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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

Lao Prime Minister Souvanna Phouma's chances are good for gaining cabinet approval to sign the agreement with the Communists this Friday. (Page 1)

A North Vietnamese military recruitment campaign which began last month could provide some indication of Hanoi's intentions in South Vietnam for the next dry season, which runs from October to May. (Page 2)

In Chile, plans by navy officers to trigger military action against the Allende government [redacted] reportedly have the support of some key army units. (Page 3)

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The Soviet Union's Ryad program to develop a series of third-generation computers is at least three years behind schedule. (Page 4)

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[REDACTED] The navy is also counting on help from the air force and the national police.

Although military officers are increasingly determined to restore political and economic order, they may still lack an effectively coordinated plan that would capitalize on the widespread civilian opposition.

Socialists, leftist extremists, and Communists are equally determined not to compromise. They are gambling that the military and political opposition cannot carry out moves to oust the government or even to impose restraints on it. President Allende, for his part, still hopes that temporizing will fend off a showdown.

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