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THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF



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1. South Vietnam

No major developments have been reported today.

Viet Cong military activity generally remains light and widely scattered. There are press reports, however, of a battle in progress for control of a government post 35 miles south of Danang.

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2. Communist China

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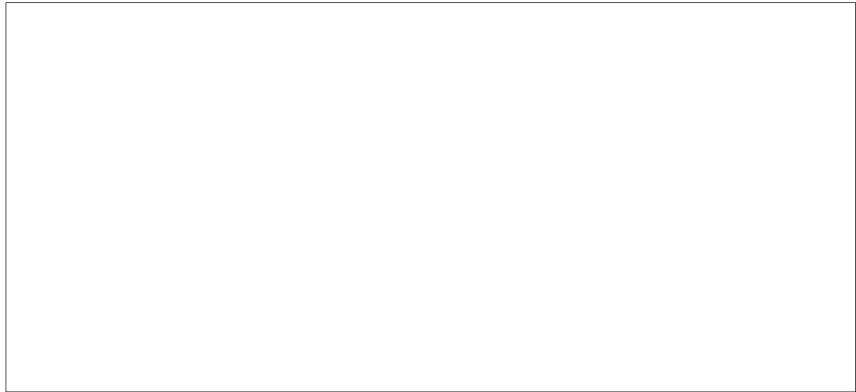
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3. Thailand

Peiping is stepping up the pressure on the Thais. A liaison officer of the "Thailand Independence Movement" has shown up in Peiping. Chinese propaganda has been warning against the use of Thailand as a "base for attacks" on North Vietnam.

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4. USSR



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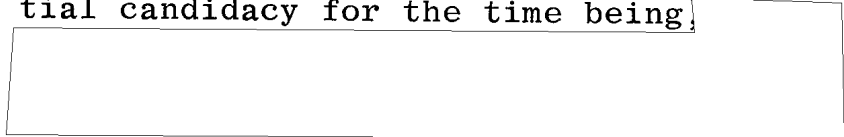
5. Indonesia

Communist influence continues its creeping expansion at the national level. Anti-Communist Trade Minister Adam Malik has been moved into an apparently meaningless post. A pro-Communist who is possibly a secret party member has been given a new cabinet post in charge of mining, a responsibility previously held by third deputy prime minister Chaerul Saleh.

6. Bolivia

New trouble is brewing for the junta in the form of a nationwide petroleum workers' strike, apparently backed by Juan Lechin and his leftist followers. The strike climate, which also affects the nationalized mines and other industries, could spark violent incidents as the military attempts to maintain order.

The junta has recently succeeded in mending its own fences. Junta chief Barrientos agreed to withdraw his presidential candidacy for the time being.



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6. Congo

Recent successes by mercenary-led Congolese Army forces in northeast Congo have put what remains of the rebels there in an increasingly difficult position. Ugandan Premier Obote appears to backing further away from his support for the rebels.

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Efforts were still being made last week to get arms to the rebels in the northeast via the Sudan, but the fall of Aba to Congolese forces makes this exceedingly difficult. The focus of external support is shifting to Tanzania and the remaining concentration of rebels around Fizi in the eastern Congo. a new rebel attack against Uvira is being prepared. (See map.)

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7. France

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