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THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF

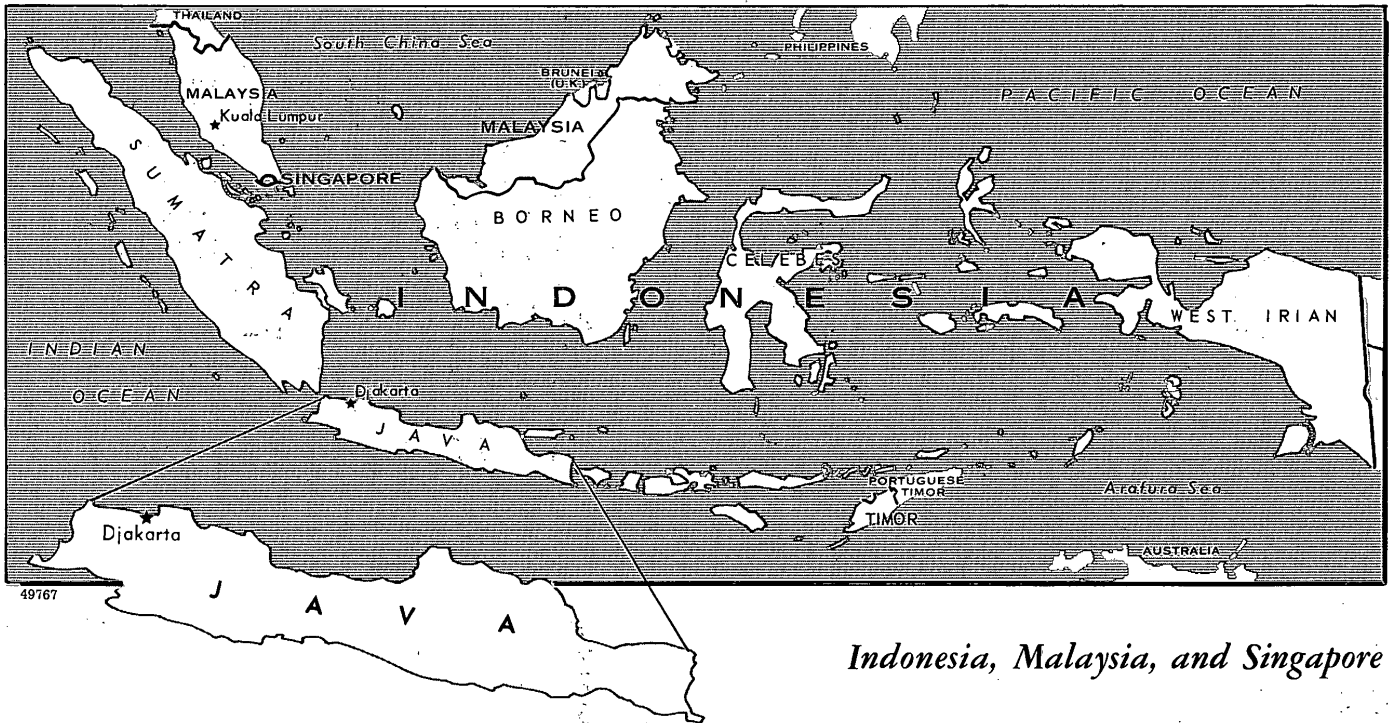


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Indonesia, Malaysia, and Singapore

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1. Rhodesia

Acts of defiance by black Africans against the Smith government are on the increase. These are still sporadic, however, and African nationalist attempts to keep workers off the job have been largely unavailing. The few nationalist leaders still at large are said to be demoralized.

Although the white regime still sits firmly in the saddle, US representatives in Salisbury detect inklings of a "whistling in the dark" atmosphere within the divided white community in Salisbury.

The South Africans and the Portuguese, who promise to be the main external props of the Smith regime, are playing their cards close to the chest. The South Africans indicate they may give limited economic and some military support. The Portuguese say that they will continue their "past cooperation."

2. Indonesia

There has been no essential change. The generals persist in their campaign against the Communists, while Sukarno tries to deflect them and line up support for himself. Neither seems able to force an advantage.

No matter how the struggle in Djakarta comes out, Indonesia's confrontation against Malaysia is likely to go on pretty much as it does now. All Indonesian leaders, the generals included, talk in terms of continuing the fight against Malaysia.

That fight is being waged in a low key. In the past few months Indonesia has limited itself to routine patrolling and minor probing actions near the border in Borneo.

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3. Vietnam

Soviet Premier Kosygin followed Moscow's standard line in talking about Vietnam with Senator Mansfield last week. Kosygin condemned US actions in Vietnam and, like other Soviet spokesmen, seemed determined to avoid showing any divergence from Hanoi's position.

A total of 49 surface-to-air missile sites in North Vietnam have now been confirmed by photography. The three latest sites to be spotted are part of a complex of ten covering the vital port city of Haiphong and nearby naval anchorages.

Photography earlier this month also shows that the Chinese Communists are continuing to develop road connections between the province of Yunnan and northwestern North Vietnam. Since last January two new north-south roads and one lateral connection have been opened, and an old main road is being substantially improved. All this seems more than is required for commercial purposes.

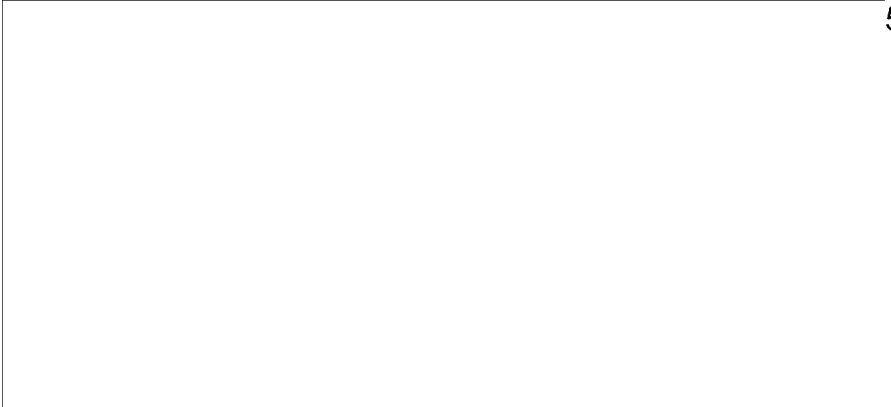
4. Communist China

Intercepted military communications indicate that Chinese units in Tibet are on a modified alert status.

A Chinese regiment which moved to forward positions opposite Sikkim as backing to Peking's 16 September ultimatum to New Delhi is still there.

There have been two border incidents in the area so far this month. More threaten since both sides are sending out more frequent and aggressive patrols.

5. Pakistan



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As far as we can tell, Pakistan's recent attempts to diversify sources of military hardware have not been very successful. There is no solid evidence yet that Peking has come through with meaningful amounts. Some equipment may have arrived from Indonesia, but Karachi probably sees it as a one-shot effort.

6. Congo

The authorities in Leopoldville have opened a shrill campaign against the Belgians.

The real target of the campaign is not the Belgians but former prime minister Tshombé.

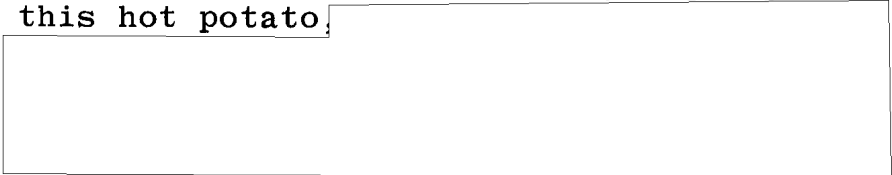


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7. Argentina

A sticky situation could be brewing in Buenos Aires. Army strong man Ongania resigned in a huff when one of his former subordinates was made his nominal superior.

President Illia has not yet grasped this hot potato



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8. Dominican Republic

The country was quiet today following the collapse of yesterday's inept attempt at a coup.

The rapidity with which the effort was broken denied the extreme left an opportunity to capitalize on it. The stock of the military got a boost.

The question now is how Garcia Godoy will react. Military leaders have again called on him to remove his pro-Communist Attorney General, Morel Cerda, and the provisional president has once again indicated that he will do so, possibly tomorrow.

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