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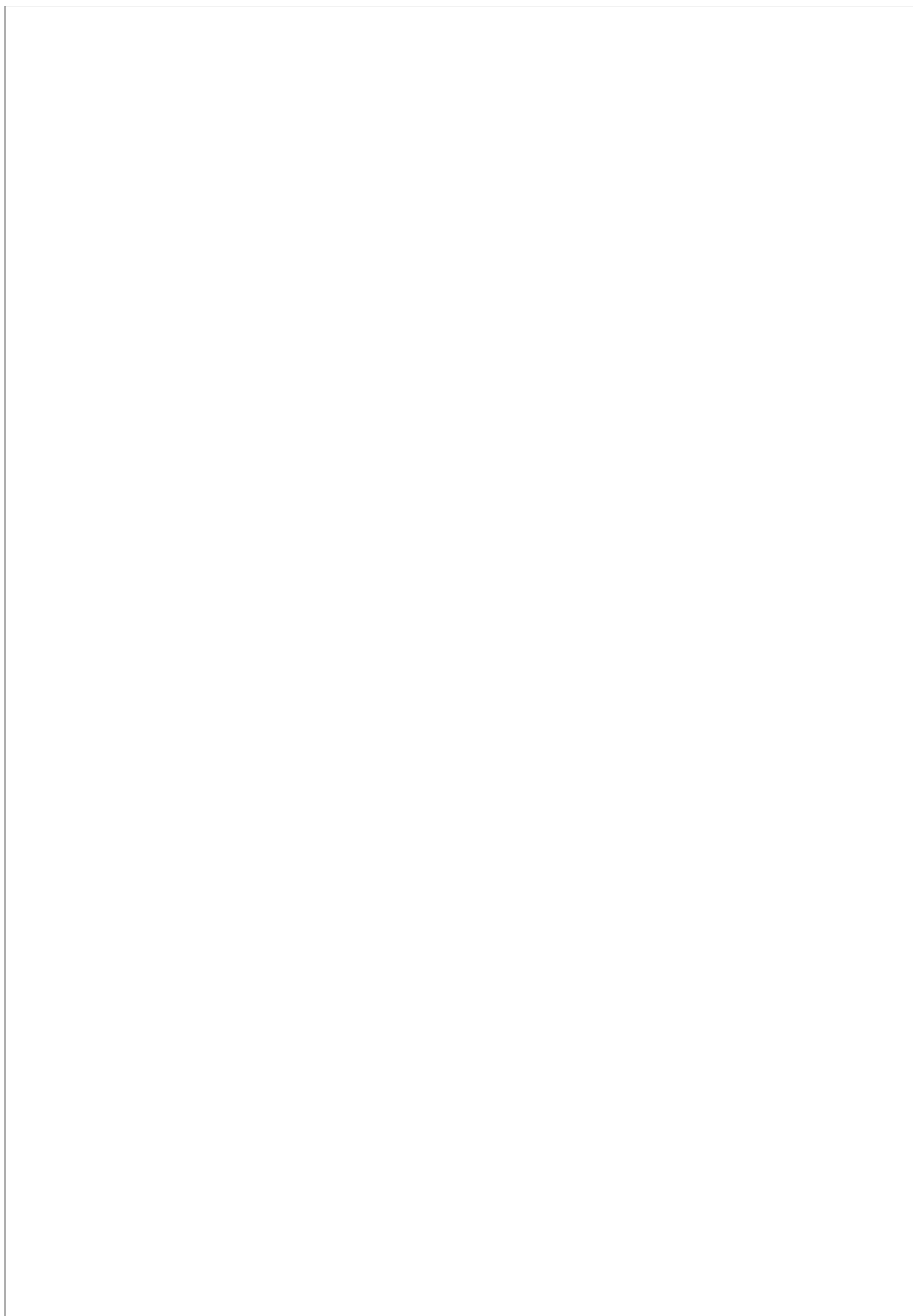
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I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

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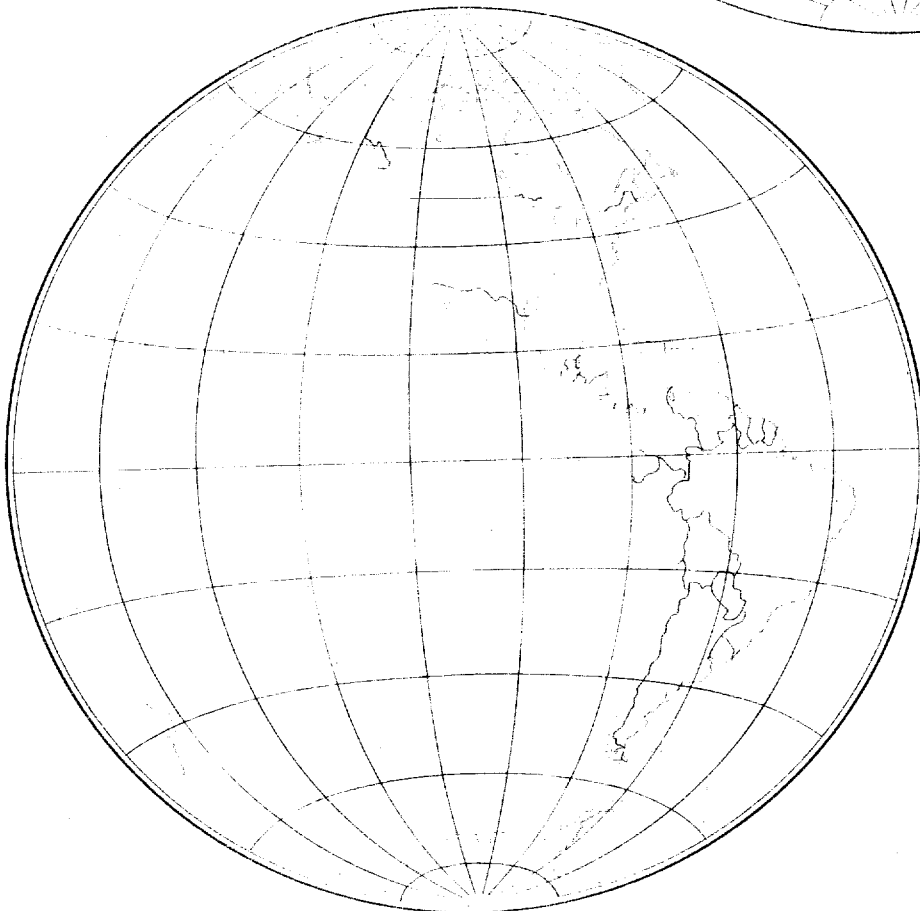
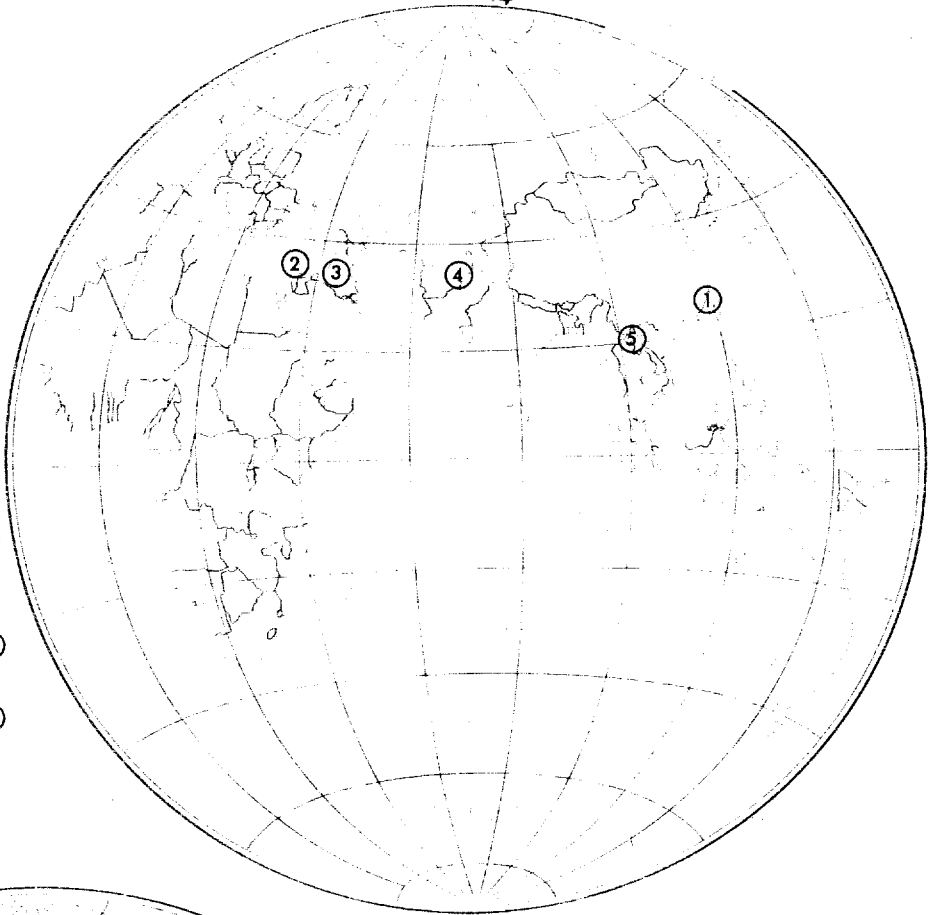
II. ASIA-AFRICA

Lebanon - [redacted]
Beirut situation serious as Shihab sends special emissary to Nasir. [redacted] ②

Iraqi regime gives Arif "warm" send-off to Bonn Embassy in effort to cover up rift among revolution's leaders. ③

Mirza's seizure of power in Pakistan seen by Afghans as opportunity for settlement of border controversy. ④

Laos - Government averts no-confidence vote on monetary reform. ⑤



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I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

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Taiwan Strait situation: There was no significant military activity on 13 October. (CONFIDENTIAL) (Page 1)

II. ASIA-AFRICA

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Lebanon: [redacted]

[redacted] the situation in Lebanon has taken a "serious turn." President Shihab sent a special emissary to Cairo by way of Damascus on a mission of "extreme importance." Shihab may hope to obtain Nasir's aid in pressing Moslem extremists to make concessions. [redacted]

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Iraq: Former Deputy Prime Minister Arif's departure from Baghdad for his post as ambassador to Bonn indicates that his pro-UAR faction has bowed for the time being to the pressures exerted by the faction of Premier Qasim. The regime again sought to maintain an appearance of unity by giving Arif a "warm" official send-off, but further political fissures may well appear in the near future. [redacted]

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Afghanistan: The Afghan Government apparently welcomes the new regime in Pakistan and hopes to secure the latter's cooperation in settling the Pushtoonistan dispute. Foreign Minister Naim has canceled his visit to Peiping, scheduled for 16 October, and apparently intends to press for a degree of autonomy for the "Pushtoon" tribal area when Pakistan's constitution is rewritten. [redacted] (Page 3) (Map)

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*Laos: The government has won a procedural vote in the National Assembly, thus averting a vote on a motion of no confidence over monetary reform. This appears to strengthen the cabinet's chance of survival should a similar motion be introduced by the opposition in the ensuing debate on the budget issue.

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Air Situation

(Plane losses claimed through 12 Oct)

| | TODAY | | | CUMULATIVE | | |
|-------------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|
| | Destroyed | Probable | Possible | Destroyed | Probable | Possible |
| Communist | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 4 | 8 |
| Nationalist | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6** | 0 | 2* |

*Damaged

**Includes 2 C-46's, 2 F-84G's, and 2 F-86's

Chinmen Supply Situation -

(Tonnage through 12 Oct)

| | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Delivery - 1-12 Oct | 16,599 |
| Totals (since 7 Sept) | 19,999 |
| Average Daily Rate for Sept | 125 |
| Average Daily Rate for Oct | 1,666 |
| Minimum Austere Daily Requirements | 320 |

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I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

Taiwan Strait Situation

Peiping hopes to use British influence to "drag" the US into a more reasonable frame of mind, [redacted] with good contacts in Communist circles. [redacted]

[redacted] Periodic harassment of the colony probably had been designed to serve as a warning against any official British support for the US position on the offshore islands. A temporary shift in Peiping's tactics against the colony may be reflected in the restraint applied by the Chinese Communists to local sympathizers in Hong Kong as well as Macao, where the national days of both Chinese factions on 1 and 10 October passed without significant incident.

There is no indication thus far that replacement of the chief of the general staff of Communist China's armed forces-- announced on 12 October--was related to recent military activities in the Taiwan Strait area. The appointment of Senior General Huang Ko-cheng to succeed Senior General Su Yu, who recently became a vice minister of national defense, indicates a strengthening of both party and government control over the military. Huang has been a member of the secretariat of the Chinese Communist party's central committee as well as senior vice minister of national defense. His predecessor, Su Yu, is considered one of the most capable tacticians and brilliant strategists among Communist China's younger military leaders and has generally confined his activities to the military field.

Peiping issued its 30th "serious warning," charging US military provocations on 13 October when two US warships allegedly intruded into territorial waters in the Pingtan and Matsu areas. [redacted]

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A Nationalist Government official has announced that approximately 7,100 of the 47,000 civilians on Chinmen and Lieh Hsu (Little Quemoy) have been evacuated to Taiwan since 6 October. The official said that only the aged, women, children, middle-school, and some primary-school students are leaving, and that the men would remain to work the farms.

The Taiwan Defense Command reports that the Nationalists have demonstrated surprising initiative, energy, and good control in planning, shipping, and receiving Chinmen supplies. They delivered an estimated 15,000 tons of all categories of supplies between 6 and 11 October, including six more eight-inch howitzers for counterbattery fire. [REDACTED]

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II. ASIA-AFRICA

Kabul Apparently Welcomes New Regime in Pakistan

The Afghan Government apparently welcomes the new regime in Pakistan and hopes to secure the latter's cooperation in settling the Pushtoonistan dispute. The take-over in Pakistan by President Mirza and army leader Ayub has been factually reported in the Kabul press, and Afghan Foreign Minister Naim and Deputy Foreign Minister Suleiman have commented privately that a stronger government in Pakistan may assist the settlement of differences between the two countries.

Naim has canceled his trip to Karachi, Peiping, Tokyo, and New York, scheduled to begin on 16 October, and apparently intends to press Karachi to grant a degree of autonomy to the "Pushtoon" tribal area when Pakistan's constitution is rewritten. Refusing to risk antagonizing the new regime in Karachi, Naim specifically denied to Pakistani Ambassador Khattak that he was canceling a visit to Pakistan because of the arrest on 11 October of Abdul Ghaffar Khan, the principal Pushtoon leader in Pakistan. On the contrary, he asked Khattak to go to Karachi and explain Afghanistan's "friendship" for Pakistan and the importance of using the opportunity, presumably the framing of a new constitution, to settle the Pushtoonistan dispute.

Mirza and Ayub, who is the administrator of martial law, want to establish a strong central government, but they may be prepared to restore the old West Pakistan provinces, in view of the opposition to the unified province established in 1955. Such a reorganization would presumably include a state corresponding to the old Northwest Frontier Province, so that the Pushtoon tribal area would have some degree of the autonomy Afghanistan is urging.

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