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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

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CAMBODIA

The situation at Kompong Cham has stabilized. Khmer Communist gunners continue to shell the city, but government units over the weekend recaptured several positions on Kompong Cham's outskirts and held off Communist counterattacks. A Mekong River convoy carrying supplies and 150 reinforcements arrived at the provincial capital on September 8. Over 1,000 additional reinforcements are aboard another convoy scheduled to reach Kompong Cham early today. Once these troops are available, government commanders are planning to launch counterattacks. Intercepted messages indicate that as of September 7 the insurgents were still confident that they would "liberate" Kompong Cham; preparations had already been made to remove captured supplies and equipment from the city.

Elsewhere, Cambodian Army forces have begun moving against insurgent units holding a stretch of Route 5 some 35 miles north of Phnom Penh, but the highway remains closed. Route 4 also remains cut near the village of Ang Snuol, 15 miles west of Phnom Penh. Government commanders intend to use fresh troops to spearhead the clearing operations along Route 4. To the northeast of Phnom Penh, efforts are planned to relieve isolated government positions in and around the village of Vihear Suor.

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NOTES

Chile: The situation in Santiago remains tense as President Allende continues to search for a way to return to the political offensive. More professional and commercial groups have gone on strike. There is no further information on the appointment of a new navy commander.

Cuba-Israel: Premier Castro has announced that Cuba is breaking diplomatic relations with Israel. The move apparently is in response to a statement in the final resolution of the Nonaligned Conference in Algiers that "welcomes" such action.

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