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THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF



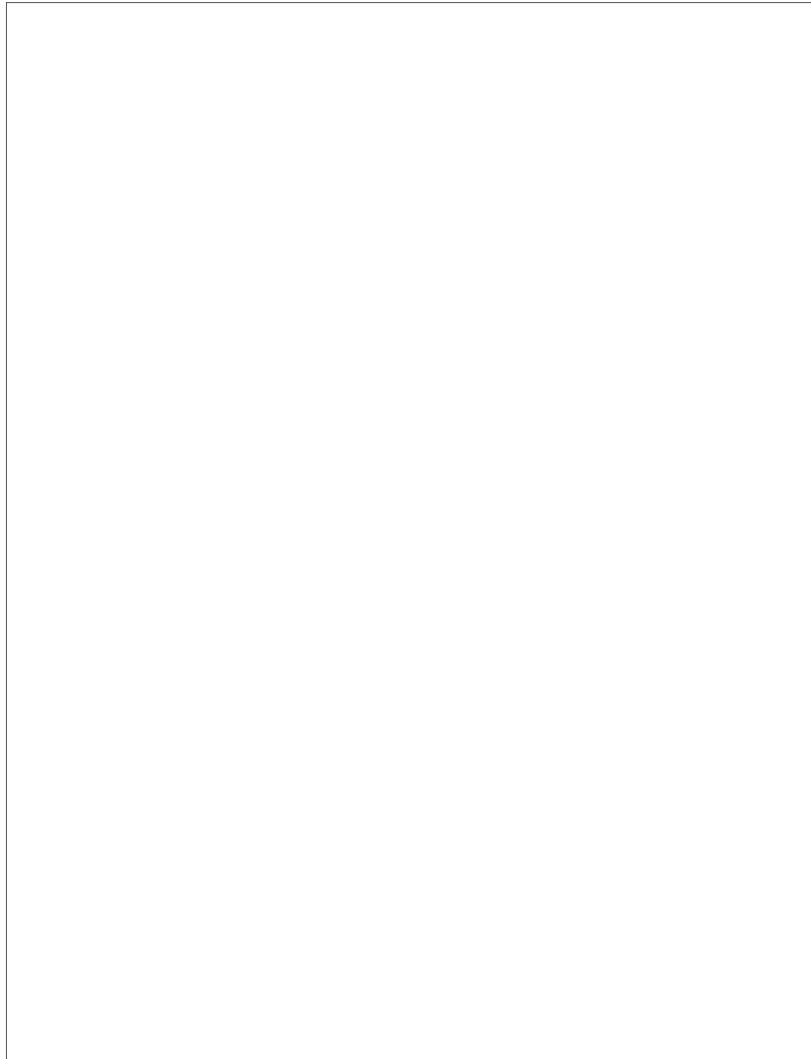
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1. Vietnam



2. North Korea

Violence by North Korean agents operating along the Demilitarized Zone has been very much on the increase recently. This probably means that their missions have been changed from intelligence collection and subversion to harassment--perhaps to test the effectiveness of South Korean units deployed recently along the Zone.

We doubt that this activity is intended to embarrass the Seoul government on the eve of President Johnson's visit.

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3. Vietnam

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4. Cambodia

Sihanouk is putting out a new feeler for better relations with the US.

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On the domestic front, Sihanouk named a new premier and cabinet today. Conservative forces gained considerable ground.

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5. Soviet Union

So far there have been no good leaks as to what has been going on at the gathering of East European and other Communist leaders in the Soviet Union.

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6. Berlin

Western representatives in Bonn are upset by some aspects of Mayor Brandt's talk last week--his fourth this year--with Soviet Ambassador Abrasimov in East Berlin.

The Mayor's willingness to discuss the issue of a Soviet presence in West Berlin--and especially his proposal that a Soviet Embassy representative deal directly with a member of the West Berlin Senat on this question--is judged to be way out of line. Brandt will be told that any understanding reached this way with the Soviets will not be recognized.

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7. Thailand

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8. Brazil

President Castello Branco recessed the defiant congress today, but the political turmoil is bound to increase further.

Castello Branco's action came after the lower house defied presidential orders to unseat a number of congressmen and revoke their political rights.

Brasilia at last report was quiet.

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