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DAILY BRIEF  
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1. Israel-Egypt

Israel's shelling of the two Egyptian oil refineries at Suez yesterday probably will not satisfy Israeli desire to avenge the sinking of the Eilat.

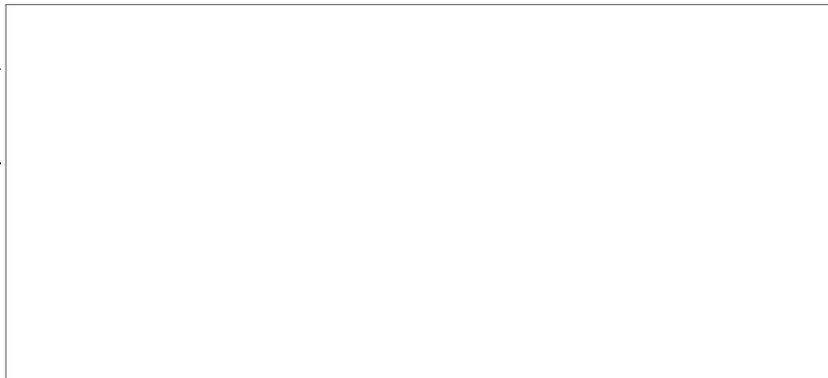
The Israeli decision to shell the refineries, however, was almost certainly in part a response to the attack on the Israeli destroyer. The refineries turned out an estimated 114,000 barrels per day, two thirds of Egypt's daily output of petroleum products.

Extensive damage to these facilities would force Egypt to spend scarce foreign exchange to buy refined products. This would be a severe blow to its already weakened economy. No assessment of the actual damage, however, is yet available.

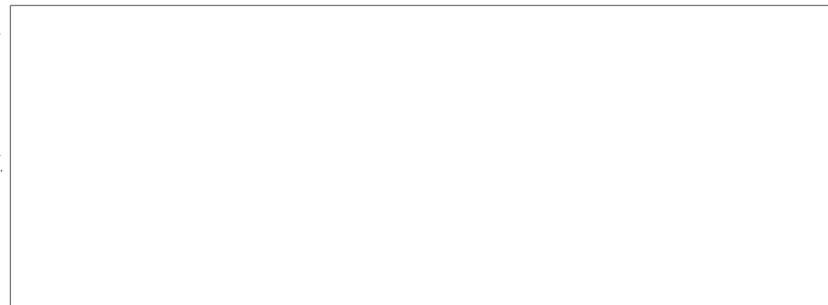
There is no evidence to confirm Egypt's claim of shooting down an Israeli Mirage fighter.

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2. Israel-Jordan



3. Soviet Union



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4. India - Pakistan -  
Soviet Union

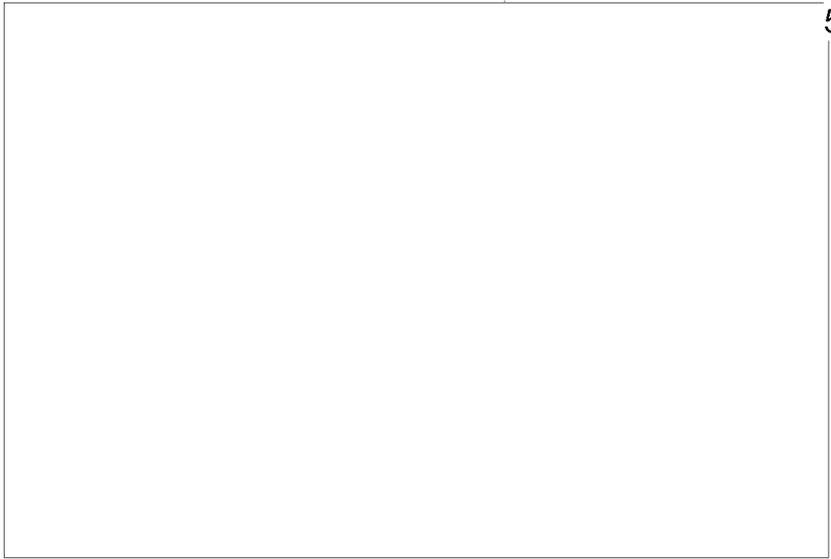
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5. France

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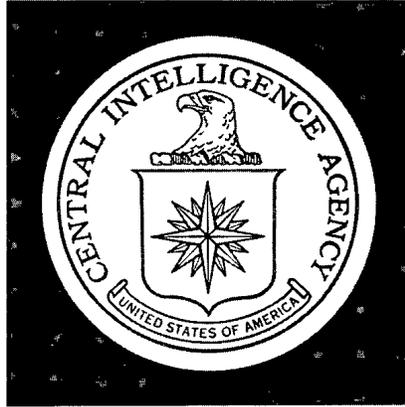
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# Special Daily Report on North Vietnam



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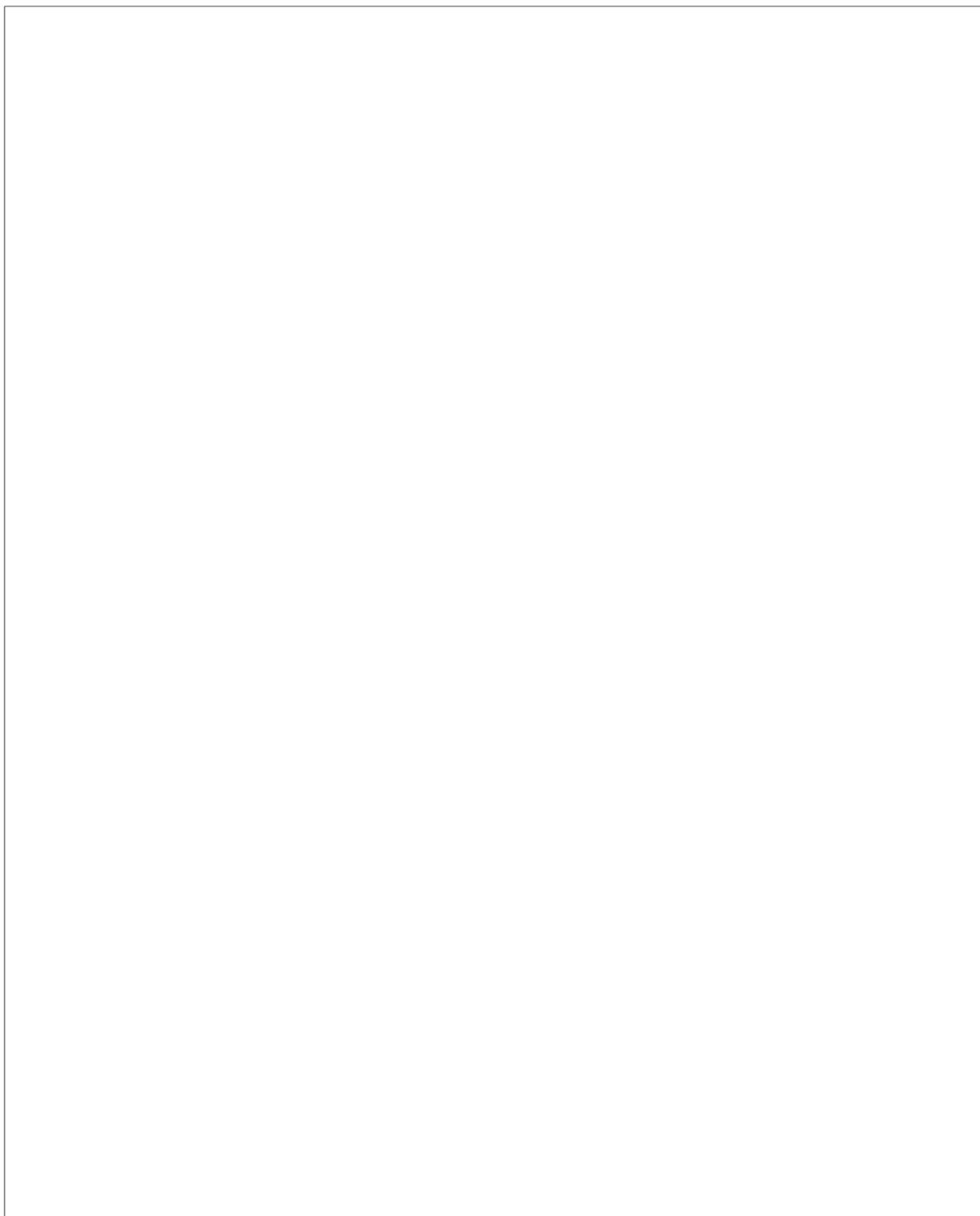
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I. NOTES ON THE SITUATION



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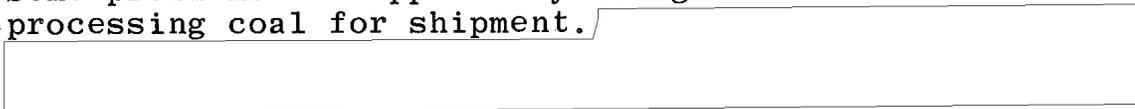
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Coal Exports: Coal shipments from Hon Gai north of Haiphong continue. Although the export cargoes tend to fluctuate from month to month, they have averaged 11,200 tons each month since the first of the year. Some problems are apparently being encountered in processing coal for shipment.

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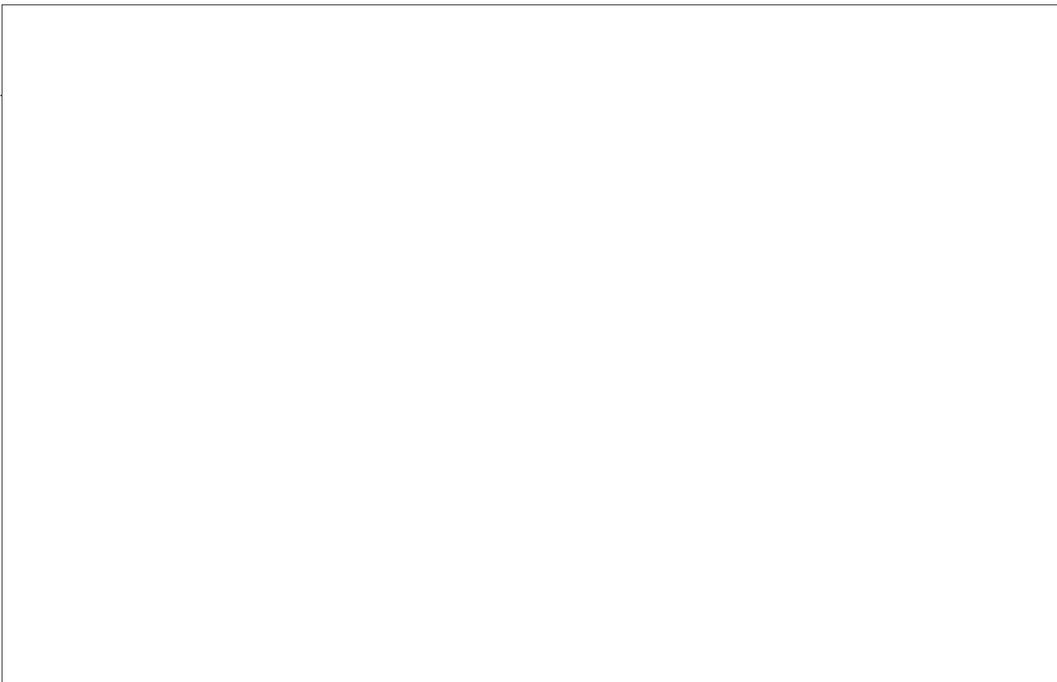
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Shipments from Cam Pha, North Vietnam's other major coal-loading point, have dropped off steadily this year. From a January figure of 62,000 tons, they were down to just over 1,000 tons at the end of September. The port, however, probably could handle more.

This year coal has accounted for 75 percent of North Vietnam's seaborne exports.

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## II. NORTH VIETNAMESE REFLECTIONS OF US POLITICAL ATTITUDES ON THE WAR

Hanoi Continues to Play Up US Antiwar Demonstrations: A 23 October Hanoi international service broadcast in English reported that 200 American youths held a demonstration in front of the White House on Sunday and clashed with police sent to quash their demands. The broadcast quoted an Associated Press article to the effect that at least 400 people were arrested during the weekend demonstrations. Hanoi also cited "foreign news agency reports" of "desperate acts of repression" by the administration against the demonstrators. The broadcast claimed that in addition to

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nightsticks, bayonets, and rifle butts, the administration ordered the use of tear gas and a temporarily blinding chemical liquid to "repress" the demonstrators.

Another 23 October Hanoi international broadcast in English stated that a committee for "solidarity" with the American people held a mass meeting somewhere in South Vietnam on 21 October. The meeting was called to welcome the antiwar demonstrations in the US. According to Hanoi, it passed a resolution praising the "staunch spirit of struggle" of the American people.

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