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1. Vietnam

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2. Yemen

The Egyptians still swear the two AID officials will be released--without trial--despite Yemeni noises to the contrary. The Egyptian foreign minister, speaking for Vice President Amir, says Egypt is "doing its best."

Some of Cairo's other actions have not been helpful, however. A US team to remove the AID files has not been allowed to leave Egypt. The "documents" the Yemenis claim incriminate the AID officials may well be among the papers the Egyptians filched from the AID building and examined in Taiz last weekend. There are also signs that a mob attack on the AID building may be drummed up, probably to cover the rifling of the files.

The Yemeni Foreign Office has asked that the US consulate in Taiz be closed. Washington has authorized the consul to destroy the communications gear and close the consulate at his discretion.

3. India

Mrs Gandhi brought it off. Her personal choice for president--the first Muslim to hold the office--won Saturday's election. This is a much needed boost both for her and the sagging Congress Party.

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4. Panama

Robles has sent his foreign minister back to the US with instructions to wind up the canal treaty negotiations "as soon as possible." Robles wants the treaties signed by June. His chief negotiator, however, doubts that this deadline can be met.

5. France

French officials are thinking about the problem of the "residual value" of the now abandoned US installations in France. However, they say the French forces could not use many of these without extensive renovation, and are hinting that Paris might bill the US for "negative residual value."

6. Indonesia

Suharto's government is continuing the public mudslinging match with Peking, while trying to hold down popular harassment of Chinese in the countryside. This weekend the recently expelled Indonesian chargé, who suffered some indignities at the hands of howling mobs in China, is scheduled to return home. The government will try to keep anti-Chinese demonstrations within bounds.

7. Gabon

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