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[the French Community on 20 June. In the UN, to which Mali expects to be admitted this fall, the new state probably will support the admission of Communist China.]
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REPORTS AND ESTIMATES**

(Available during the preceding week)

West New Guinea Problem, SNIE 65-2-60. 24 May 60.

LATE ITEM

*Turkish Military Seizes Government: (information as of 0400 EDT, 27 May) Turkish Army units supported by Navy and Air Force elements seized control of Ankara and Istanbul in an apparently bloodless coup in the early morning of 27 May. President Bayar, most cabinet ministers in Ankara, and several of the highest ranking army officers are reported under arrest, Prime Minister Menderes, who was last reported touring in western Anatolia about 125 miles west of Ankara, apparently has not yet been taken. The coup was carried out by younger officers, with cadets of the military academy apparently taking a major role. Representatives of the "military council" which is in control called at the American Embassy almost immediately to give assurances that the coup was directed only against the Menderes government and that Turkey would remain "a staunch ally of the United States as well as a devoted member of NATO." These military representatives promised early free elections

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and stated that those government officials responsible for the previous regime's undemocratic measures would be tried by civilian courts. Brigadier General Refik Tulga has taken over as mayor and governor of Istanbul. He is a former military attaché in the United States and is described as "exceedingly pro-American." [redacted]

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