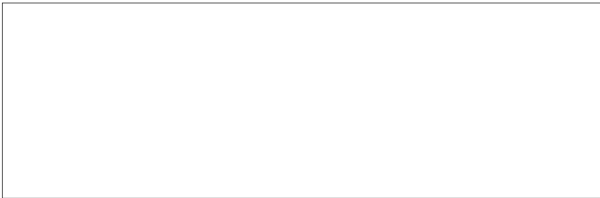


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would be suitable for the premiership because both had been "too much involved," [redacted] (b)(1)

[redacted] Meanwhile, Souvanna continues to linger in Paris, while Souphannouvong is scheduled to leave Peiping for Hanoi on 5 July. (b)(1)

[redacted] [Military action during the past few days has been limited to small-scale skirmishes, the most notable of which were several enemy probing actions against government positions about 30 miles north of Vientiane.] [redacted] (b)(3)

Bloc airlift operations continue to be scheduled through 5 July. [redacted] (Backup, Page 5) (b)(3)

*Congo: [Secretary General Hammarskjold has been alarmed by reports that the French ambassadors in Leopoldville and Brazzaville are encouraging Mobutu and Leopoldville's Foreign Minister Bomboko to undertake a military coup against the Ileo government, possibly this week if President Kasavubu's cooperation can be secured. Hammarskjold also has reports of the arrival of a new group of "French mercenaries" in Katanga, and says the UN representative there has demanded they be expelled. The secretary general sees these alleged French activities as undermining hopes for a moderate Congo settlement and as playing into Soviet hands.] [redacted] (b)(3)

In Brussels, US Ambassador MacArthur reports that Foreign Minister Spaak has objected to the proposed immediate withdrawal of Belgian military from Katanga Province on the ground that it would provoke Tshombé and create a "definitive rupture" between Elisabethville and Leopoldville. Spaak maintains that the Belgian cadres are the backbone of order and stability in Katanga and that their sudden withdrawal would lead to chaos made worse by the possibility of conflict with UN forces deployed to replace them. Spaak admitted that the powerful Belgian mining interests in Katanga might be "playing a different game" there from that of the government, but insisted that he needed firm evidence of this in order to proceed against them. [Spaak also opposed what he called the "British thesis" that the] [redacted] (b)(3)

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[Redacted] Congo parliament should convene in the near future even if it meant a government dominated by Gizenga. [Redacted]

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Indonesia: Continuing surrenders of leaders of the insurgent Federal Republic of Indonesia have encouraged Djakarta officials to believe the three-year rebellion will collapse within a few weeks. The recent surrender of the dissident commander in Central Sumatra followed closely the capitulation of most leaders in North Celebes. Negotiations with important rebel leaders in North Sumatra are reported to be progressing well.

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Mali-USSR: A central maintenance base for Soviet-built aircraft supplied to Ghana, Guinea, and Mali, utilizing Soviet technicians, may be established at Bamako in Mali, [Redacted]

[Redacted] The French military who now occupy the base will be completely evacuated this month. Mali reportedly has contracted for two IL-18s and three IL-14s as well as other smaller Soviet aircraft for its civil airline. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] 50 Soviet air and ground crew personnel will arrive in Bamako in the next few weeks. [Redacted]

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