROCESSING OF FORMING NEW CABINET
TO REPLACE THE ONE THAT RESIGNED LAST WEEK.

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