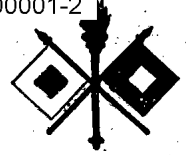


THE WHITE HOUSE

OUTGOING MESSAGE



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1. CUBA:

A. OUR EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT EIGHT MORE MISSILE-EQUIPPED PATROL BOATS HAVE BEEN DELIVERED, AND CUBA NOW HAS 14 OF THESE CRAFT (EACH BOAT HAS TWO SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILES OF 15-MILE RANGE). WE BELIEVE ANOTHER SHIPMENT IS EN ROUTE. A SMALL GUN-BOAT AND A MINESWEEPER WILL ALSO ARRIVE SHORTLY. IN ADDITION TO THESE, THE SOVIETS HAVE TO DATE DELIVERED AT LEAST SIX SUBCHASERS, 16 MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS AND SOME 10 SMALL PATROL OR SERVICE CRAFT.

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B. WE HAVE NO NEW MESSAGES CONCERNING VOLUNTEERS. THE FOUR REPORTS WE DO HAVE CALLED FOR VOLUNTEERS FROM TACTICAL AIR OR AIR DEFENSE UNITS. THIS SUGGESTS THESE PERSONNEL WILL BE USED TO HELP TRAIN CUBANS IN THE USE OF THE FAIRLY ADVANCED AIR AND AIR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT THEY ARE NOW GETTING.

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C. THE OLD-TIME CUBAN COMMUNISTS, WHOM CASTRO TRIED TO CUT DOWN TO SIZE LAST APRIL, ARE SAID TO BE MAKING A COMEBACK. WE BELIEVE THAT CASTRO'S INCREASING DEPENDENCE ON MOSCOW HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THIS. IN THE FUTURE CASTRO MAY BE A GOOD DEAL LESS FREE TO RUN THINGS HIS OWN WAY THAN HE WAS EARLIER THIS YEAR.

2. ARGENTINA:

A. ARGENTINA MAY YET BE SAVED FROM A MILITARY DICTATORSHIP BY THE CONTINUING ARGUMENT OVER WHICH MILITARY FACTION IS TO TAKE CHARGE.

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B.

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THE NAVY LAST NIGHT TRIED TO RESOLVE MATTERS, PLACING ITS SUPPORT BEHIND THE MILITANT ANTI-PERONIST "LOYALISTS" AND PROPOSING A THREE-MAN MILITARY JUNTA TO REPLACE GUIDO WHO, THE NAVY CLAIMED, HAD RESIGNED.

C. BUT THE CAMPO DE MAYO "REBEL" GROUP WOULD HAVE NONE OF THIS. THE GROUP DENIED GUIDO HAD RESIGNED, FOLLOWING WHICH GUIDO HIMSELF ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS STILL IN BUSINESS. THUS IT WOULD SEEM, YESTERDAY'S REBELS HAVE BECOME TODAY'S LOYALISTS.

D. MEANWHILE, SCATTERED CLASHES ARE OCCURRING BETWEEN FORCES OF BOTH SIDES DEPLOYED THROUGHOUT THE CAPITAL. THUS FAR, THE CIVILIANS ARE GETTING THE WORST OF IT.

3. LAOS:

A. RUMORS ARE CIRCULATING IN VIENTIANE THAT PHOUMI PLANS A COUP ON 9 OCTOBER AFTER OUR PERSONNEL HAVE COMPLETED THEIR WITHDRAWAL.

B. WE HAVE NO FIRM EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THIS BUT PHOUMI TOLD A GROUP OF HIS MILITARY SUPPORTERS LAST WEEK THAT IF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARE NOT OUT OF LAOS BY 7 OCTOBER, THERE WOULD BE A RESUMPTION OF HOSTILITIES.

[REDACTED]

4. CONGO:

A. NINE OF THE TEN PERSONS (ALL SWEDISH) ON THE UN PLANE SHOT DOWN OVER KATANGA THURSDAY SURVIVED; TWO ARE SERIOUSLY HURT, HOWEVER. WE HAVE NOT YET DETERMINED WHO FIRED THE SHOTS, BUT STILL THINK IT PROBABLY WAS THE KATANGESE.

B. [REDACTED] LEOPOLDVILLE IS READYING A BATTALION FOR MOVEMENT TO NORTH KATANGA. THIS WOULD BE CONTRARY TO U THANT'S CALL FOR A HALT TO ALL TROOP MOVEMENTS IN KATANGA AND WOULD GIVE TSHOMBE AN EXCUSE TO STOP EVEN HIS NOMINAL COOPERATION WITH THE UN INTEGRATION PLAN. [REDACTED]

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C. THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IS ALSO STILL PREPARING TO MOVE SOME TROOPS TO KASAI, BUT THEY HAVE NOT STARTED YET. THE PROJECT MAY STILL RUN OUT OF GAS BEFORE IT TAKES OFF.

D. FIGHTING CONTINUES IN NORTH KATANGA, IN A DESULTORY WAY, MOSTLY AS A RESULT OF PROBING BY KATANGESE TRYING TO GET OUT OF THE BOX THEY ARE IN AT KONGOLO.

5. NOTES:

A. GHANA: NKRUMAH HAS DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE ACCRA AREA. [REDACTED]

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B. TURKEY: A GROUP OF SENIOR MILITARY COMMANDERS HAS READIED PLANS TO TAKE OVER AS SOON AS INONU INDICATES HIS GOVERNMENT CAN NO LONGER BE EFFECTIVE. [REDACTED]

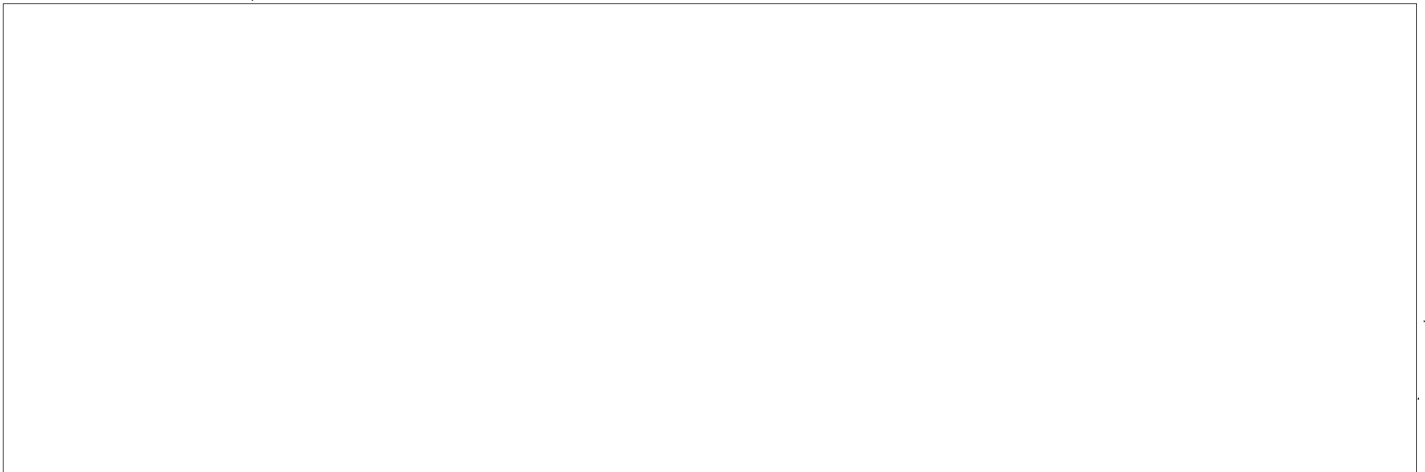
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