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Key intelligence specialists who had believed that "Ché" Guevara—the Castro aide and promoter of guerrilla wars—had died or been killed, now are convinced, on the basis of new evidence considered reliable, that he is very much alive.

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A diplomat from an important nation in Europe says that in capitals abroad it is noted that President Johnson never uses the word "leadership" for his role or that of the U. S. These foreign appraisers see this as a disturbing sign of lack of decisiveness on the President's part.

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A Soviet diplomat abroad, when asked how Russia would be able to supply Egypt's Nasser with food he needs, responded: "We'll feed Egypt even if we have to buy wheat from the U. S. and Canada to do it."

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Russians are admitting that the defection of Svetlana Alliluyeva, Stalin's daughter, hurts. And they refuse to believe that the U. S. Government had no part in her defection.