

The President's Daily Brief

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1. Vietnam

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2. Egypt

Cairo apparently intends to see that the Americans under arrest in Yemen are released in due time, but shows no other sign of wanting to improve relations with the US.

Yesterday afternoon a senior Egyptian told a US official that the two Americans would be freed, although there would be some delay because the Yemenis had become so embroiled in the case.

At about the same time, Nasir was launching into his most vitriolic public attack on the US in recent years. Half of his two-hour speech was an anti-American diatribe cataloguing a wide range of alleged US machinations against Egypt. There was no glimmer of friendship amidst the bombast.

3. Cuba

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4. NATO

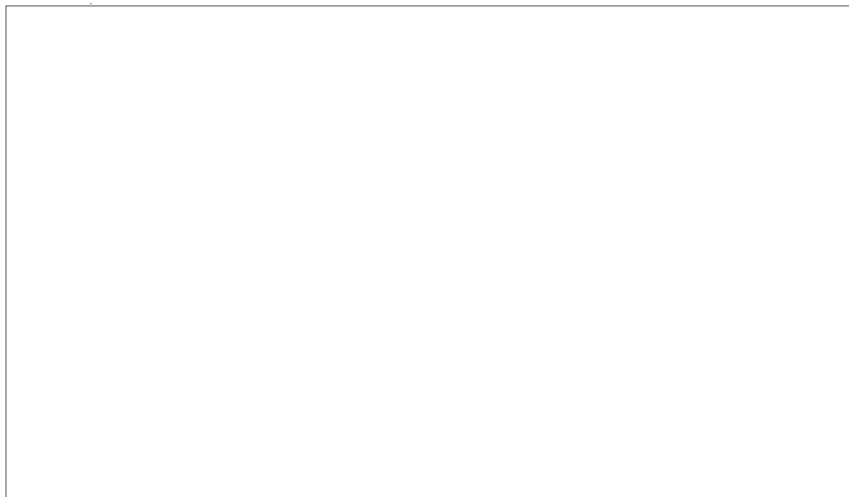
The British are pushing for early consideration of a possible approach to the Soviets on a mutual NATO - Warsaw Pact force reduction.

The British NATO representative said Monday his government feels now is the time to act to get maximum advantage from the proposed UK and US redeployments. He asked for a special meeting of NATO's Defense Planning Committee to discuss the subject. Such a meeting may well be held the week of 12 May.

5. Cambodia

Sihanouk named a personal adviser, Son Sann, as Cambodia's new prime minister yesterday. Sihanouk, who threw out the moderate Lon Nol cabinet on Sunday, said the new government would be limited to no more than three months in office. Son Sann is a conservative who has consistently tried to rein in the Prince. He has held key cabinet jobs before and has been generally pro-US.

6. North Korea



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7. Greece

The junta is digging its spurs in deep and moderate Greek politicians are gravely troubled.

These politicians doubt there will be anything like an early return to representative government--and on this score they may be right. They also fear an extreme political polarization of the left and right, with the eventual possibility of Communist guerrilla warfare. For the moment at least, this latter prospect seems unlikely as all the hard-core Communists are under lock and key.

Andreas Papandreou also is still under detention.

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