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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

NR Record In Greece, dissatisfaction with Papadopoulos' leadership continues, but the Prime Minister remains in firm control. (Page 2) NR Record

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GREECE

US officials in Athens report that opposition to the leadership of Prime Minister Papadopoulos may soon come to a head.

> The opposition comes from those officers who joined with Papadopoulos in the coup of 1967. Ambition for power rather than disagreement over a significant issue seems to be the dominant factor.

The challenge to Papadopoulos surfaced early this fall when he threatened to resign over his colleagues' insistence on greater participation in the government. Papadopoulos' critics backed down at that time because they could neither decide on an alternative to him nor muster support in the army. There is no substantial information at present to indicate significant erosion of the army's support for the Prime Minister but tensions are high and acrimonious gossip against Papadopoulos is mounting.

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