

The President's Daily Brief

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PLS PASS FOLLOWING TO THE PRESIDENT AT SAN CLEMENTE:
HEREWITH PDB OF 5 JULY:

CAMBODIA

NO MAJOR MILITARY ACTIVITY HAS BEEN REPORTED
IN THE PAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

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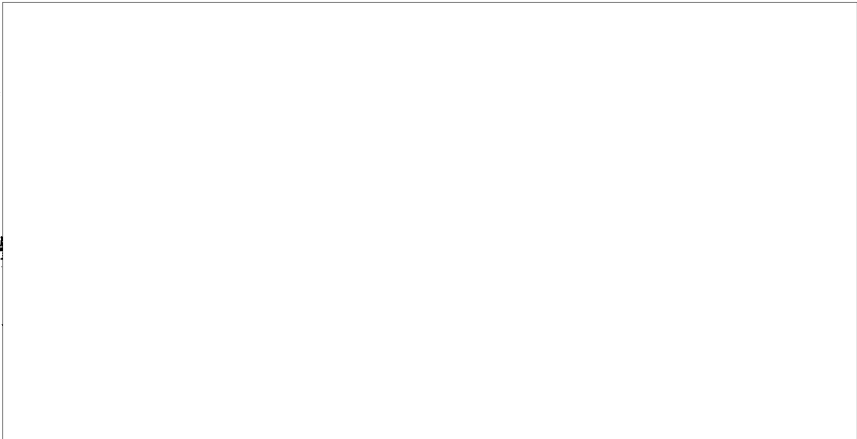
AROUND

SIEM REAP CITY, ENEMY FORCES, WHILE ACTIVE IN THE
COUNTRYSIDE, ARE STILL LARGELY AVOIDING CONTACT WITH
CAMBODIAN UNITS. ACCORDING TO A CAMBODIAN ARMY
INTERCEPT, THAI AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT WERE TO BE
AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT SIEM REAP'S DEFENDERS BEGINNING
YESTERDAY. TO THIS END, A THAI RADIO TEAM HAS BEEN
SET UP IN SIEM REAP. SOUTH AND EAST OF PHNOM PENH,
GOVERNMENT FORCES BEGAN MOP-UP OPERATIONS AGAINST
WITHDRAWING ENEMY TROOPS.

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THE BANGKOK POST ALSO CARRIES AN INTERVIEW WITH
PRIME MINISTER THANOM'S BROTHER, GENERAL SANGA,
WHO HAS JUST TAKEN OVER AS THE NUMBER TWO MAN IN
THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. SANGA TOOK THE USUAL SNIPES
AT SEATO, TERMING IT A "PAPER TIGER" AND A
"FAILURE." SANGA, HOWEVER, APPARENTLY WENT SO FAR
AS TO CALL FOR ITS DISSOLUTION, A PROPOSAL THAT EVEN
THANAT, SEATO'S SHARPEST CRITIC, HAS STOPPED SHORT
OF. SANGA APPARENTLY BELIEVES THAT THE US COMMITMENT
TO THAILAND CAN BE SUBSUMED UNDER OTHER "MECHANISMS."
HE MAY HAVE IN MIND A BILATERAL TREATY IN WHICH THE
THAI HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST FROM TIME TO TIME, OR

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ACCORDING

TO THE CAIRO PRESS, THERE HAVE BEEN TWO FORMAL MEETINGS BETWEEN NASIR AND BREZHNEV, KOSYGIN, AND PODGORNYY IN THE PAST WEEK. A THIRD MEETING, TO HAVE BEEN HELD ON 2 JULY, WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL MONDAY BECAUSE OF THE SOVIET CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM ON AGRICULTURE. TWO LOWER LEVEL STANDING COMMITTEES ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN FORMED TO DEAL WITH MILITARY AND DIPLOMATIC MATTERS RESPECTIVELY.

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A UPI REPORT FROM MOSCOW YESTERDAY QUOTED AN "AUTHORITATIVE" MIDDLE EASTERN SOURCE IN MOSCOW TO THE EFFECT THAT THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE AT THE CLOSE OF NASIR'S VISIT MAY NOT REJECT OUT OF HAND THE NEW US INITIATIVE. THIS SOURCE CLAIMS THAT THE ARABS SEE THREE POSITIVE ELEMENTS IN THE US PROPOSAL AND THAT BOTH THE EGYPTIANS AND THE SOVIETS AGREE THAT WASHINGTON'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE GENERAL PROBLEM IS BECOMING "CLEARER." THOSE ELEMENTS OF THE US APPROACH THE ARABS LIKE THE MOST INCLUDE SECRETARY ROGERS' USE OF THE WORD "PALESTINIANS;" THE RECOMMENDATION THAT JARRING RESUME HIS MISSION; AND THE REAFFIRMATION OF THE 1967 SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS THE BASIS FOR A SETTLEMENT.

THE TALKS ARE EXPECTED TO WIND UP EARLY NEXT

WEEK.

USSR - ROMANIA

A "CATARRHAL AILMENT," AS ANNOUNCED BY TASS
YESTERDAY, MAY BE ONE OF THE REASONS WHY BREZHNEV
IS NOT GOING TO BUDAPEST TO SIGN THE FRIENDSHIP
TREATY, BUT THERE ARE OTHERS. THE ROMANIANS
OF COURSE BELIEVE--NOT WITHOUT GOOD REASON--
THAT MOSCOW HAS DOWNGRADED ITS REPRESENTATION.
KOSYGIN WILL GO IN BREZHNEV'S PLACE--A DELIBERATE
SNUB TO CEAUSESCU, WHO OF LATE HAS BEEN TALKING
UP ROMANIA'S INDEPENDENCE WITH RENEWED VIGOR.

ALSO, BREZHNEV IS NOW INVOLVED IN THE NASIR
TALKS, WHICH MAY HAVE DRAGGED ON LONGER THAN HAD
BEEN EXPECTED. BREZHNEV MAY ALSO WANT TO BE IN MOSCOW
WHILE THE REGIME ASSESSES PRESIDENT NIXON'S
REPORT ON INDOCHINA AND HIS TELEVISION INTERVIEW.

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