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1. Vietnam



2. USSR

Brezhnev's claim in a 3 July speech that the Soviet Union has "orbital rockets" at its disposal seems to be nothing more than empty bragging. There were no details given, probably because there are none to give.

The intelligence community has estimated that the Soviets have a capability of putting a nuclear-armed satellite in orbit, but believes it unlikely that they will do so. There is no evidence that the Soviets have solved the many technical problems which must be overcome before a satellite bombardment system could begin to approach the effectiveness of land-based intercontinental missile systems.

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3. Dominican Republic

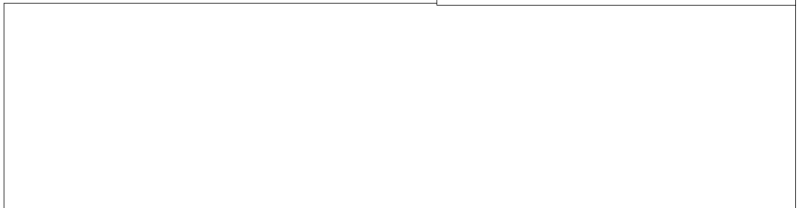
The rebels seem to be on the verge of a permanent split over the question of negotiations.

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There has been more difficulty in the interior during the past 24 hours. The chronic labor unrest at the US-owned sugar complex at La Romana broke out again yesterday when three thousand workers went on strike, protesting the arrest of several of their union leaders.

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Armed bands are reported in the hills around one town and a state of alert was declared last night at another.

4. Iraq

The resignations of the pro-Nasir cabinet members

have accelerated the Baghdad rumor mill.

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The US Embassy--which calls the situation "unpredictable"--is now receiving reports of plotting activity by all sides, including the Communists. The embassy believes, however, that none of the factions will attempt a violent solution over the short run. The most likely prospect is a temporary compromise through a major reshuffling of cabinet posts.



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