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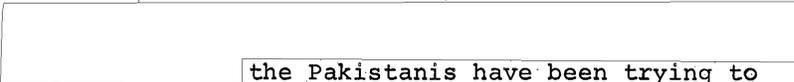
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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

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Both the Indians and Pakistanis are claiming that fighting has increased in areas along the East Pakistan border. (Page 2)



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the Pakistanis have been trying to elicit a public statement of support from the Chinese (Page 4).

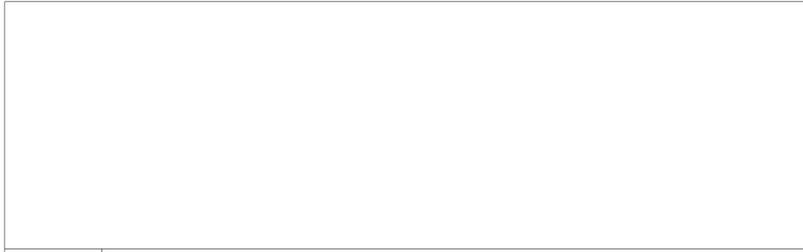
A Cambodian task force that had been successfully pushing north on Route 6 was halted yesterday by a Communist ambush. (Page 6)

Chinese engineer-construction troops in northern Laos apparently have been augmented. (Page 7)

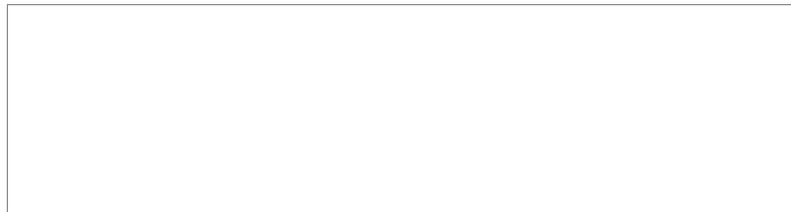
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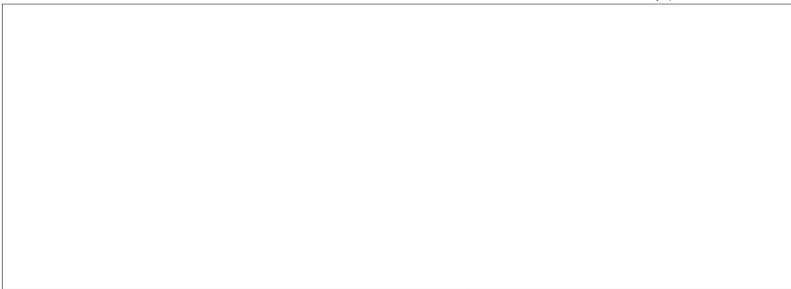


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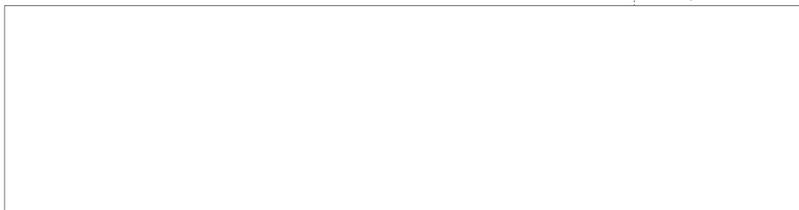


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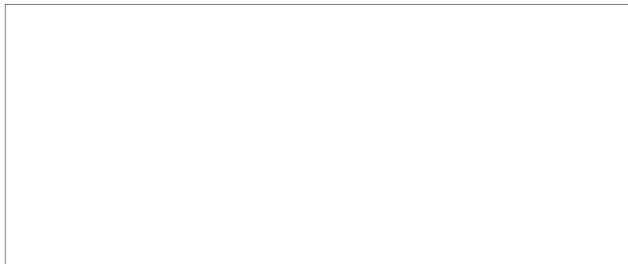
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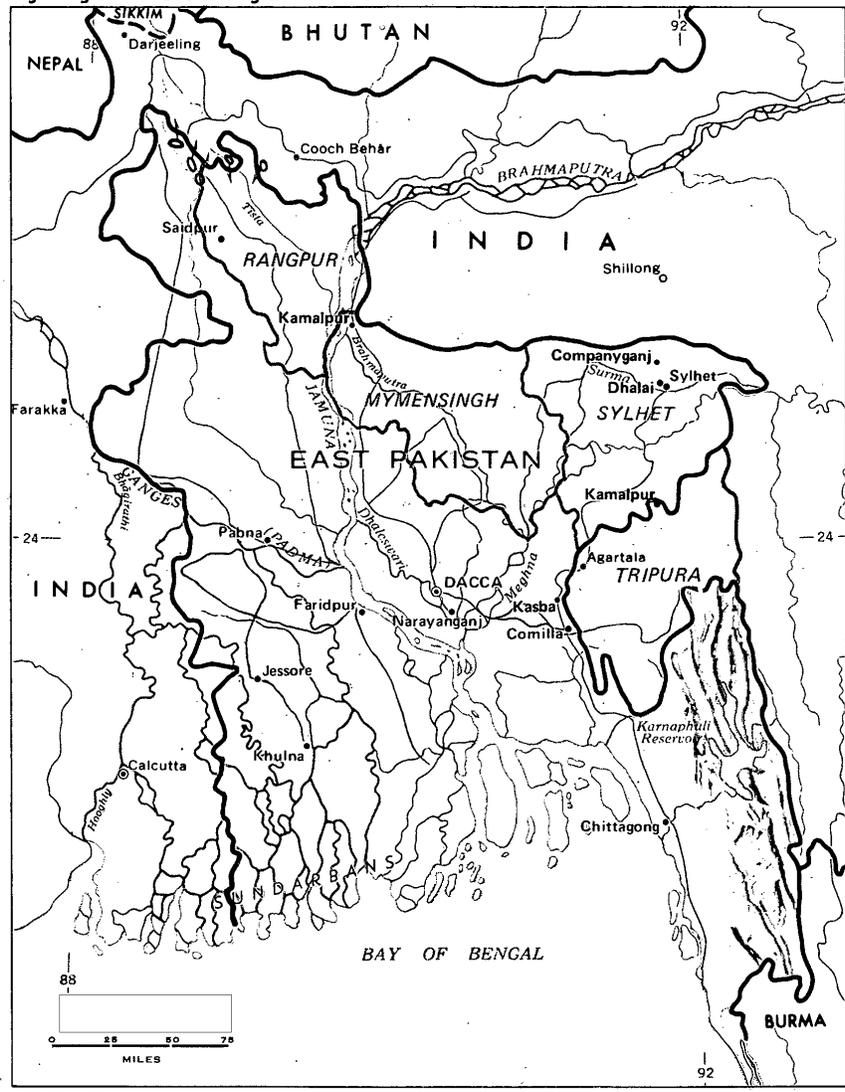


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### Fighting Increases Along East Pakistan Border



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**INDIA-PAKISTAN**

In recent days, both sides have issued a stream of accusations and stories about recent engagements on the East Pakistan border involving hundreds of men. These charges are difficult to sort out, but it appears that fighting has indeed intensified.

According to the Indians, heavy casualties have been inflicted by the Mukti Bahini in a major offensive along the border in Sylhet, Mymensingh and Rangpur districts. Indian press reports claim that in Sylhet District, electric plants have been destroyed, Razakars--the locally recruited government militia--are surrendering in large numbers, and heavy fighting has occurred at Companyganj. The Pakistani press says that in the past ten days, company-sized groups of "Indian agents"--supported by Indian regulars--have been beaten back with heavy losses at Kamalpur in Mymensingh, Dhalai, and Kasba.

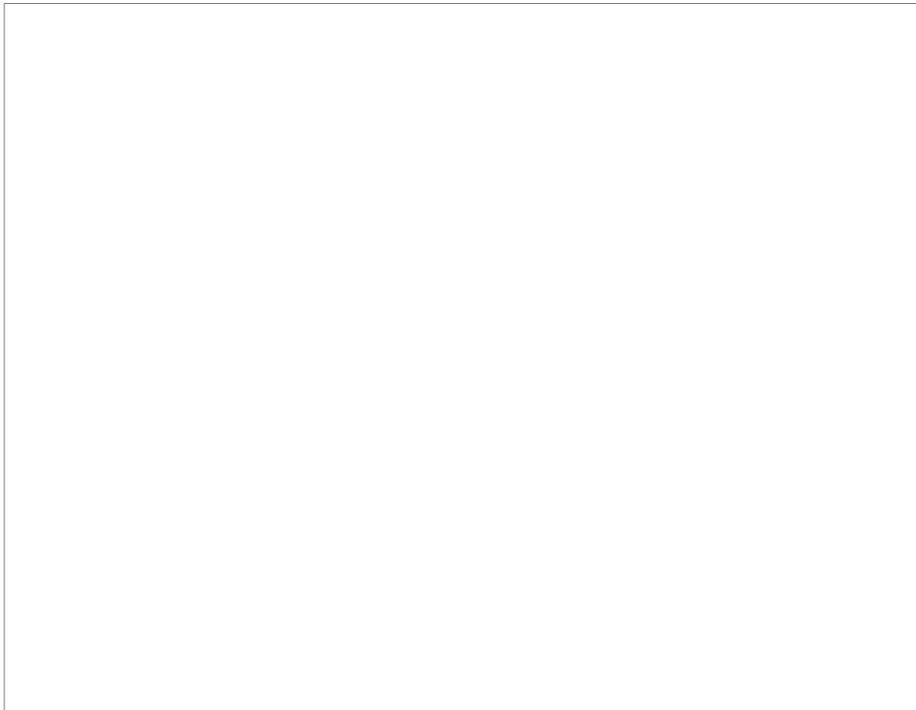


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Both India and Pakistan continue to charge each other with unprovoked shelling along the border. The Indians have announced publicly that they took "action"--unspecified--to halt the shelling of Kamalpur in Tripura. [redacted]

[redacted], a large Indian force entered the area opposite Kamalpur, destroyed Pakistani installations, and was still occupying the area on 1 November.

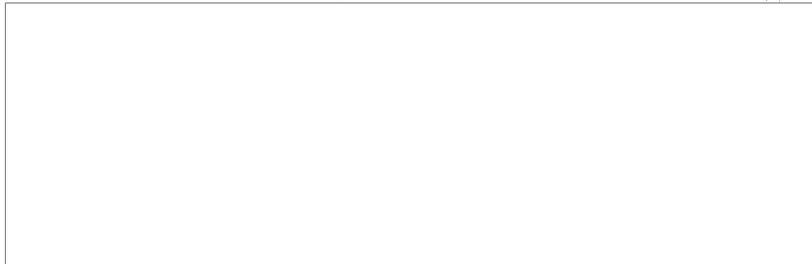
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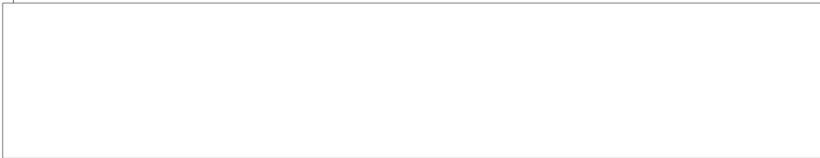
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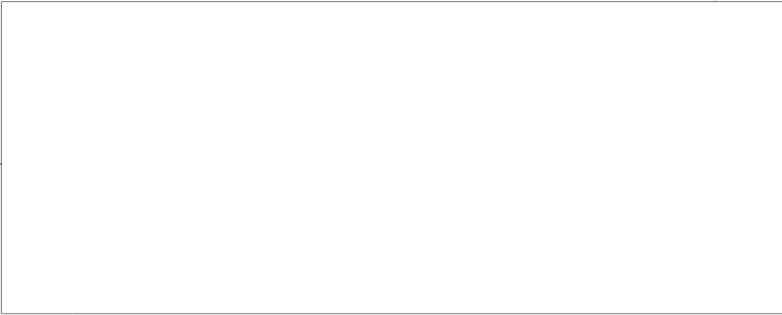
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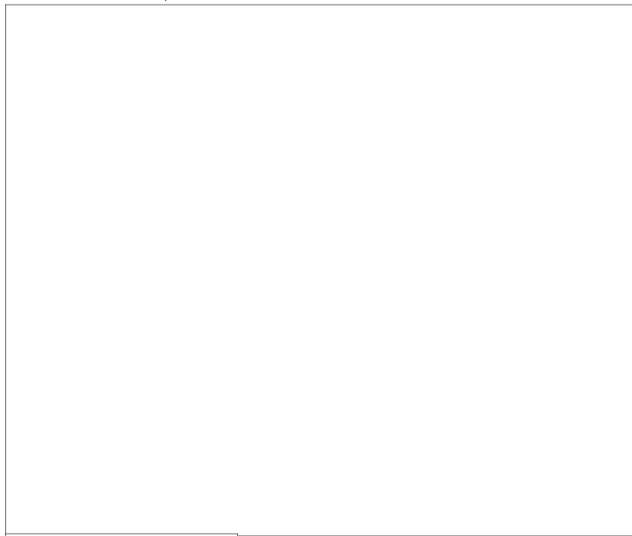
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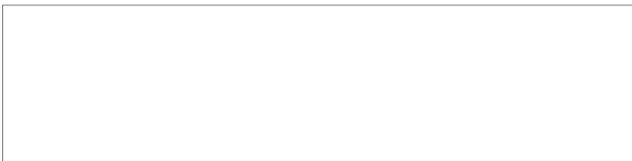
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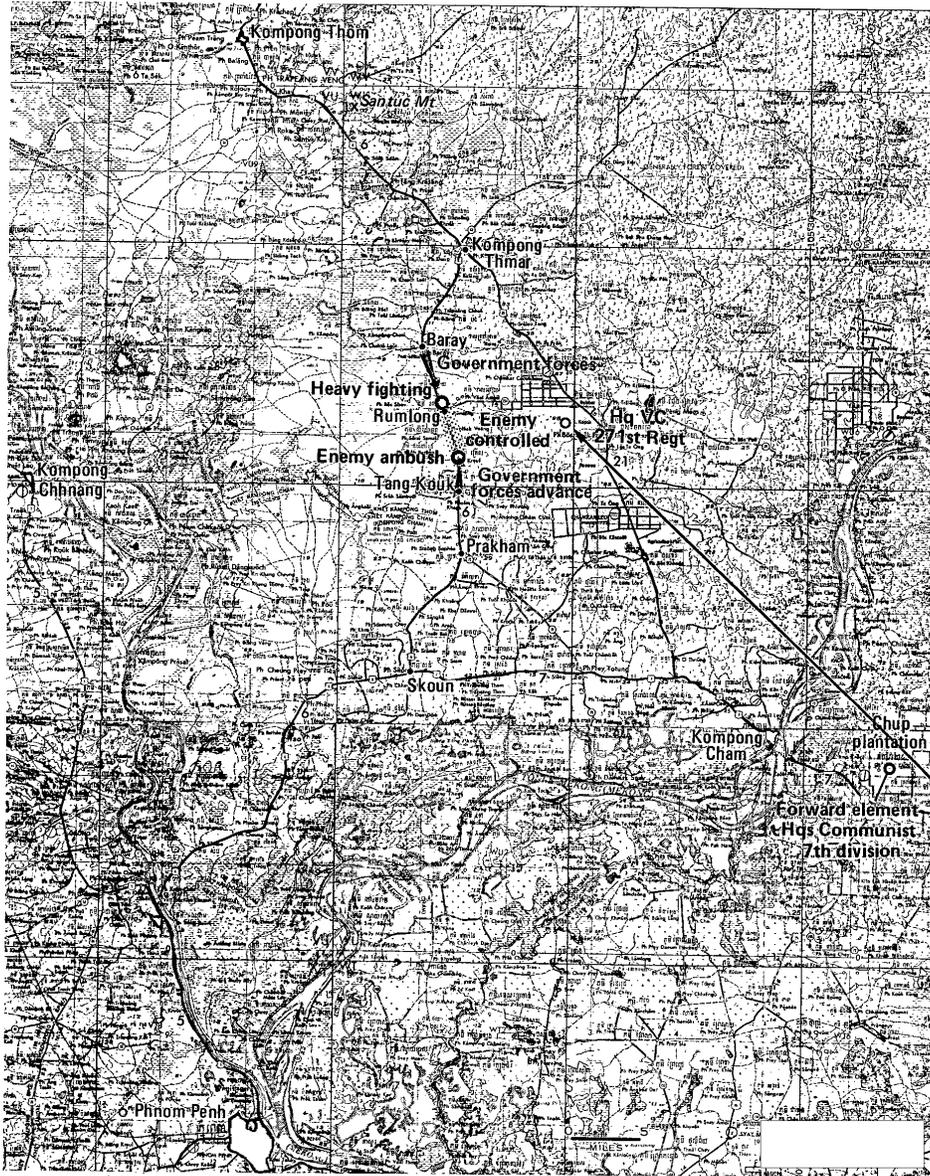
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On Tuesday Yahya confided to Ambassador Farland that he planned to send a delegation to Peking on 5 November that would include Air Marshal Rahim Khan and Foreign Secretary Sultan Khan. The purpose was to maintain contact with the Chinese in both the military and political fields and to ask again for a public announcement of support at this time of crisis. Yahya also said that Chinese ability to assist Pakistan is "definitely limited," but he had been promised that as much military equipment as possible would be made available.

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### CAMBODIA: Route 6 Area



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**FOR THE PRESIDENT ONLY****CAMBODIA**

A government task force of Khmer Krom troops that had moved north on Route 6 from Skoun to within four miles of embattled Rumlong village was ambushed yesterday as it began a drive on Rumlong. The task force, which had split into two columns for its final thrust, pulled back to allow air strikes on suspected Communist positions, and has orders to resume its assault today.

A second Khmer Krom relief force moving south from Kompong Thmar apparently is still stalled on the outskirts of Rumlong. This force has had unusually heavy casualties in recent fighting, but its morale still appears good.

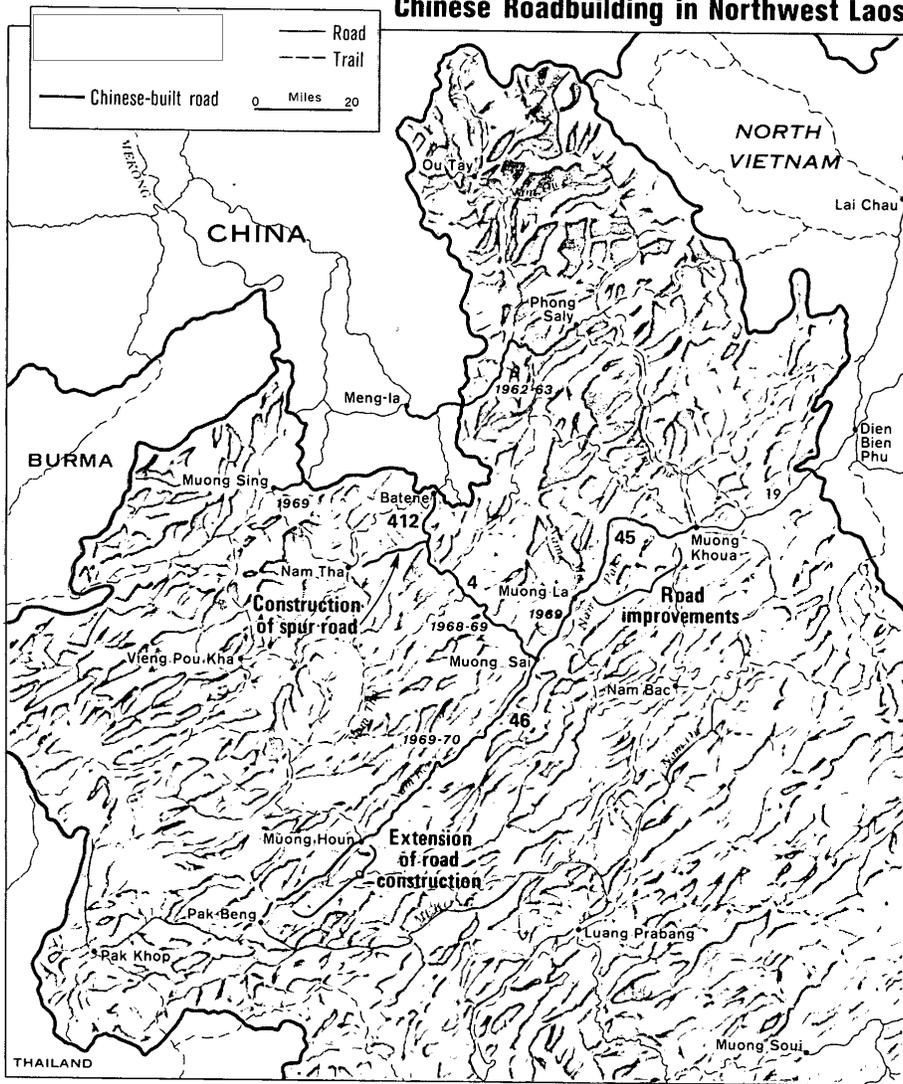
Prime Minister Lon Nol, since his recent visit to government forces at Baray, has asked for additional US armored vehicles and helicopters in order to improve the mobility of Cambodian reaction forces.

*The Communists apparently plan to intensify their pressure against Route 6. Intercepts show that a third regiment--the 271st--of the Vietnamese Communist 9th Division has also crossed the Mekong and is now located east of Route 6 close to the division's other two regiments. There is an indication that the 9th Division regiments may be planning to stay in the field for some time. The Communist 7th Division recently moved a headquarters element into the Chup rubber plantation, suggesting that it may be assuming responsibility for defense of the 9th Division's normal base areas.*

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### Chinese Roadbuilding in Northwest Laos

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COMMUNIST CHINA - LAOS

Three additional Chinese engineer-construction regiments may be in Laos. [redacted]

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[redacted] Previously, Chinese forces in Laos have included five engineer-construction regiments and an AAA contingent, with an estimated total strength of up to 27,000 troops. The three new regiments would add some 6,000 troops.

*Currently, the Chinese are working on three widely separated construction projects in Laos.*

*--They have extended the motorable limits of Route 46 southwest of Muong Houn to within 12 miles of Pak Beng on the Mekong River.*

[redacted] a spur road begun last dry season to run westward from Route 412 is now motorable to within three miles of Nam Tha; this road was given low priority last year, but the use of heavy equipment has speeded up progress this dry season.

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*--The Chinese are improving the section of Route 45 between Muong La and Muong Khoua at the Nam Ou River, although as yet there has been no attempt to link with Route 19 from North Vietnam.*

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CHILE

President Allende's impatience with the performance of his coalition members is growing. [redacted]

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[redacted] Allende last week again complained to Popular Unity leaders about the self-interested behavior of the member parties which, he asserted, is losing popular support for his government. Noting the months of quarreling over the copper compensation issue, Allende said he had decided to handle this matter himself without further guidance from them. He intimated that he also intended to call all the shots himself in the foreign policy sphere.

*As he observes his first anniversary in office, Allende clearly appears intent on asserting his personal leadership and on blaming his supporters for Chile's worsening economy. Allende's overtures to non-Marxist political groups and to the armed forces appear to be an attempt to broaden his bases of support and strengthen his ability to act independently.*

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NOTE

North Vietnam: Intercepts and press stories show that military recruitment has again been receiving high priority. Army inductions rose sharply in August and the call to arms apparently continued into October. The new inductees should be ready for infiltration in three to six months and, together with men called up in last May's drive, should provide a substantial manpower pool for military operations during the dry season of 1971-72.

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