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*Cuba-USSR: A report from a highly reliable source indicates that on 15 June a MIG jet aircraft was being assembled at the San Antonio de los Banos air base in Cuba. This is the first confirmed report of the presence of such aircraft in Cuba, but there is no indication of the total number delivered to date, nor of whether it is a MIG-15 or MIG-17. The Soviet merchant vessel Leninsky Komsomol, which arrived in Cuba on or about 16 June, may have delivered from 15 to 18 more MIGs.

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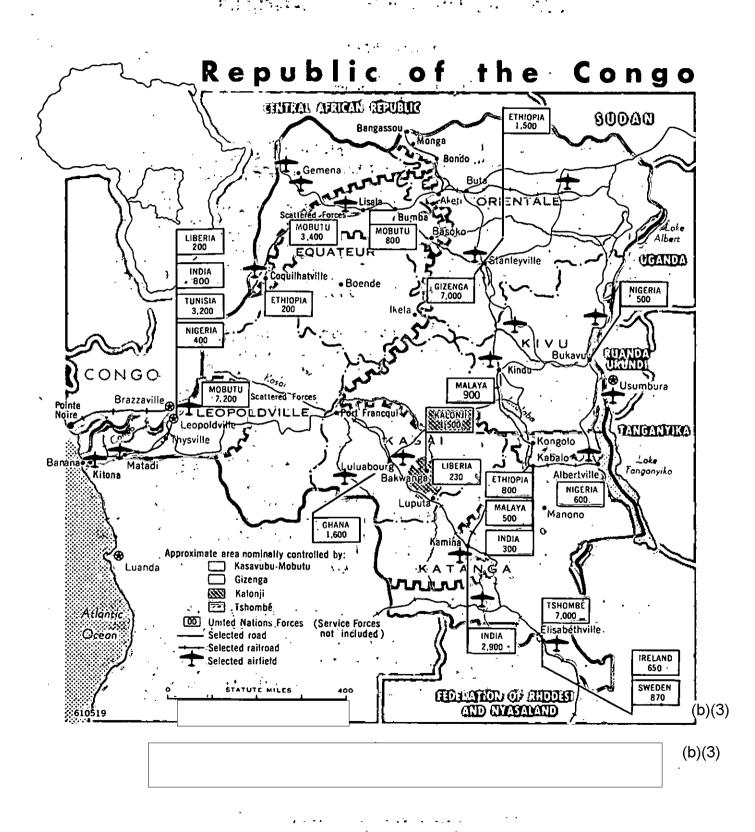
USSR-Indonesia: The Indonesian Embassy in Moscow, according to an intercepted message of 12 June, has informed the Burmese Embassy that the USSR will deliver two TU-16 jet medium bombers to Indonesia in the near future. This would be the first transfer of such aircraft out of the Soviet Union. Indonesia has requested permission for the two bombers, accompanied by two Soviet AN-12 transports, to stop over in Burma between 22 and 25 June en route to Djakarta. The TU-16s are to be flown from the USSR to Rangoon via Peiping by Soviet pilots, and from Rangoon to Djakarta by Indonesian pilots with Soviet copilots. Under the Soviet-Indonesian arms agreement of last January, the USSR is to provide a total of 20 TU-16s during 1961 and 1962, six of which will be equipped with air-to-surface missiles.

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Bolivia: Ambassador Stevenson, in commenting on his talks with President Paz and Vice President Lechin, reports that the Bolivian position as a whole is "desperately bad," and that the basic problem is the need for assertion of government authority. The army sent word to Stevenson that it was fully behind Paz, and rather than tolerate Lechin, will take over with a military

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Dominican Republic: Anti-Trujillo elements evidently now believe their cause is almost hopeless and are considering extreme measures in an effort to provoke US armed intervention. The US Consulate in Ciudad Trujillo reported on 17 June that it believes it has, at least temporarily, dissuaded two prominent dissidents from such a plan to sabotage local American investments and create the appearance that American citizens are in danger.

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The consul noted on 18 June that since the departure of the special OAS subcommittee on 15 June the government has made no further moves to give the impression of democratic intentions. No additional Trujillo associates have been downgraded or sent out of the country, and the Military Intelligence Service is again in evidence, although its behavior has been more correct than usual.

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The Bolivian Situation

President Paz told Ambassador Stevenson that since the 1952 revolution the governing Nationalist Revolutionary Movement had tried to push social development and welfare faster than the country's economic development would permit. With the help of foreign advisers, as well as the United Nations, the government of Bolivia is now completing a long-term plan to increase annual per capita income to \$180 within six or seven years; Paz states that present per capita income is \$90 annually, but other recent estimates have been lower.

Paz said that his arrests of Communist labor leaders had created a strong reaction and that the Communists proved to have wider connections than the government had supposed. He said the situation was further confused by divisions within the government and that Lechin refused overt support. Lechin later told Ambassador Stevenson that his equivocal position is helpful to the government and claimed everyone knew he was supporting the government since he was part of it. He impressed Ambassador Stevenson as thoroughly untrustworthy and opportunistic.

Lechin, who heads the national labor federation, might be willing to oppose the Communist arrests if he thought he would strengthen his position with labor. Thus far he has refrained from overt opposition, however, and he evidently did not support the demonstrations on 15 June calling for release of the Communist labor leaders. A reliable observer estimates that the demonstrations involved only 450 students, some 500 workers who took part only briefly, and street gangs who did the most damage. The demonstration was led by youths who frequent Communist party headquarters.

The Bolivian Army numbers about 11,000 and the air force 950. The national police number about 5,000. The American Embassy in La Paz noted in March 1960 that the police and the army together are outnumbered and out-gunned by the civilian militia. Membership in the Nationalist Revolutionary Movement, which polled 70 percent of the vote in 1960, implies an obligation to drill with local militia units.

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Situation in the Congo

Cyrille Adoula, the moderate interior minister in Premier Ileo's cabinet, seems the likeliest candidate for the prime ministership when parliament reconvenes. Adoula has wide support, particularly among Gizenga's more moderate lieutenants, and the American Embassy believes the Stanleyville leader would accept a vice premiership under Adoula. Ileo appears to have little support from any faction and in fact has been removed from the team which is negotiating with Gizenga's representative.

The embassy believes that Gizenga's position has weakened in the last two months. If feels that coming to a parliamentary session is the lesser of two evils for him, since in the long run his position in Stanleyville would not be tenable without massive outside aid.

The only aid efforts now pending--the medical supplies being brought in by an IL-18 from Ghana and a \$2,000,000 barter arrangement with Yugoslavia--will not be adequate to meet his needs.

In Katanga, American and UN officials believe that the recent expulsion of Belgian extremist advisers to the Elisabethville regime improves the chances for Katanga's reintegration with the rest of the country. Agreement reportedly has been reached between Katanga and the UN for the replacement of senior Belgian officers in Elisabethville's forces with UN officers. Belgian Foreign Minister Spaak stated recently that he hoped that 50 Congolese officers would be sufficiently trained by 1 July to enable Belgium to begin withdrawing its lower ranking gendarmerie of-Spaak reiterated his view that the implementation of the UN resolution could be made easier if tripartite groups made up of Belgian and Congolese officials could work out arrangements on the spot in the Congo. However, Sahbani, Hammarskjold's representative in Brussels, told US officials that he did not think he could persuade the secretary general to "buy the idea," at least until after the departure of some 23 Belgians already nominated by Spaak for withdrawal and of at least some Belgian mercenaries.

Spaak does not share Hammarskjold's recently expressed view that UN forces in the Congo probably could be reduced from 20,000 to 5,000 by the end of the year. Spaak believes the situation

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Tunisian Secretary of State to Visit Peiping

Masmoudi's visit, originally scheduled for late February, was planned at a time when President Bourguiba, having been excluded by King Mohamed V from the Casablanca conference of chiefs of state, was groping to resist both international isolation and the label of having "sold out to the West." At that time Bourguiba was persuaded by Iraq to send his foreign secretary to the Arab foreign ministers' meeting in Baghdad.

The Peiping visit was indefinitely postponed when Masmoudi, who earlier had established a degree of rapport with De Gaulle, was commissioned to prepare the way for the De Gaulle - Bourguiba meeting on 27 February. Now that Bourguiba has completed his visits to Canada, the US, and Britain, the Masmoudi trip has been rescheduled, possibly in an attempt to allay criticism that little more than lip service is given the official policy of non-alignment. An exchange of missions with Peiping would facilitate Chinese liaison with the Algerian rebels.

Masmoudi reportedly will be accompanied by the Tunisian ambassador to Moscow and Prague, the director of youth and sports, and the director of the Neo-Destour party's Arabic-language daily newspaper and the official news agency. Although this is the first official Tunisian visit to Peiping, Tunisian labor, youth and women's groups have exchanged relatively frequent visits with similar groups in Communist China ever since Tunisia acquired independence in 1956.

Even though Bourguiba had long ago indicated he would in due course exchange diplomatic missions with the Sino-Soviet bloc, Soviet, Polish, and Czech missions were not established in Tunis until 1960, and an ambassador--Bourguiba's able protegé, Ahmed Mestiri, the former secretary of state for finance and commerce--was dispatched to Moscow and Prague. Tunisian relations with the Soviet Union have apparently been disappointing to Bourguiba and lesser Tunisian officials. An

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offer of technical assistance in the construction of three small dams in northern Tunisia seems not to have gone beyond the discussion stage. On the other hand, a first contract under a Polish \$8,000,000 credit arrangment was concluded earlier this month for the construction of a metal-products factory at Sousse and the employment of 34 Polish technicians. Other Czech and Bulgarian technicians are employed under contract by Tunisian governmental departments, and relatively active cultural affairs programs have received a mixed reception in Tunisia.

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