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SUMMARY OF MAJOR MEDIA ITEMS ON INTELLIGENCE

1. CIA Opposition to Reactivation of Barbie According to the Department of Justice report released Monday, the U.S. Army twice thought of rehiring Barbie: in 1965, when it was considering starting an intelligence network in South America, and in 1967, when it was told that Barbie was a friend of many high-ranking Bolivian army officers. According to the report, the CIA dissuaded the Army from rehiring Barbie on both occasions, which was the first hint that the Agency was aware that the Army's Counterintelligence Corps had hired, protected, and resettled Barbie. In addition, the report states that the CIA told the Army that Barbie would have to provide "unique information of significant importance under secure operational conditions" before the CIA would approve of the Army's reactivation of Barbie. (WASHINGTON POST, 18 August, p. A-1)

2. Estimates on Cuban Troops in Nicaragua. Sources say CIA and DIA are being pressured by the White House and the Pentagon civilian leadership to raise significantly U.S. Government estimates of how many Cubans are in Nicaragua. Intelligence sources say there is growing evidence to support a much higher number of Cuban troops, which currently are estimated at 2,000, but the evidence is still being debated. (ABC, 17 August)