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TO: **GENERAL CLIFTON (EYES ONLY)**

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FOMENT

1. UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO ~~KORMENT~~ REVOLUTION IN ARGENTINA. BUENOS AIRES RADIO SAYS LAST NIGHT'S REBEL ACTION WAS UNDERTAKEN BY A SMALL GROUP OF AIRMEN UNDER ORDERS OF A FORMER COMMANDER OF A TRAINING DETACHMENT. THE GROUP OF ABOUT 60-65 LITTLE-KNOWN REBELS HAD NO IMPORTANT BACKING AND WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY WITHOUT BLOODSHED DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS. THE GROUP HAD SEIZED A DOWNTOWN TELEPHONE EXCHANGE CONTROLLING RADIO LINES AND A STATION OF "RADIO NACIONAL" IN THE CAPITAL AND BROADCAST A REVOLUTIONARY MANIFESTO BEFORE GOING OFF THE AIR AT MIDNIGHT. A MARINE DETACHMENT SURROUNDED THE TELEPHONE BUILDING FORCING ITS REBEL OCCUPANTS TO SURRENDER. THE SAME WAS DONE BY AN ARMY UNIT AT THE "RADIO NACIONAL" BUILDING. ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN SPORADIC SHOOTING BY SMALL GROUPS OF REBEL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL, NO CASUALTIES ARE REPORTED AND ORDER HAS BEEN RESTORED. IMMEDIATE LABOR AND MILITARY REACTION TO THE INCIDENT WAS IN SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT.

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2. FRANCE-ALGERIA-TUNISIA. FRANCE'S ANNOUNCEMENT YESTERDAY THAT IT

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WAS TERMINATING THE UNILATERAL CEASE-FIRE IT HAD PUT INTO EFFECT IN ALGERIA ON 20 MAY WAS PROBABLY TIMED TO COUNTER AN ADVERSE FRENCH ARMY REACTION TO THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION, ALSO ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY, TO WITHDRAW FROM ONE OF REGIMENTS BIZERTE/THE PARATROOP/REGIMENTSENT THERE LAST MONTH. ALGERIAN REBELS WILL PROBABLY BE RELIEVED AT THE CEASE-FIRE TERMINATION. THEIR LEADERS HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO CALL A CEASE-FIRE THEMSELVES FOR FEAR OF DISINTEGRATING THEIR FORCES OR LOSING CONTROL OVER THEM AND HAVE CALLED THE FRENCH UNILATERAL CEASE-FIRE A PROPAGANDA GESTURE. _____

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3. MILITARY ACTION IN LAOS. THE SHELLING OF XIENG KHOUANG TOWN BY MEO GOVERNMENT FORCES ON 9-10 AUGUST IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN TRIGGERED BY A KONG LE ARTILLERY UNIT FIRING ON MEO POSITIONS IN THE HILLS OUTSIDE THE TOWN. BY LATE AFTERNOON ON 10 AUGUST THE FIRING HAD SUBSIDED AND YESTERDAY THE MEOS WERE REPORTED DRAWING BACK UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO HOLD THEIR FIRE EVEN IF FIRED UPON. THERE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN NO GROUND ATTACK AND FEW IF ANY CASUALTIES. _____

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4. UNREST IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ARMED FORCES. RAMPIS TRUJILLO HAS A PLAN TO REPLACE PRESIDENT BALAGUER WITH A MILITARY JUNTA WHICH WOULD

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CONTINUE THE CURRENT "LIBERALIZATION PROGRAM" BUT AT A SLOWER PACE. RAMPIS TOLD THE US CONSUL THAT UNREST IN THE ARMED FORCES IS EXTENSIVE, THE OFFICER CORPS FEELS THREATENED BY THE PRESENT DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS WHICH HAS BROUGHT ON OPPOSITION EXPRESSIONS OF HOSTILITY TO THE MILITARY, AND THE ARMED FORCES ARE DETERMINED TO RESIST ANY THREAT TO THEIR POSITION. BALAGUER, ACCORDING TO TRUJILLO, DOES NOT UNDERSTAND OR COMMAND THE RESPECT OF THE ARMED FORCES AND THE PRESENT "TRANSITIONAL PERIOD" IS MADE MORE DIFFICULT THAN NEED BE SINCE IT IS BEING CARRIED OUT THROUGH BALAGUER.

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NOTES

A. THE POLISH FOREIGN MINISTRY CALLED IN AMBASSADOR BEAM YESTERDAY AND URGED THAT THE WEST MOVE TOWARD NEGOTIATIONS ON BERLIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY BEFORE THE WEST GERMAN ELECTIONS NEXT MONTH. CITED REFERENCES IN KHRUSHCHEV'S 7 AUGUST SPEECH AS PROVIDING AN OPENING FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

B. SOVIET MISSILE TEST RANGE INSTRUMENTATION SHIPS IN PACIFIC HAVE LEFT ~~MANNED~~ STATIONS EN ROUTE HOME PORT. NO ~~MANNED~~ SPACE SHOTS EXPECTED IN NEAR FUTURE.

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