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STATUS REPORT
OF THE
TASK FORCE SOUTHEAST ASIA

COVERT ANNEX-BURMA
(9 August - 22 August)

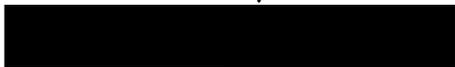
Ethnic Minority Insurgency

1. The Burma Army, under instruction of the Union Revolutionary Council, is making a strong effort to pacify the Kachin State and eliminate the threat of the Kachin Independence Army (KIA). The Army has transferred the First and Fourth Kachin Regiments to the Kachin State for operations against the KIA, in the belief that the Kachins will be less hostile towards their own tribesmen than they have previously been toward the Burmans. This strategy has reportedly met with some success. It has been previously reported (see Covert Annex-Burma 26 July-8 August 1962) that the Kachin State Supreme Council had formulated a political action plan to cause dissension among KIA forces and to lessen the influence of the KIA within the Kachin State. No information on the progress of this plan has been received.

2. The KIA commands considerable sympathy among the Kachin people, and has recently demonstrated surprising political acumen by dropping its rabid anti-Burman slogans in favor of demands for a return of parliamentary democracy. The KIA now states that it is not anti-Burman but only opposed to the "fascist" Union Revolutionary Council.

3. No significant changes have been reported in the activities of other ethnic insurgent groups operating in Burma during the reporting period.

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