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Iraq: The new regime plans to loosen Iraq's close ties with the Soviet bloc.

The minister of education reportedly intends to recall all Iraqi students from the "backward countries" of Bulgaria, East Germany, and Rumania. Communist and pro-Communist employees in the education and guidance ministries and in the foreign service are to be ousted gradually.

Soviet-sponsored projects now under way will be completed, but the regime hopes that assistance will be forthcoming from nonbloc countries so that the bloc's dominance in Iraq's development will be considerably diminished.

Moscow is concerned over the repressive measures the new Iraqi government is taking against the Iraqi Communist Party but hopes that good Soviet-Iraqi relations can be established.

A Pravda article of 14 February denounced Qasim's suppression of his political adversaries and in cautious terms approved his overthrow, but it expressed concern over the government's "bloody punishment of Communists." The article avoided a judgment of the new government, declaring that only when the "foundations" of Iraqi foreign policy become known can Moscow make a definitive evaluation of the regime.

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Togo: (Togolese military authorities are acting to cripple the only well-organized political party in the country before elections are held.)

Reports from the interior indicate that the military elements responsible for assassinating President Olympio last month are arresting and in some cases mistreating former parliamentary deputies and local leaders of Olympio's Togolese Unity Party (UT). The UT had been the sole legal party in Togo for a year prior to the coup, and was dominated by the more advanced southern tribal elements. The military are drawn mainly from the north and fear that the UT might regain power in the promised elections.

The military leaders are acting independently of the shaky Grunitsky provisional government. Their moves may precipitate the withdrawal of the UT's representative in Grunitsky's coalition and convince UT leaders that their only hope lies in organizing a counter-coup. Some UT elements in Dahomey and Nigeria are already seeking support for such a move.)

(Withdrawal of the UT member would also remove the government's most prominent anti-Ghanaian

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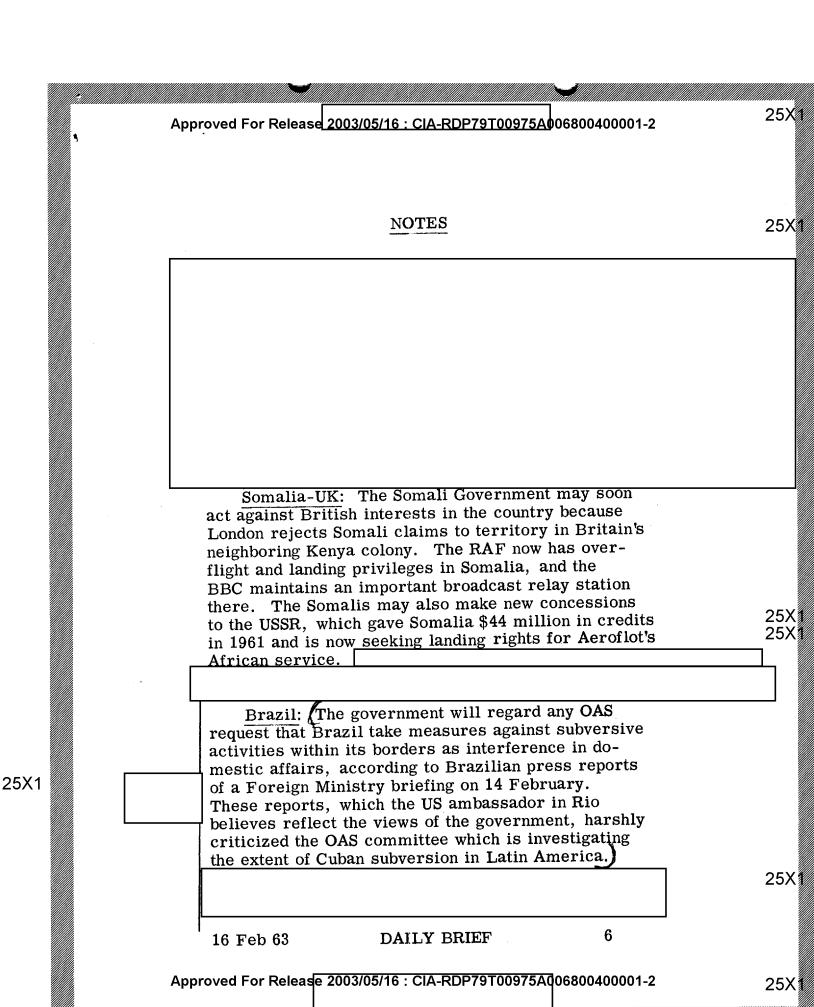
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