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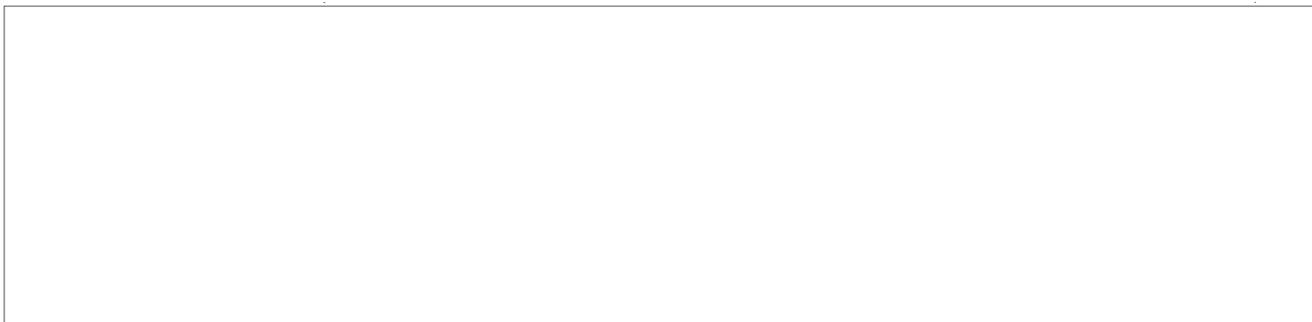
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1. CONGO:

A. ADOULA HAS NEARLY COMPLETED THE FORMATION OF A NEW CABINET. THE CABINET LIST, STILL TENTATIVE PENDING ACCEPTANCE BY ALL OF THOSE CHOSEN, REMAINS WELL WEIGHTED ON THE MODERATE, PRO-WESTERN SIDE.



2. USSR-YEMEN:

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A. MOSCOW MAY BE SHIPPING ADDITIONAL MEN AND SUPPLIES INTO YEMEN, WHERE IT IS ALREADY REPRESENTED BY SEVERAL HUNDRED MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL.

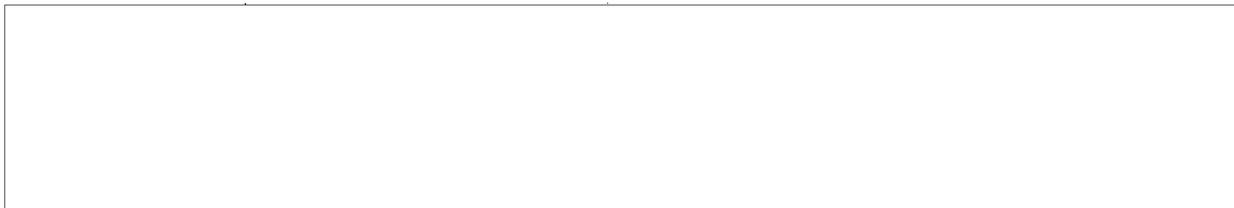
B. [REDACTED] THE SOVIET PASSENGER SHIP GRUZIYA-- RECENTLY ENGAGED IN TROOP WITHDRAWALS FROM CUBA--WAS PREPARING TO ENTER THE SUEZ CANAL. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IT DECLARED FOR THE YEMENI PORT OF HODEIDA WITH 1,200 TONS OF GENERAL COMMERCIAL CARGO AND 446 PASSENGERS.

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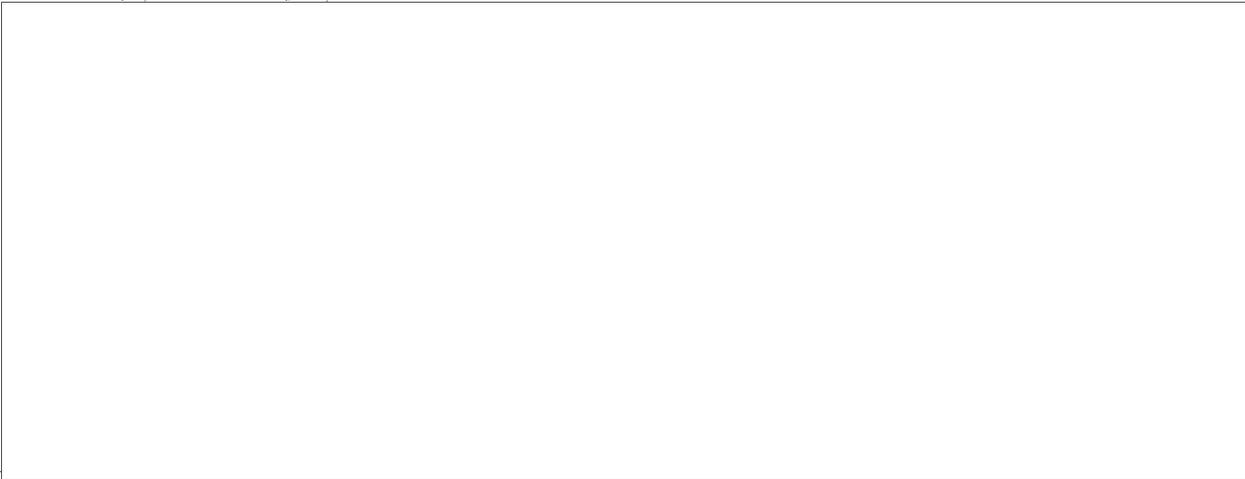
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3. BRAZIL:

A. THE EXTREME LEFT, LED BY GOULART'S BROTHER-IN-LAW BRIZOLA, IS MAINTAINING PRESSURE TO DRIVE GOULART AWAY FROM COLLABORATION WITH MODERATE ELEMENTS AND TO DENY THE COUNTRY EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT.



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4. LAOS:

A. NO NEW FIGHTING HAS BEEN CONFIRMED SINCE YESTERDAY MORNING.

B. SOUVANNA, NOW IN LUANG PRABANG ON CEREMONIAL BUSINESS, PLANS TO RETURN TO THE PLAINE DES JARRES ON FRIDAY, BUT HE HAS, MEANWHILE, LEFT IN SUSPENSE THE CRUCIAL QUESTION OF WHAT POSITIONS KONG LE WILL RETAIN IF A NEW SETTLEMENT CAN BE PATCHED TOGETHER. KONG LE CONTINUES TO INSIST ON THE STATUS QUO ANTE BUT OUR EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE SEES SOME DANGER THAT SOUVANNA WILL BARGAIN AWAY POSITIONS VITAL TO KONG LE IN RETURN FOR PEACE.

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C. THE PATHET LAO SEEMS TO BE FOLLOWING A LINE DESIGNED TO PLACE COL. DEUANE, LEADER OF THE DISSIDENT NEUTRALISTS, ON A FOOTING OF BARGAINING EQUALITY WITH KONG LE, AN OUTCOME WHICH COULD BE AS DAMAGING TO NEUTRALIST STRENGTH AS THE LOSS OF TERRITORY.

D. COOPERATION BETWEEN NEUTRALIST AND ROYAL ARMY--AS WELL AS MEO--ELEMENTS HAS DEVELOPED FURTHER, TO THE POINT WHERE IN SOME AREAS THE RESULT IS VIRTUAL INTEGRATION.

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5. CUBA:

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C. HAVANA RADIO HAS CONFIRMED REPORTS THAT CASTRO WILL VISIT MOSCOW "SOMETIME THIS YEAR."

6. NOTES:

A. COMMUNIST CHINA--SOMALI REPUBLIC: PEIPING, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE RUPTURE BETWEEN THE SOMALIS AND THE BRITISH, IS TRYING TO MOVE ONTO THE SCENE WITH OFFERS OF ARMS AID AND OTHER ASSISTANCE. THE SOMALIS ARE ON THE VERGE OF PICKING

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UP A SMALL CHINESE DOWN PAYMENT, CONSISTING OF FUNDS FOR SUPPORT OF THE SOMALI SECESSIONIST CAMPAIGN IN NORTHERN KENYA.

B. HAITI: PLANS FOR THE OVERTHROW OF DUVALIER HAVE EVIDENTLY NOT DIED WITH THE MISCARRIAGE THAT OCCURRED LAST WEEK. SEVERAL OF THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THE PLOT, INCLUDING TWO OF THE RINGLEADERS, ESCAPED ARREST AND MAY TRY AGAIN WHILE THEY ARE STILL AT LARGE.

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