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1. South Vietnam

There has been no specific Buddhist response yet to the announcement of the expanded directorate. However, a large meeting tonight at the Buddhist Institute in Saigon was apparently devoted to antigovernment and anti-US themes. Earlier in the day, the Institute issued a new communiqué demanding that Thieu and Ky resign.

The composition of the expanded directorate is still uncertain [redacted]

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At this point, however, it is clear that the group will be dominated by southerners. Furthermore, there is no representative "officially" connected with the Buddhist Institute, although one appointee has had close ties there.

Tri Quang, who was interviewed by US journalists over the weekend, is said to have become exceedingly bitter because the US failed to support the Buddhist struggle in Da Nang. Quang is still adamant that the confrontation between the government and the Buddhist Institute can be resolved only by the resignation or ouster of Thieu and Ky. As for the elections, Quang repeated that he is now opposed to the whole idea.

In Hué, Buddhists responded to an appeal from Tri Quang today and began putting family altars--which believers will hesitate to desecrate--in the streets. Main roads and bridge approaches have become badly blocked. This new tactic is said to be gaining the sympathies of many South Vietnamese troops in the area.

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2. Panama

Very serious rioting erupted today in Colon. At least three have been killed and 25 wounded, most of them students. At last word late this afternoon, the situation was beginning to calm down.

The outbreak followed a weekend of student protests and demonstrations protesting the unsolved killing of a Communist student leader [redacted]

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[redacted] Communists have been in the forefront of the agitation. So far, there have been no reports that US personnel or installations have been threatened.

There is danger that the trouble will spread to Panama City. The Communist-led student federation is meeting this afternoon to decide what to do.

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3. Haiti



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4. Brazil

President Castello Branco's action yesterday in removing Adhemar de Barros from the governorship of Sao Paulo State is unlikely to have serious political repercussions. The ousted governor has not yet reacted, but he probably cannot line up much political or military backing for an attempt to defy the government.

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5. Dominican Republic

The extreme left is still pressing more moderate partisans of Juan Bosch for united action to protest alleged election fraud. Broadcasts today by the radio station controlled by Bosch's party are still crying fraud and claim that the party is formally contesting the election result. This can only further encourage the extremists.

The remnant of the former rebel military leadership, however, appears disposed to accept the election result.

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As the voting tallies near completion, it is clear that Balaguer will have solid backing in the new congress. Present indications are that Balaguer's partisans will have 22 of the 27 senate seats and 48 of the 74 seats in the lower house. Bosch's party will be the only minority party represented in the congress.

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6. Communist China

Satellite photography of the Chinese missile test range [redacted] has provided additional information on the recently concluded two-month period of strategic missile testing. A 70-foot missile was erected on a pad in the test area [redacted]

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7. India

Devaluation of the rupee yesterday should enable the government to follow US and World Bank recommendations for the reduction of direct import controls. It will thus contribute to freeing the economy of excessive state controls.

For the short term, however, there will probably not be any great improvement in India's serious foreign exchange situation. Imports have already been severely restricted for some time. There is little prospect for important increases in exports, because of the inelastic world demand for Indian products.

8. Iraq

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