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1. USSR

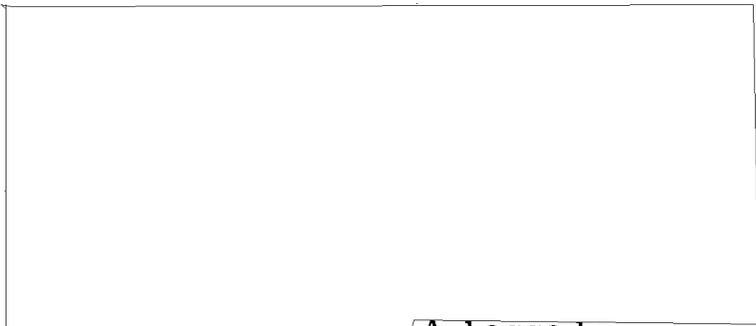
a. Khrushchev, talking to a Japanese parliamentary delegation yesterday, claimed the USSR had a "monstrous new terrible weapon."

b. His wording--as reported to the press by the Japanese--suggests that if a new weapon does exist it is in the R and D phase, and in the nuclear, chemical, or biological warfare field. However, we know of no unique Soviet development in these or other weaponry fields.

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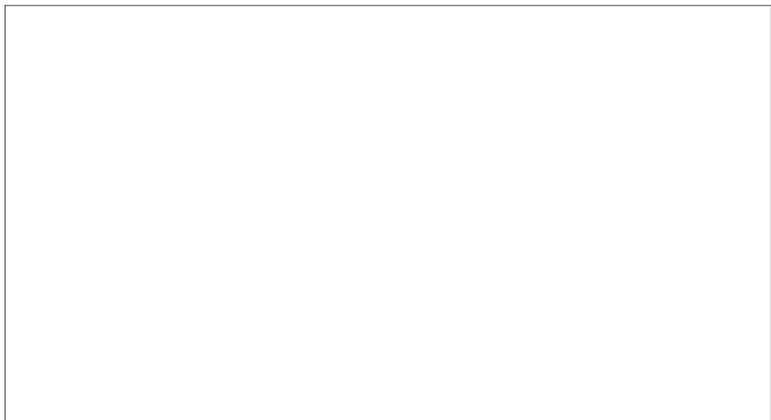
2. Indonesia-Malaysia-UK



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Ambassador

Jones reports Subandrio's assurances that there would be no further escalation by the Indonesians and that there were no plans for further moves like the recent paratroops on the Malay Peninsula. "Evidence," Subandrio claimed, would be Sukarno's junket, which starts tomorrow.



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3. Cyprus

a. Makarios goes to Athens today for the King's wedding--an event which may in itself serve to muffle the situation on the island for a few days.

b. [redacted]

[redacted] Makarios insists on concluding a military agreement with the Soviets, despite any Greek objections. [redacted]

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c. US service attachés in Turkey were puzzling yesterday over signs of an alert and of "busy planning." They saw no signs of troop or air movements.

d. The alert may predate Makarios' recent display of sweet reasonableness on the economic blockade issue. The Turkish troop rotation, however, has yet to be carried out.

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NOTES

A. South Vietnam After some reshuffling in the army's command structure--including the appointment of a new IV Corps commander to replace coup leader General Duc, [redacted] the military chain of command was "functioning."

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B. Congo As government and mercenary forces continue to make gains in northern and central Congo, [redacted] some wavering of morale of rebels in their path.

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C. Congo (Brazzaville) We are seeing mounting evidence that the Chinese Communists are aiming to entrench themselves with the Brazzaville regime. Moreover, President Massamba-Delat said last week he will visit China later this month on his first formal tour outside Africa since he came to power last year. Military leaders are already there.

D. France A French foreign office official says that long-planned French naval participation in a SACLANT exercise this week is being canceled. De Gaulle suspects French naval officers of disregarding his views on their activities within NATO command.

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- E. Berlin The new pass agreement--for West Berliner visits to East Berlin--is still elusive, after appearing close to signature. The impasse is over administrative arrangements which Bonn feels would imply too much for the legitimacy of the East German regime.
- F. Yemen We think that the much touted "agreement" between Nasir and Faysal to "cooperate" on reaching a settlement does mean that, at least for the time being, Faysal will hold off from any significant military assistance to the Yemeni royalists. There are still many hurdles to cross.



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- H. Ecuador There are some disturbing signs that leftist extremist factions may be closer to joining together in a "popular front" for guerrilla operations.
- I. Venezuela The Communists are now reported to be planning their new terrorist campaign [redacted] [redacted] They feel they cannot sit by and accept further losses from the government's antiguerrilla campaign. [redacted]

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