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1. Cuba

a. Another pre-Castro Communist has turned up in a key military post. He is Maj. Flavio Bravo, noted in a recent Havana broadcast as chief of operations of the Army General Staff.

b. In April 1959, Bravo was on the party's military commission-- charged with ensuring party control over Castro's then disorganized forces; he is now also a member of the 24-man directorate of Castro's political machine.

c. He is the second veteran Communist we have found on the general staff; Joaquin Ordoqui has been chief of supply for over a year.

d. Training in the simulated use of air-to-air missiles by fighter aircraft continues,

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2. Congo

a. The next problem shaping up is that of maintaining order in Katanga when UN forces there start thinning out--the Indians are preparing now for their departure next month. Some tribal tensions are building up and the Balubas and other tribal minorities in Elisabethville are disturbed over threats by Katangan gendarmes who say they will take reprisals when the UN goes.

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b. In Leopoldville, Adoula is coming under increasing pressure-- his opposition is criticizing him for allowing Tshombe to remain in office.

c. Tshombe himself has left Elisabethville for Rhodesia. The local betting is that he is, as he claims, going for treatment of an eye condition and that he will be back.

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3. Portuguese
Guinea

a. Nationalist elements in Portugal's West African colony are stepping up their guerrilla campaign. Scattered incidents of terrorism last month culminated in the sabotage of a tanker in Bissau harbor.

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c. With the pot bubbling in Angola and simmering in Mozambique, the Portuguese may be in for a rough year.

4. Guinea-USSR

a. The ham-handed Russians have again managed to damage their relations with Guinea.

b. The Guineans prevented Soviet Embassy officials from putting a Soviet girl teacher aboard an Aeroflot plane against her will--she said it was for "fraternizing with Guineans."

c. This is being interpreted as, among other things, a racial affront. Guinea's Minister of Education says the Soviet Ambassador will probably be declared persona non grata. His predecessor was expelled in December 1961.

d. Last week a West German military mission, an engineering team to assist with road building, showed up in Conakry "in full uniform" at the request of the Guineans. This is being read locally as a deliberate provocation of the Bloc.

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5. USSR

a. We have been estimating that the 1962 grain harvest has fallen far short of Soviet plans, hopes, and claims (they claim 147 million metric tons; we think it closer to 115 million).

b. Our estimates have been based on such factors as weather conditions, the state of the crops as noted here and there by touring Westerners, etc. However, we now have our first direct confirmation that statistics have been diddled and the situation is in fact very bad.

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there was much wringing of hands over the grain shortage and the need to economize.

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officials at the regional and local level--in order to meet their delivery quotas--have cut into their stocks for feed and seed. This in turn may result in even further trouble in 1963.

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NOTES

- A. Brazil Yesterday we noted a test of strength between conservative Ranieri Mazzilli and ultranationalist Leonel Brizola over re-election of the former as President of the Chamber of Deputies. Mazzilli won.
- B. France-Spain Information emerging thus far on the Madrid visit of General Ailleret, French Chief of Staff, suggests that it may only be a protocol affair in return for a visit by Spanish military chief Munoz-Grandes last fall.
- C. Laos The Polish ICC member is now demanding an investigation of Air America, saying that as a "paramilitary organization" it should have left Laos in October. The Indian ICC chairman has discussed with Ambassador Unger methods for minimizing any damage.
- D. Mexico-Poland Polish Prime Minister Cyrankiewicz visits Mexico next month in response to a Mexican invitation. [redacted] 50X1, E.O.13526
- E. USSR-Yugoslavia-Chile. The Yugoslavs now turn up as Soviet front men in the play for Latin America. Chilean ambassadors here and there are being subjected to "suave" Yugoslav approaches urging reestablishment of diplomatic relations with the USSR and other Bloc countries.
- F. USSR We are seeing aircraft activity which in the past has preceded by a week the launching of Cosmos-series non-recoverable research satellites from Kapustin Yar. The last one was put up on 20 October. [redacted] 50X1, E.O.13526

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DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

- I. British Embassy in Paris assesses French public opinion on De Gaulle's policies (30 January).
- II. Results of reputable French public opinion poll (31 January). (*President Returned*)