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In general, sufficient information was available for the preparation of NIE 75-58 on major trends in French Tropical Africa. However, in view of the rapid changes taking place throughout this area, more comprehensive information will be required. As to French Equatorial Africa, major gaps exist in our material. In particular, more information is required concerning Equatorial leaders and political parties and their relations with parties and personalities in French West Africa. More material is also needed concerning the strengths and weaknesses of conservative and radical elements and their leaders in French West Africa. Additional information is required on the contacts between Cairo and the UPC in Cameroun. For French Tropical Africa as a whole, information is needed concerning: (a) Communist influence, (b) the activities of labor unions, (c) student groups and their connections with Communist organizations, (d) political alignments in outlying areas (e.g., Mauritania), and (e) the strength, disposition, and capabilities of the military and security forces.

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