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## THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF



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1. Vietnam

No significant change in the military situation has been reported today. South Vietnamese forces on 19 June achieved good results in two large search-and-destroy operations, killing 63 and capturing 18 Viet Cong. Widespread Viet Cong terrorist and harassing activity continues.

In Saigon, Generals Thieu and Ky formally took over power today. The US Embassy points out that the new regime has made a fresh start as far as the country's political institutions are concerned. Among the new government's most formidable problems the embassy lists those of maintaining the unity and support of the military, and handling opposition groups, such as the Catholics. The government's future also will depend on how successfully General Ky can shed his reputation as a swashbuckler and on the degree to which it can implement a program of genuine importance to the people.

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2. Algeria

There were more student demonstrations in favor of Ben Bella in Algiers this afternoon. They were evidently on a small scale, and cannot be considered indicative of how the country as a whole is reacting to Defense Minister Boumedienne's takeover.

The new regime today again emphasized that "nothing will hinder" the Afro-Asian Conference scheduled to open on 29 June. Chinese Communist Foreign Minister Chen Yi arrived in Algiers today to attend the conference and the foreign ministers meeting which will precede it on 24 June.

There is still no firm word on Ben Bella's whereabouts.

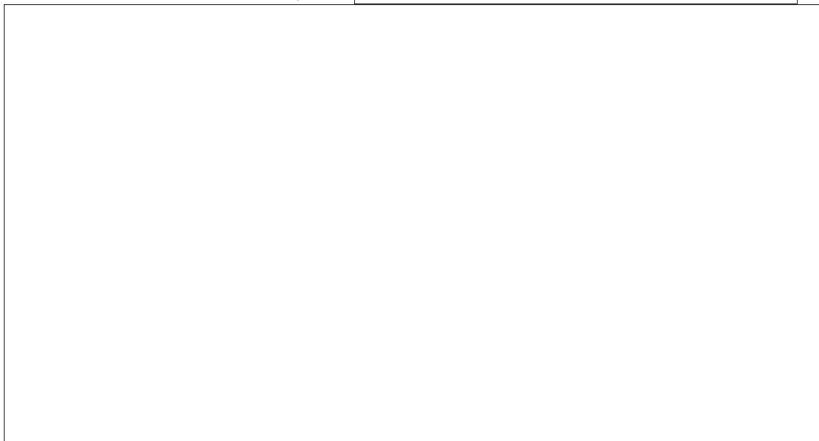
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3. Syria

Evidence continues to come in that Nasir is determined to bring down the Baathist (Arab Socialist) regime of Prime Minister Hafiz. [redacted]

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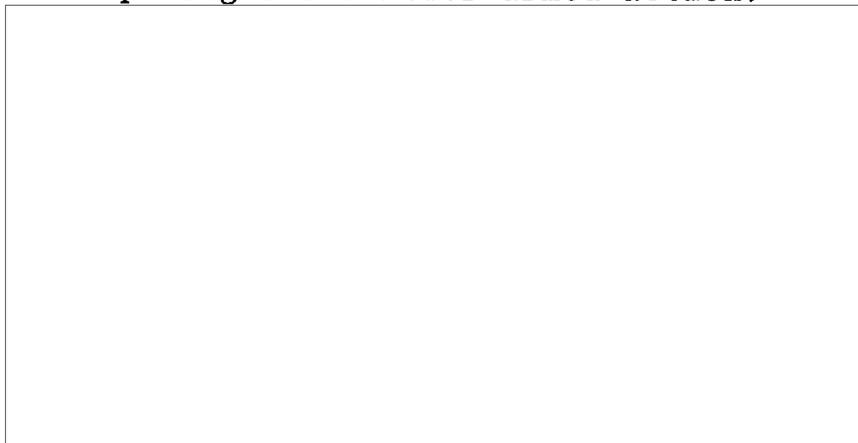
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4. Dominican Republic

The rebel call for a general strike beginning this morning has so far received only scattered support, and no violence has been reported. Earlier reports had indicated that extremist elements hoped the strike would provide the opening for further armed action.

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Neither side has so far come out with a formal response to the proposals of the Organization of American States.

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