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1. CONGO:

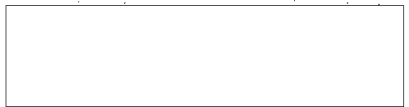
A. PRESS REPORTING ON THE CONGO HAS TENDED TO BE OVERBLOWN. OUR BEST INFORMATION ON THE SITUATION AS OF THIS MORNING IS THAT THE UN YESTERDAY NEARLY COMPLETED THE ENCIRCLEMENT OF ELIZABETHVILLE AND HAD CONTROL OF THE NORTHERN AND NORTHWESTERN SECTIONS BUT THE KATANGANS WERE STILL HOLDING THE CENTRAL AREAS AND THERE WERE NO SIGNS OF A SLACKENING OF RESISTANCE.

B. UN HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK HAS ANNOUNCED THAT A NEW UN ATTACK AGAINST KATANGAN POSITIONS IN ELIZABETHVILLE WAS LAUNCHED THIS MORNING. A LATE PRESS DISPATCH FROM ELIZABETHVILLE SAYS THAT TSHOMBE HAS FLED THE CAPITAL TOWARD THE RHODESIAN BORDER. WE ARE TREATING THE REPORT WITH RESERVE.

C. TSHOMBE HAS APPARENTLY BEEN GETTING RESUPPLIES OF ARMS BY WAY OF RHODESIA. THERE ARE ALSO SOME INDICATIONS THAT MORE FOUGA JETS--POSSIBLY AS MANY AS SIX--ARE IN THE BRAZZAVILLE CONGO AWAITING DELIVERY TO THE KATANGANS.



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D. EFFORTS TO ARRANGE AN ADOULA-TSHOMBE MEETING ARE CONTINUING WITH NO IMMEDIATE SUCCESS IN SIGHT. ADOULA LEFT LEOPOLDVILLE FOR KIVU PROVINCE YESTERDAY AND IS NOT SCHEDULED TO RETURN UNTIL SUNDAY. TSHOMBE'S LAST WORD IS THAT HE IS READY FOR TALKS BUT ONLY ON NEUTRAL GROUND AND ON THE BASIS OF MILITARY POSITIONS PRESENTLY HELD BY THE UN AND KATANGA. TSHOMBE'S AIM NOW APPEARS TO BE TO SQUEEZE AS MUCH ADVANTAGE AS POSSIBLE OUT OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESSURES FOR A CEASE-FIRE.

E. NARASIMHAN, INDIAN DEPUTY TO U THANT, HAS ASSURED OUR UN DELEGATION THAT ORDERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE UN MILITARY COMMANDERS IN KATANGA TO STAY WITHIN THE LIMITS OF UN POLICY. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE PROBLEM OF THE INDIAN DIPLOMAT RAHMAN IN ELIZABETHVILLE HAD BEEN "TAKEN CARE OF."

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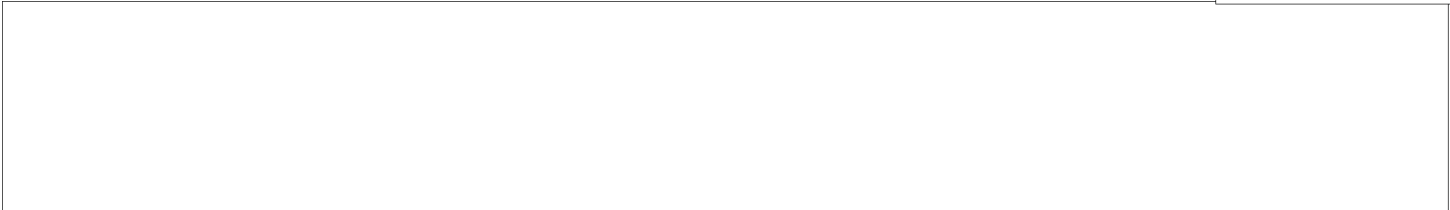


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2. GOA:

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A. NEHRU HAS ONCE AGAIN PUT OFF A DECISION TO ATTACK.



B. THE PORTUGUESE ARE CONTINUING THEIR EVACUATION OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN FROM GOA, MEANWHILE WORKING FEVERISHLY TO BRING INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE TO BEAR ON NEW DELHI. THEIR NEXT MOVE MAY BE RECOURSE TO THE UN.

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3. SOVIET FIGHTER DEPLOYMENT:

MOSCOW IS CARRYING OUT A RATHER SIZEABLE WESTWARD DEPLOYMENT OF FIGHTER AIRCRAFT. THE MOVEMENT, WHICH BEGAN ON 8 DECEMBER AND WAS CONTINUING THROUGH YESTERDAY,

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WE ARE NOT SERIOUS

CONCERNED AT PRESENT--THERE ARE NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT INDICATIONS THAT BLOC FORCES ARE BEING READIED FOR MILITARY ACTION. NEVERTHELESS, THE MOVEMENT HAS MANY UNUSUAL FEATURES FOR WHICH WE HAVE NO EXPLANATION NOW. AN IMPORTANT KEY TO THE PURPOSE OF THE MOVE WILL BE WHETHER THE PLANES REMAIN IN SOVIET HANDS OR ARE TURNED OVER TO SATELLITE FORCES.



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4. NOTES:

A. GENERAL NASUTION HINTED BROADLY TO AMBASSADOR JONES YESTERDAY THAT THE TEMPERATURE IN DJAKARTA MIGHT RUN VERY HIGH ON THE NEW GUINEA ISSUE BUT THAT THE BOILING POINT WOULD NOT BE REACHED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

B. BANGKOK IS RUSHING REINFORCEMENTS TO NORTHEAST THAILAND WHERE FIGHTING HAS BROKEN OUT BETWEEN POLICE FORCES, WHO WERE CONDUCTING A SECURITY ROUNDUP, AND LOCAL DISSIDENTS. SEPARATIST SENTIMENT IN THIS DEPRESSED AREA HAS BECOME HEAVILY TINGED BY COMMUNIST INFLUENCE SPREADING ACROSS THE BORDER WITH LAOS.

C. THERE IS FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT BRAZIL'S ATTITUDE TOWARD CUBA IS HARDENING. A TOP FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR GORDON THAT BRAZIL HAS "DEFINITELY ABANDONED" ITS PREVIOUS POSITION.

D. THE EAST GERMANS YESTERDAY PROTESTED TO THE US--THROUGH THE CZECHS IN PRAGUE--AGAINST THE "UNLAWFUL PROVOCATIVE TROOP MOVEMENTS OF AMERICAN NATO UNITS IN THE TERRITORY OF THE GDR." THE NOTE ALLEGED THE RECENT AUTOBAHN MOVEMENTS CONFIRM "THERE ARE NO LEGAL FOUNDATIONS ANY LONGER FOR THE PRESENCE OF US TROOPS IN WEST BERLIN."

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