

THE WHITE HOUSE

OUTGOING MESSAGE



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1. CONGO:

A. LEOPOLDVILLE'S REPUDIATION OF THE AGREEMENTS SO PAINFULLY REACHED SO FAR WITH KATANGA HAS BROUGHT THE ENTIRE RE-INTEGRATION PROCESS TO A HALT. EVEN IF THE TWO SIDES CAN BE PERSUADED TO START OVER AGAIN FROM SCRATCH, IT WILL BE AGAINST AN UNPROPITIOUS BACKGROUND OF RENEWED FIGHTING.

B. LEOPOLDVILLE IS NOW BOYCOTTING THE MILITARY COMMISSION IN ELISABETHVILLE (ONLY THE KATANGANS SHOWED UP AT YESTERDAY'S SCHEDULED MEETING) AND ADOULA HAS RECALLED HIS CHIEF NEGOTIATOR "FOR CONSULTATIONS." ADOULA SAYS HE WILL SEND SOMEONE ELSE TO ELISABETHVILLE, AND THIS HE MAY ACTUALLY DO, BUT WE ARE SURE WHOEVER COMES WILL BE GIVEN A MANDATE ONLY TO SET FORTH LEOPOLDVILLE'S TERMS, NOT NEGOTIATE.

C. WITH THE CEASE-FIRE OFF, THE MILITARY SITUATION IN NORTH KATANGA HAS AGAIN STARTED TO BOIL OVER. THERE ARE CHARGES AND COUNTERCHARGES OF ATTACKS ON THE GROUND; THE KATANGAN AIRFORCE HAS TAKEN TO THE AIR AGAIN, AND THE UN CONTINGENT OF INDIANS IN ELISABETHVILLE (WHICH HAS BEEN ITCHING FOR A FIGHT ALL ALONG) IS REALLY GETTING EXCITED.

D. MEANWHILE, NO HELP FROM ANOTHER QUARTER AS TSHOMBE'S PANJANDRUM IN THE US, MICHEL STRUELENS, SETS FORTH ON MONDAY ON A MONTH-LONG, NATIONWIDE SPEAKING AND TELEVISION TOUR OF US CITIES TO PUBLICIZE KATANGA'S CASE.

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E. ADOULA'S ACTION HAS PUT A SERIOUS ROADBLOCK AGAINST SPAAK'S CHANCES OF GETTING BELGIUM TO SUPPORT A PROGRAM OF ECONOMIC PRESSURE AGAINST TSHOMBE.

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2. CUBA:

E. PANAMA HAS ORDERED ALL SHIPS UNDER ITS FLAG (THERE ARE NEARLY 500 OF THEM) TO STAY AWAY FROM CUBA OR LOSE THEIR REGISTRY. VENEZUELA HAS DONE LIKEWISE. BRITAIN HAS WARNED IT WILL START USING THE NAVY TO DEFEND ITS MERCHANT SHIPS FROM ATTACK BY ANTI-CASTRO RAIDERS.

F. FAVORABLE RESPONSES WERE ELICITED FROM ALL NATO MEMBERS (EXCEPT ICELAND--NOT PRESENT) TO OUR URGING THAT OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING PRIVILEGES BE DENIED SOVIET COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS TO CUBA.

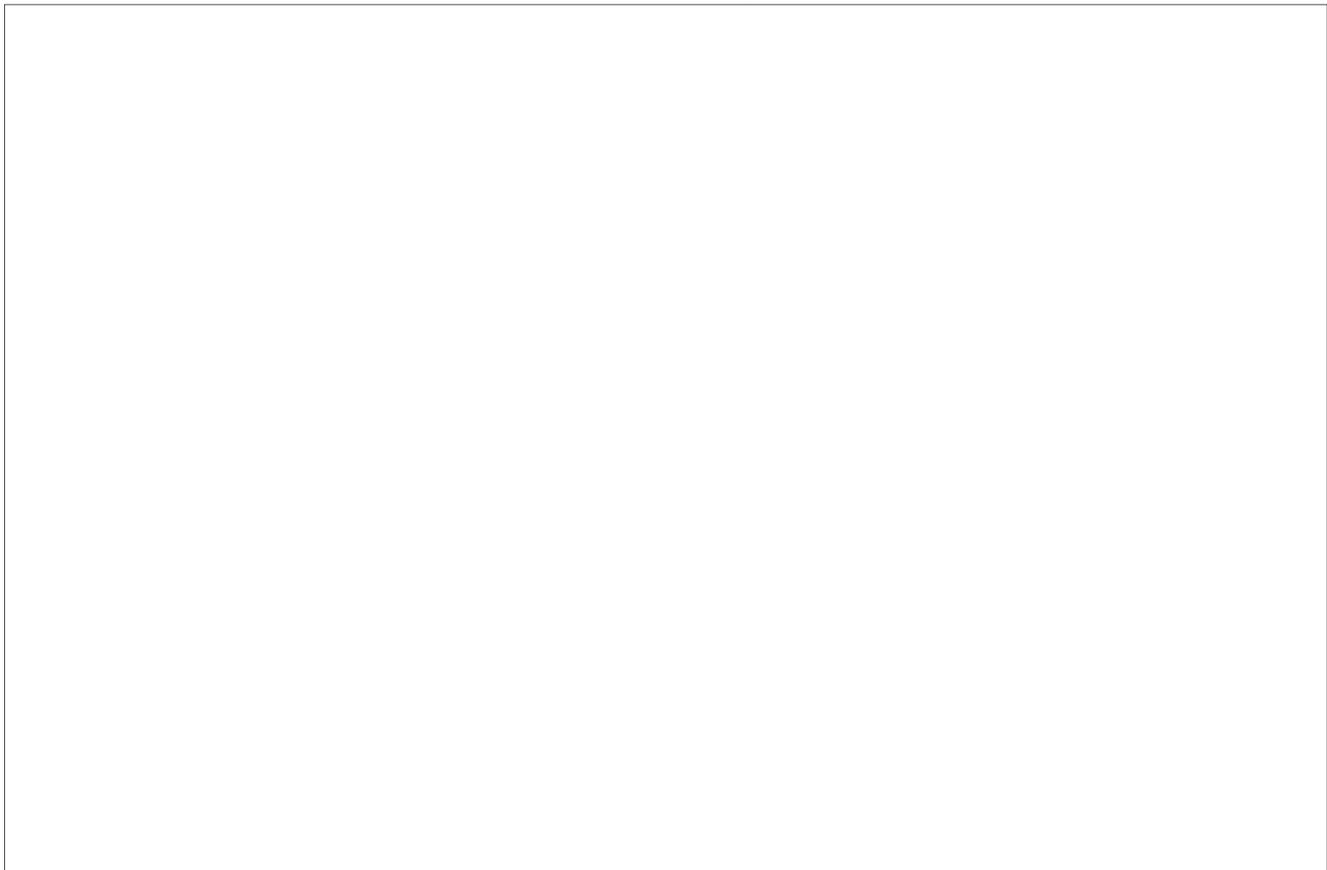
G. MEANWHILE THE INAUGURAL MOSCOW-CUBA COMMERCIAL RUN GOT OFF TO A BAD START WHEN THE AIRCRAFT HAD TO RETURN TO MOSCOW FOR TECHNICAL REASONS BEFORE THE FIRST LEG TO DAKAR WAS COMPLETED.

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3. YEMEN:

A. EACH SIDE IS TRYING, WITH LURES OF MONEY AND PROMISES, TO WIN TRIBAL SUPPORT AWAY FROM THE OTHER. MEANWHILE THERE IS ONLY MINOR, LOCALIZED SKIRMISHING IN THE NORTH. 50X1



E. THE UAR CONTINUES TO POUR IN MEN AND AID. ANOTHER FORCE OF OVER 800 OFFICERS AND MEN HAS PROBABLY ARRIVED BY NOW, BRINGING TOTAL UAR STRENGTH THERE TO SOME 2500. THREE UAR DESTROYERS, A MINESWEEPER, AND A TANKER ARE NOW AT HODEIDA, AND THERE ARE SIX MERCHANT SHIPS IN PORT UNLOADING OR WAITING TO UNLOAD.

F. SAUDI CROWN PRINCE FAYSAL LEAVES NEW YORK FOR ROME ON SUNDAY AND WILL PROBABLY ARRIVE IN SAUDI ARABIA EARLY NEXT WEEK. HE HAS SEEMED IN NO SPECIAL HURRY TO GET THERE IN THE PRESENT

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4. INDIA/CHINA:

A. NEHRU HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR GALBRAITH THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN A FIRM DECISION THAT THE CHINESE MUST BE DRIVEN OUT "WHETHER IT TAKES A YEAR, FIVE YEARS, OR TEN." HE ASKED THAT HIS DETERMINATION ON THIS SCORE BE MADE CLEAR TO THE PRESIDENT.

B. TRANSLATING THIS INTO ACTION, INDIAN FORCES IN THE NORTHEAST FRONTIER AREA HAVE MOUNTED LOCAL OFFENSIVES TO PUSH BACK ENCROACHING CHINESE BORDER UNITS WHO ARE DIGGING IN FOR THE WINTER.

C. INCREASINGLY SEVERE CLASHES ARE THE RESULT, WITH THE CHINESE COUNTERATTACKING IN BOTH THE NORTHEAST AND NORTHWEST. SNOW IS BEGINNING TO FALL, BUT MORE TROUBLE IS IN STORE BEFORE WINTER REALLY COOLS THINGS OFF.

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5. USSR:

A. THE SOVIETS LAUNCHED ANOTHER OF THEIR COSMOS SERIES SATELLITES EARLY THIS MORNING FROM KAPUSTIN YAR.

B. OTHERS IN THE SERIES LAUNCHED FROM THIS RANGE HAVE NOT BEEN RELATED TO THE MAN IN SPACE PROGRAM, NOR HAVE ATTEMPTS BEEN MADE TO RECOVER THEM. THEY ARE OSTENSIBLY COLLECTING SCIENTIFIC DATA.

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6. NOTES:

A. LAOS: SOUVANNA HAS TOLD US THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AM-
BASSADOR, WHO ARRIVED YESTERDAY, WILL NOT PRESENT HIS CREDEN-
TIALS UNTIL EARLY NOVEMBER, WHICH GIVES US A LITTLE MORE TIME
TO WORK ON SAIGON, BUT DIEM STILL SHOWS NO GIVE.

B. COMMON MARKET: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE COMMON MARKET FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL MEET IN BRUSSELS
BEGINNING MONDAY. IT IS SUPPOSED TO BE A TOUR D'HORIZON WITH
SPECIAL ATTENTION TO AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA. THEY DO NOT
PLAN TO DISCUSS EUROPEAN POLITICAL UNION.

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C. ETHIOPIA: WE GATHER FROM HIS FOREIGN MINISTER THAT
HAILE SELASSIE IS FISHING FOR A STATE VISIT TO THE US.

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