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DAILY BRIEF
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1. Cyprus

Athens has recalled Grivas (whom Ambassador Belcher considers an "un-guided missile") for "consultations," and he is expected to leave the island tomorrow. Even this, however, may not mollify Ankara in the face of reports of Greek Cypriot atrocities and the distribution to the Cypriot police of the Czech arms which have been in storage since last November. Makarios, however, "appreciated" President Johnson's letter and said he will call off patrols for the "next few days."

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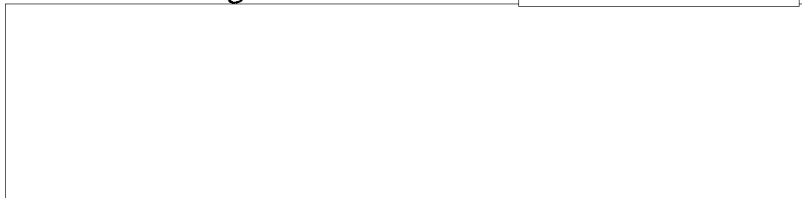
The Demirel government is still under intense pressure to take firm military action.

2. Middle East

Recent developments in the area are somewhat disquieting.

Israeli accusations that Husayn is condoning terrorism in occupied Jordan are becoming a crescendo.

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The Arabs, for their part, are alarmed by Israeli troop "rotations" now going on.

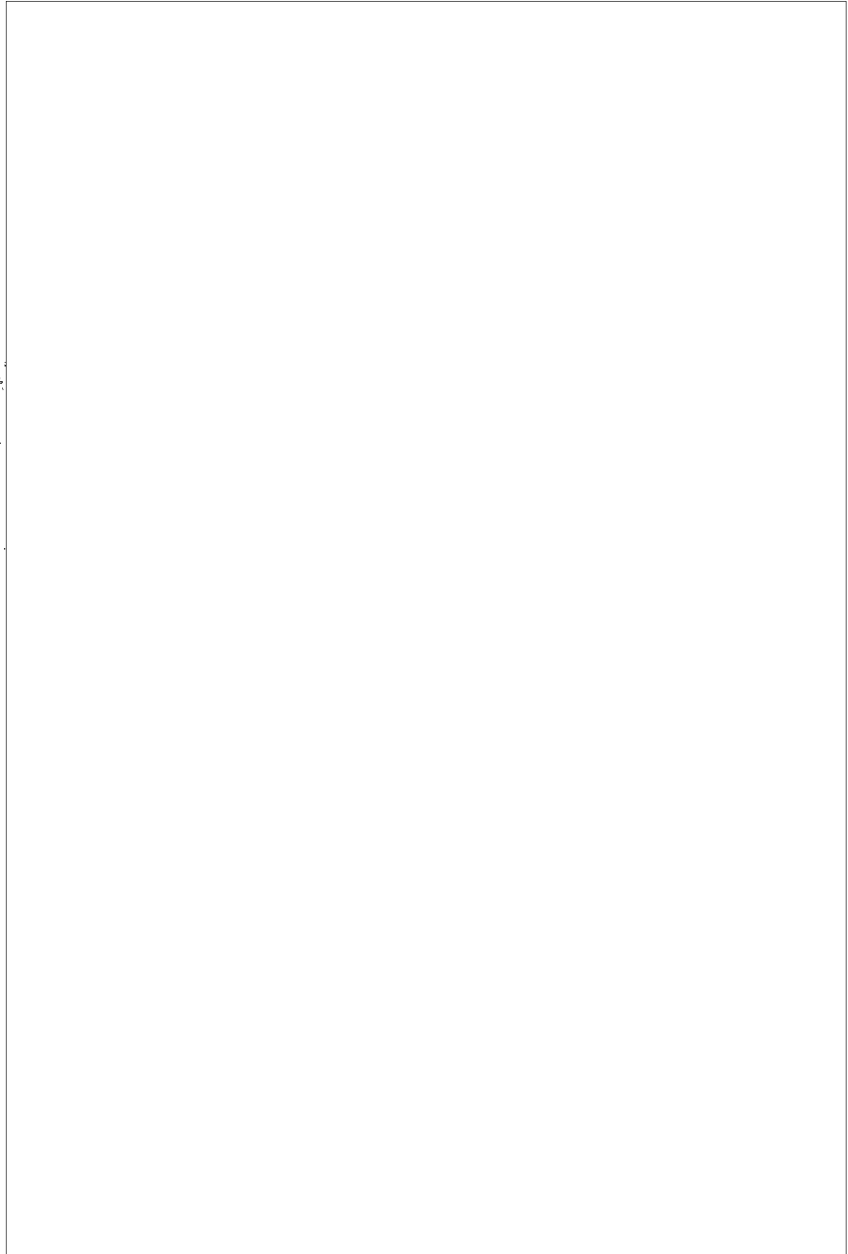
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One difference, however, is that the Soviets do not now seem to be feeding Arab fears to the extent they did in May. Rather, they may be trying to worry us with the possibility of a new crisis.

3. Singapore

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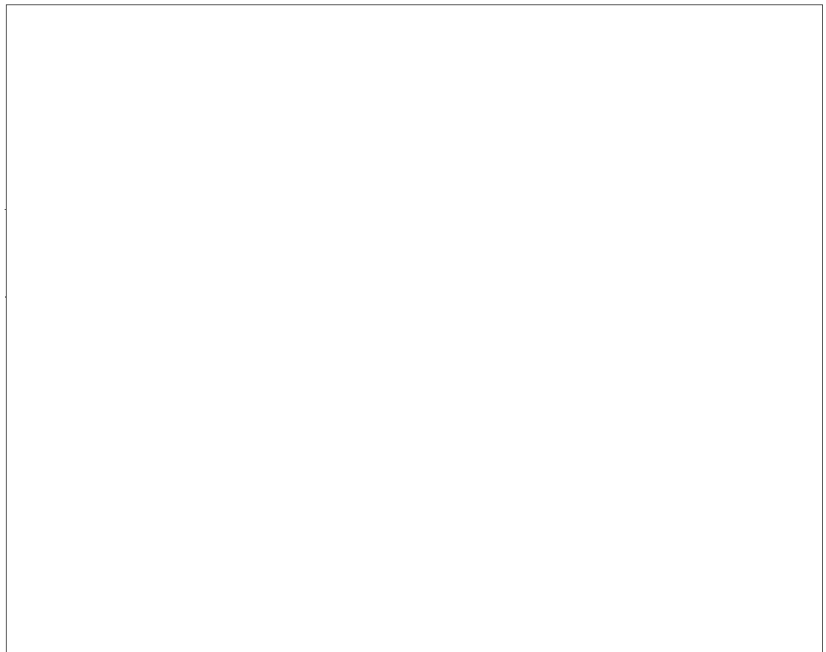
4. Greece

The junta has twice within a week renewed pressure on the King to make strongman Papadopoulos a deputy prime minister. One of these days the King will have to knuckle under.

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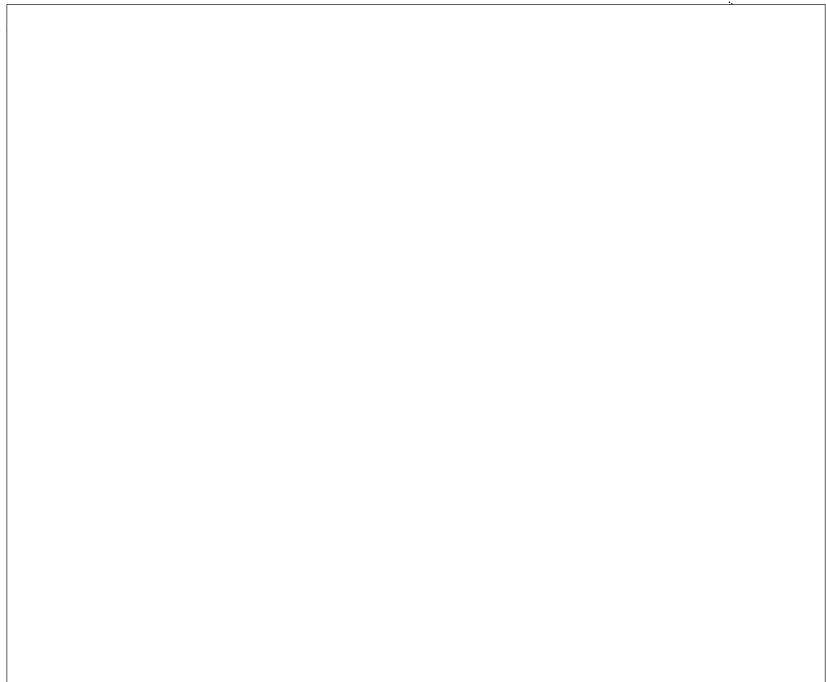
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6. Soviet Union

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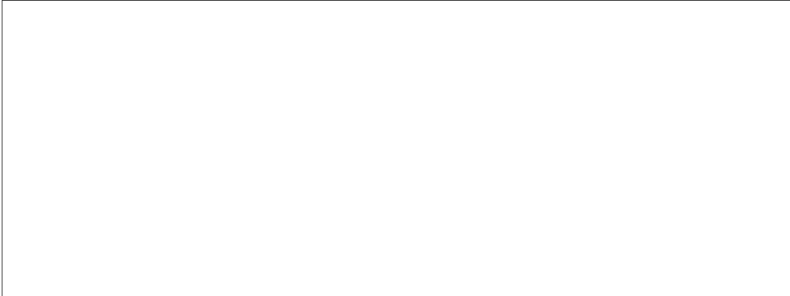
7. Japan

Opposition parties are already jumping on Sato for "capitulating" on the Okinawa issue. They are generally characterizing the return of the Bonins as a sop to Japanese feelings. The press, however, after some initial disappointment is taking the view that Sato's visit was a "step forward."

The opposition will continue to bore in. Its success in arousing popular feeling about Okinawa will hinge on how effectively the government publicizes the concessions made to Japan during the visit.

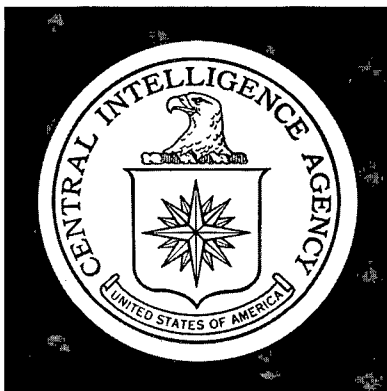
8. Gibraltar

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I. NOTES ON THE SITUATION

Bomb Damage to the Hanoi Diplomatic Quarter:

[redacted] press sources in Hanoi re-
port that the offices of the Soviet military
attache, the International Control Commission, and
the British Consulate were hit during yesterday's
air raids on targets near the city. Limited
damage was reported at the Soviet and British in-
stallations, while at the ICC quarters one Indian
sergeant was killed and another wounded. [redacted]

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[redacted] con-
firms these casualties. [redacted]
in Hanoi, in reporting this damage, stated it was
not clear whether it was caused by US aircraft or
by defensive fires.

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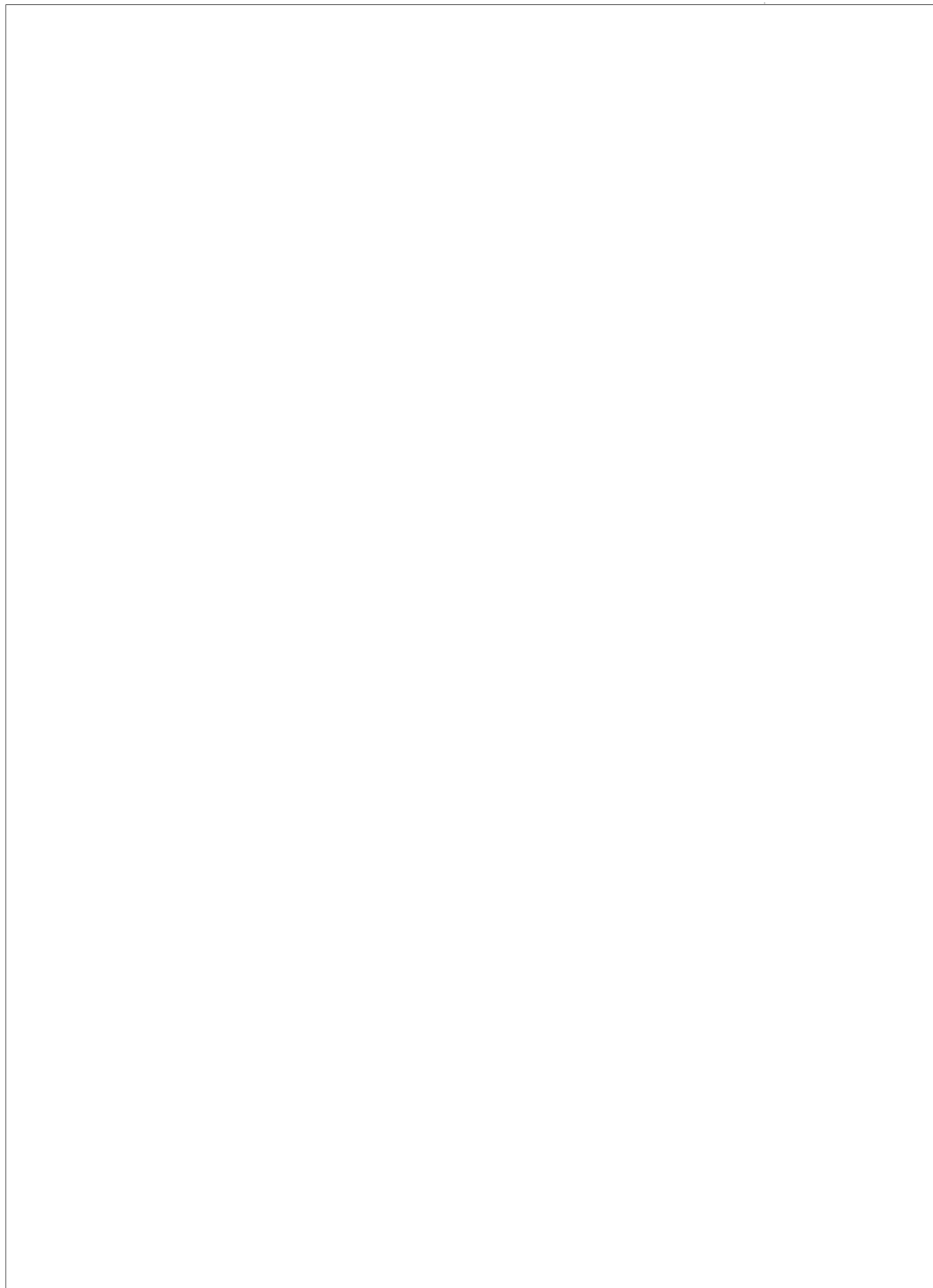
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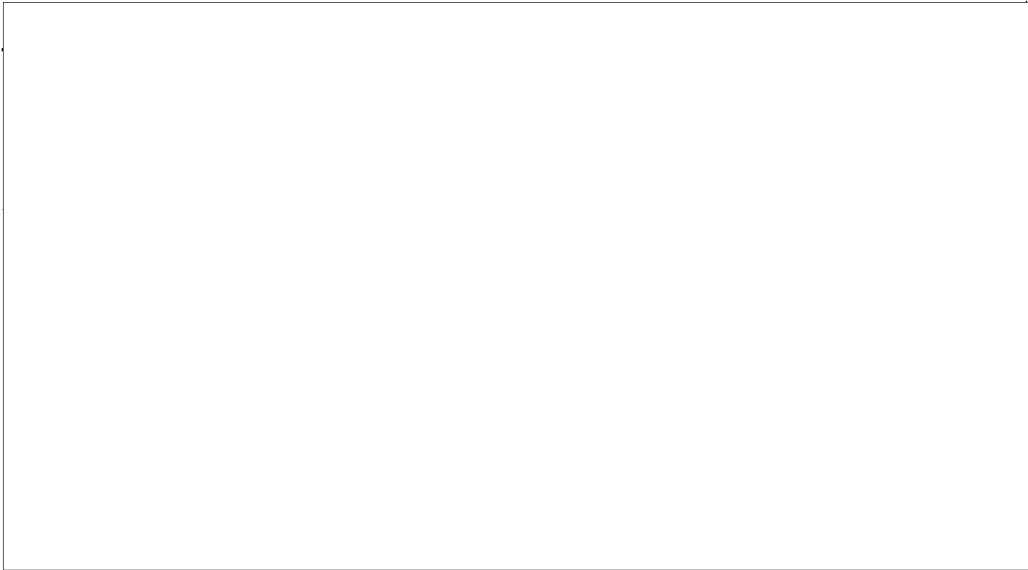


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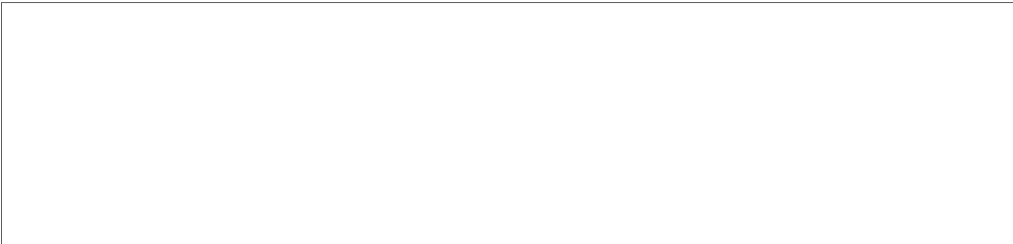
Hanoi's Comment on Postponement of Executions in South Vietnam: Hanoi broadcast in Vietnamese to South Vietnam yesterday that the Liberation Front's "severe warning" had caused "the US rulers in Saigon to exert great pressure behind the scenes to force the Thieu-Ky clique" to suspend the scheduled execution of "the three patriots."

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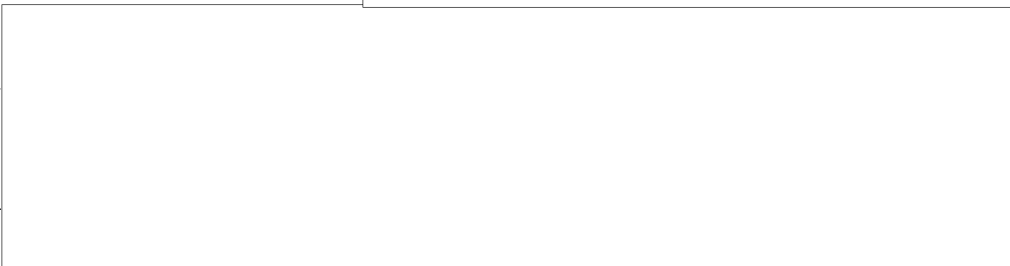
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Soviet Newsmen Have Trouble Getting In and Out of North Vietnam:



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[redacted] Injured: [redacted]

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[redacted] chargé in Hanoi describes injuries which he suffered recently. The chargé said he hurt the muscles of his right leg while descending to his bomb shelter one night during a bombing raid on Hanoi. This is the man who was recently cited [redacted] for bravery in remaining at his post in Hanoi.

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II. NORTH VIETNAMESE REFLECTIONS OF US POLITICAL ATTITUDES ON THE WAR

There was nothing of significance to report today.

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