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DAILY BRIEF
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1. South Vietnam

The Thieu-Ky rivalry seems a bit less close to the precipice than it did a day or two ago.

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2. India

Shelling broke out again this morning along the Sikkim-Tibet frontier for the fourth straight day. We still see no signs that either side is gearing up for a big operation, however.

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3. Hong Kong

The lull in Communist terrorism is continuing, the Communist press has become somewhat less inflammatory, and Peking's propaganda on Hong Kong has dropped off. We feel sure, however, that the Communists in the colony will return to the charge in due time.

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4. Korea

Yesterday the North Koreans sabotaged another South Korean train, the second such incident in nine days after many years without this sort of thing.

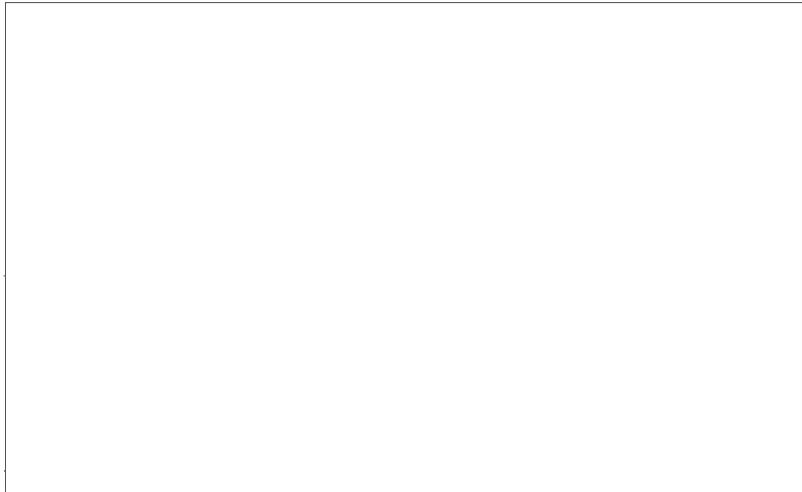
President Pak is furious, feeling that South Korea has been too patient in the face of steadily increasing Communist provocations. He

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may be thinking of stepping up retaliatory action. South Korean forces have raided the North on several occasions (the latest on 2 September) despite US attempts to discourage such action.

5. Indonesia

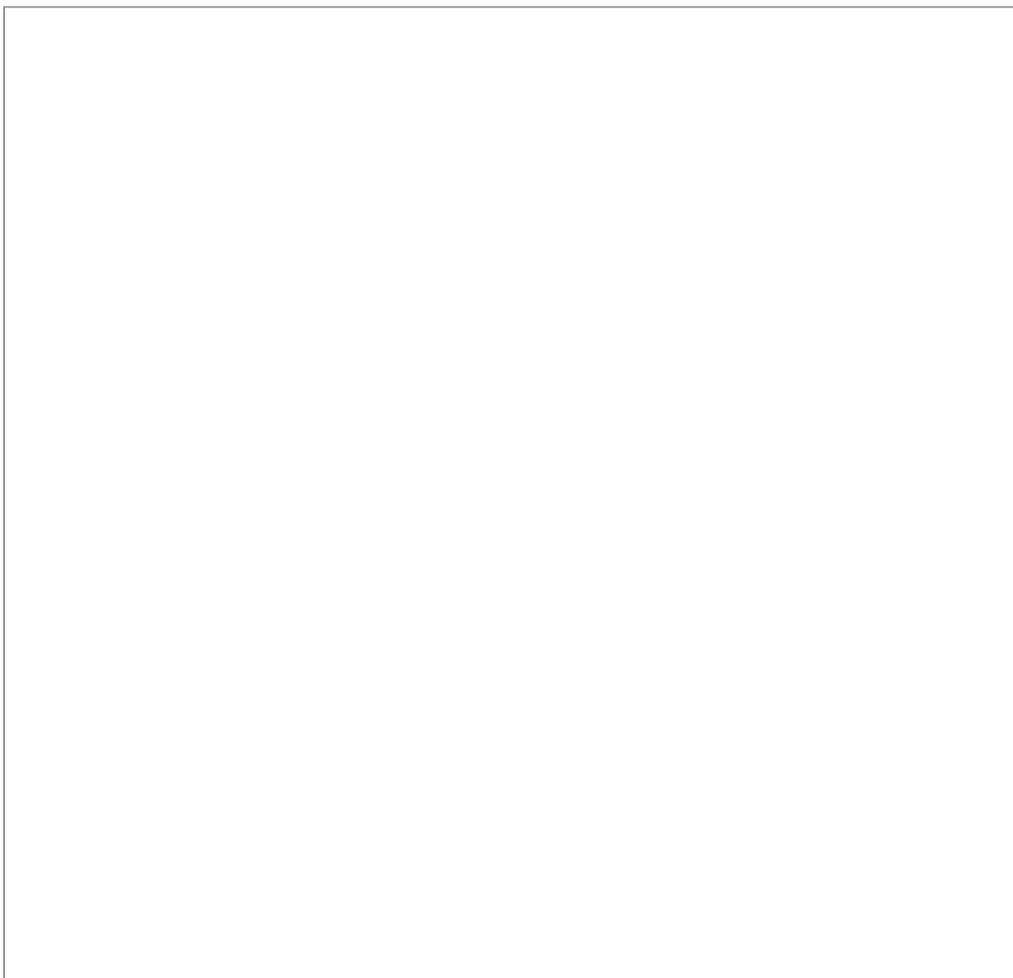
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Barge Shortage: The North Vietnamese have been losing barges to airstrikes faster than they can build them. To cover the deficit, Hanoi has ordered some 200 barges from Communist countries for delivery in 1967. At least 90 barges had been delivered by the end of July. The barges ordered by North Vietnam are for use on the inland waterways as well as for lightering cargo from freighters in port.

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On Haiphong Bombings: Hanoi reacted predictably to the recent raids on Haiphong. The Foreign Ministry issued a statement condemning the raids as escalation and charging they put the lie to the US search for peace.

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