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1. Canada

a. With the Social Credit Party throwing its 30 votes in with the Liberals (99) votes, Diefenbaker faces certain defeat on the no confidence vote which comes up at this evening's parliamentary session.

b. New elections will then be held 60 days hence.

c. Diefenbaker may still dissolve parliament beforehand to avoid being voted out, but either way the result is the same.

d. To the Canadian people generally, who seem more embarrassed by their do-nothing government than resentful toward us, the prospect of a change will come as a relief.

e. Responsible opinion there advises that, in these circumstances, a campaign built on anti-American jingoism, which Diefenbaker evidently has in mind, will not pay off (see documents attached).

2. France-USSR

a. Our Embassy in Paris feels that the typically ham-fisted Soviet demarche of 29 January to De Gaulle makes it clear there has been no behind-the-scenes talk between Paris and Moscow.

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b. This view is shared by the British ambassador there, who also discounts the possibility that it is a smoke-screen.

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c. For their part, the French suspect it is we who are working toward a deal with the Soviets.

[redacted] of an alleged Khrushchev-Gromulka conversation in which Khrushchev is supposed to have said that the US and the Soviets are well along toward an agreement.

d. The French [redacted] had heard that US-Soviet negotiations were in an advanced stage, [redacted]

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3. West Germany-EEC

a. As party lines are drawn for the Bundestag debate in foreign policy which opens tomorrow, only Erhard among top German leaders has spoken out firmly against early ratification of the Franco-German treaty. Others, wanting the best of both worlds are, however, seeking ways to reduce its impact on the Western alliance.

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b. Erhard, [redacted]

[redacted] is persuaded that this is the time and the issue on which to make his bid. He plans to introduce a resolution opposing De Gaulle's third force concepts and, should Adenauer press the treaty issue, he is prepared to resign and make it a question of confidence.

c. Although he has not been conspicuously successful in political in-fighting with Adenauer so far, he would carry most of his party with him, plus the Free Democrats, if he were to take the initiative he seems determined to take in realigning Germany unequivocally with the Atlantic community.

4. Cuba

a. Two top veteran Cuban Communists have used last week's anniversary of Jose Marti's birthday as the occasion to add their voices to those of Castro and Blas Roca urging revolution as the only answer for Latin America.

b. In so doing, both Carlos Rafael Rodriquez, Castro's agriculture chief, and Juan Marinello rector of Havana University, focussed again on Betancourt as the prime target.

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d. Havana radio, taking up the call, has become increasingly blunt in broadcasts beamed to central and South America which appeal for support of guerrilla action or armed insurrection. In addition to Venezuela, Chile and the Dominican Republic are current favorite targets, although others are not overlooked.

e. Soviets continue to operate the surface-to-air missile sites exclusively. No effort has been noted so far to phase Cubans into the operation.  50X1, E.O.13526

5. Brazil

a. A test of leftist and rightist political strength is shaping up in the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies over re-election of conservative Ranieri Mazzilli as president of the chamber.

b. Ultra-nationalist Leonel Brizola, fashioning himself spokesman for the extreme left, has begun campaigning against Mazzilli, whose election would put him first in line of succession to Goulart.

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NOTES

- A. Togo The Monrovia commission to investigate the situation in Togo has so far accomplished nothing except to push Grunitzky into the arms of Ghana. Prospects now are that this will be about all that it will achieve. Two of the five members have backed out and efforts now are being made to bury the commission quickly and quietly before it does any further damage.
- B. Hungary Our Legation in Budapest has received several firm indications that prisoners of the 1956 revolt are about to be given amnesty and released.
- C. Taiwan Straits 50X1, E.O.13526  
  
 Talk from Taipei about stepping up mainland operations may be prompting the Chinese Communists to increase further their military strength in the area.  50X1, E.O.13526
- D. Singapore Security authorities in Singapore anticipate a general strike in the city within the next 10 days following last weekend's far from complete roundup of key leftists.
- E. France A top Quai official, when we asked him about it, said Pompidou definitely was not going to Warsaw and Prague as had previously been rumored (Checklist 1 February).

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DOCUMENT OF INTEREST

Canadian press and radio commentary on the current crisis.

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