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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT : Potential Crisis Areas

1. Listed below are a number of so-called "potential crisis areas". They are listed by geographic area for convenience. Would you please have your analysts check over this list and make appropriate additions or deletions. I would appreciate any additional comments. Send any responses to me in room 3F29. I would appreciate having these responses by 15 July when I return from two weeks leave.

ASIA

| <u>Area</u>  | <u>Countries Involved</u>                                      |
|--|--|
| Sino-Soviet Border   | USSR, PRC  |
| Korean Peninsula   | North and South Korea, US, China, USSR                         |
| South China Sea<br>(Paracels, Spratleys, exploitation of marine resources and use of sea lanes through the area) | PRC, ROC, Philippines, S. Vietnam, Japan, US, USSR, Indonesia. |
| Yellow Sea (exploitation of marine resources)  | China, North and South Korea.                                  |
| Sino-India Border  | China, India, possibly Pakistan                                |
| Indo-Pakistani Border  | India, Pakistan (possibly China, USSR and even US)             |
| Taiwan Straits   | PRC, ROC, US   |
| India Ocean  | India, USSR, Iran, US  |
| Northern Islands Issue   | USSR, Japan  |
| Sino-Burma   | PRC, Burma   |
| Sino-Lao-Thai  | PRC, Laos, Thailand  |
| Internal Insurgencies  | Thailand, Malaysia, Philippines.                               |
| Cambodia   | Cambodia, Vietnams   |
| Vietnam  | North & South Vietnam, US, PRC, USSR                           |

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MIDDLE EAST

Area

Countries Involved

Arab-Israeli

Israel, Egypt, Syria, USSR,  
Lebanon, Jordan, Saudi Arabia

Greece-Turkey  
(includes Cyprus)

Greece-Turkey

Iraq-Iran (Kurdish Problem)

Iraq-Iran, USSR

Pakistan-Afghan

Pakistan, Afghanistan, USSR,  
India, PRC

Oil Producing Area

OPEC countries

EUROPE

Rumania

USSR, Rumania

Yugoslavia (includes possible  
Tito succession problem and  
confrontation with Italy over  
long standing dispute over  
Trieste.

Yugoslavia, Italy, USSR

Spain-Portugal

Spain-Portugal

Ireland

Ireland, UK

LATIN AMERICA

Peru-Chile

Peru, Chile, possibly Bolivia

Cuba

Cuba

Panama

Panama

Argentina

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AFRICA

Area

Countries Involved

Ethiopia-Somali

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Angola-Mozambique

Angola, Mozambique, Portugal

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