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(INFO IN SLATES. RELATING INFO RELASABLE TO [Redacted])

1. CYPRUS: PEACE APPEARS TO BE SLOWLY REFORMING TO CYPRUS WITH ONLY A FEW EXCHANGES OF GROUND OCCURRED 20 DEC.

REPRESENTATIVES OF BRITISH, GREEK, AND TURKISH GOVERNMENTS AND OF TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TOGETHER IN POLITICAL LIAISON COMMITTEE. BRITISH HAVE FAILED TO REESTABLISH JOINT BRITISH-GREEK-TURKISH PATROLS TO POLICE CEASE-FIRE. BRITISH PATROLS HAVE OCCUPIED ADDITIONAL STRONG POINTS BETWEEN THE GREEK AND TURKISH QUARTERS IN NICOSIA.

BOTH ETHNIC COMMITTEES DISCOUNT POSSIBILITY OF RETURNING TO POLITICAL STATUS QUO ANTE. PRESIDENT MAKARIOS, WHO ANTICIPATES SUPPORT OF ATHENS, CONTINUES TO CALL FOR REVISING CONSTITUTION WHICH HE TERMS "UNWORKABLE."

THERE IS GROWING SUPPORT IN ATHENS AND AMONG GREEK CYPRIOT

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LEADERS FOR REJECTION OF BOTH GREEK AND TURKISH GOVERNMENTS ON ISLAND--INCLUDING THE TWO MILITARY COMMANDERS--IN FAVOR OF UNILATERAL BRITISH GUARANTEE OF CYPRUS INDEPENDENCE.

TURKISH CYPRIOTS, WITH AMERICA'S SUPPORT, HAVE REITERATED THEIR DEMANDS FOR SEPARATION OF ISLAND. TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER ERKIN HAS SAID PARTITION IS ONE OF SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES BUT MAINTAINS THAT SOME "RADICAL" SOLUTION IS NECESSARY. (OSNY)

2. KENYA-SOMALIA: STEPPLE BETWEEN KENYA AND SOMALIA OVER CONTROL OF KENYA'S NORTHEASTERN REGION BEGINS LIKELY TO SHARPEN.

SOMALI TERRORISTS HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY ACTIVE SINCE KENYA BECAME INDEPENDENT OF BRITAIN ON 12 DEC. LAST WEEK KENYA GOVERNMENT'S DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY INDICATES IT BELIEVES IT MUST REACT DECISIVELY TO ACTIVITIES OF SOMALI INHABITANTS AND CROSS-BORDER RAIDERS.

KENYATTA REPORTABLY SAID KENYAN FORCES WILL NOT HESITATE TO PURSUE ACROSS SOMALI BORDERS, SINCE THIS WOULD PERMIT SOMALIS TO INTERNATIONALIZE SITUATION, PERHAPS BY APPEAL TO UN. OBSERVERS ARE SKEPTICAL KENYAN AUTHORITIES CAN CONTROL SITUATION BY PATROLLING THE FIVE-MILE-BAND "DEAD ZONE"

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THEY PROCLAIMED ALONG 450-MILE BORDER.

ONE LIKELY IMMEDIATE AFFECT KENYAN DECLARATION STATE OF EMERGENCY IS BRING SOMALI GOVERNMENT UNDER PRESSURE GIVE MORE SUPPORT TO GUERRILLAS

THE REPORT STATES THAT IN MID-DEC NOVAKISICIO HAD ALREADY GIVEN THE GUERRILLAS SOME 500 CARBINES AND 7,000 ROUNDS AMMUNITION. CONTINUED SUPPORT, EVEN ON THIS RELATIVELY SMALL SCALE, COULD RESULT IN PROLONGED GUERRILLA WAR AND SEVERE ECONOMIC DRAIN ON KENYA//

ETHIOPIA AND KENYA APPARENTLY ARE CARRYING OUT LAST JULY'S INITIAL DEFENSE PACT, AIMED AT CONTAINING SOMALI INSURRECTION IN BOTH COUNTRIES. ETHIOPIAN MISSION INCLUDING SEVERAL HIGH-RANKING MILITARY OFFICERS LEFT FOR NADESI TO DEC. SOMALI REPUBLIC, WHICH HAS BITTERLY OPPOSED ETHIOPIAN-KENYAN DEFENSE PACT, WILL LIKELY STEP UP SUPPORT OF INSURGENTS IN BOTH KENYA AND ETHIOPIA WHEN IT HEARS OF THIS MOVE

3. GHANA-USSR //REPORTS THAT GHANA IS DEVELOPING CLOSER TIES WITH USSR, ESPECIALLY IN MILITARY FIELD, CONTINUE TO ACCUMULATE//

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//INDICATIONS ARE GENERALIZED AND CONSIDERING FORMERS WITH SOVIET
HELP & NEW MILITARY UNIT SEPARATE FROM OTHER COMPONENTS OF GHANAIAN
ARMY. NERMAN PRESENTLY CONSIDERS REGULAR UNITS POLITICALLY UN-
RELIABLE BECAUSE THEY ARE WESTERN-TRAINED //

//SUCH ARRANGEMENT WOULD PROBABLY BRING SOVIET OFFICERS TO
GHANA TO TRAIN AND EQUIP UNIT OF FERRERS INFANTRY DIV. PROJECT ALONG
THESE LINES REPORTED EARLY 1953 APPROVED BY NERMAN BUT NEVER MATERIALIZED
OTHER RECENT REPORTS STATE NERMAN'S GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING SOVIET RE-
QUEST TO LEASE AREA AT TERA HARBOR, GHANA'S NORTHERN PORT EAST OF ACCRA //

//THESE REPORTS, AND OTHERS WHICH INDICATE NERMAN OBTAINED SOVIET
ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPMENT OF HIS SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE SERVICES,
FOLLOW SPEECH LAST MONTH IN WHICH GHANAIAN LEADER EXHIBITED STRONGER
SENSE OF KINSHIP WITH COMMUNIST WORLD THAN PREVIOUSLY OVER PAST FEW
MONTHS. NERMAN EXTENDED SCOPE OF INFLUENCE OF HIS MILITANTLY PRO-
COMMUNIST ADVISERS //

4. INDIA. RECENT VICTORY OF PEOPLES FRONT INDIAN COMMUNIST IN
BY ELECTION FOR WEST BENGAL STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SUGGESTS POPULAR
APPEAL OF INDIAN COMMUNIST PARTY LEFT WING REMAINS LARGELY INTACT DESPITE

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CHINESE INVASION OF OCT 1949. AS IN MOST WEST INDIAN VOTERS APPARENTLY DID NOT IDENTIFY COMMUNIST CANDIDATE WITH ANY FOREIGN AID INFLUENCE.

PARTY STRENGTH THIS CONTEST WILL BOOST MORALE OF INFLUENTIAL WEST BENGAL, COMMUNIST PARTY WHICH FACTUALIZED BY SQUABLING BETWEEN LEFTIST LEADERS, WHO CONTROLLED PARTY BEFORE CHINESE ATTACK BUT WERE JAILED AFTERWARD, AND RIGHTISTS WHO SUCCEEDED LEFTISTS TO HIERARCHY. MORE RECENTLY BOTH FACTIONS LEADERS INTERESTED IN DEGREE OF RECONCILIATION WERE ABLE UNITE SUPPORTING SUCCESSFUL BY ELECTION CANDIDATE.

//INTRA PARTY DIFFICULTIES MAY SOON BECOME MORE COMPLEX. WEST BENGAL GOVERNMENT REPORTEDLY AGREED "IN PRINCIPLE" RELEASE 112 COMMUNISTS SOME OF WHOM RADICALS WHO WOULD SPLIT PARTY RATHER THAN COMPROMISE WHILE MOST INFLUENTIAL APPEAR WILLING SUPPORT PARTY UNITY FOR MOMENT HOPING CAPTURE INTACT WEST BENGAL PARTY AND EVENTUALLY THE NATIONAL PARTY.//

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