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USSR-Berlin: [Soviet military authorities in East Germany are making vigorous efforts to equate their right of access to West Berlin with Allied access rights.]

[In a move to reinforce a series of demands made since 23 August, General Yakubovsky, chief of the Soviet forces in the GDR, warned the US and British commanders in chief in Europe on 30 August that if the practice of escorting Soviet vehicles carrying guards to the Soviet war memorial in West Berlin is not halted, "it will be necessary to take retaliatory measures against your vehicles which pass on routes under our (Soviet) control."]

[The USSR's immediate objective probably is to remove what it regards as a restriction on its freedom of movement within West Berlin. The Russians are particularly sensitive to the presence of West Berlin police in the US escort parties.]

[Yakubovsky's threats may have the more far-reaching aim of deterring the West from blocking Soviet entry into West Berlin should the East Germans impose measures which would have the effect of denying Allied military access to East Berlin.]

[If the Western powers, however, take action to exclude the USSR from West Berlin in response to East German moves, the "retaliatory measures" threatened by Yakubovsky may include associating the East Germans with Soviet control procedures at autobahn checkpoints. This would be consistent with present Soviet tactics directed at achieving the main objectives of the separate peace treaty by gradual unilateral actions.]

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***Cuba:** The Cuban military alert which began on 29 August was intensified on 30 and 31 August as the Castro regime stepped up its propaganda on the imminence of a "US invasion."

The Guantanamo Naval Base received a report on 30 August that residents of the neighboring city of Caimanera had been advised not to leave their homes on 1 September, as the regime expected an invasion on that date. The base also reported hearing of troop and heavy equipment movements recently in several areas of Cuba's easternmost Oriente Province.

US press representatives in Havana reported on 31 August that the Cuban capital was astir with unexplained military activity. They cited rumors circulating through the city that "something was going on" at the eastern end of the island despite the absence of any official report of trouble.

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Congo: [redacted]

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[redacted] the UN-sponsored plan for a settlement in the Congo has been accepted by the Katangan cabinet.

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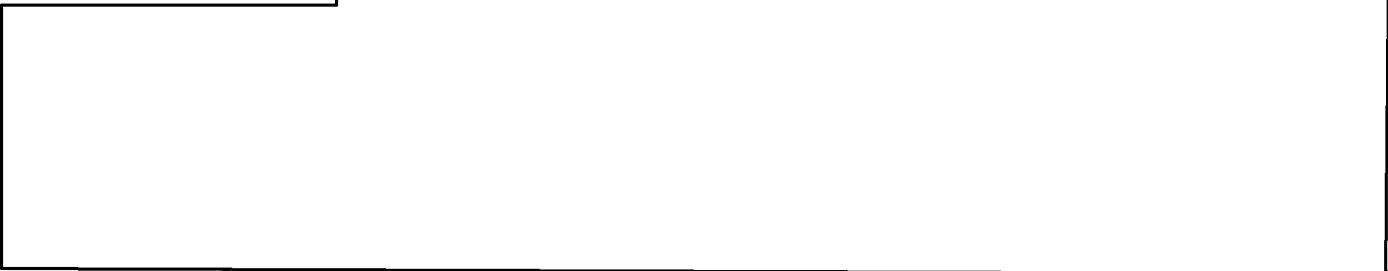


[redacted], Tshombé intended to accept the plan, but with reservations, intending to re-establish Katangan "independence" after the departure of the UN forces. He reportedly expects the UN to leave by the end of the year.

Katangan authorities, meanwhile, are harassing UN military and civilian personnel in a manner reminiscent of their actions before the outbreak of fighting last December.

The US consul in Elisabethville reports that during the past few days European and African civilian employees have been beaten and arrested, and Katangan forces have fired on some UN positions. The Katangans continue to confiscate UN supplies--foodstuffs, trucks, and aviation gasoline--coming in from the Rhodesias. An increasing number of mercenaries have appeared in Elisabethville within the past two weeks.

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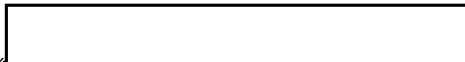


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Indonesia: [The Indonesian Army is concerned that Communists may obtain key posts in the future Indonesian administration of West New Guinea.]

[The army wants to establish a military administration when the interim period of UN control ends next spring. The Indonesian Communist Party (PKI) favors a civilian administration, in which Sukarno might give it representation. The PKI presumably believes that once it had been allowed to participate in a West New Guinea administration it could argue that Communists should plan a larger role in other local administrations in Indonesia. Army opposition has hitherto been strong enough to prevent significant Communist influence in such administrations.]

[The PKI reportedly is placing party members in teacher teams which the Indonesian Government plans to send to West New Guinea soon. Sukarno has called for 2,000 teacher volunteers.]

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AREAS OF RECENT CHINESE NATIONALIST SABOTAGE



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Nationalist China - Macao:

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Portuguese authorities in Macao fear that the recent sabotage operations against the Chinese Communists in the border area will give Peiping a pretext for interfering in Macao affairs. The Communists had previously warned the Portuguese against allowing the colony to be used as a base for Nationalist operations.

The recent incidents of sabotage have occurred in an area of China where there has been evidence of unrest during the past year. Peiping has tightened border security following the explosions. [Redacted]

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France: De Gaulle apparently intends to exploit public anxiety over his possible assassination to push through a constitutional amendment providing for direct election of his successor by universal suffrage.

Some 80,000 "grand electors," including members of parliament and of local councils, now choose France's president for a seven-year term. De Gaulle reportedly feels his successor should have the mandate of direct universal elections. Parliament, however, reluctant to surrender its voice in the matter, appears unwilling to vote either a constitutional amendment or authority to amend by public referendum. The 30 August announcement that such a referendum will be held at the end of October suggests that De Gaulle now expects public concern to force parliament's approval.

De Gaulle is cool to any proposal for a vice president who would serve out an uncompleted term. He probably has reservations about any move that would suggest that he is not indispensable. In the event of his incapacity or death, the president of the senate becomes president ad interim and a new president must be elected in 20 to 50 days.

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[redacted] the French public, following the 22 August assassination attempt on De Gaulle, expect him to be assassinated rather than to be removed from the scene by natural causes.

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West Germany: [Adenauer's recent public questioning of the appropriateness of Britain's participation in a European political union has provoked a strongly adverse reaction in West Germany and damaged the chancellor's standing in his own party.]

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[Foreign Minister Schroeder, who strongly favors inclusion of Britain in the political as well as the economic side of European integration, has indicated to a US Embassy official [Redacted]

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[Redacted] that Adenauer is frustrated over the repeated delays in political integration.]

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