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2. SOUTH VIETNAM:

THE VIET CONG SPLATTERED SAIGON WITH HAND GRENADES YESTERDAY IN OBSERVANCE OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1954 GENEVA AGREEMENTS. IT APPEARS, HOWEVER, THAT THIS WAS NO MORE HOLIDAY MANIFESTATION, BUT A FORETASTE OF THINGS TO COME. WE HAVE REPORTS THAT 300-500 VIET CONG MILITARY TYPES HAVE BEEN SLIPPED INTO THE SAIGON AREA LATELY TO GET READY FOR A CAMPAIGN OF SYSTEMATIC TERRORISM. THEIR OBJECTIVE WOULD BE TWO-FOLD: TO PANIC THE CAPITAL'S POPULATION, AND TO TIE DOWN ELITE GOVERNMENT TROOPS THERE IN THE FALL, WHEN IT IS EXPECTED THAT COMMUNIST MILITARY FORCES ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY WILL TRY TO MOVE INTO HIGHER GEAR.

3. LAOS:

A. PRESS REPORTS FROM GENEVA THIS MORNING SAY THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING HAS PUT THE FINAL TOUCHES ON AN AGREEMENT, CLEARING THE WAY FOR SIGNING ON MONDAY.

B. SOUVANNA HAS TURNED DOWN PLEAS FROM VIENTiane THAT HE CANCEL HIS TRIP TO THE US AND RETURN HOME TO REFEREE BETWEEN PHOUMI AND SOUPHANNouvong. LAOTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER QUINIM, ORIGINALLY OMITTED FROM SOUVANNA'S US ENTourage AND MUCH MIPFED ABOUT IT, IS NOW ON THE E.O. 13526, section 3.3(b)(1) LIST TO COME.

C. SOUVANNA HAS REGISTERED SATISFACTION AT THE NEWS THAT THE US IS MAKING A JULY CASH GRANT, AND INDICATES THAT HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO DISCUSSION ON A PERMANENT AID ARRANGEMENT WHILE IN WASHINGTON.

D. WHETHER BECAUSE OF DIVIDED COUNSELS OR SHEER CONFUSION IN VIENTiane, THE FENCING MATCH BETWEEN THE NATIONALIST AND COMMUNIST CHINESE [Cont'd]
OVER DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION IS BEING ALLOWED TO CONTINUE. THE NATIONALIST ENVOY HAS GOTTEN AS FAR AS PRESENTING HIS CREDENTIALS TO THE KING, BUT THE COMMUNIST MISSION ON THE SCENE IS CONFIDENT ENOUGH OF THE FUTURE THAT IT IS LOOKING FOR A LONG-TERM LEASE ON PROPERTY IN VIENTIANE.
6. PERU:

A. THE JUNTA'S DISTRESS OVER THE US ATTITUDE IS NOW SHOWING
PLAINLY. THE JUNTA PUT OUT A DECLARATION LATE YESTERDAY, CONTEND­
ing IN A PLAINTIVE VEIN THAT ITS GOOD INTENTIONS ARE BEING OVER­
LOOKED IN WASHINGTON, AND THERE ARE REPORTS THAT IT WILL TRY TO
SEND A COMMISSION HERE TO ARGUE ITS CASE. AMBASSADOR LOEB REPORTS
THAT HE IS REBUFFING ATTEMPTS BY THE MILITARY TO ESTABLISH CONTACT
WITH HIM.

B. INTERMITTENT RIOTING IS CONTINUING IN LIMA, BUT NOTHING LIKE
A COORDINATED OPPOSITION HAS DEVELOPED. THE CONFEDERATION OF LABOR
SAYS, HOWEVER, THAT A GENERAL STRIKE WILL BE LAUNCHED ON MONDAY.
B. IN BRITISH GUIANA, JAGAN'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY HAS SCHEDULED DEMONSTRATIONS FOR SUNDAY IN GEORGETOWN TO PROTEST POSTPONEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE. OPPOSITION PARTIES ARE ORGANIZING A COUNTERDEMONSTRATION TO PROTEST JAGAN.