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4. Laos

During a tour d'horizon of the problems confronting his government, Souvanna assured Ambassador Unger that the question of Viet Minh withdrawal will be "satisfactorily solved." Souvanna, who says he is concerning himself directly with the matter, has indicated he may go to Hanoi and Peiping himself to request the withdrawals. Nothing Souvanna has said, however, enhances our confidence regarding our ability to verify such withdrawals when and if they take place.

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USIB WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--8 August 1962

No Sino-Soviet Bloc country intends to initiate direct military action in the immediate future.

During the past week we have noted an increase in the tempo of internal security preparations in East Germany. There are indications that the Soviets may be preparing East Germans for some active participation in the control of Allied surface access to West Berlin. Renewed harassments of Western access may occur at any time. We have no firm evidence that Moscow has moved toward signing a separate peace treaty.

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- D. Soviet shipments to Cuba have been arriving on an unprecedented scale since mid-July. Some 32 vessels are involved; at least half of these we believe to be carrying arms. Five passenger ships with a total capacity of about 3,000 persons have already arrived. Some of the personnel are said to be Soviet technicians, and we have no reason to doubt this. We do not believe there are any combat troops among them. [REDACTED]

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