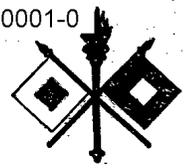


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1. LAOS:

A. EACH OF THE RIVAL FACTIONS SUSPECTS THE OTHER OF PLAN-
NING TO TAKE OVER AFTER TOMORROW'S DEADLINE FOR FOREIGN TROOP
WITHDRAWAL. BOTH PHOUMI AND KONG LE HAVE PLACED THEIR FORCES
ON ALERT.

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B. KONG LE'S TROOPS IN VIENTIANE HAVE REPORTED [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] THAT THE SITUATION IN THE CAPITAL IS CRITICAL. PHOUMI,
[REDACTED] IS STATIONING TANKS AND ARTILLERY IN FRONT OF
THEIR POSTS AND IS HARASSING THEIR PERSONNEL.

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C. AS PART OF WHAT IS DESCRIBED AS THEIR "OVERALL PLAN,"
KONG LE'S TROOPS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] READY TO

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BLOW UP ROADS LEADING OUT OF THE CAPITAL AND [REDACTED]
WORK JOINTLY IN THIS WITH THE PATHET LAO.

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D. THE FIGHTING IN PHONG SALLY BETWEEN WHAT ARE APPARENTLY
RIVAL PRO-SOUVANNA FACTIONS, [REDACTED]
WEAKENS SOUVANNA'S HAND IN A CRUCIAL AREA WHERE THE CHINESE AND
PATHET LAO HAVE TRIED HARD TO EXPAND THEIR INFLUENCE. THAT MUCH
IS CLEAR. WHAT LIES BEHIND THE TROUBLE STILL IS NOT, ALTHOUGH
THERE IS SOME SUSPICION THAT PHOUMI MAY BE TRYING TO GAIN A
FOOTHOLD IN THE AREA.

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E. WE INFORMED SOUVANNA FORMALLY AND OFFICIALLY YESTERDAY THAT WITHDRAWAL OF US AND PHILIPPINE PERSONNEL IS NOW COMPLETE. THIS HE ACCEPTED WITHOUT RESERVATION AND AT THE SAME TIME AGREED WITH AMBASSADOR UNGER THAT THERE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE SITUATION REGARDING REMAINING NORTH VIETNAMESE PERSONNEL.

2. CONGO:

A. SINCE HIS ARRIVAL IN LEOPOLDVILLE LAST WEEK, THE NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN PEDDLING THE LINE THAT THE UN PLAN TO BRING KATANGA TO HEEL IS OBVIOUSLY FAILING BECAUSE IT IS ALL AN IMPERIALIST PLOT. "THE US CAN NOT DO ANYTHING FOR YOU BECAUSE WALL STREET WILL NOT ALLOW IT, BUT AS SOON AS THE UN PULLS OUT, WE SOVIETS WILL GIVE YOU THE HELP YOU NEED TO DO THE JOB," ETC. IT IS HAVING SOME EFFECT.



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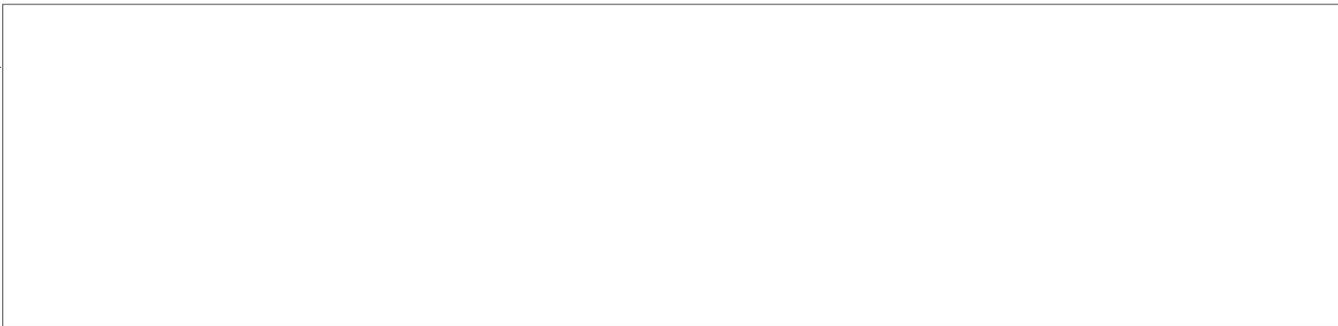


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3. YEMEN:

A. THE STRUGGLE IN YEMEN IS BECOMING INTERNATIONAL AS OUTSIDERS BECOME MORE ACTIVELY INVOLVED.

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[REDACTED]

A SMALL UAR TROOP SHIP IS NOW UNLOADING AT HODEIDA. IT CARRIED SOME 100 EGYPTIAN PERSONNEL, SEVEN TRUCKS, TWO CRATED YAK AIRCRAFT AND OTHER SUPPLIES.

D. TWO SAUDI BATTALIONS HAVE BEEN SENT TO HELP HASAN. THEY WILL BE STIFFENED BY THE SMALL JORDANIAN DETACHMENT WE MENTIONED YESTERDAY. 50X1

[REDACTED]

F. IT NOW SEEMS QUITE PROBABLE THAT IMAM BADR IS STILL ALIVE, AND IN HIDING WITH A LOYAL TRIBE NEAR THE SAUDI BORDER. HIS REAPPEARANCE WILL BE A RALLYING SYMBOL FOR TRIBAL LEADERS WHO ARE LIKELY FOR THE TIME BEING TO BURY THE HATCHET AND UNITE TO FACE THE COMMON ENEMY.

G. A LIVE BADR WILL ALSO GIVE THE SAUDI AND JORDANIAN GOVERNMENTS A SOUNDER BASIS FOR CLAIMING THEY SUPPORT THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF YEMEN. [REDACTED] 50X1

H. CONSUL STOOKEY BELIEVES THAT WHILE THE UAR HELPED OVERTHROW BADR, ITS INFLUENCE ON THE NEW YEMENI GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN EXAGGERATED. HE DESCRIBES THE COUP AS A "GENUINE NATIONAL REVOLT AGAINST TYRANNY."

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[REDACTED]

4. BULGARIA - NORTH KOREA:

A. ANOTHER CRACK IN BLOC SOLIDARITY: BULGARIA AND NORTH KOREA HAVE EACH EXPELLED THE OTHER'S AMBASSADOR.

B. THE IMMEDIATE ISSUE, IT SEEMS, IS THAT [REDACTED] NORTH KOREANS WHO ASKED FOR [REDACTED] POLITICAL ASYLUM IN SOFIA WERE SHANGHAIED BY NORTH KOREA [REDACTED]

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C. BEHIND IT, HOWEVER, ARE OVERTONES OF THE SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE. NEXT TO ALBANIA, NORTH KOREA HAS BEEN CHINA'S LOUDEST APOLOGIST. BOSS KIM IL-SUNG NOT ONLY PREFERS STALIN'S METHODS; HE NEEDS THEM TO KEEP HIS FACTION-RIDDEN PARTY UNDER CONTROL.

D. BULGARIA, NOT WITHOUT SOME UNHAPPINESS IN A PARTY STILL BASICALLY STALINIST, HAS MANAGED TO STAY FAIRLY CLOSE TO BIG BROTHER. [REDACTED]

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5. USSR:

A. TWO ICBMs WERE FIRED WITHIN 17 MINUTES OF EACH OTHER YESTERDAY FROM TYURATAM TO KAMCHATKA. THE SHORTEST PREVIOUS INTERVAL WAS NEARLY TWO AND A HALF HOURS.

B. IT WAS PROBABLY A SALVO TEST FROM THE TWIN PADS AT AREA C, [REDACTED]

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C. THERE IS AN OUTSIDE POSSIBILITY, HOWEVER, THAT THE SHOTS ARE A FORERUNNER TO ANTI-MISSILE TESTS INVOLVING VERY HIGH ALTITUDE NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS SIMILAR TO THE TESTS LAST OCTOBER AT SARY SHAGAN, WHICH USED THE 1100 NAUTICAL MILE MISSILE.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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6. CUBA:

A. REMARKS IN THE LEAD EDITORIAL IN YESTERDAY'S POST CONCERNING CHILEAN IMPORTS OF CUBAN SUGAR ARE WRONG.

[REDACTED] CONTRACTS WERE CANCELLED LATE LAST MONTH.

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B. UN MEMBERS WERE TREATED YESTERDAY TO A PREVIEW OF WHAT WE ASSUME DORTICOS WILL BE SAYING ON MONDAY; IT TOOK THE FORM OF A TEN-PAGE LETTER WITH THE USUAL ACCUSATIONS AND THE REPEATED PITCH FOR BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS.

C. MOSCOW'S REACTION TO THE OAS CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE, OF COURSE, IS THAT WE BLUDGEONED EVERYBODY INTO LINE, BUT THAT WE WERE SUCCESSFUL ONLY IN WORDS; WE FAILED, IT STRESSES, TO GET ANY COMMITMENT TO ENGAGE IN PRACTICAL ANTI-CUBAN ACTION.

D. [REDACTED] SOVIET IL-14'S HAVE BEEN DELIVERED; THEY ARE APPARENTLY FOR MILITARY USE.

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E. WE HAD EARLIER THOUGHT THESE CRATES HELD GUIDED-MISSILE BOATS.

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7. NOTES:

A. LEBANON IS NOW ASKING US FOR MISSILES (PRESUMABLY HAWKS). BEIRUT ALSO WANTS A COUPLE OF DOZEN MORE UP-TO-DATE JET FIGHTERS.

B. USSR: [REDACTED]

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C. THE BRAZILIAN NATIONAL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD TOMORROW. CENTER-CONSERVATIVE GROUPS WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY RETAIN CONTROL OF CONGRESS. A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DISORDER SEEMS LIKELY.

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