

NSC BRIEFING

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KHRUSHCHEV'S ASIAN TRIP--SINO-BURMESE BORDER AGREEMENT

- I. Khrushchev is due in New Delhi a week from today (11 February). Stopping there for five days, thence to Rangoon for two days and on to Indonesia for a fortnight.
- A. Primary mission no doubt is to refurbish Bloc's reputation in this area which has been damaged by Peiping's obstreperousness.
- B. Signing of Sino-Burmese border agreement and non-aggression treaty on 28 January suggests Peiping now willing to do its part.
1. Burma for first time has Chinese acceptance, in written document, of traditional boundary with two small exceptions which are to be worked out by joint committee.
 2. Agreement has, among Burmese, already gone far to create impression of Bloc reasonableness and diminish fear of Chinese aggression.
 3. Settlement will reinforce Peiping's proposition to Nehru that face-to-face talks with Chou En-lai will clear way for understanding on Sino-Indian border.

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