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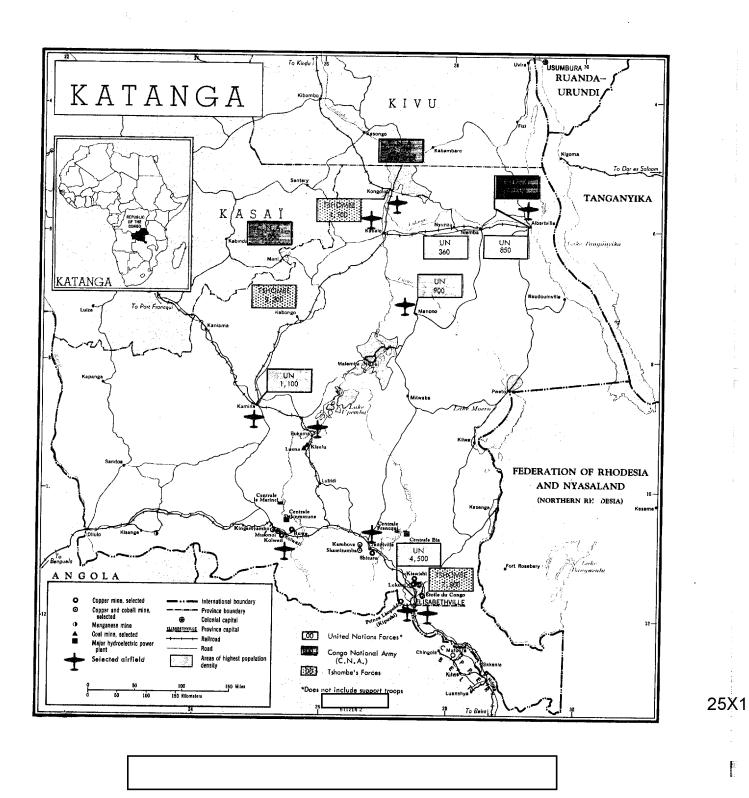
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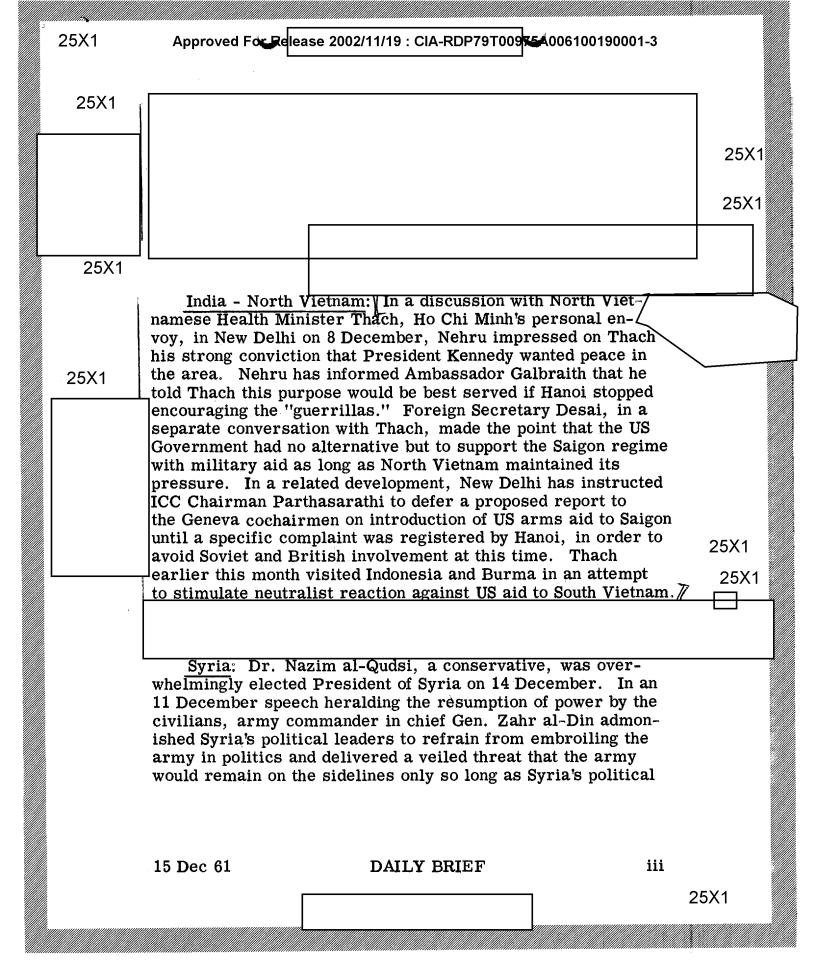
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The Situation in the Congo

The UN buildup in Elisabethville continues to be accompanied by divergent views among UN officials concerning the timing of a UN offensive and its ultimate objectives. A senior UN official in New York has described the UN's objectives as the restoration of security and freedom of movement for its personnel in Elisabethville, together with the inauguration of negotiations between Tshombé and Adoula. The US Consulate in Elisabethville, however, reports that local UN officials hope that no "political nonsense" will interfere with a "military solution" in Katanga.

UN military commander McKeown indicated to the US Embassy in Leopoldville on 13 December that he was satisfied with the situation in Elisabethville and that plans to secure the city would be implemented on 14 December. In New York, a senior military adviser to the secretary general told US officials on the same day that "all-out operations" should start on 15 or 16 December, and stated that the UN has no plans beyond those intended to assure its control in Elisabethville.

The US Consulate in Elisabethville has characterized the UN Command as "woefully lacking in a realistic assessment of the enemy." According to the consulate, local UN officials reacted with "shock and disbelief" to an estimate by the consulate that morale among Tshombé's forces continues high.

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Okinawan Mayoral Election Çampaign

Propaganda support, presumably accompanied by financial assistance, from Japanese leftists has sharpened Okinawan interest in the election and probably will result in a large turnout, possibly in excess of 75 percent of the estimated 125,000 eligible voters. The three-way contest which has developed, involving conservative candidate Junji Nishime in addition to Kaneshi and Miyazato, threatens to split the moderate vote.

The Japanese Government continues to seek an expanding role in Ryukyuan affairs and has drafted an economic and technical assistance program for the coming year amounting to \$2,900,000. This figure exceeds the program which the US high commissioner for the Ryukyus believes is feasible under existing political and economic conditions. Tokyo, on the other hand, asserts that the expanded program is necessary to satisfy Japanese public expectations -- many of them officially inspired -and is warranted by informal US-Japanese pledges of support for Ryukyuan welfare made during Prime Minister Ikeda's visit to the US last summer.

The Naha mayoralty contest of 1956 became the focal point for Okinawan grievances against US policies in the Ryukyus, particularly the means of acquiring and paying for land used for military purposes, and led to a large protest vote which elected pro-Communist Kamejiro Senaga as mayor. Although Senaga was ousted the following year through the combined actions of the US civil administration and the Naha city assembly, the furor attending the election and ouster aroused reversionist sentiment in both Japan and the Ryukyus and prompted Tokyo's first moves for a role in administering the islands. Senaga is exercising a major influence in the present coalition and leftist campaign.7

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