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The Committee concludes that there will be no military attack on the United States or its overseas forces in the near future. Subjects of immediate concern are discussed

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I. Middle East

Baghdad is increasing its efforts to effect a quick military victory over the Kurdish rebels. The prospects for such a solution seem dim, however, particularly in view of the approach of winter weather which will hamper operations for both sides. Stepped-up support to the Kurds by Tehran in the last two weeks increases the possibility of further clashes between Iraqi and Iranian forces in the border area.

II. USSR-Eastern Europe

We see no indications of hostile intent in the military activity of the USSR and other Warsaw Pact nations.

III. Southeast Asia

In South Vietnam, the main thrust of military action will continue in Military Region 1, where the Communists persist in efforts to gain control of key terrain overlooking Route 1.

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