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1. Rhodesia

Tanzanian President Nyerere returned from his meeting with Zambian President Kaunda more determined than ever to break relations with Britain by 15 December unless London or the United Nations takes strong new action against Rhodesia.

Nyerere says, however, that he has agreed that Zambia should not follow suit. He admits that at best only a "substantial minority" of the members of the Organization for African Unity will carry out the resolution to break with the British.

The Security Council meeting in New York ~~today~~ ^{today} should give the Africans further excuse to hold back. Also, Cairo has proposed another meeting of African foreign ministers for 21 December.

Nyerere nevertheless intends to fly to New York about 18 December or so to address the General Assembly. He wants to see President Johnson thereafter. At this point, the Tanzanian leader seems to be consumed by the idea that the way the Rhodesian question is handled will be critical for the future influence of Africa in international affairs.

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2. Vietnam

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3. North Vietnam

There is a good chance that the Soviets have in recent months provided the North Vietnamese with high performance fighters. Available evidence does not permit precise identification but it indicates that the fighters are either supersonic MIG-19s or MIG-21s.

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We judge it would take the Vietnamese jet fighter pilots two or three months of intensive training to become combat proficient in the new aircraft.

4. Cambodia

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5. Indonesia

Army leaders are acting with ever greater confidence and independence.

Our embassy in Djakarta reports that General Nasution's statements have become significantly stronger in the past week. In recent speeches, Sukarno has somewhat plaintively insisted that Communist ideology must play a major role in Indonesia, but he seems to have given up trying to save the Communists as a party. It now looks as though on this issue at least Sukarno has finally been defeated.

At the same time, army representatives have approached the embassy for help in financing rice imports and for general economic assistance. According to one of the army representatives, Sukarno said that he himself would not ask for any outside help, particularly from the US, but would "close his eyes" if the army asked for "quiet" US aid.

The Indonesians announced a currency switch today as a means of curbing their runaway inflation. This move in itself is not likely to be effective.

6. Communist China

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7. South Korea

One-time strongman Kim Chong-pil is returning to the center of the Korean political arena. [REDACTED]

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Kim is a symbol of authoritarianism, however, to many Koreans inside and outside the government. On two previous occasions hostility toward Kim grew so hot that Pak had to send him into exile to save the situation.

8. Dominican Republic

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[REDACTED] a Communist terrorist campaign in Santo Domingo against Americans is to begin this week. We have no report of incidents so far today, however, and the action may have been postponed.

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9. Uruguay

The general strike that the Communists were promoting for tomorrow now seems to be fading. As a result, the government apparently is dropping the idea of breaking relations with Moscow at this time.

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