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1. South Vietnam

The Viet Cong are to receive an unspecified quantity of medicine from Cambodia, [redacted]

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[redacted] A "high ranking" official of the Communist Liberation Front is scheduled to go to the Cambodian capital to accept the gift, probably in a public ceremony.

This will be the first time that Cambodia's "moral support" for the Viet Cong has been openly translated into material. However, a similar gift went to North Vietnam in late June.

Student agitators were active in Hué again today, denouncing the Saigon government and its decree mobilizing intellectuals. The US was also criticized but the speakers reportedly insisted they were not anti-American.

2. North Vietnam

Three new surface-to-air missile sites, one with ten missiles and related equipment in place, have been identified by preliminary analysis of photography taken yesterday of the Hanoi area. If the analysis is confirmed, the total of such sites in North Vietnam will rise to 16.

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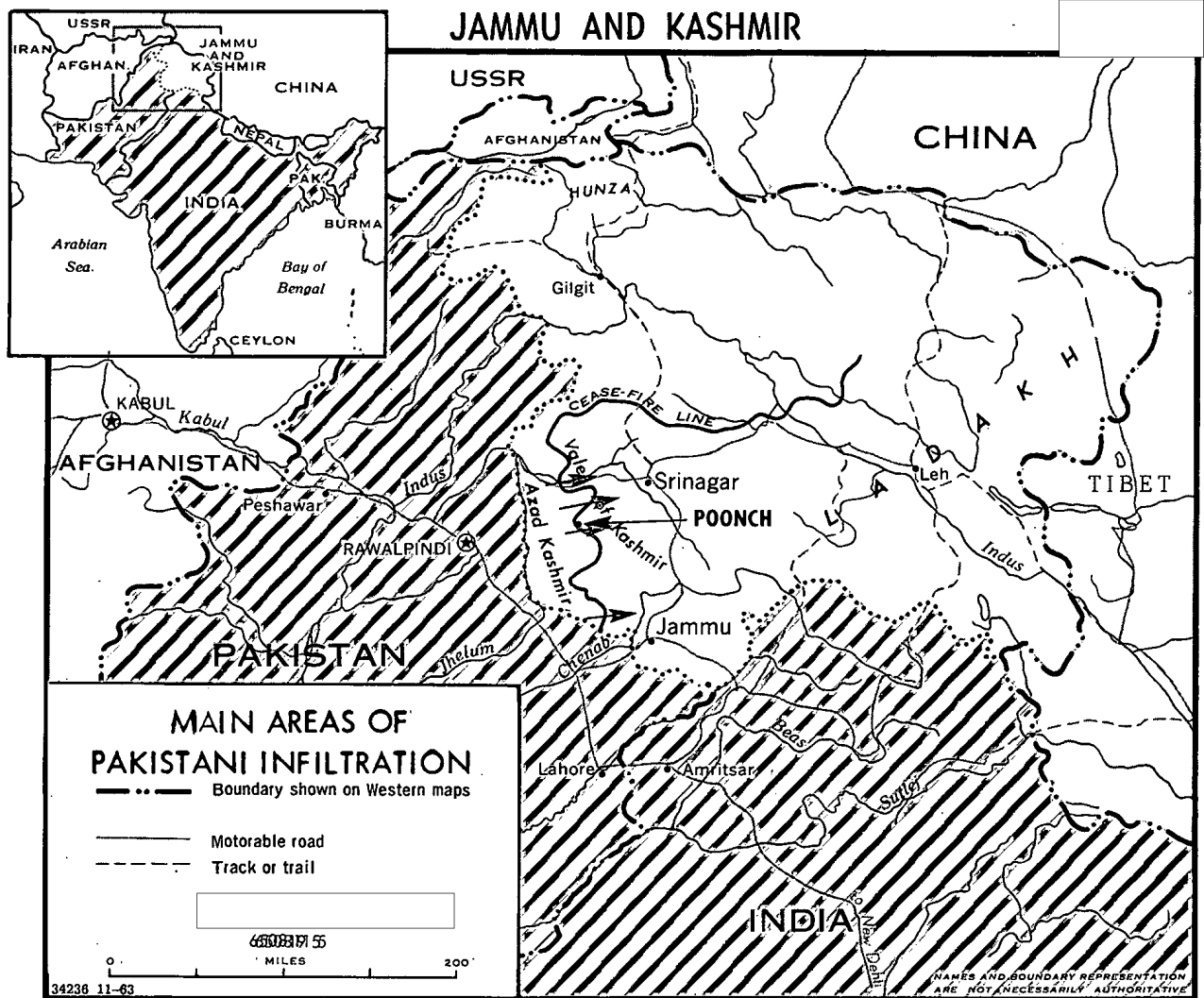
Construction activity is taking place along the railway running northeast from Hanoi to Dong Dang, North Vietnam's main supply artery from Communist China. Photography of 17 August shows equipment and construction materials as well as grading scars and a new short spur to a military area.

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The strategic area northeast of Hanoi is watched especially carefully by Chinese Communist radar, indicating a high degree of sensitivity. The US strike near Kep on 24 August was the first US attack in this area.

Future strikes there may trigger more vigorous North Vietnamese, and possibly, Chinese Communist defensive measures.

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### 3. Kashmir

Indian and Pakistani regulars are edging close to open warfare in Kashmir. During the past week, exchanges of rifle and machine-gun, as well as some artillery, fire, have spread up and down the hitherto generally respected cease-fire line. (See map.)

United Nations observers report that two battalions of Pakistani regulars (about 2,000 men) have moved across the cease-fire line in the Poonch area. The Indians claim that, in addition, up to 5,000 Pakistani infiltrators are on the Indian side of the line.

On the other hand, Indian troops have crossed the line at several points to seize new positions from the Pakistanis.

This growing disregard for the cease-fire line, which has served to keep the two sides reasonably apart for 16 years, is reducing the effectiveness of the UN observer teams. The chief of the UN in Kashmir, General Nimmo, has been ordered to New York to report to U Thant.

The latter has labelled recent Kashmir developments "a serious threat to the peace."

### 4. Great Britain

Officials in London who are examining the implications of Singapore's independence seem to feel that the British base in Singapore will become untenable in the "relatively near future and certainly before 1968."

These officials are beginning to explore possible alternative base locations. Among these are northwestern Australia and several Indian Ocean islands. Thought is also being given to requesting the use of US facilities in the Philippines for logistic backup.

The British emphasize that this does not mean the British intend to pull out of Southeast Asia leaving the US holding the bag. They do acknowledge that there well may be a reduction in British forces once the Singapore base is lost.

These considerations are not likely to affect British support of the struggle against Indonesia over the short run.

5. Congo

President Kasavubu is pressing his drive to undercut Premier Tshombé.

This week elections were annulled, doubtless at the president's behest, in still another province where Tshombé forces had been victorious.

Kasavubu is also urging former security chieftain, Nendaka, to build up a following so as eventually to replace Tshombé. General Mobutu, whose attitude may prove decisive, has reportedly frowned on this maneuver.

For the time being, Tshombé is keeping his own counsel and is telling interested parties that he does not intend to provoke a showdown with Kasavubu.

6. USSR



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launched from Tyuratam this morning was the third so far this month. Launches in this series earlier in the year came at the rate of one every 18-20 days. The rate this month is one every 10-11 days.



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7. Indonesia

A government press campaign has been launched against American missionaries in West Irian, Indonesia's part of New Guinea, where small-scale native resistance activities have been bothering the Indonesians in the past few weeks. The missionaries are charged with being involved in these disturbances.

This campaign is another item in the growing list of anti-Western themes which the Indonesian Government is orchestrating. A discussion of some of the ways in which Sukarno is making the country into a closed, Communist-oriented society is today's Annex.



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## ANNEX

Sukarno's March into the Communist Camp

In the past few months, Sukarno's determination to mold Indonesia into a Communist society, revolving on an axis of which Communist China is the other pole, has become more and more explicit. Sukarno is deliberately pushing this process at as rapid a pace as seems to him prudent without arousing excessive dissidence or forcing together the remaining non-Communist elements in the country. As these opposition elements have become enfeebled, the pace has accelerated. [REDACTED]

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Anti-Westernism has become increasingly outspoken not only in the "confrontation" against Malaysia and in the harassment of US interests, but also in a positive espousal of Peking's propaganda and positions. Sukarno's speech of 17 August even envisaged an alliance of Indonesia with North Vietnam, Cambodia, and Communist China.

This ties in with Sukarno's concept of the "nefos"--the new emerging forces which include the Communist countries, especially the Asian ones--lined up against the "oldfos"--of which the US is the leader. The Djakarta-Peking axis is also part of Sukarno's vision of Indonesia assuming its "natural" leadership of Southeast Asia, a theme played somewhat more softly.

Indonesian news media are almost exclusively in the hands of Communist propagandists. Only the North Vietnamese version of the US Marines' action at Chu Lai, for example, ever got into print. Foreign Minister Subandrio parrots the theme that Vietnamese "freedom fighters," with superior will, are winning despite the tremendous superiority of weapons in the hands of their imperialist enemies.

As Ambassador Green sees it, Indonesia has become an almost completely closed society, its contacts with the non-Communist world being gradually snipped off. In strokes of high policy, Indonesia has withdrawn from the United Nations, the World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund, while

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local youth groups have organized book burnings, in which the Encyclopedia Britannica is consigned to the flames along with the jackets of Beatle phonograph records (the records themselves go to the black market).

The only serious opponent of Sukarno's immersing Indonesia in his brand of Communism has been the army. [redacted] however, the army is being psychologically reoriented to consider the neocolonialists, including the US, as the real enemy. This reorientation is being backed by day-to-day pressures from Djakarta on the army's long-standing administrative influence in the country. This week, for example, the interior minister picked a Communist-backed man to be mayor of Medan--site of one of our consulates--over a man strongly supported by the army.

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The anti-Communists whom Sukarno has kept on in the government--anti-Communists seem to be either in the cabinet or in jail--have been outmaneuvered. They helplessly watch Sukarno promote what they call the "disintegration" of the country. Economic minister Malik says that if Sukarno pursues his present policies for the rest of this year "he would be very sorry." But neither Malik nor General Nasution, the respected anti-Communist military leader, gives any signs of doing anything about it.

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