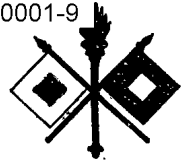


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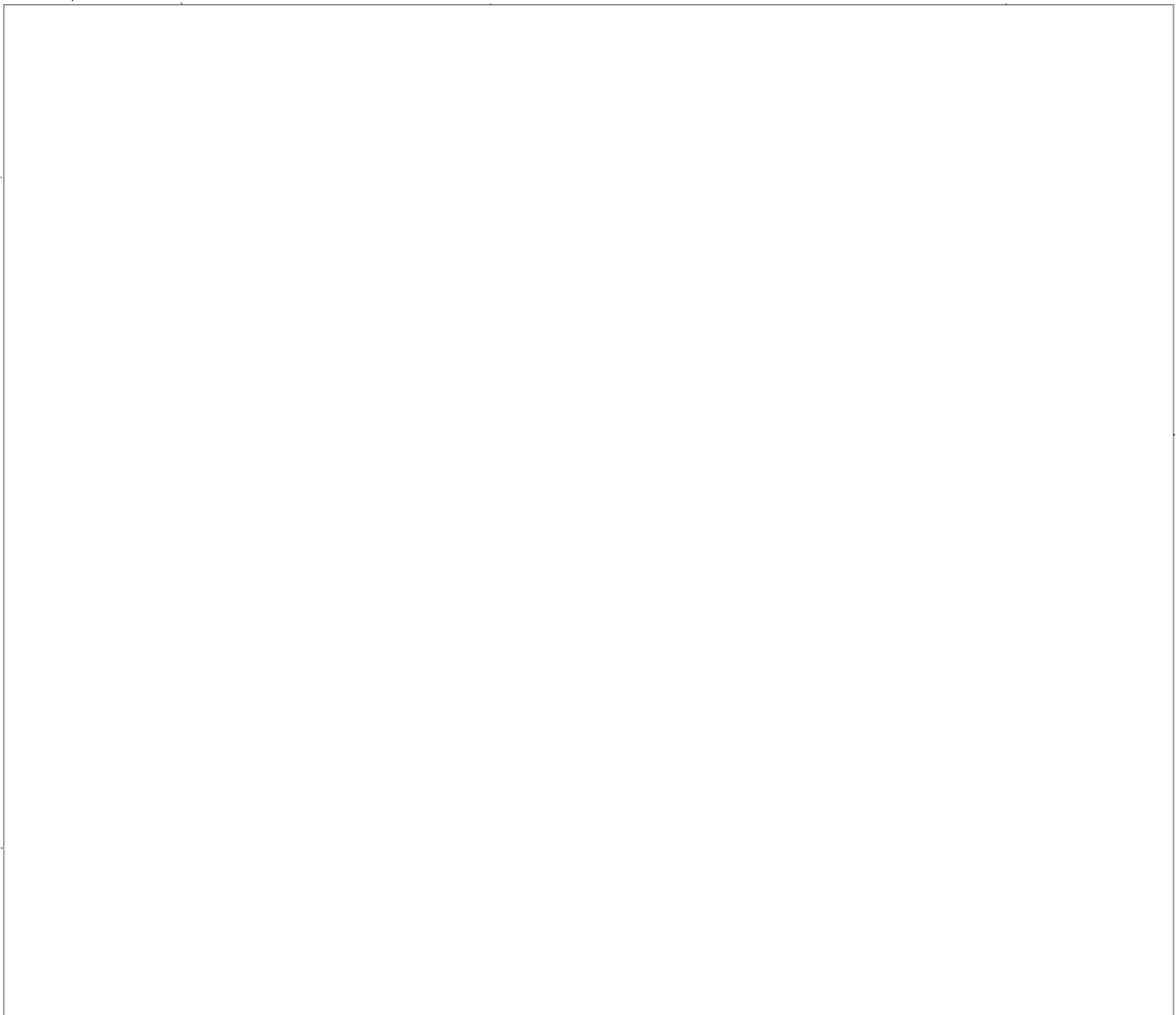
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1. CUBA:

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D. [REDACTED] A FEW

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HUNDRED SOVIETS LEFT HAVANA ON 16 DECEMBER ABOARD A SMALL SOVIET PASSENGER SHIP. THEY MAY HAVE BEEN PERSONNEL ASSOCIATED WITH THE MISSILES OR BOMBERS.

E. [REDACTED] WE HAVE HAD NO EVIDENCE OF

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SOVIET PERSONNEL DEPARTING CUBA SINCE THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER.

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F. PHOTOGRAPHY ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY SHOWED NO SIGN OF DISMANTLING OR WITHDRAWAL AT ANY OF THE MAIN SOVIET INSTALLATIONS IN CUBA.



2. SINO - INDIAN BORDER:

A. THE CHINESE, ON THEIR WITHDRAWAL FROM BOMB DILA AND OTHER FORWARD AREAS IN NEFA ARE TAKING WITH THEM JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT WILL MOVE AND THEY CAN CARRY. BOMB DILA'S HOSPITAL, FOR INSTANCE IS A HOLLOW SHELL.

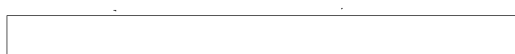
B. OUR EMBASSY IN NEW DELHI BELIEVES THIS SEMI-SCORCHED EARTH POLICY SUGGESTS THE CHINESE DO NOT ANTICIPATE AN EARLY RETURN. WHILE THE CHINESE NO DOUBT ARE LEAVING BEHIND WHAT AGENTS THEY CAN, THERE IS SOME EVIDENCE THAT DURING THEIR BRIEF STAY, THE CHINESE HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB ALIENATING THE LOCAL POPULATION.

C.



THERE HAS BEEN SOMETHING OF A CHANGE IN THE PUBLIC MOOD

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IN INDIA. ALTHOUGH THERE IS STILL DETERMINATION TO RESIST THE CHINESE, THE SENSE OF EMERGENCY IS DIMINISHING.

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3. VENEZUELA:

A. PRESIDENT BETANCOURT HAS WORKED UP QUITE A HEAD OF STEAM OVER OUR NEW PETROLEUM IMPORT SYSTEM, PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE WE DID NOT CONSULT WITH HIM AHEAD OF TIME. ALSO HE FEELS IT DISCRIMINATES AGAINST VENEZUELA.

B. HE MADE IT CLEAR TO AMBASSADOR STEWART ON TUESDAY THAT HE WOULD FIND IT POLITICALLY DIFFICULT TO VISIT WASHINGTON NEXT MONTH WITHOUT SOME ADVANCE ASSURANCE OF A TOKEN CONCESSION TO VENEZUELAN OIL EXPORTS.

C. HE APPARENTLY INTENDS TO CALL THE PRESIDENT ON THE MATTER IN BERMUDA TODAY WHEN HE RETURNS FROM A TRIP TO EASTERN VENEZUELA.

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4. PERU:

A. THE RULING JUNTA, TRUE TO FORM, IS NOW TRYING TO BLAME THE LEFTIST, ANTI-COMMUNIST APRA PARTY FOR THE RIOTS AT LA OROYA--DESPITE ITS KNOWLEDGE BEFOREHAND THAT IT WAS THE COMMUNISTS WHO WERE BEHIND THE DISTURBANCES. APRA HAS NO INFLUENCE IN THE MINING UNIONS, WHICH ARE COMPLETELY DOMINATED BY THE COMMUNISTS.

B. THE JUNTA HAS DEMONSTRATED BEFORE A READINESS TO PLACE ITS FIGHT WITH APRA ABOVE NATIONAL INTERESTS.

5. NOTES:

A. USSR: SOVIET MEDIA HAVE MADE NO MENTION OF THE PRESIDENT'S TV INTERVIEW ON MONDAY.

B. SINO - SOVIET DISPUTE: THE SINO-SOVIET POLEMIC HAS REACHED THE POINT WHERE MOSCOW IS NOW JAMMING PEIPING'S BROADCASTS.

C. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: ELECTIONS GET UNDER WAY TODAY WITH JUAN BOSCH AND HIS DOMINICAN REVOLUTIONARY PARTY VERY MUCH IN THE RUNNING.

D. LAOS: SOUVANNA'S GOVERNMENT, AFTER WRANGLING ABOUT IT FOR TWO MONTHS, HAS ASKED THE ICC TO LOOK INTO CHARGES THAT FOREIGN TROOPS REMAIN. TWO LOCATIONS ARE STIPULATED, ONE, SAM NEUA TOWN AND THE OTHER, A VILLAGE IN NORTHWESTERN LAOS. THE INVESTIGATORS ARE TO CONFINE THEIR SEARCH TO THE AREA OF THE VILLAGE PROPER AND TO TAKE NO MORE THAN TWO DAYS. IT IS ALL FOR THE RECORD ONLY.

E. IRAQ: PLOTTERS CALLED OFF THE COUP WHICH THEY HAD
PLANNED: [REDACTED]. TIMELY REASSIGNMENT OF KEY MILI-
TARY OFFICERS MAKES IT OBVIOUS THAT QASIM'S BOYS KNEW WHAT
WAS AFOOT.

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