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1. SOVIET INTELLECTUAL CLIMATE TODAY: WRITERS OF THE LIBERAL PERSUASION SEEM TO BE REGAINING SOME OF THE GROUND LOST IN LAST SPRINGS CULTURAL "REFREEZE." CONSERVATIVES ARE STILL VOCAL IN THEIR CRITICISM, AND KHRUSHCHEV APPEARS TO HAVE REVERTED TO A POSITION OF RELATIVE NEUTRALITY. (CONF)

2. SOVIET MOTIVES IN CHALLENGING ALLIED BERLIN ACCESS: THE LATEST AUTOBAHN INCIDENT AS A FURTHER INDICATION THAT MOSCOW INTENDS TO CONTINUE HARASSING SELECTED CONVOYS TO OVERCOME ALLIED UNWILLINGNESS TO ENGAGE IN A NEW ROUND OF DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATIONS ON BROADER QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE STATUS OF WEST BERLIN. BOTH TASS AND MOSCOW RADIO CLAIM THE INCIDENT WAS THE RESULT OF A

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"DELIBERATE PROVOCATION." THE USSR APPARENTLY DESIRES TO AVOID THE RISK OF EVEN A LIMITED MILITARY CONFRONTATION.

3. CANADA: //THE PEARSON GOVERNMENT IS REVIEWING ITS DEFENSE POLICY WITH THE AIM OF ASSURING THAT CANADA'S MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT IS MORE COMMENSURATE WITH ITS POSITION AS A "MIDDLE CLASS" POWER. THIS POLICY REVIEW IS OUTGROWTH OF MOUNTING UNEASINESS IN THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OVER GAP BETWEEN OTTAWA'S MILITARY COMMITMENTS AND RESOURCES TO CARRY THEM OUT. ALTHOUGH SOME CUTS IN EXPENDITURES HAVE BEEN MADE AND MORE ARE EXPECTED, AN EARLY SHIFT IN THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO ACCEPT NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOR USE AND CANADIAN FORCES STATIONED IN CANADA IS UNLIKELY. IT MAY SEEM A GRACEFUL WAY OF GIVING UP A NUCLEAR ROLE ONCE THE F-104S AND BOMARCS BECOME OBSOLETE.//

4. ITALY: THE POLITICAL SITUATION IS MARKING TIME, FOLLOWING PREMIER LEONES RESIGNATION AND PENDING PRESIDENT SEGNIS APPOINTMENT OF A PREMIER DESIGNATE. PROBABLY 10 NOV. IF ALDO MORO SECRETARY OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS APPOINTED THE RESULTS OF HIS EFFORTS TO PUT TOGETHER A NEW CENTER LEFT GOVERNMENT WILL PROBABLY BE KNOWN BY THIRD WEEK NOV. HARD BARGAINING WITH THE SOCIALISTS IS IN

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PROSPECT. IRONING OUT A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM HAS YET TO BE FACED UP TO. IMPROVING THE PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS IS THE POSITION OF THE CHURCH WHICH SEEMS TO HAVE TEMPERED SOMEWHAT ITS OPPOSITION TO A REGIME IN WHICH THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS AND SOCIALISTS WOULD BE PARTNERS.

5. FINLAND: LONG FINNISH CABINET CRISIS ENDED 31 OCT WHEN PRESIDENT KEKKONEN APPOINTED TWO AGRARIAN PARTY MEMBERS AND A NON-PARTY CIVIL SERVANT TO FILL POSTS VACATED BY THREE UNION REPRESENTATIVES WHO WITHDREW FROM THE CABINET LAST AUG IN PROTEST OVER A GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL TO RAISE PRICES. THIS REPRESENTS A SWING TO THE RIGHT BY THE AGRARIANS WHO PREVIOUSLY HAD DECLARED THEY WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN A CABINET WHICH DID NOT INCLUDE LABOR REPRESENTATIVES INCUMBENT OFFICIALS HAVE RETAINED THEIR OLD CABINET POSTS, WHILE THE NEW ONES HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO POSTS OF MINOR IMPORTANCE. ONE IDENTIFIED WITH THE AGRARIAN LEFTWING, BELONGS TO A SMALL FACTION WHICH ADVOCATES COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IN THE GOVERNMENT. (CONF)

6. COMMON MARKET: CURRENT MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS OF EEC COUNCIL AND AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS MAY DETERMINE WHETHER BONN AND PARIS RIFT OVER A COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY IS DEEPENING INTO AN IRRECONCILABLE

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DISPUTE. ON KEY ISSUE OF GRAIN PRICES ATMOSPHERE IS SCARCELY PROPITIOUS FOR COMPROMISE. THE "SIMPLE" SOLUTION, TO FIX PRICES SOMEWHERE BETWEEN CURRENT FARMER AND URBAN LEVELS, APPEARS TO INTEREST NEITHER PARTY. REMAINING POSSIBILITIES ARE MESSY ONES. FOR EXAMPLE, DIRECT INCOME SUBSIDIZATION OF THE URBAN FARMER, A PROPOSAL SO COMPLEX THAT ITS PRACTICABILITY IS QUESTIONABLE.

7. YEMEN: SAUDI ARABIA AGREED TO CONTINUE FINANCING THE UN OBSERVATION MISSION IN YEMEN UNTIL 4 JAN ONLY AFTER CROWN PRINCE FAYSAL HAD RECEIVED ASSURANCES THAT THE UN WOULD EXERT STRONG PRESSURE ON EGYPT TO HONOR ITS PART OF THE AGREEMENT. FAYSAL HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WILL BE SATISFIED ONLY IF CAIRO QUICKLY WITHDRAWS ALL ITS TROOPS WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF A SMALL MILITARY ADVISORY MISSION. HE PROBABLY DOUBTS THAT EGYPT WILL DO THIS, AND MAY BE PREPARING TO RESUME AID TO YEM THE ROYALISTS AFTER THE UN MISSION LEAVES. SECRETARY GENERAL U THANT, FOR HIS PART, APPARENTLY REMAINS DETERMINED TO REDUCE UN INVOLVEMENT. NASIR IS CONTINUING TO MAINTAIN 30,000 TO 32,000 TROOPS [illegible] BY ROTATING ARMY UNITS BETWEEN EGYPT AND YEMEN, AND APPARENTLY HAS

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MADE LITTLE PROGRESS IN WORKING OUT A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT THAT WOULD PLACATE TRIBES NOW HOSTILE TO THE REPUBLICAN REGIME. HIS EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A MORE BROADLY BASED GOVERNMENT MAY BE FACILITATED BY PRESIDENT SALLAL'S RETURN TO CAIRO FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT FOLLOWING A HEART ATTACK.

8. SYRIA-IRAQ: RUMORS OF IMMINENT POLITICAL UNION BETWEEN IRAQ AND SYRIA CONTINUE TO ABOUND IN BOTH COUNTRIES IN THE WAKE OF RIM THE LATE OCTOBER CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF THE BAATH PARTY. HARD-LINE BAATHISTS DEDICATED TO RAPID STEPS TOWARD SOCIALIZATION AND ARAB UNITY APPARENTLY DOMINATED THE PROCEEDINGS,//AND PARTY CO-FOUNDER SALAH BITAR, NOW PREMIER OF SYRIA, EVIDENTLY HAS BEEN DROPPED FROM THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE.// THE PARTY'S UNCOMPROMISING MANIFESTO HAS FURTHER ALIENATED TRADITIONAL POWER GROUPS IN BOTH COUNTRIES WITHOUT GAINING ANY SIGNIFICANT NEW ADHERENTS. CIVIL SERVANTS AND ARMY OFFICERS HAVE BEEN DEMORALIZED BY PURGES. MEANWHILE//PLANS TO SET UP A JOINT MILITARY COMMAND APPEAR TO BE MOVING FORWARD RAPIDLY. SYRIAN TROOPS ARE IN IRAQ HELPING THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE KURDS.

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AND TALKS ARE UNDERWAY TO DRAW UP A "CHARTER OF ECONOMIC UNITY" BETWEEN SYRIA AND IRAQ.//

9. JAPAN: PREMIER HAYATO IKEDA'S LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY SEEMS ASSURED OF RETURNING TO OFFICE IN THE 30 JAN ELECTIONS TO THE LOWER HOUSE OF THE DIET. SHOULD THE LDP ADD TO ITS 280 SEATS IN THE 467-MEMBER HOUSE, IKEDA WOULD BE IN A STRONG POSITION NEXT JULY TO WIN ELECTION TO A THIRD TERM AS PARTY PRESIDENT. THE LEFT IS HOPING TO CAPITALIZE UPON DISSATISFACTION WITH THE ISA TION THAT IS MARRING JAPAN'S GENERAL PROSPERITY. THE JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY, THE MAIN OPPOSITION FORCE, HAS PARTED COMPANY WITH THE COMMUNISTS WHO FAVOR PEIPING'S PRONUCLEAR WEAPONS STAND, HE AND IS SEEKING TO RIDE THE SLOW LEFTWARD TREND IN JAPANESE VOTING HABITS TO WIN 19 MORE SEATS AND ACHIEVE BY ITSELF ONE-THIRD OF THE HOUSE MEMBERSHIP NECESSARY TO BLOCK CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS. DESPITE THE SOCIALISTS' GROWING MODERATION, THEY REMAIN OPPOSED TO IKEDA'S CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH THE US. (CONF)

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10. MOROCCO-ALGERIA THE CEASE-FIRE BETWEEN MOROCCO AND ALGERIA BECAME EFFECTIVE ON 4 NOV WHEN A MALIAN OBSERVER REACHED THE BATTLE LINE AT FIGUIG. ALGERIAN FORCES THERE HAD CONTINUED THEIR ACTION FOR TWO DAYS AFTER THE CEASE-FIRE WAS TO HAVE GONE INTO EFFECT. THE FREE WHEELING DEFENSE MINISTER BOUMEDIENNE WAS DIRECTING THE ALGERIAN OPERATIONS. BOTH GOVERNMENTS ARE LINING UP THEIR SUPPORT PREPARATORY TO A MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, AND THE FOREIGN MINISTERS MAY CONVENE IN ADDIS ABABA IN ABOUT TEN DAYS. APPARENTLY NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TOWARD HOLDING A MEETING OF THE FOUR-MEMBER (ALGERIA, MOROCCO, ETHIOPIA, AND MALI) COMMISSION ESTABLISHED BY THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT TO SET UP A DEMILITARIZED ZONE BETWEEN THE TWO ARMIES, HOWEVER, AND THE BUILDUP ON BOTH SIDES IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE. ON THE ALGERIAN DOMESTIC FRONT, BEN BELLA REPORTEDLY HAS MET WITH LEADERS OF THE KABYLIE DISSIDENTS IN AN APPARENT EFFORT TO ACHIEVE AN ACCOMMODATION.

11. TURKEY: LOCAL ELECTIONS ON 17 NOV WILL BE PROVIDE THE FIRST TEST OF THE PARTIES' POPULAR STRENGTH SINCE 1961, AND MAY

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LEAD TO THE BREAK-UP OF PREMIER INONU'S COALITION GOVERNMENT. MOST OBSERVERS EXPECT THAT THE OPPOSITION JUSTICE PARTY, DRAWN MAINLY FROM SUPPORTERS OF THE OLD MENDERES REGIME, WILL WIN A MAJORITY OF THE POPULAR VOTE. THIS WOULD PRODUCE SOME DEMANDS FOR EARLY NATIONAL ELECTIONS--THEY ARE NOT DUE UNTIL 1966--BUT MANY PARTY LEADERS PREFER TO WAIT UNTIL THEY HAVE CONVINCED MILITARY LEADERS THAT THEIR PARTY IS NOT JUST A REINCARNATION OF THE OLD REGIME OVERTHROWN IN 1960. THEY WOULD JOIN A COALITION ONLY IF INONU STEPS DOWN AS PREMIER. THE NEW TURKEY PARTY, AT THE SAME TIME, IS THREATENING TO PULL OUT OF THE PRESENT COALITION BECAUSE OF DEFECTIONS IT IS SUFFERING FOR ITS ROLE IN THE GOVERNMENT, AND MAY JOIN THE OPPOSITION AFTER THE ELECTIONS. IF IT STAYS IT WILL DEMAND THE REPLACEMENT OF INONU. EVEN THE MOST OPTIMISTIC SPOKESMAN OF INONU'S OWN REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY DO NOT EXPECT THE PARTY TO DO MUCH BETTER THAN HOLD ITS OWN. WHILE INONU SHOWS SIGNS OF RESIGNING UNDER PRESSURE, ANY COALTION WITHOUT EITHER THE NTP OR JP WOULD DEPEND INCREASINGLY ON MILITARY SUPPORT.

12. SOUTH VIETNAM: THE GENERALS WHO OVERTHREW THE DIEM REGIME ON 1-2 NOVEMBER HAVE MOVED QUICKLY TO ESTABLISH ORDER.

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A LARGELY CIVILIAN CABINET HAS BEEN APPOINTED, BUT THE MILITARY CLEARLY INTEND TO HOLD THE REINS OF GOVERNMENT. GENERALS OCCUPY THE POSTS OF DEFENSE, SECURITY, AND INFORMATION, AND A MILITARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HEADED BY MAJOR GENERAL DUONG VAN "BIG" MINH IS VESTED WITH SUPREME EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY WITH THE CHARACTER OF A SUPRACABINET. THE GENERALS HAVE ALREADY HAD SOME TROUBLE DEALING WITH AMBITIOUS POLITICIANS JOCKEYING FOR POSTS, AND ARE VAGUE ABOUT HOW LONG MILITARY RULE WILL LAST. MANY CIVILIANS AND GENERALS ARE UNHAPPY AT THE PROMINENCE OF MAJOR GENERAL TON THAT DIEN, THE NEW MILITARY GOVERNOR OF SAIGON AND MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY. HE IS CONSIDERED OPPORTUNISTIC, HIGHLY AMBITIOUS, AND IRRATIONAL: TWO OF HIS FORMER SUBORDINATES HAVE BEEN NAMED AS COMMANDERS OF THE MILITARY CORPS AREAS SURROUNDING SAIGON. THE VIET CONG HAVE STEPPED UP SMALL SCALE HARASSING ATTACKS IN THE DELTA SINCE THE COUP.

13. GREECE: THE NARROW UPSET ELECTION VICTORY OF GEORGE PAPANDREOU'S CENTER UNION MAY LEAD TO AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF POLITICAL INSTABILITY IN GREECE. PAPANDREOU, WITH 140 OUT OF

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300 SEATS, IS TRYING TO ORGANIZE A GOVERNMENT FOR PRESENTATION TO KING PAUL ON 8 NOVEMBER/. //SINCE MILITARY LEADERS REPORTEDLY HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY WILL NOT TOLERATE PARTICIPATION BY THE SMALL PRO-COMMUNIST UNITED DEMOCRATIC LEFT UDL (30 SEATS)//, PAPANDREOU IS CALCULATING TO SEEK THE ADDITIONAL 20 OR 30 VOTES HE NEEDS TO FORM A WORKING MAJORITY PRIMARILY FROM THE NATIONAL RADICAL UNION (128 SEATS) OF FORMER PREMIER KARAMANLIS. KARAMANLIS IS LIKELY TO DEMAND HUMILIATING CONCESSIONS BEFORE ALLOWING HIS FOLLOWERS TO PARTICIPATE, AND PAPANDREOU WILL SEEK TO DETACH SOME OF THEM BY THE LURE OF GOVERNMENT POSITIONS AND FAVORS. HIGHER MILITARY LEADERS ARE LIKELY TO TAKE A LARGER ROLE BY MAKING THEIR WISHES FELT IN RESPECT TO PROPOSED CABINET MEMBERS AND AS WELL AS AGAINST ANY ARRANGEMENT THAT WOULD LEAN ON COMMUNISTS. THE PALACE'S DECISIVE ROLE IN RESOLVING THE CRISIS MAY TEMPORARILY STEM ITS LONG-TERM DECLINE IN INFLUENCE.

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