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1. South Vietnam: The Viet Cong now appear ready to exploit the confusion caused by the coup attempt.

Communist broadcasts on Monday urged seizure of the initiative while the "US lackeys are tearing each other to pieces." The call was for stronger attacks in the countryside and more agitation in the cities.

[redacted] IV Corps troops south of Saigon--now returning tired and dispirited from their coup venture--may be vulnerable.

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In Saigon, Khanh still faces the delicate job of conciliating the Buddhists without again arousing the resentment of certain military leaders. In addition, the students are continuing to demand a governmental purge while military officers are asking for a clean-up in the army.

Meanwhile, animosity between South Vietnam and Cambodia is growing. Sihanouk--who considers a Viet Cong victory inevitable--is treating the Communists' National Front for the Liberation of South Vietnam more and more as a de facto government.

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2. Cyprus: Tension on the island has eased somewhat during the past few days.

Makarios has agreed to allow food shipments to Cyprus, and Ankara has announced that one is ready to go. The Turks will insist, however, that the UN rather than the Makarios government supervise the unloading.

General Grivas [redacted] will soon dissolve all unauthorized groups of Greek Cypriot irregulars. He intends to seize "illegal" weapons, including those held by the several hundred crypto-Communists regarded by Makarios as his personal bodyguard.

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The Turkish military situation remains essentially unchanged.

3. Indonesia-Malaysia-UK: [redacted]

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Sukarno now will probably go ahead with plans to depart later this week on another of his junkets about the world. His absence, however, will not necessarily preclude further small-scale raids and airdrops in northern Borneo or on the Malay Peninsula.

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Any such action will probably trigger a
British-Malaysian response.

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4. Indonesia-US: Sukarno appears to have kept his promise to cut back on anti-American demonstrations.

On Monday, Indonesian police turned back demonstrators near USIA offices in Djakarta and Surabaya. A PANAM flight also landed at Djakarta without harassment.

5. Congo: Government forces are still doing well in the north.

The rebel advance on Coquilhatville appears to have been stopped, and the rebels to the east seem to be in full retreat.

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Meanwhile, Kenyatta has scheduled the first meeting of the OAU Congo Conciliation Commission for Friday in Nairobi. Tshombé has said he will be there. Kenyatta has also invited the foreign ministers from Brazzaville and Burundi in an effort to smooth out Leopoldville's relations with its neighbors.

Kenyatta hopes to minimize the commission's involvement in the Congolese internal situation, and not until later will he try to arrange a meeting of Congolese factions to promote "national reconciliation."

6. Israel-Syria: Once again a Syrian-Israeli clash may be in the offing.

The Israelis apparently intend to resume cultivation of land within the disputed area along the Syrian border. Local UN officials fear this will provoke the Syrians to fire at the Israeli workers without first protesting through UN channels.

As always, this raises the possibility of a retaliatory Israeli action that might reach serious proportions.

7. North Vietnam-Laos: Hanoi appears to be working on reducing the vulnerability of Communist infiltration and supply routes into Laos.

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Two other camps along the supply routes appear to have been abandoned, which we think indicates an effort to disperse formerly concentrated installations.

8. Japan-Communist China: Tokyo has agreed to exchange newsmen with Peiping, the initial exchanges probably taking place later this month. The Japanese may eventually find the deal embarrassing if, as seems a good bet, the Chinese newsmen get involved in political agitation.
9. Sino-Soviet Relations: Border talks which began in Peiping early this year have been suspended, to be renewed later in Moscow.

Sino-Soviet differences over certain sections in the Far East are still unresolved, but some agreement may have been reached on the Central Asian frontier. Even if the talks are resumed--which is not entirely certain--the chances of an over-all settlement appear remote, as each side appears to prefer using the territorial issue in an effort to discredit the other.

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10. USSR Space: The Soviets launched what appears to be another military reconnaissance satellite--Cosmos 45--last Sunday. They have sent up at least one a month since April, taking advantage of the good photographic weather from spring to fall. [redacted]

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11. Cuba-USSR: Havana's new fishing port will soon get a floating dock from the USSR. [redacted]

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Further examination of an early August [redacted] mission has turned up still another ICBM complex with single silo launchers.

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This one, at Aleysk north of Semipalatinsk, has three launch areas about five miles apart and a support facility. Like the three other single silo complexes we spotted earlier, it is in the mid-stage of construction.

We have now identified a total of 15 or 16 single silos at the four complexes. Some of them could be operational by mid-1965.

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