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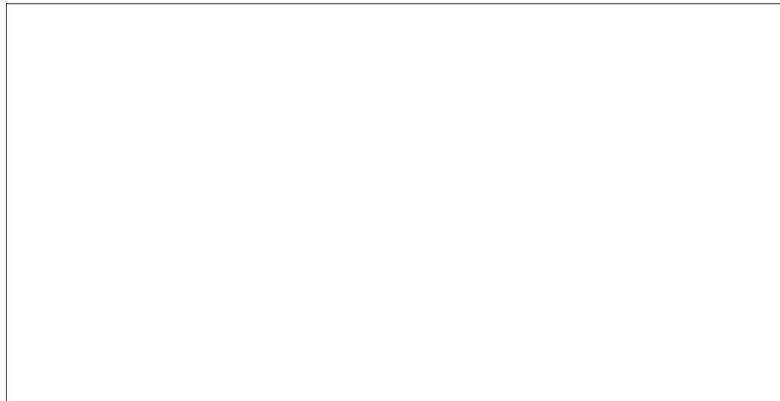
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1. South Vietnam

A captured Viet Cong document suggests that an all-out attack on communications facilities may be a key feature of the Viet Cong plan to disrupt the elections. The Viet Cong evidently intend to hit communications sites especially hard on 2 September and use the resulting confusion to spread antielection posters and leaflets.

Another captured document indicates that in one province the Communists will try to act in concert with any Buddhist opposition to the elections which might materialize.

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3. Communist China

Violence continues unabated throughout the country. Efforts by some national leaders to curb Red Guard activity have so far been unsuccessful; there are new signs of vacillation or division at the top.

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4. Hong Kong

The British are pressing ahead with their antiterrorist programs in the colony. A local anti-Communist radio commentator was savagely attacked this morning by a band of terrorists, but there has yet been no big upsurge of violence. This may still come, as one of the motives behind the destruction of the British Embassy in Peking was probably to boost the sagging morale of the Hong Kong Communists.

5. Rumania

After a lot of foot-dragging, the Rumanians have apparently approved tabling the draft nonproliferation treaty in Geneva. This, however, is only the beginning. Rumanian leaders have not abandoned their reservations about the draft, which are very similar to those expressed by the Italians, West Germans, Swedes, and Japanese.

6. Soviet Union

Soviet leaders are working hard to shore up Moscow's position with the Latin American Communists in the wake of Castro's recent revolutionary conclave in Havana. Delegates to the Cuban meeting from at least five countries are now in Moscow getting the treatment.

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The Soviets continue pressing for political action and "united front" tactics, in contrast to Castro's wild calls for immediate guerrilla warfare.

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7. Nigeria

Federal officials in Lagos are beginning to show signs of real concern over the course of the war.

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Spirits would rise quickly in Lagos, of course, if the tide of battle should seem to turn against the Biafrans. At the moment there is very little solid information on the military situation.

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