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1. Congo: The over-all security situation has taken a decided turn for the worse.

Serious disorders could occur in Leopoldville at any time. Recent massive arrests of Brazzaville citizens living there, accompanied by reports of police brutality, have stirred public resentment against the government. Many of the Brazzaville citizens belong to the same tribes as residents of Leopoldville.

The CNL has wanted to start uprisings in the capital for some time, and the arrests may have given them an issue. Tshombé has also had several CNL adherents detained, but there is no certainty he grabbed the right ones.

If anything big does get under way in the capital, the security forces would have their hands full. The city's garrison has been pared pretty thin by the shipment of units to various trouble spots throughout the country.

Bukavu is still being held by government forces, which have fought well. Reinforcements are still arriving. The three US officials are still unaccounted for, and Ambassador Godley thinks there is little chance the vice consul is alive.

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Kwilu Province, protected by only one battalion, may be the next scene of major action. [redacted] rebels are closing in on the capital--Kikwit--garrisoned by a company and a half.

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Tshombé has his mercenaries lined up and contracts signed. The first contingent reportedly will lead an assault on Albertville, but we are uncertain how soon they will be ready.

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Mobile columns of mercenaries and government troops are to be formed [redacted]

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Only disheartening responses have been made to Tshombé's request for military aid from his African neighbors. Each has been equivocal in one way or another.

If help is to come, it may have to be through a meeting of the Organization of African Unity, and at a snail's pace. Also, the price may be the ouster of Tshombé or, at the least, concessions by his regime to leftist Congolese elements.

2. Ghana-US: We think the chances are good that Nkrumah may soon make another try to reduce the US presence and influence in Ghana. Since 1960, crises in US-Ghanaian relations have usually followed a clash in policies on the Congo and frustration of Nkrumah's efforts to support Congolese radicals.

3. Cyprus: Constantine and Papandreou have indicated initial approval of Acheson's plan for immediate enosis with a sizeable Turkish leased base.



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The Greek Cypriots are still the uncertain factor. General Grivas, who reportedly believes Athens itself cannot pull off enosis, is said to be willing to arrange it, but may be unwilling to make the necessary concessions to Turkey.

We are also not sure how much, if at all, the Greek Cypriots are really counting on Soviet support for their independence.

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We still see no signs that the USSR is about to commit itself to much more than verbal support of Makarios. Cypriot Foreign Minister Kyprianou, who was to leave for Moscow on the 21st, now says his departure date is indefinite.

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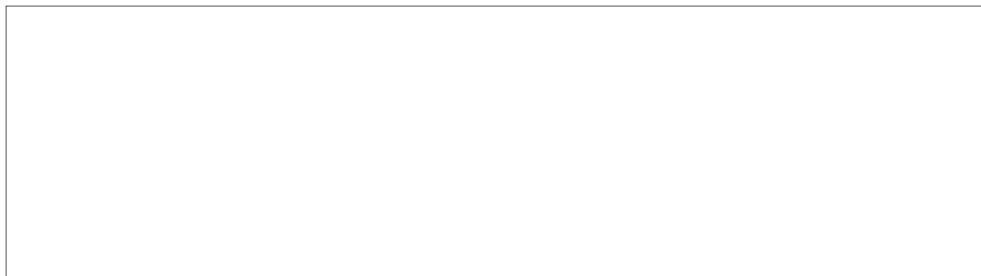
On the island, the cease-fire remains in effect. Swedish troops intervened on 20 August to stop fighting near Paphos, where Greek Cypriots are still restricting the flow of supplies to the Turkish Cypriots.

Makarios may now be trying to use the blockade to win concessions. He has demanded the opening of the Nicosia-Kyrenia road, which runs through the only sizeable area still controlled by the Turkish Cypriots.

In Turkey there have been cutbacks in some military concentrations--departure of most aircraft from Incirlik, presumably for home stations, and of some army units from Iskenderun--but the capability to intervene is not significantly reduced.

We have no confirmation of the Greek Cypriot claim that Turkish aircraft overflew Kokkina on Thursday or of the Turkish Cypriot charge that Russian-built aircraft overflew Paphos.

4. USSR-Mediterranean: More than the usual number of Soviet naval units are now operating in the Mediterranean.



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5. North Vietnam - Communist China: Hanoi has gone all out in its air defense preparations. Work on shelters is on an around-the-clock basis, air-raid drills are frequent, women and children are being evacuated, and antiaircraft artillery increased [Redacted]

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6. North Vietnam - South Vietnam

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Interrogations of two Viet Cong defectors and the contents of a captured Viet Cong document indicate that the Communists plan a change in tactics in their forthcoming fall-winter-spring campaign in the northern part of the country.

They allegedly will initiate a "war of annihilation" against the South Vietnamese Air Force in which everyone in each air force unit under attack will be killed and the unit erased from the table of organization. They will also reportedly start a campaign of "clinging to the enemy."

Both campaigns, if carried out, would be a marked departure from typical insurgent hit-and-run tactics.

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7. South Vietnam: Khanh has assured Ambassador Taylor that the recent reorganization will not upset the counterinsurgency program. Changes will be restricted largely to Saigon, and there will be no purge of the provincial leadership.

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General Minh has been shunted aside, and Khanh says the former chief of state will simply have to accept it.

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Meanwhile, Buddhist and student opposition to the government is on the rise. The Buddhists are protesting Khanh's failure to punish junior officials who have allegedly persecuted members of their faith. They are also disturbed by reports or rumors that Khanh intends to remove certain officers whom they favor.

The students, an increasingly potent political force, are complaining about the authoritarian character of the new constitution.

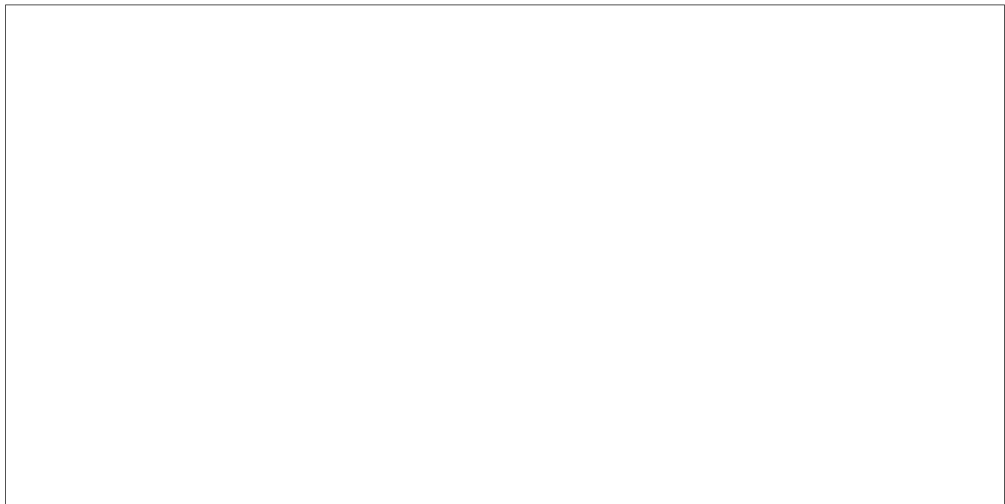
8. Tanganyika-Zanzibar: Nyerere's efforts to insulate Vice President Karume from Communist influence are being set back.

One of Zanzibar's most competent Communists has been appointed junior minister to Karume. He will control and be present at Karume's appointments.

Last week Karume dismissed the chief justice of Zanzibar, a British expatriate whom Nyerere himself had appointed.

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Karume again publicly avowed Zanzibar's undying friendship for East Germany on 17 August, the same day a Chinese Communist trade delegation arrived in Zanzibar.



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9. British Guiana: The arrest of opposition leader Forbes Burnham on Monday on charges of illegal possession of shotgun shells further confuses the political situation.

Five other members of Burnham's party were imprisoned the same day, allegedly for complicity in the recent bombings in Georgetown. As a result, the East Indian community may rally to Premier Jagan's cause, dimming prospects for the new anti-Jagan Justice Party which has begun to attract East Indians dissatisfied with the Jagan regime.

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We have heard that Jagan's PPP, noting concern about Communism among its East Indian adherents, may tone down its pro-Communist, anti-US line.

10. Saudi Arabia - Yemen - UAR

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11. Bolivia: Police sent to wipe out the guerrillas in Santa Cruz Department early this month made no headway, and the armed forces have taken over the counterinsurgency effort.

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[redacted] that unless the lawlessness is quickly halted it could reach a point where all opposition forces would climb on the bandwagon, including Communists and Castroites. The efficiency, discipline, and competent leadership of the guerrillas suggest that the government's campaign might be a long one.

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12. Indonesia-Malaysia

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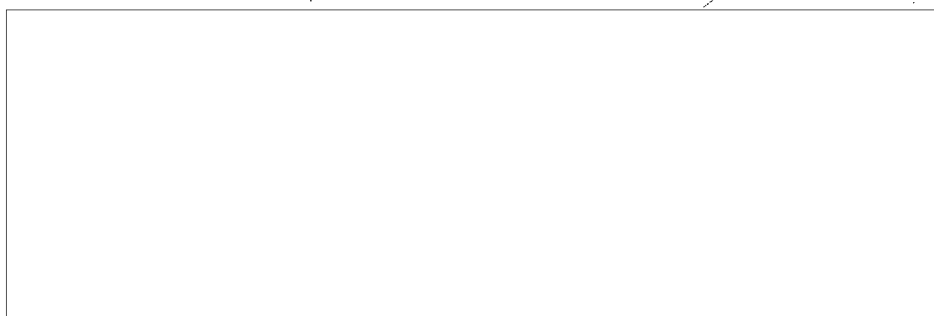
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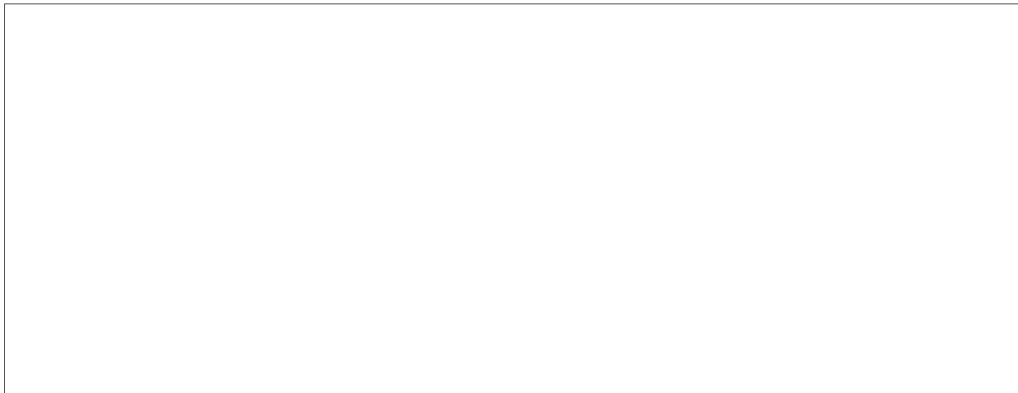
USSR - Communist China: A preliminary examination of [redacted] Mission [redacted] indicates good coverage of the Tyuratam rangehead and reveals new information on the Chinese Communist atomic energy program.

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Mission 1009 confirms the impression given by 1006 in early June of intensive construction and launch activity at Tyuratam. Discovery of additional large radars under construction at a complex in Siberia indicates more clearly that this facility is for satellite tracking.

The coverage of the Lop Nor site in China provides convincing evidence that this is a nuclear test site. It could be ready for a test within a matter of months. Photography of possible and probable plutonium production facilities, however, does not yet allow us to say whether or not they are operational.

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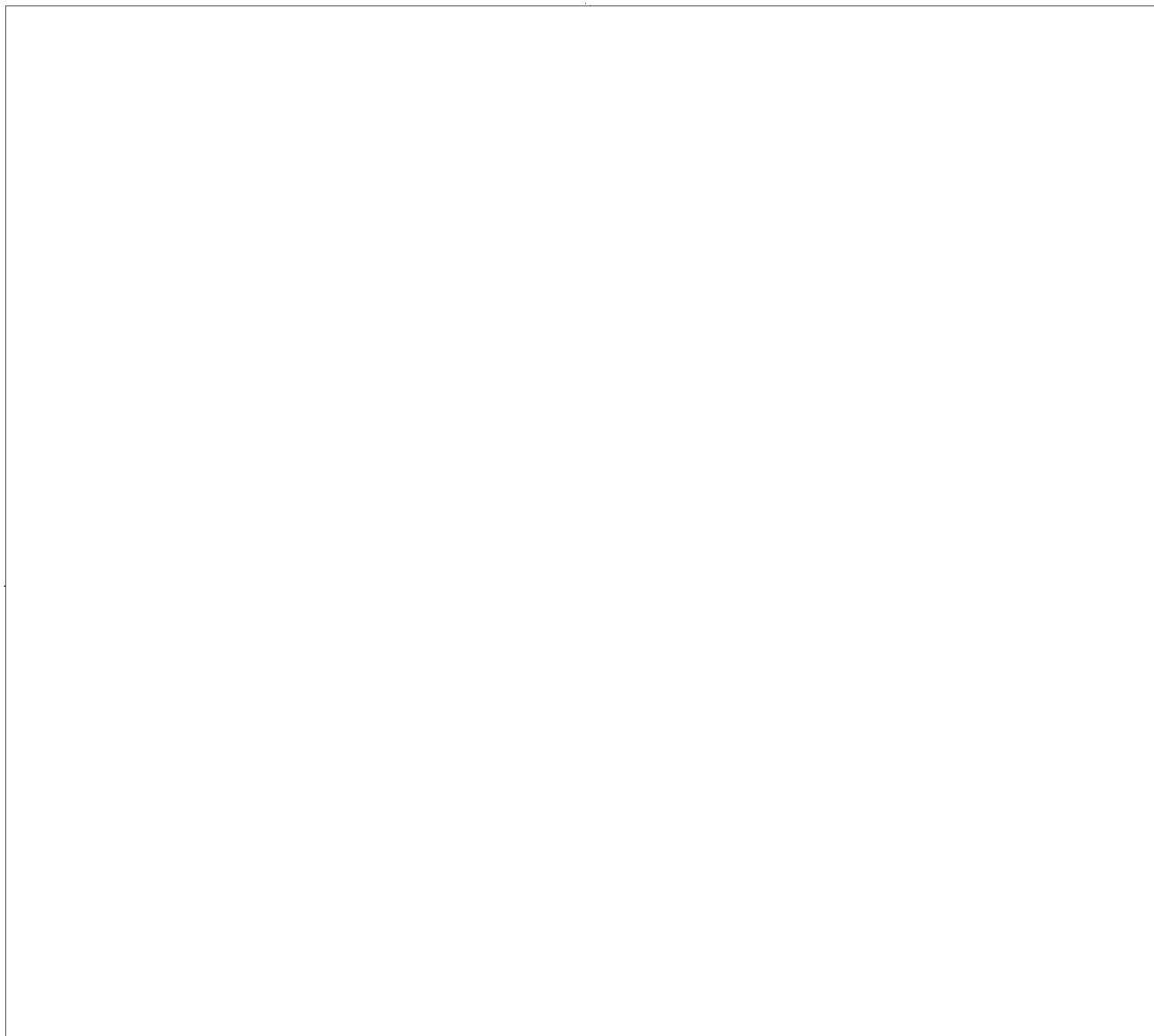


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