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1. Vietnam

No new Communist military deploy-
ments related to the situation in
Southeast Asia have been detected.   50X1
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Intense Viet Cong guerrilla and
sabotage activity continues. No further
developments indicative of fresh attacks
on US facilities have been noted.

The Armed Forces Council, in cir-
cumstances which are still obscure, has
apparently reversed field and designated
Phan Huy Quat as the new premier. In-
terior Minister Vien had seemed to have
the inside track yesterday.

Quat, who served as foreign minister
in General Khanh's government, has been
favored by the Buddhist faction led by
Tri Quang. He is considered to be rela-
tively competent and friendly to the US.

North Vietnamese and Chinese Com-
munist propaganda has become more belli-
cose than ever. Hanoi warns of "blood
debts" to be collected from the "US im-
perialists."

Peiping also promises blows by
Viet Cong forces in reprisal for new
US air strikes against North Vietnam.
Peiping draws a clear distinction be-
tween air attacks and "invasion," which
it has declared it would be duty-bound
to resist. The Chinese have carefully
avoided any commitment to intervene in
response to air attacks against selected
military targets.

Vietnam Confederation of Workers
President Tran Quoc Buu says he has
gained agreement from political and re-
ligious groups to cooperate in stabiliz-
ing the political situation. If Buu has
in fact gained such cooperation, his in-
fluence could be significant. Buu fur-
ther says he is coming to the US shortly.

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2. Malaysia

The rock throwing by youthful demonstrators at the USIS library in Kuala Lumpur today seems to have been a by-product of a protest rally by the Socialist Front party. The Socialist Front is pro-Indonesian, and several of its leaders have recently been detained by the police. The demonstrators carried banners protesting the detentions, high prices, Malaysia, and "imperialists."

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