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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 SPRING'S CULTURAL "REFREEZE." CONSERVATIVES ARE STILL VOCAL IN THEIR CRITICISM, AND KHRUSHCHEV APPEARS TO HAVE REVERTED TO A POSITION OF RELATIVE NEUTRALITY.

2 SOVIET MOVES IN CHALLENGING ALLIED BERLIN ACCESS: THE LATEST AUTOBANK INCIDENT IS 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 BEHINDED QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE STATUS OF WEST BERLIN. BOTH CASE 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 BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS REVIEWING ITS DEFENSE POLICY WITH THE AID OF ASSESSING THAT CANADA'S MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT IS MORE COMMENSURATE WITH ITS POSITION AS A "MIDDLE CLASS" POWER. THIS POLICY REVIEW IS OUTGROWTH OF HOUSING 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 SKIPT IN THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO ACCEPT NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOR US AND CANADIAN FORCES STATIONED IN CANADA IS UNLIKELY. IT MAY SEEK A GRACEFUL WAY OF GIVING UP A NUCLEAR ROLE ONCE THE F-104S AND BOMBERS BECOME OBSOLETE.//

4. ITALY THE POLITICAL SITUATION IS MARKING TIME, FOLLOWING PREMIER LEONES RESIGNATION AND PENDING PRESIDENT SEGNI'S APPOINTMENT OF A PREMIER. DESTORATA VENTURA TO NOW. IF ALSO FORM SECRETARY OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS ANTICIPATED THE RESULTS OF HIS EFFORTS TO PUT TOGETHER A NEW CENTER LEFT GOVERNMENT WILL PROBABLY BE KNOWN BY MIDNOVEMBER. SOCIALISTS AND COMMUNISTS WILL PROBABLY BE KEPT OUT.

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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: LOEL FINNISH CABINET CRISIS BEGINS 31 OCT WHEN PRESIDENT KESKINEN 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 SERVICES. 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 HIGH 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 BORN AND PAULI WILL OVER A COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY TO BE INTRODUCED INTO AN IRREGULAR MARKET

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7. YEMEN: SAUDI ARABIA ASKED TO CONTINUE FINANCING THE UN OBSERVATION MISSION IN YEMEN UNTIL 4 JAN ONLY AFTER CROWN PRINCE FAYSAL HAD RECEIVED ASSURANCES THAT THE US 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 WITHDRAWE 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 THE ROYALISTS AFTER THE UN MISSION LEAVES. SECRETARY GENERAL U THANT, FROM HIS PART, APPARENTLY REMAINS DETERMINED TO REDUCE UN INVOLVEMENT. KASIR IS CONTINUING TO MAINTAIN 30,000 TO 40,000 TROOPS IN SAUDI ARABIA AND IS REPORTING NO TROOP MOVEMENTS AND ARMED FORCES

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

P. JAPAN: FORMER PREMIER IKEDA'S LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY REMAINS ASSURED OF RETURNING TO OFFICE IN THE 24 NOV ELECTIONS TO THE LOWER HOUSE OF THE DIET. SHOULD THE LDP ADD TO ITS 284 SEATS IN THE 487-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 INA SITION THAT IS HARRING JAPAN'S GENERAL PRESIDENTY. THE JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY, THE MAIN OPPOSITION FORCE, HAS PARTED COMPANY WITH THE COMMUNISTS WHO FAVOR PEIPING'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS STAND, KE ARE 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 SENSE COLLABORATION WITH THE US.

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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 FIGUIS. 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 LIEGING UP THEIR SUPPORT PREPARATORY TO A MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, AND THE FOREIGN MINISTERS MAY CONVERGE IN ADDIS ABABA ABOUT TEN DAYS. APPARENTLY NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TOWARD HOLDING A MEETING OF THE FOUR-MEMBER (ALGERIA, MOROCCO, ETHIOPIA, AND ITALY) 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, SEN 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 INOBU'S COALITION GOVERNMENT. MOST OBSERVERS EXPECT THAT THE OPPOSITION JUSTICE PARTY, DRAWN MAINLY FROM SUPPORTERS OF THE OLD ~~REGIME~~ REGIME, WILL WIN A MAJORITY OF THE POPULAR VOTE. THIS WOULD PRODUCE SOME DEMANDS FOR EARLY NATIONAL ELECTIONS--THEY ARE NOT DUE UNTIL 1968--BUT MANY PARTY MEMBERS WISH TO WAIT UNTIL THEY HAVE CONVINCED MILITARY LEADERS THAT THEIR PARTY IS NOT JUST A REINCARNATION OF THE OLD REGIME GOVERNMENT IN 1960. THEY WOULD JOIN A COALITION ONLY IF INOBU 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 INOBU. EVEN THE MOST OPTIMISTIC SPOKESMAN <sup>OF</sup> INOBU'S OWN REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY DO NOT EXPECT THE PARTY TO DO MUCH BETTER THAN HOLD ITS OWN. WHILE INOBU SHOWS SIGNS OF RESIGNING UNDER PRESSURE, ANY COALITION WITHOUT EITHER THE NTP OR JP WOULD DEPEND INCREASINGLY ON MILITARY SUPPORT.

12. SOUTH VIETNAM: THE GENERALS WHO OVERTHREW THE DIEM

REGIME ON 1 3 NOVEMBER HAVE WANTED QUICKLY TO ESTABLISH THE 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 UPSET AT THE PROMINENCE OF MAJOR GENERAL NGUYEN THUY BINH, 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 BY 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 BR (30 SEATS)//, PARASKEVAKIS IS OBLIGED TO SEEK THE ADDITIONAL 20 OR 30 VOTES HE NEEDS TO FORM A WORKING MAJORITY PRIMARILY FROM THE NATIONAL RADICAL UNION (125 SEATS) OF FORMER PREMIER KARAMANLIS. KARAMANLIS IS LIKELY TO DEMAND FURTHER CONCESSIONS BEFORE ALLOWING HIS FOLLOWERS TO PARTICIPATE, AND PARASKEVAKIS WILL SEEK TO DETACH SOME OF THEM BY THE LOSS OF GOVERNMENT POSITIONS AND FAVORS. MILITARY LEADERS ARE LIKELY TO TAKE A LARGER ROLE BY MAKING THEIR WISHES FELT IN RESPECT TO PROPOSED CABINET MEMBERS 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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