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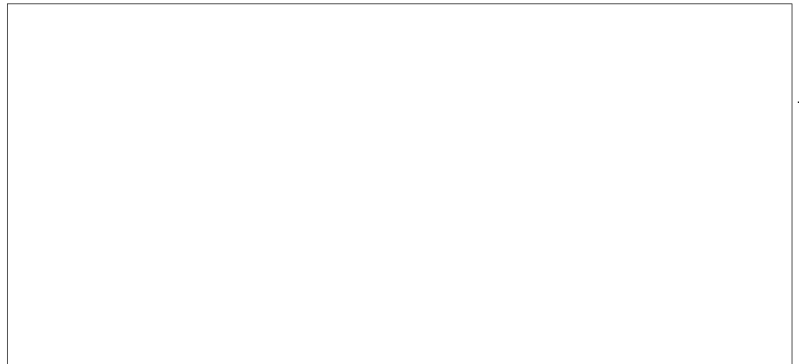
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1. Congo

a. The rebels have made another ominous threat to the safety of American and European hostages.



d. The government capture of Uvira yesterday will virtually seal off Burundi and block Chinese and other aid to the rebels.

e. The US consul reports rumors that rebels are still near Bukavu in large numbers. Air reconnaissance, however, has turned up no evidence to support this.

f. Tshombé is still under detention in Cairo. The UAR ambassador in Leopoldville says that Nasir's orders are that Tshombé will not be allowed to leave until UAR diplomats are evacuated to Brazzaville.

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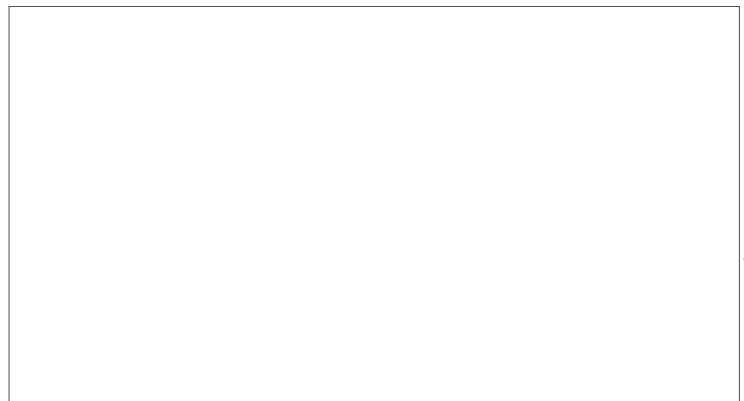
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g. Our Cairo embassy reports that one of Tshombé's men has left there for the Congo to persuade Kasavubu to release the UAR and Algerian diplomats.

2. South Vietnam

a. The Viet Cong may be concentrating for an attack on a provincial capital near the Cambodian border.

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d. The Viet Cong may make the effort for its psychological and propaganda impact. It would be the first such attack in force against a provincial capital in almost three years.

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e. [redacted] members of the High National Council are reported to agree that General Minh should stay on as Chief of state in the new civilian government. They indicate no choice as yet for premier, but they are agreed that General Khanh must go.

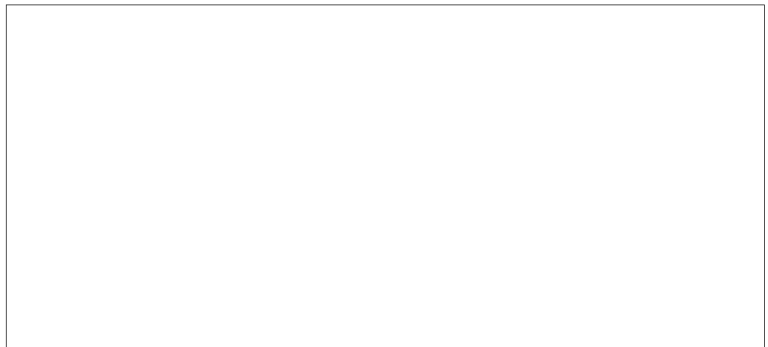
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f. They are apparently not in agreement as to what to do if Khanh refuses to step down and have expressed concern that the US may continue to support him.

g. The Khanh regime has instituted its new controls over Mekong River traffic to Cambodia. Sihanouk's reaction should be audible soon. He gets back from Peiping today.

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3. Iraq-Syria



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4. Cyprus

a. UN mediator Galo-Plaza apparently sees very little light at the end of the tunnel.

b. He has told Ambassador Belcher that he thinks Greek Cypriot inflexibility has increased with Soviet support. He also thinks Makarios will come back from Cairo with a strengthened hand.

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c. Galo-Plaza believes the Turks are losing ground and must compromise more. A sovereign or leased base is unattainable, he says, although a NATO base is still possible. He wants US help in convincing Ankara of this.

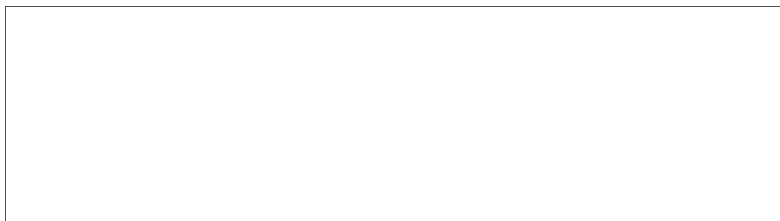
d. Although Galo-Plaza thinks enosis is the best solution, he does not believe the UN can recommend dissolution of a member state. He predicts that the General Assembly will give its support to self-government and majority rule.

5. Bolivia

a. Vice President Barrientos appears to be calling for a showdown with President Paz on a clarification of the vice presidential role.

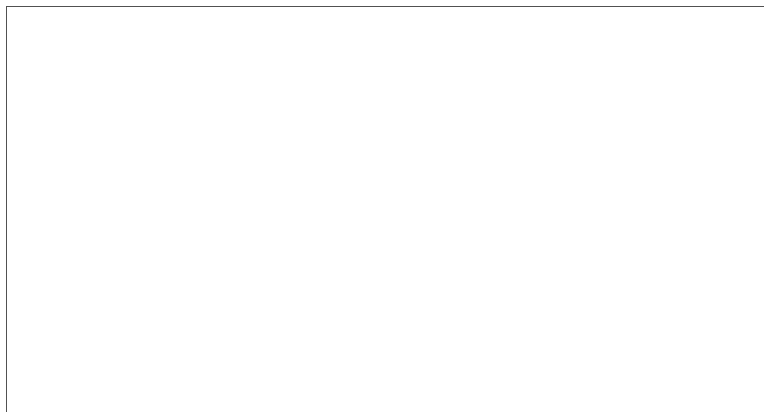
b. Bitter public exchanges are being made, with Barrientos implying he may use military support against Paz.

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NOTES

- A. USSR - North Vietnam [redacted] a Soviet transport plane has been scheduled to fly from the USSR to North Vietnam.

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- B. OPEC The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has agreed on a position that appears to offer a good chance for a settlement of their two-year-old dispute with the major international oil companies. In a conference in Beirut which ended early this week, the producing countries agreed to a new formula for computing the companies' payments. The proposal will be presented to several companies in bilateral talks beginning 14 October in London.

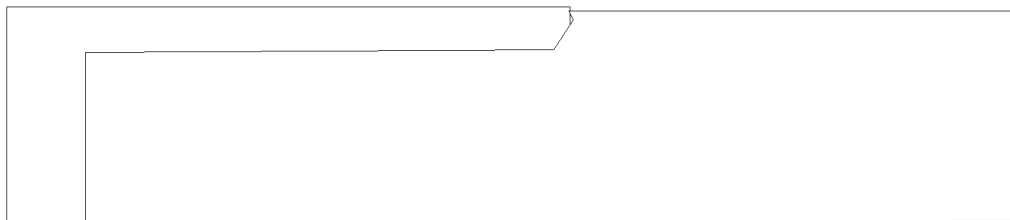
- C. Cambodia - Communist China The communique ending Sihanouk's visit to Peiping contained no specifics on promised Chinese economic and military aid to Cambodia.

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