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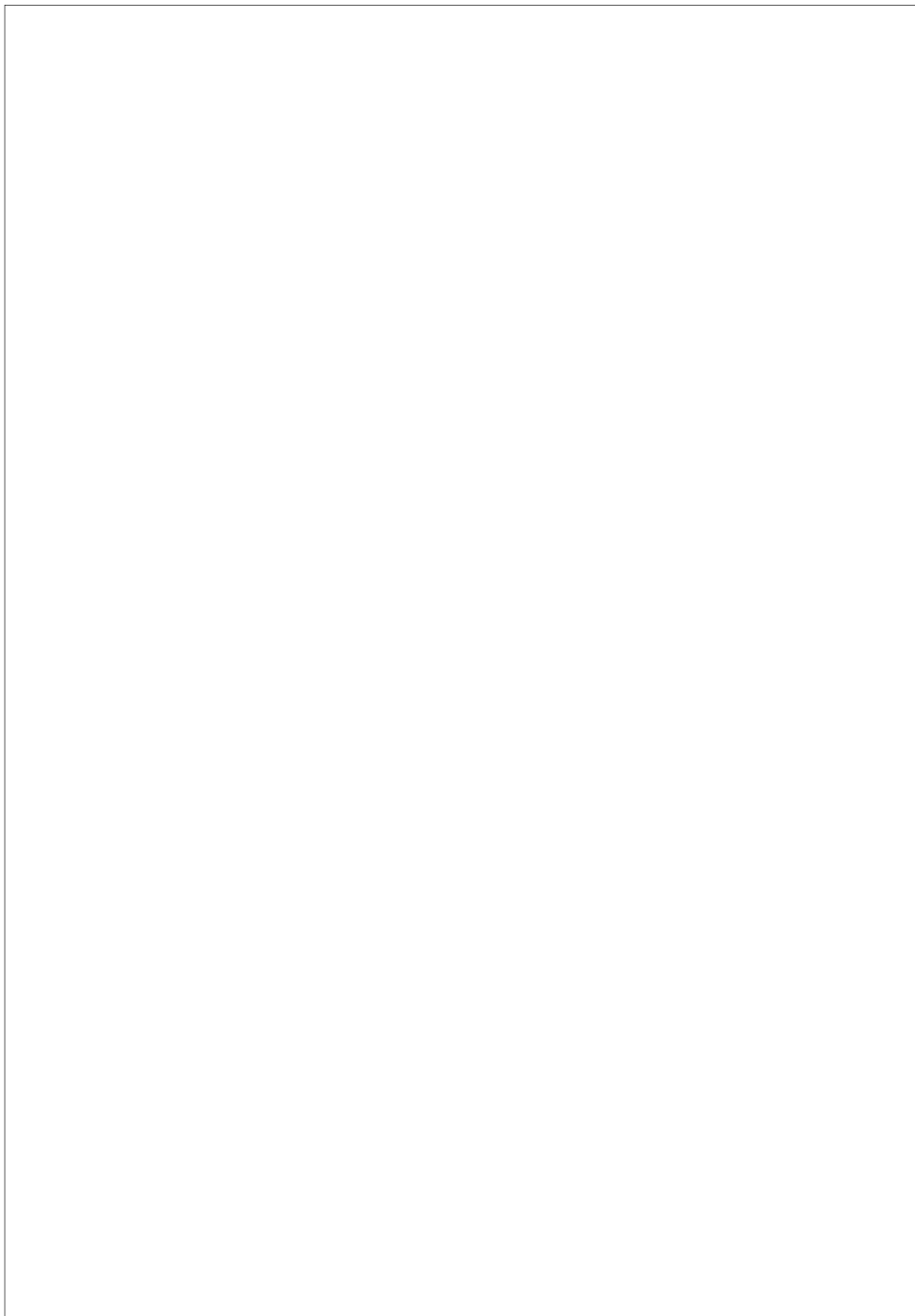
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I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

Probable ICBM launched from Tyura Tam to usual Kamchatka impact area. [redacted]

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Chinese Communist artillery fires on Nationalist vessels in Chinmen area on 4 June; Peiping steps up propaganda charges of US-created "tension" in Taiwan Strait.

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II. ASIA-AFRICA

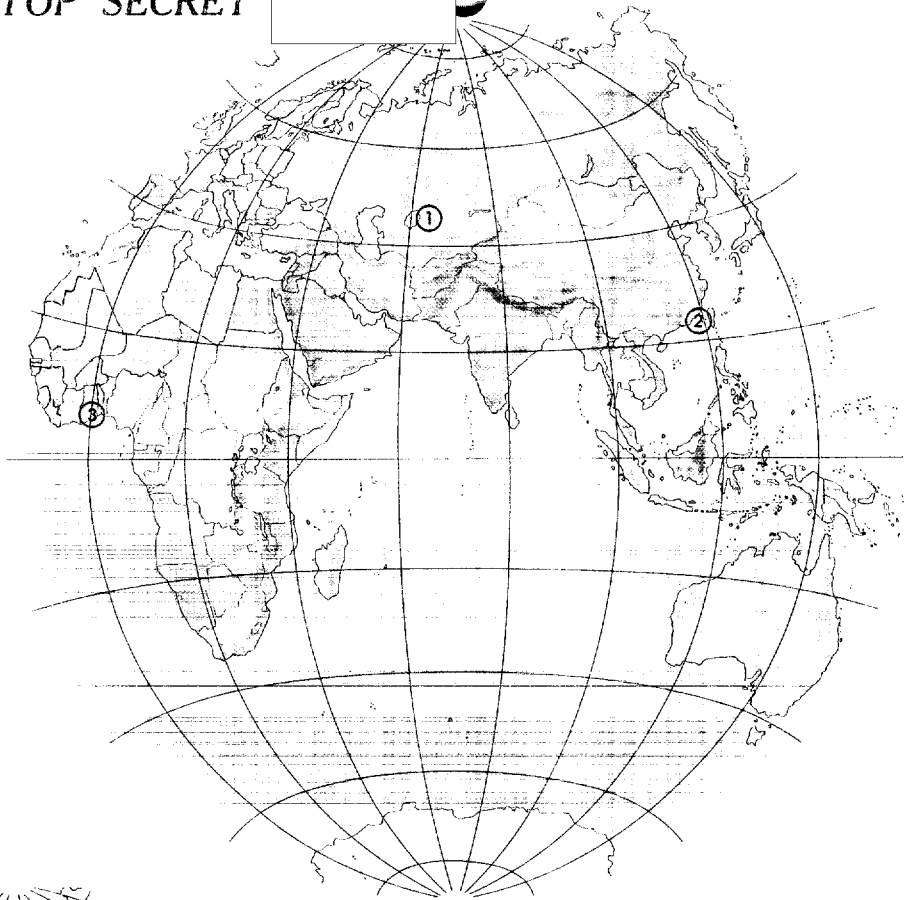
Ghana's Nkrumah publicly calls South African Government "alien" and "temporary"; [redacted] he is working to form a South African "government-in-exile" in Accra. [redacted]

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III. THE WEST

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⑤ Cuba cancels long-planned underdeveloped nations conference; move seen as public acknowledgment of plan's failure to attract much support either in Latin America or among Afro-Asian nations.



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I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

USSR: At approximately 1149 EDT on 4 June, a probable ICBM test vehicle was launched on the Tvura Tam Missile Test Range. [redacted]

[redacted] flight to the usual impact area on Kamchatka. This operation followed an unsuccessful launch attempt on 3 June. To date, 20 probable ICBM test vehicles have reached the Kamchatka impact area; six others have impacted at various extended ranges in the Pacific. In addition, five, or possibly six, probable ICBM test vehicles have failed in flight. [redacted]

Taiwan Strait: Chinese Communist artillery on 4 June fired about 500 rounds at Nationalist naval escort vessels engaged in a troop-rotation operation in the Chinmen area. Since the firing was at Nationalist vessels rather than at the offshore islands, it did not constitute a change in the Chinese Communist pattern since the fall of 1958 of firing at the islands on odd days only. From a reassessment of information on Communist flights into the coastal area between 29 May and 4 June, it now appears that about 55 aircraft may have been involved rather than the larger numbers reported earlier. Chinese Communist propaganda assertions that the US is deliberately creating "tension" in the Strait have increased in the past two days, but the "liberate Taiwan" theme has not appeared. [redacted] (Page 1)

II. ASIA-AFRICA

Ghana: Ghana's Prime Minister Nkrumah appears to be preparing new initiatives to increase pressure on the government of South Africa and to project himself as the foremost champion of black Africans in that country. Nkrumah last week publicly called

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the present South African Government "alien" and "temporary" and called for the meeting of independent African states scheduled for Addis Ababa from 14 to 25 June to consider a total boycott of South Africa. [redacted]

[redacted] Nkrumah was "working to form in Accra a government-in-exile" composed of political refugees from South Africa. [redacted] (Page 3)

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 [redacted] Cuba: The Cuban Government is likely to seize the three refineries owned by US companies in Cuba when these firms announce, as they presently plan, their refusal to comply with the formal Cuban order to process Soviet crude. The US Embassy in Havana believes the Cuban Government may seek Soviet assistance in providing technicians to replace displaced US citizens. Soviet petroleum experts may already be among the numerous technicians who have recently arrived in Cuba to help implement the Soviet-Cuban trade and credit agreements signed in February. [redacted]

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 Cuba: The cancellation of the Conference of Underdeveloped Nations which the Castro regime had assiduously promoted since last December is, in effect, Havana's public acknowledgment of the paucity of official support in Latin America and the Afro-Asian bloc for Castro's sponsorship of such a meeting. In announcing the cancellation in Brazil on 2 June, Cuban President Dorticos said there would be "consultations among several countries" instead. [redacted] (Page 4)

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Taiwan Strait

Chinese Communist batteries on the Weitou Peninsula fired about 500 shells at four Nationalist escort vessels in the Chinmen area on 4 June. The Nationalist naval units were escorting landing vessels carrying troops relieving a garrison division on Chinmen. The troops were landed safely, but one of the escort units was slightly damaged and four members of the crew injured; Nationalists did not return the fire. The Ministry of Defense will decide on 6 June whether to rotate the remainder of the Chinmen garrison. Initial Nationalist press reactions to the incident have been conservative.

From a reassessment of information on the Chinese Communist fighter aircraft movements into the Taiwan Strait area from 29 May to 4 June, it appears that about 55 aircraft were involved rather than the larger numbers--up to 100 aircraft--which had been reported earlier.

Chinese Communist military communications activity has generally been at normal or near normal levels. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] since 2 June increased flight schedule activity has been observed on a naval air net serving all naval headquarters in North, Northeast, and East China. This activity may be related to the recent air movements into the Strait area.

Communist Chinese claims that the US is deliberately creating "tension" in the Taiwan Strait have increased in the past few days and Peiping has denounced the continued "intrusions," despite repeated "serious warnings," of US naval and air units along the China coast. There has been no appearance of a "liberate Taiwan" theme in Chinese propaganda, and the official line fed to Communist newsmen in Hong Kong on 30 May indicated that while the

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liberation of Taiwan still forms a part of Peiping's policy, the regime now has no intention of resorting to "military measures" to accomplish this objective.

The standdown of the North Korean Air Force, possibly related to the recent activity in the Taiwan Strait, continues.

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Nkrumah Exploiting South African Situation

Ghana's Prime Minister Nkrumah appears to be preparing new initiatives to increase pressure on the government of South Africa and to project himself as the foremost champion of black Africans in that country. On his return to Ghana last week from the recent Commonwealth prime ministers' conference, Nkrumah publicly berated the present South African Government for its "fascist" apartheid policy and its refusal to place the mandated territory of South-West Africa under UN trusteeship. He said he regarded that government as an "alien" one "temporarily" functioning on African soil and urged discussion by the growing bloc of independent African states of a total boycott of South Africa.

Nkrumah's blast almost certainly foreshadows a militant approach to South African issues on the part of his representatives to the second conference of independent African states scheduled for 14 to 25 June in Addis Ababa. [redacted]

[redacted] expected the conference to devote most of its time to the South-West African question, apartheid, and two other issues. [redacted] these four as matters which now have reached "critical stages requiring decisions." [redacted]

Meanwhile, [redacted]

[redacted] Nkrumah has recently been "working to form in Accra a government-in-exile" composed of political refugees and exiles from South Africa. [redacted] the idea was being opposed by spokesmen for the militant Pan-Africanist Congress (PAC), one of the African political organizations suppressed as a result of the recent racial disorders in South Africa. The PAC's attitude was said to be based largely on its opposition to the multiracial character of the free government Nkrumah apparently has had in mind and to the movement's inevitable domination by Ghana. Despite this rebuff, Nkrumah may continue to explore the idea with other exiled South African elements. In April it was estimated that over 100 exiles were already in Ghana, and Nkrumah has subsequently made a major effort to bring others to Accra. [redacted]

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Cuba Cancels Underdeveloped Nations Conference

Cuban President Dorticos announced on 2 June that the conference of underdeveloped countries Cuba had scheduled for next September will not be held. Speaking in Brazil, which he was visiting on his current good-will tour, he said that instead there will be "consultations among several countries." [redacted]
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Cuba had tried hard to promote this conference in Latin America and the Afro-Asian bloc. However, Venezuela, Mexico, and Panama were the only Latin American countries to accept invitations, and their acceptances were qualified. The only other nations to accept were the UAR and Indonesia. Most of the countries accepting invitations later showed doubts as to the wisdom of going through with the conference. [redacted]

[redacted] efforts by the UAR and Venezuela to persuade Cuba to substitute informal meetings at the UN General Assembly. The Cuban UN delegation now may attempt to expand and strengthen the "neutralist" bloc at the General Assembly. [redacted]

There may still be a conference in Havana of unofficial representatives from Latin America and the Afro-Asian countries which could be more easily manipulated to serve Castro's propaganda aims than could a formal international conference.

The underdeveloped-nations conference had been a major objective of Cuban foreign policy ever since it was first announced last December. The cancellation tends to add further substance to recent rumors that Foreign Minister Raul Roa may soon be replaced. [redacted]

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