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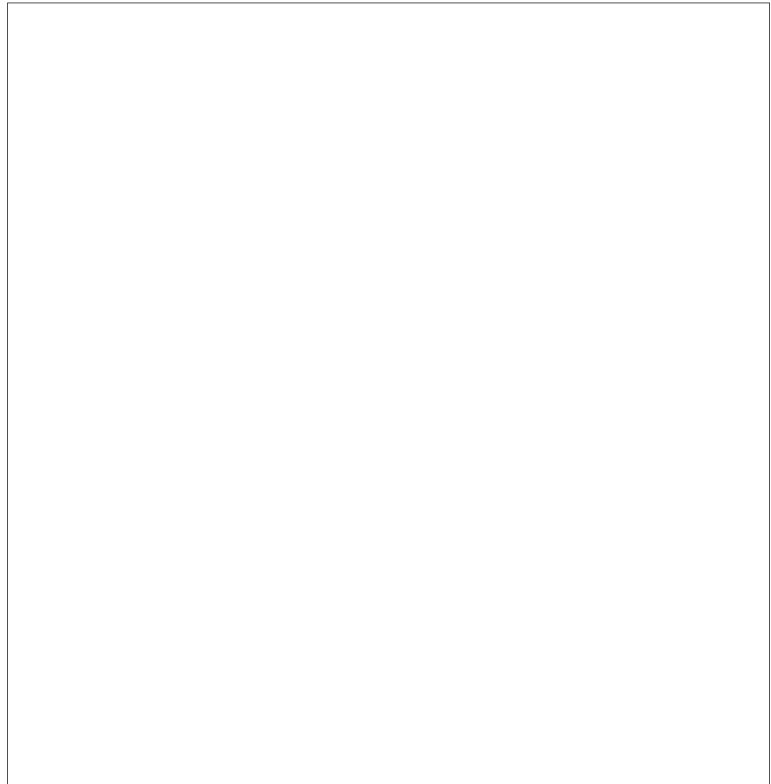


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1. USSR



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2. Congo



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b. [redacted]

[redacted] At the urging of Ambassador Godley, Tshombé, just back from Paris, has broadcast an appeal to the rebels to desist from reprisal actions.

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d. Although the rebels have frequently threatened to kill hostages, we know of no instances to date of deliberate reprisal murders.

e. The air action over Bumba was an armed reconnaissance mission by T-28s, apparently in preparation for a scheduled Congolese Army assault on the town.

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3. USSR - West
Germany

a. Moscow is trying to tone down the Schwirkmann "mustard gas" incident to prevent it from upsetting plans for Khrushchev's forthcoming visit to Bonn.

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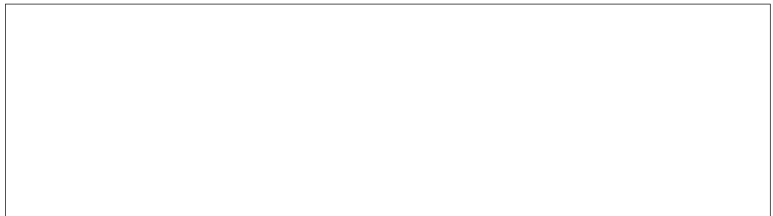
b. The Soviets officially sent "regrets" to Bonn that any incident which could harm relations had occurred.



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4. South Vietnam

a. Governmental activity remains virtually suspended while awaiting the outcome of the High National Council's work on a provisional charter and a new government.



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c. Viet Cong military and terrorist activity continues at a stepped-up pace. Some 84 Communist-initiated incidents were reported on 11-12 October.

5. USSR-Algeria

a. [redacted]

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combat aircraft and naval equipment under the Soviet-Algerians arms agreement of 1963 apparently are on the way.

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d. [redacted] Algerian personnel [redacted] have been receiving naval and air training in the USSR [redacted]

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NOTES

- A. Cuba President Dorticos arrived in Moscow yesterday en route home from the nonaligned conference in Cairo. Since his visit was at Moscow's invitation, we think it is part of the Soviet effort to line up support at the December conference of Communist parties in Moscow.
- B. Belgium Prime Minister Le Fevre's Catholic-Socialist coalition will be weakened by the heavy losses his Catholic party suffered in last Sunday's municipal elections. Foreign Minister Spaak's Socialist party's losses were slight and the Liberal party, the Communists, and rightist nationalist elements all gained. Spaak told Ambassador MacArthur that even if the government gets through the next month or so intact, it may not survive the term of the present parliament, which expires next March.
- C. United Nations We look for a close vote on seating Communist China at the UNESCO General Conference, which begins on 20 October in Paris. The outcome may depend on the votes of former French African countries, some of which have recently been leaning toward Peiping, and on whether several other countries sympathetic to Taipei lose their votes over arrearages. It is not certain how Peiping's supporters will proceed, but we hear that France is willing to support them.

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D. India-USSR After prolonged negotiations, New Delhi and Moscow have finally reached agreement on construction of a four million ton steel plant in India. The Soviets will apparently do the designing and engineering while the Indians will take care of construction and management. Construction probably will not get going until after mid-1965.

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