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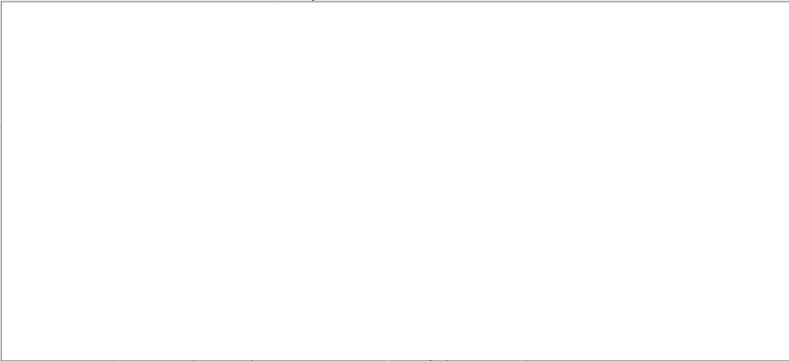
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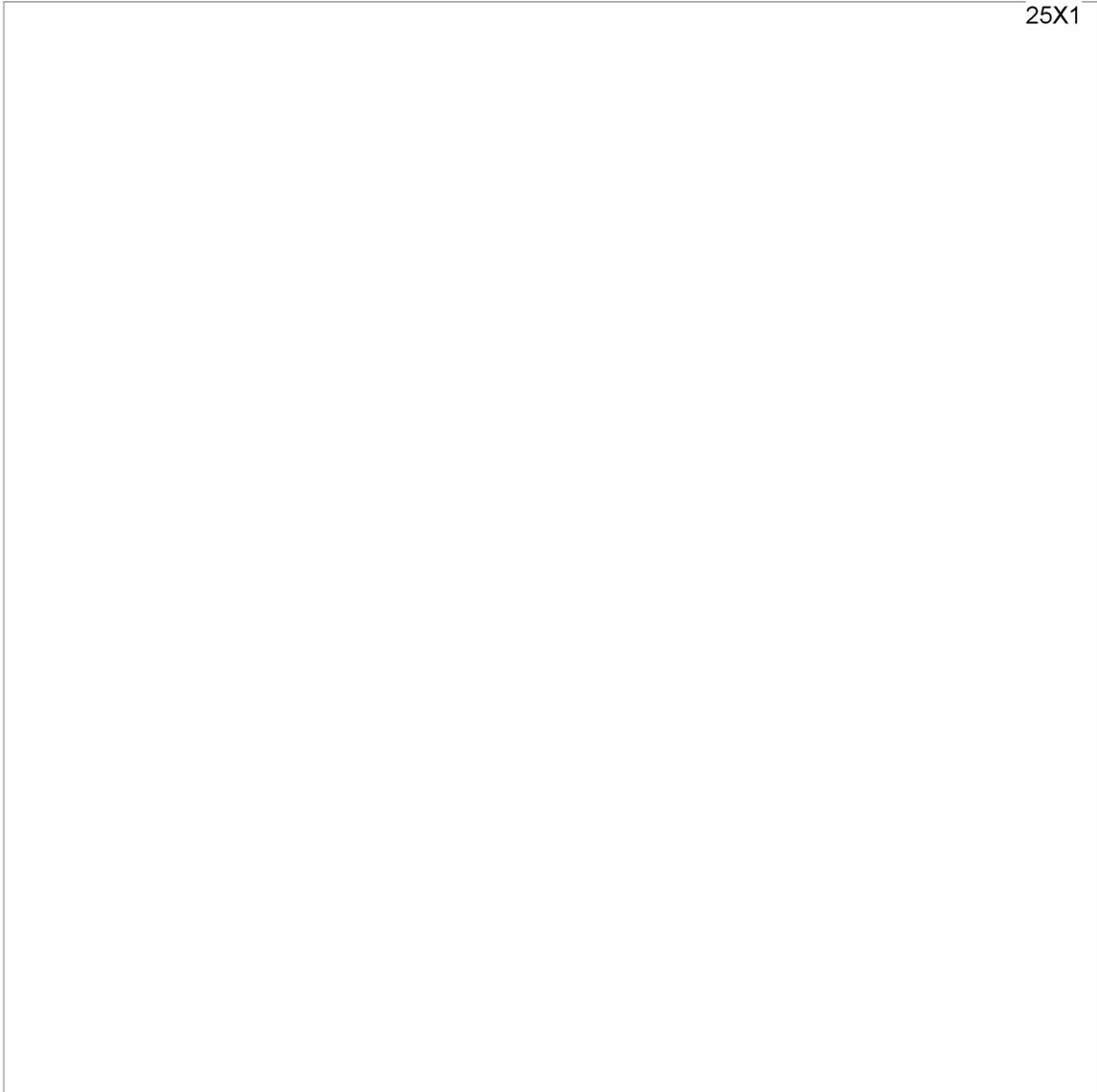
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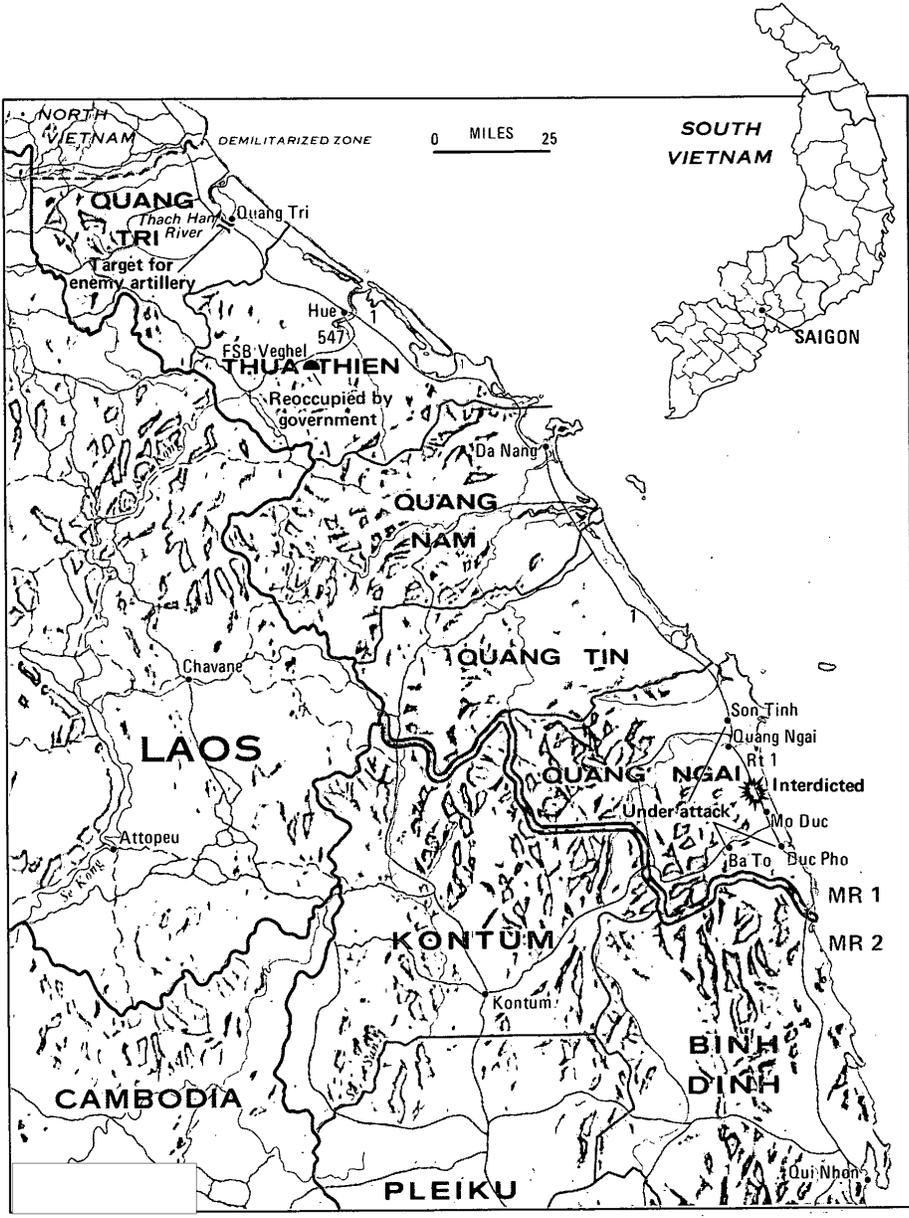
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VIETNAM

The action around Quang Tri City has slackened somewhat as South Vietnamese troops continue to expand their control over the city's northern and southern sectors. Intercepted enemy messages reflect continued Communist concern that the South Vietnamese may soon try to cross the Thach Han River and push out to the west and northwest. The messages show that enemy gunners are planning to destroy the Route 1 bridge if the government attempt is made.

In Thua Thien Province, government forces continue their push west of Hue along Route 547. South Vietnamese 1st Division troops reoccupied Fire Support Base Veghel on 19 September and have now expanded their control west of Hue to include all the major artillery bases and outposts guarding the western approach to the city. We will be looking for evidence whether the lack of strong resistance by Communist units to the government's operation means that they have been considerably weakened by the past weeks of heavy combat in this area or that they have moved to help in the fighting elsewhere.

Communist forces in Quang Ngai Province continued to press their attacks against government troops in four of the five districts. Son Tinh district town just north of the provincial capital is under attack, but local security forces so far have held the town. Route 1 farther south, between the Song Ve River and Mo Duc town, was interdicted by enemy troops, and the government is now having trouble getting supplies and reinforcements into that district capital. Enemy units also have pushed Ranger forces out of most of their camp at Ba To, but some parts of the town are still in friendly hands. The district capital of Duc Pho also came under heavy Communist attack.

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USSR-IRAQ

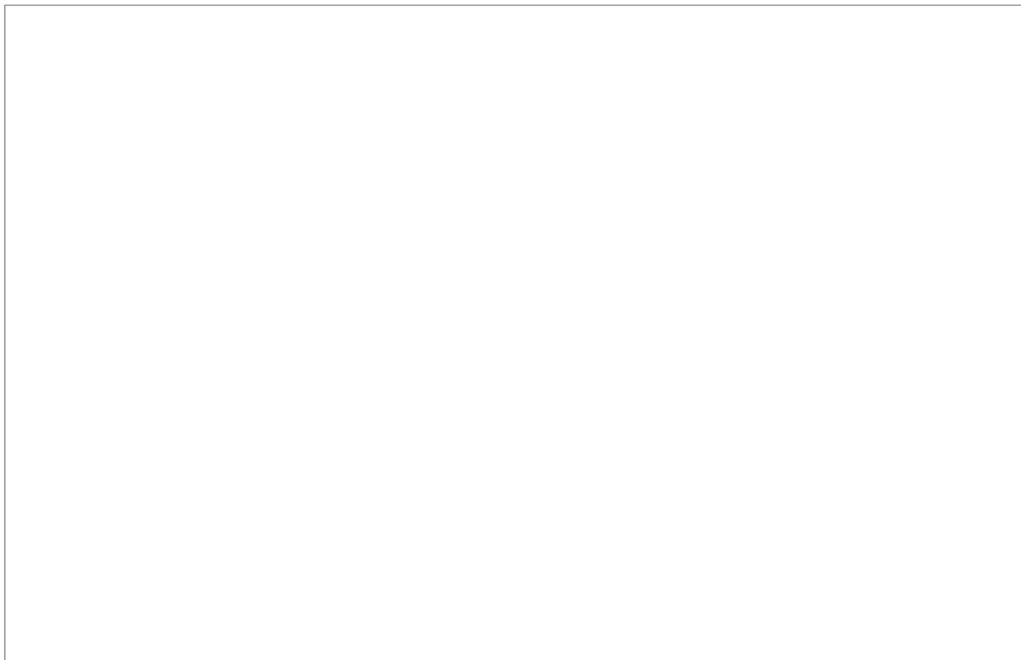
Iraqi President al-Bakr's six-day visit to Moscow concluded early this week with an agreement on a long-range military training program [redacted]

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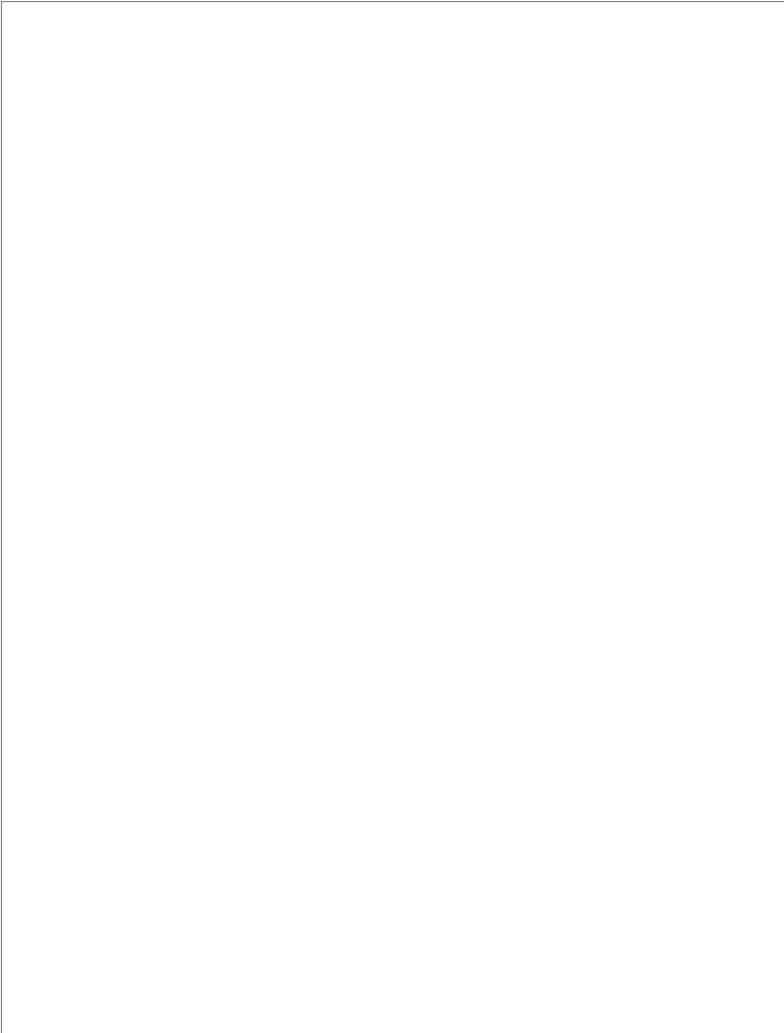
Moscow made every effort to polish its image as champion of the Arab cause. The communiqué included a pledge of "material, moral, and political support" for the Palestinian guerrillas. In a speech at a Kremlin reception, President Podgorny, in effect replying to Egyptian criticism, denied that Moscow has a special interest in maintaining a "no peace, no war" situation in the Middle East.

The steady stream of Iraqi dignitaries visiting Moscow in recent months has greatly strengthened the Soviet-Iraqi relationship. Moscow obviously believes that Iraq is a fertile area for cultivation, but we believe that its commitment will be a cautious one. The Soviets also do not wish to alarm Iran, with which they are trying to improve relations. The Iraqis, too, appear to be wary of allowing too extensive Soviet influence.



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Uganda-Tanzania: [redacted]

[redacted] Kenyan President Kenyatta is attempting to mediate the dispute between Presidents Nyerere and Amin. Although Kenyatta was able to resolve a quarrel between these leaders last year, he will find the role of mediator more difficult in the charged atmosphere that now prevails. Thus far, neither Nyerere nor Amin has responded to the offer. Meanwhile, no further fighting has been reported on the border, but the unpredictable Amin may well be considering some type of air or ground action against Tanzania. In fact, according to a late press report, a Tanzanian spokesman claims that a Ugandan plane bombed the town of Mwanza in northwestern Tanzania early this morning.

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Indonesia-China: Indonesia and China have taken steps to resume direct trade, according to a Hong Kong shipping agency. Hong Kong merchants have already purchased 30,000 tons of Chinese rice, which will be shipped in October from Huang Pu and Shanghai. There has been no direct trade since late 1965, though some trade has been conducted through third parties. Indonesia had earlier indicated that it wanted to begin moving toward normalizing relations with Peking by easing trade restrictions.

West Germany: Chancellor Willy Brandt will move today to set the stage for parliamentary elections in November. Some clues as to how the campaign will be waged can be gleaned from speeches by Brandt and opposition leader Rainer Barzel on Wednesday. Brandt said that the government is proud of what it has achieved in Ostpolitik and will live up to its promises in the domestic field. Barzel, for his part, listed what he termed the failures of the government, emphasizing the comparative lack of economic growth and "galloping inflation."

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Norway-EC: Prospects for Norway's ratification of membership in the European Communities appear poor on the eve of the advisory popular referendum to be held Sunday and Monday. Opinion polls point to a thin majority against joining. Even if the voters approve, the margin is likely to be so small that the required three-fourths vote of parliament will be unobtainable. The minority Labor government has threatened to resign if the vote goes against membership.

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