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1. LAOS:

A. SOUVANNA WAS INFORMED BY HIS MILITARY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] YESTERDAY THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE TO SEND TO LAOS FIVE CONVOYS OF 50 TRUCKS EACH. THE CARGO, NOT SPECIFIED, WILL PROBABLY BE SHARED BY PATHET LAO AND KONG LE FORCES, AS IN THE PAST. [REDACTED]

B. PHOUMI TOLD US SEVERAL DAYS AGO THAT SOUPHANNOUVONG HAD SAID THERE WERE "MASSIVE SUPPLIES" FOR THE PATHET LAO STILL IN HANOI AND THAT HE PLANNED TO MOVE THEM ALL INTO LAOS.

C. REGULAR SOVIET AIRLIFT OPERATIONS TO SEVERAL POINTS IN LAOS HAVE CONTINUED SINCE THEIR RESUMPTION A WEEK AGO. EARLIER THIS WEEK, THE SOVIETS WERE INSISTING THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE SERVICE PERSONNEL BE STATIONED AT VANG VIENG AND PHONG SALLY BEFORE THEY WOULD "RESTORE SERVICE." [REDACTED]

D. THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR IS RETURNING TO VIENTIANE TODAY. SIGNS ARE THAT HIS PURPOSE WILL BE TO TELL SOUVANNA OFF FOR RECOGNIZING HANOI AND THEN FOLD UP THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE MISSION PERMANENTLY. [REDACTED]

2. COMMUNIST CHINA:

A. AFTER A SLOW START, THE MAINLAND PROPAGANDA MACHINE IS BUILDING UP MASS PROTEST RALLIES ON THE U-2 INCIDENT. THE REGIME PROBABLY HOPES TO SNAP THE DISAFFECTED POPULATION OUT OF ITS LETHARGY.

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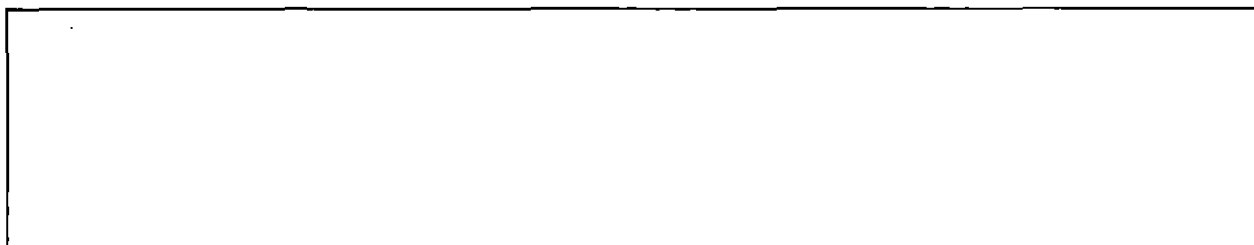
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B. WE WOULD EXPECT A MAJOR EFFORT FROM PEIPING TO KEEP UP THE FRENZY. BY WAY OF ANOTHER LOG FOR THE FIRE, THE CHINESE MIGHT PROVOKE AN INCIDENT WHEN THE US DESTROYER SHELTON, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO PATROL THE EAST CHINA COAST FROM 16 TO 21 SEPTEMBER, NEARS THE TSINGTAO NAVAL BASE. PEIPING HAS RECENTLY DISPLAYED EXTRAORDINARY SENSITIVITY TO THESE PATROLS, ~~AND~~ OUR CONSUL IN HONG KONG HAS RECOMMENDED THAT UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, THE SHELTON'S MISSION BE CALLED OFF.

3. CONGO:

A. AMBASSADOR GULLION YESTERDAY FOUND ADOULA VAGUE AND PROBABLY UNINFORMED ABOUT GOVERNMENT TROOP MOVEMENTS IN AND TOWARD KATANGA AND DELIBERATELY EVASIVE ABOUT THOSE TOWARD KASAI. GULLION IS HOPEFUL THAT, IN SO FAR AS ADOULA CAN CONTROL MOVEMENT OF HIS TROOPS AT ALL, OUR REPRESENTATIONS HAD THE DESIRED EFFECT.

B. SPAAK IS FURIOUS AT NOT HAVING BEEN CONSULTED ON THE UN'S SCHEDULE FOR CARRYING OUT THE RECONCILIATION PLAN. HE FEELS THE UN IS TRYING TO GO TOO FAST AND IS AFRAID HASTY AND "TOO FORCEFUL" ACTION AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE MAY PRECIPITATE HOSTILITIES.

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4. KROLL - KHRUSHCHEV TALKS:

A. GERMAN AMBASSADOR KROLL CAME AWAY FROM A "LENGTHY AND FRIENDLY" TALK WITH KHRUSHCHEV CONVINCED THAT THE SOVIET LEADER PLANS TO PROCEED WITH A PEACE TREATY SHORTLY AFTER THE US ELECTIONS. KHRUSHCHEV REPEATED HIS STANDARD LINE THAT THE TREATY WILL MAKE WESTERN OCCUPATION OF BERLIN IMPOSSIBLE AND SAID HE WOULD GO TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL SHOULD THE WEST TAKE ACTION WHICH RUNS THE RISK OF WAR. KROLL GOT THE IMPRESSION A DEFINITE SEQUENCE OF SOVIET ACTIONS LEADING TO SIGNATURE OF THE TREATY IS ALREADY WELL PLANNED OUT AND WILL BE SET IN MOTION SHORTLY AFTER OUR ELECTIONS ON A TIMETABLE WHICH WOULD PERMIT RECOURSE TO THE UN WHILE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS STILL IN SESSION (IT RECESSES JUST BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, BUT WILL AMOST CERTAINLY HAVE TO RECONVENE FOR UNFINISHED BUSINESS IN JANUARY).

B. KHRUSHCHEV REPEATED HIS BELIEF THAT WESTERN LEADERS AND PUBLIC OPINION ARE SO ANXIOUS TO AVOID WAR THAT THEY WILL FIND A WAY TO LIVE WITH THE SITUATION. KROLL SAYS HE IS CONVINCED THAT KHRUSHCHEV DOES NOT REALLY BELIEVE ASSERTIONS BY WESTERN LEADERS THAT THE POSITION IN BERLIN WILL BE DEFENDED EVEN AT THE RISK OF WAR.

5. ADENAUER - DE GAULLE TALKS:

A. WE ARE GETTING CONFLICTING INFORMATION FROM LOWER LEVELS OF THE FRENCH AND GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICES ABOUT WHAT WENT ON BETWEEN ADENAUER AND DE GAULLE. THEY QUITE OBVIOUSLY DO NOT KNOW YET. A COMMON THEME IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH GERMAN OFFICIALS

IS THAT ADENAUER IS "PRETTY MUCH ALONE" IN HIS MISGIVINGS ABOUT BRITISH POLITICAL ASSOCIATION WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

B. ONE UPSHOT OF THE TALKS IS THAT SPAAK AND LUNS ARE NOW MORE DETERMINED THAN EVER TO GAIN BRITISH ACCESSION TO THE COMMON MARKET. SPAAK TOLD AMBASSADOR MACARTEUR YESTERDAY THAT BELGIUM IS TOTALLY UNINTERESTED IN JOINING A FRANCO-GERMAN ALLIANCE AND HE FEELS THERE CAN BE NO FURTHER PROGRESS UNTIL THE BRITISH ROLE IS DECIDED.

6. NOTES:

A. BRAZIL: WITH ARMY UNITS ON THE ALERT AND A GENERAL STRIKE NOW UNDER WAY, CONTENDING FACTIONS IN BRAZIL ARE GATHERING FORCES FOR A SHOWDOWN. MOST DISTURBING IS THE FACT THAT A DISPOSITION TO COMPROMISE, EVER PRESENT IN PREVIOUS CRISES, IS NOT SO FAR IN EVIDENCE.

B. DE GAULLE - KHRUSHCHEV VISIT: WE ARE TRYING TO CHECK

THAT DE GAULLE IS SOUNDING OUT KHRUSHCHEV ON THE POSSIBILITY OF THE SOVIET LEADER COMING TO PARIS EARLY NEXT YEAR. WORD IS THAT DE GAULLE WOULD RECIPROCATE SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

C. SOVIET WEAPON TEST: ALTHOUGH THE EVIDENCE IS STILL INCOMPLETE, WE HAVE INDICATIONS, SIMILAR TO SOME WHICH PRECEDED THE SHOT LAST YEAR, THAT PREPARATIONS MAY BE AFOOT FOR ANOTHER HIGH-YIELD DROP OVER NOVAYA ZEMLYA.

D. USSR: FIVE OF THE SIX SOVIET SPACE SUPPORT SHIPS ARE NOW ON THEIR WAY HOME, IMPLYING A PAUSE IN SOVIET SPACE OPERATIONS EXCEPT FOR THOSE IN THE SMALLER COSMOS SERIES. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

E. CUBA: [REDACTED]

SOVIET FORCES IN GERMANY CALLED FOR "VOLUNTEERS FOR THE PROTECTION OF CUBA." WE ARE NOT SURE OF THE WEIGHT TO BE PLACED ON THIS [REDACTED] REFERRING TO THE ISOLATION OF "VOLUNTEERS." [REDACTED] IF VALID, THEY WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE INFLUX OF SOVIET MILITARY PERSONNEL TO CUBA IS NOT FINISHED. WE ARE INVESTIGATING FURTHER. [REDACTED]