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1. South Vietnam

Today, for the third straight day, the police in Saigon dispersed militant Buddhist-led demonstrators. The Buddhist Institute is now calling for a three-day general strike in Saigon to begin Friday.

It is becoming clear that the monks now in control of the institute have repudiated the relatively moderate Tam Chau. He is no longer in Saigon, and there is some question as to whether he remains chairman of the institute.

One Saigon monk assured a US Embassy officer today that the Buddhists continue to follow a nonviolent policy. He implied that this would not impede them from trying to provoke the police into violent reprisals in order to demonstrate the "brutality" of the government forces.

In Hué, the clandestine Buddhist radio was seeking today to encourage the "strugglers" by passing word that demonstrations had started up again in Saigon "after a ten-day break for rest and recuperation." Nonviolent resistance continues unabated in the city. Colonel Loan, who was a forceful figure in the restoration of government authority in Da Nang a month ago, is still using quiet and undramatic tactics in Hué.

2. North Vietnam

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3. Cuba

Further word from [redacted]
[redacted] Havana tends to dispel the rumors of Fidel Castro's displacement, although the possibility still exists that he may be ailing. [redacted]

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[redacted] the Havana press has reported that "Prime Minister" Castro held a two-hour interview with the director-general of UNESCO on Monday, 13 June. The repetition in the press story of Fidel's various honorific titles would indicate that he is still in harness.

Other reports from sources in Havana who saw Fidel on television on 4 June say that he looked tired and withdrawn as if ill. Contrary to custom on ceremonial occasions, he left the speech making to President Dorticos.

4. Jamaica

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5. Ghana

The Ghanaians are seeking the return of some of the Soviet aid technicians they expelled after the coup last February. [redacted]

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6. Berlin

Soviet and East German authorities delayed a US military train to Berlin today at the Marienborn checkpoint. They insisted that they had not been given the requisite advance notification. The episode looks like a case of minor harassment, and there is no indication of new Soviet pressure on Allied access rights.

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