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THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF



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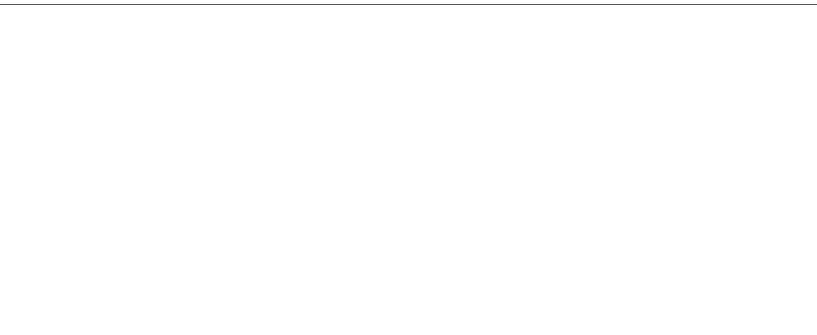
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1. Vietnam



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On balance it would appear that some Catholics probably are distrustful of Ky and his crew, but most genuinely want to see the elections successfully held in September.

2. Latin America

The chief executives of several Latin American countries are planning preliminary meetings next month to discuss President Johnson's request for suggestions from Latin American countries as to topics to be considered at a conference of Western Hemisphere presidents.

The meetings will take place in Bogota during the week of 14 August, following the inauguration of Carlos Lleras Restrepo as president of Colombia. In addition to Lleras, the presidents of Chile and Venezuela are planning to attend, and the president of Peru is known to be interested.

Latin American economic integration will undoubtedly be one of the most important subjects discussed.

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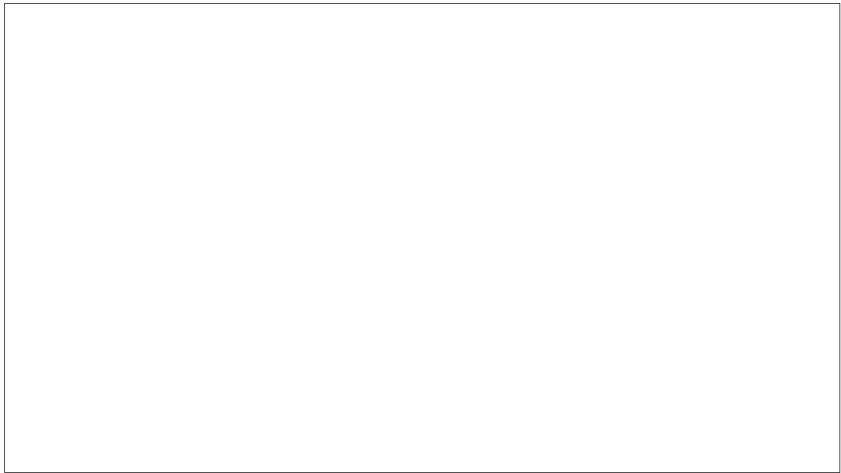
3. Ecuador



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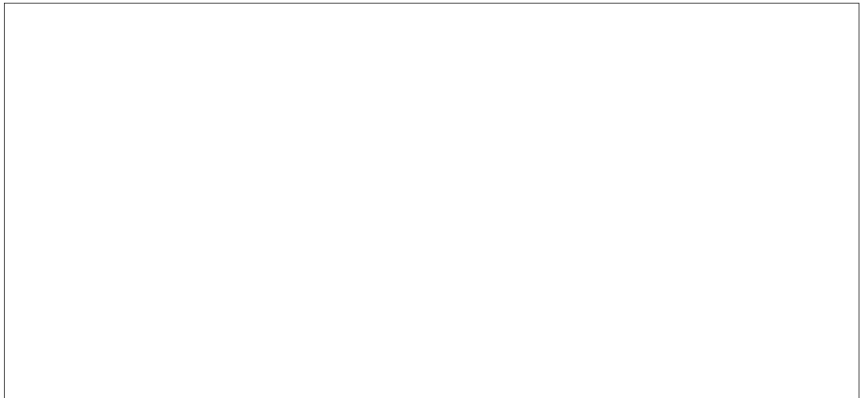
Although the regime has been taking a number of steps recently to help neutralize the conspirators, President Yerovi is still worried because Velasco seems to have unlimited funds to use in winning over elements in the police and military.

4. Iran



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5. France



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