

The President's Daily Brief

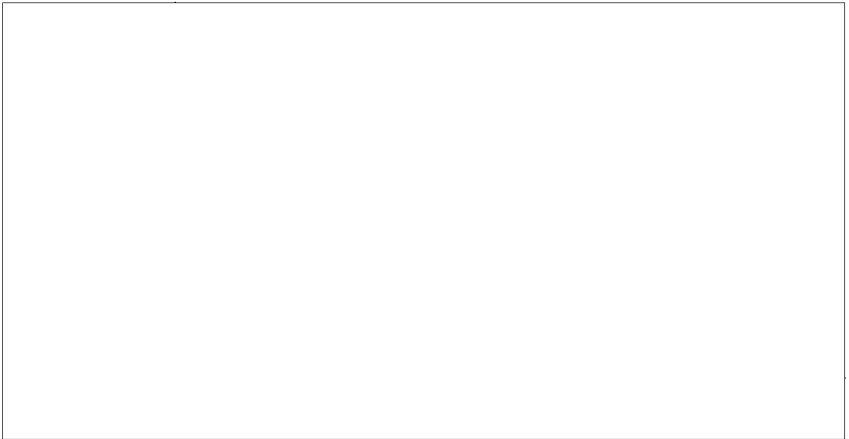
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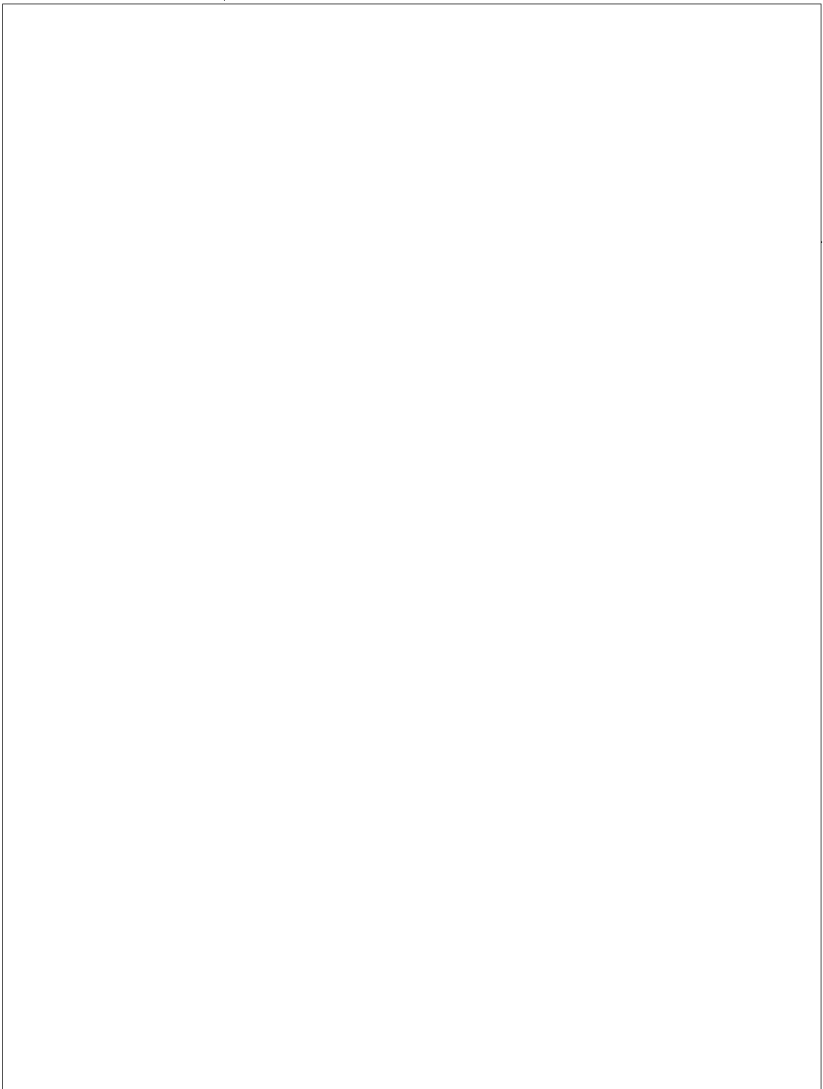
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1. South Vietnam



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2. Brazil



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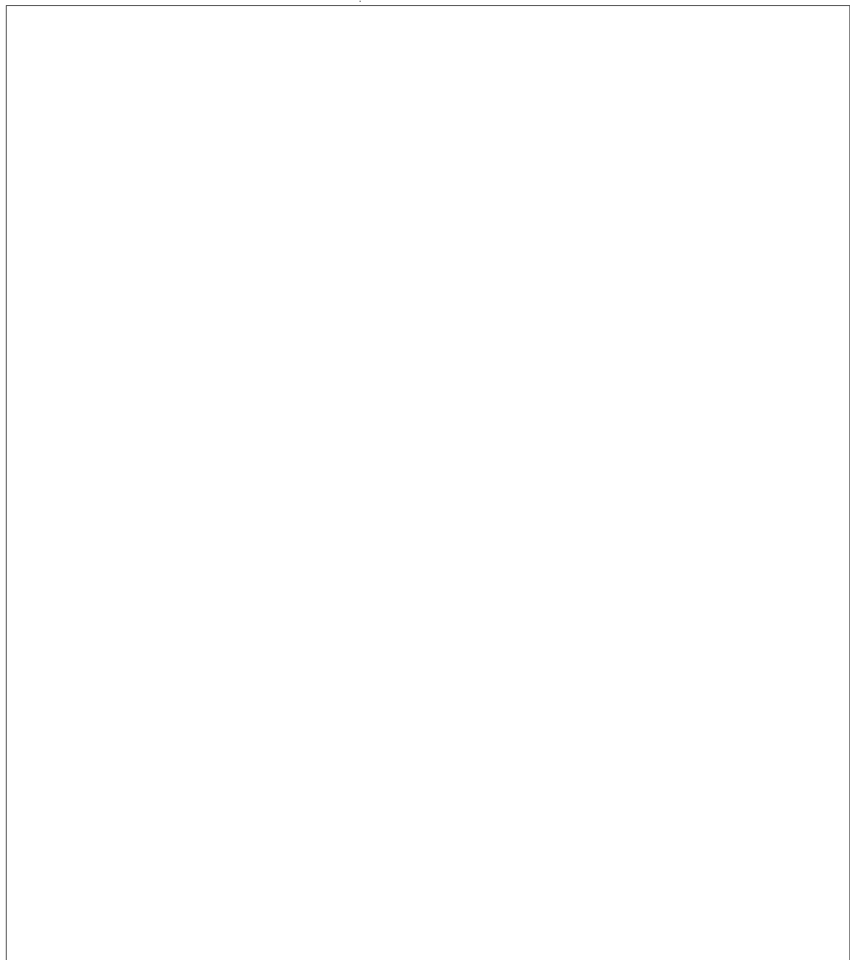
3. Congo

As yet there has been no comment from Colonel Schramme and the mercenaries on the latest plan for their evacuation. A journalist who was in Bukavu last week reports they probably will agree to get out unless they receive substantial outside reinforcement.

Mobutu set things in motion yesterday with a formal request for supervision of evacuation by the International Red Cross. He did not mention safeguards for the Katangese gendarmes with Schramme, however. [REDACTED] 50X1

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4. Singapore



5. Bolivia

The government is showing a better ability to zero-in on the guerrillas. Over the weekend the Bolivians broke a major guerrilla support apparatus in La Paz, capturing a number of important documents as well as arresting many of the guerrillas' city helpers.

This raid follows the elimination of a guerrilla rear guard unit on 31 August. The two successes should bolster army morale and help stem some of the criticism aimed at President Barrientos.

6. Nigeria

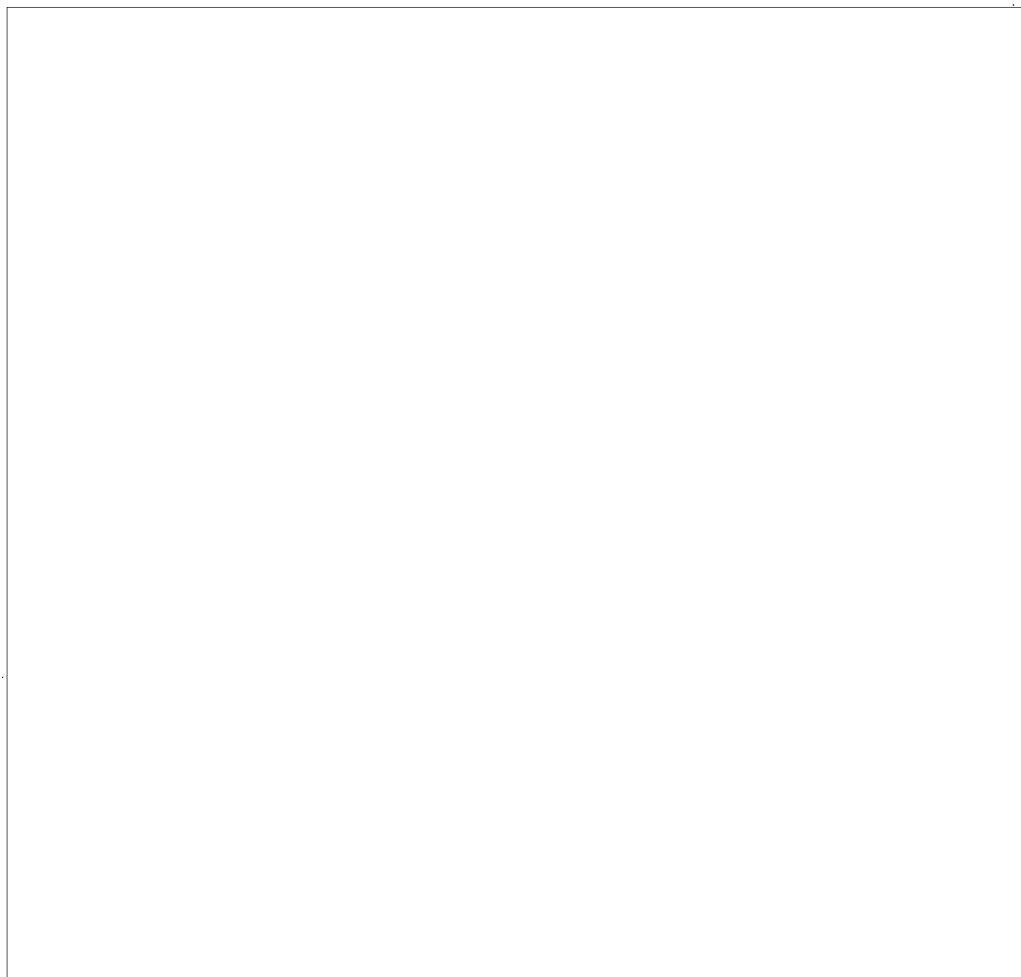
The Mid-Western state declared its independence of the federal government early this morning. The Biafrans are probably behind this move and, aside from adding to the general confusion, it is not likely to have much effect on the civil war. Federal troops are already moving into the state in force, and independence may well be short-lived.

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Hanoi on Anti-infiltration Barrier: Comment is still sparse on Hanoi radio, but what there is disparages the proposed barrier by quoting US and other Western press comments that the installation will be costly, futile, and will pin down large numbers of men in static defense.

Hanoi describes the barrier as an "attempt to curb the movement of South Vietnamese patriotic forces," thus avoiding even an oblique admission that North Vietnamese troops are moving into the South.

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