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1. South Vietnam

There are rumors in Saigon of impending political trouble and possibly an attempted coup.

The speculation has been fed by the news that the ruling military directory is scheduled to meet this week. Premier Ky has told Deputy Ambassador Johnson that the meeting is a long-planned, routine session and will deal with the appointment of ambassadors and unspecified "important problems."

Ky admitted he was aware of the rumors, but said he anticipated no move to unseat him. Defense Minister Co expressed similar assurances.

Meanwhile, Ky continues preparations for trips this month to Taipei and Bangkok. He has denied that he plans to discuss the introduction of Chinese Nationalist troops to South Vietnam.

The relative inactivity of Viet Cong main force units continued for the third week, with only one battalion-size attack reported. The scale and intensity of Viet Cong terrorism and harassment was at approximately the same level as the previous week.

2. Dominican Republic

The top loyalist military and police officers yesterday restated their general support for the Organization of American States' efforts to set up a provisional government. However, they still insist on the exile of rebel military leaders.

Former president Juan Bosch has sent his party leaders a letter saying he will not return to the Dominican Republic while the Organization of American States is there. This will further split his already weakened party and improve former president Balaguer's chances of winning the election which may come next year.

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3. Greece

Anti-Papandreou parliamentarians are trying to delay the vote of confidence on the Novas government, probably to give the King time to plot his next steps. No one, apparently, expects Novas to win.

[redacted] the King is 50X1 considering turning to Defense Minister Kostopoulos to form a successor regime, or, failing that, trying to organize a coalition government under a nonpolitical prime minister. As a last resort, [redacted] the King will turn to 50X1 a military dictatorship with a civilian figurehead.

US officials in Athens feel that the establishment of a military government would encourage the Communists to begin armed resistance. Papandreou supporters have made thinly veiled allusions to such a possibility.

4. Yemen

Cairo has launched a new campaign to pressure Saudi King Faysal into accepting the sort of agreement on Yemen the Egyptians want.

Egyptian officials have been dropping broad hints that, otherwise, the Yemeni fighting might be extended into Saudi territory.

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Reports of bombing raids remain unconfirmed, but the Egyptians are known to have been hitting very close to the border. If, as seems likely, Faysal remains firm, Nasir may well order attacks on Saudi bases.

5. Congo

Communist-supplied munitions are flowing across Tanzania and Lake Tanganyika to the Congo rebels in record quantities [redacted].

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[redacted] increasing numbers of foreign advisers are also crossing the lake to join the rebels.

The stepped-up aid may be timed to allow the rebels below Uvira to consolidate their hold and set up a "liberated area" before a planned government offensive against them materializes. It now seems likely that the offensive will not get under way until next month.

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6. Indonesia

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Sukarno has issued orders for Indonesia's withdrawal from the World Bank.

Djakarta also intends to default on repaying the \$65 million it owes the International Monetary Fund.

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The moves are designed for political effect. Sukarno has little patience with economic matters and apparently does not fully appreciate the damage this will do to his country's credit rating.

Besides Indonesia's withdrawal from the UN, it has left a number of other international organizations. Sukarno has lately been making admiring speeches about Cambodia's "bravery" in breaking relations with the US.

7. USSR

There is a new spate of rumors on another shake-up in the Soviet leadership. Some of this talk apparently originates within the Soviet party itself.

It is said that Brezhnev is ineffective and is about to be ousted as party first secretary. Shelepin, a younger and more aggressive man, is spoken of as the most likely replacement.

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8. USSR

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Soviet Union suggests that experimental work is in progress on an over-the-horizon radar. Among the uses to which such a radar could be put would be in an early warning system against ballistic missiles. It could also provide intelligence on US missile and space activities.

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