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1. Vietnam

There have been no new significant political developments reported from Saigon. The coup rumor mill is still rolling, but nothing of real substance is being turned out.

Peiping is using the recent attack on the US Embassy in Moscow to belabor the Soviets. The first anti-Soviet street demonstration ever held in Peiping was staged this morning by Chinese students protesting against the "brutal" tactics of the Soviet police in suppressing the demonstrators. The Chinese press and radio are playing up the actions of Soviet authorities as an "outrage."

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2. UK

Ambassador Bruce reports that British government leaders—including Prime Minister Wilson—feel the US should show some "movement" toward negotiations on South Vietnam. The British think that, as Geneva co-chairmen, they could appropriately replace the French in taking soundings of the Soviet attitude, provided they had tacit acquiescence from Washington. They are not optimistic that their efforts would bring any immediate results, but think that the US tactical position might be improved.

3. Israel

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4. West Germany

The Bonn cabinet is still bitterly divided over whether to break relations with Nasir. Erhard is giving serious thought to the possibility, but no decision is expected until next week.

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