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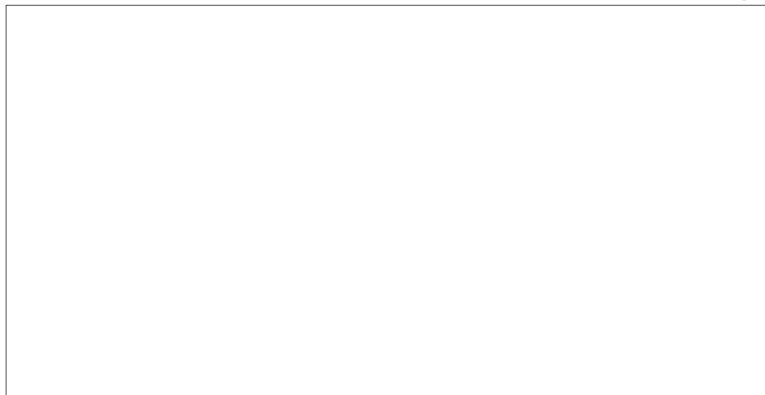
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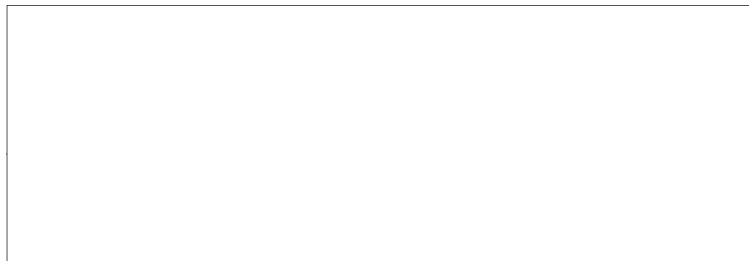
1. Cyprus

a. There was more fighting yesterday, centered for the most part in the Kokkino area 60 miles west of Nicosia. By nightfall the UN had arranged another ceasefire, but, like earlier ones, it is most unstable.



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c. In addition, both sides are back to their old practice of seizing hostages. Reports that several taken yesterday were summarily shot will only make a tense situation more tense.



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e. Early this morning Turkey delivered a note to Greece. According to the press it warned Athens that any Greek Cypriot attack on the Turkish contingent would be "aggression against Turkey." Ankara is probably reacting to Makarios' recent attempts to force the contingent back into its camp area and, eventually, off the island.

f. This is one of several steps taken over the past few days by Turkey to bring pressure on Athens in the evident hope that this will be translated into Greek pressure on Makarios to be more reasonable.

g. This campaign has included further harassment of the Greek community in Istanbul, the reimposition of visa controls on all Greeks, and a threat to extend Turkish territorial waters to 12 miles which would be a real blow to Greek fishermen.



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2. Brazil

a. Brazil's new leaders seem bent on a wide ranging purge of officials at all levels who have shown Communist and Goulartist leanings.

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b. A number of state officials have been taken into custody and orders are out to remove certain leftist municipal officials from office.

c. The "revolutionary council," made up of governors and generals who threw Goulart out, are now threatening to promulgate sweeping decrees which would cancel congressional immunities and freeze the assets of anyone accused by the council.

d. Part of this may be a pressure play on Congress to speed up action on the selection of an interim president, but we suspect that they mean business in the case of certain extreme leftist legislators like Leonel Brizola.

e. At any rate Congress has passed enabling legislation which should lead to the selection of an interim president by Thursday or Friday. The military has some 9,000 troops in Brasilia to give point to its demand for an early election of, preferably, a military man.

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f. Other Latin American countries have taken a generally favorable line toward the Goulart ouster and most of them will probably follow the Argentine lead in keeping relations with Brazil. Mexico, however, could be an exception.



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3. North Sea Oil

a. The rights to possible gas and petroleum deposits under the North Sea threaten to become a major source of friction among the countries along its edges.

b. Almost the entire continental shelf under the North Sea lies within the same geological formation as the big gas field, perhaps the world's third largest, found recently in the Netherlands.

c. Prospects for new finds look good to the oil geologists of neighboring states. Experts from British oil companies have been taking soundings off the English coast and want to range farther out into the North Sea, as do other companies.

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d. The difficulty now is that none is sure just what belongs to who. Negotiations will be needed to settle the matter.

e. They are quite likely to be long and acrimonious, since this is a nebulous point at international law and all the countries involved-- save perhaps the Netherlands-- badly need all the sources of petroleum and gas they can turn up.

4. Chile

a. The Radical Party has decided to keep alive the presidential candidacy of Senator Julio Duran, and the senator has agreed to run.

b. Duran, the original candidate of the government coalition, resigned after the coalition suffered a resounding defeat last month in a local by-election. He may try to forge a new alliance with the Conservative and Liberal parties and give the reconstituted alliance a broader base.

c. These decisions remove the threat, active until the Radical Party convention last weekend, that the Radical vote, normally one fifth of the total, would go for the most part to Allende, the candidate of the Communist-Socialist Popular Action Front.

5. Cuba-Trade

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6. South Vietnam

a. The Commander of the First Corps in the extreme north, General Xung, is alleged to plan the overthrow of the Khanh regime [Redacted]

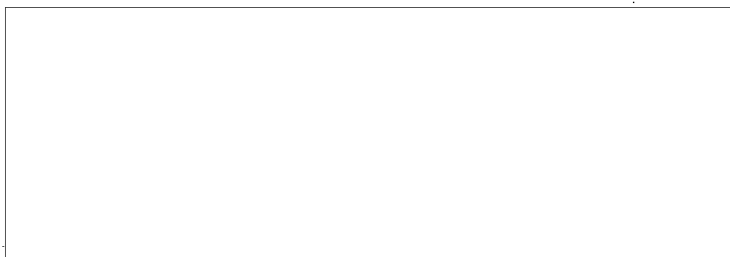
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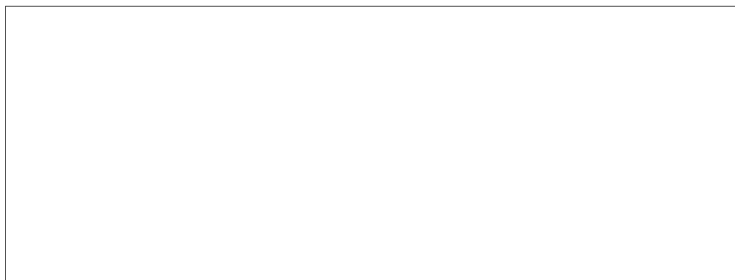
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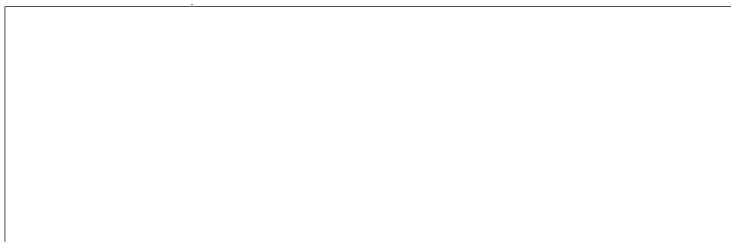
b. Though criticism of Khanh has been growing lately in both civilian and military circles, we would rate Xung's chances as slim unless he has support in the Saigon area.



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A. Libya-Egypt

[redacted] the situation is "explosive" and
that the King faces an acute crisis. [redacted]

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C. Dominican Republic Reports that Ramon Tapia, one of
Santo Domingo's ruling threesome, had resigned Sunday
were premature. [redacted]

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E. Indonesia-Malaysia Sukarno has expanded on what Djakarta expects of the Malaysian "ceasefire." Not only does he want Malaysia to halt all mopping up operations, but he now says he wants a "legalization" of existing "pockets" of Indonesian guerrillas within Malaysian Borneo. These views were passed to the press by an official government spokesman and are likely to draw a sharp reaction from Malaysian officials.

F. Cambodia - Communist China Defense Minister Lon Nol was received last week by Mao Tse-tung [redacted]

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[redacted] Mao made no mention of aid, though Sihanouk has publicly thanked Peiping for its readiness to provide "new material aid" for Cambodia's defense. [redacted]

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