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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

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France: Situation Report  
(As of 0700 EDT)

1. Violence has subsided for the moment. Pompidou will meet for the second time with labor and management this afternoon. The first meeting was reportedly inconclusive.

2. De Gaulle's tactics for dealing with the present situation are now more evident. Pompidou has been assigned the difficult task of handling the immediate situation; De Gaulle will attempt to formulate a broad program to attack the underlying causes of the present discontent. The French President did not touch on the internal situation when Ambassador Shriver presented his credentials yesterday.

3. Negative reaction to De Gaulle's speech continued with even members of his own entourage reportedly feeling that he is no longer capable of coping with the situation. The editor of France's influential Le Monde has now joined the chorus of left-wing and moderate critics who have assailed

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the general's aloof approach as inappropriate to the grave crisis facing France.

4. The government's announced policy of banning all public assemblies will be tested Monday evening when students have scheduled further demonstrations.

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