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1. CYPRISE: PEACE APPEARS TO BE SLOWLY RETURNING TO CYPRISE WITH ONLY A FEW EXCHANGES OF GUNFIRE OCCURRING TO DEC.

REPRESENTATIVES OF BRITISH, GREEK, AND TURKISH GOVERNMENTS AND OF TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TOGETHER IN POLITICAL LITIGATION COMMITTEE. BRITISH HAVE FAILED TO ESTABLISH 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 COMMUNITIES DISCOUNT POSSIBILITY OF RETURNING TO POLITICAL STATUS QUO ANTE. PRESIDENT MAKARIS, 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 REDUCTION OF BOTH GREEK AND TURKISH COMMITMENTS ON ISLAND--INCLUDING THE TWO MILITARY GARRISONS--IN FAVOR OF UNILATERAL BRITISH GUARANTEE OF CYPRIOT INDEPENDENCE.

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

2. KENYA-SOMALIA: DISPUTE BETWEEN KENYA AND SOMALIA OVER CONTROL OF KENYA'S NORTHEASTERN REGION SEEMS 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 REPORTEDLY SAID KENYAN FORCES WILL NOT RESORT TO "HOT PURSUIT" ACROSS SOMALI BORDER, SINCE THIS WOULD PERMIT SOMALIS TO INTERNATIONALIZE SITUATION, PERHAPS BY APPEAL TO U.N. OBSERVERS ARE SKEPTICAL KENYAN AUTHORITIES CAN CONTROL SITUATION BY PATROLLING THE FIVE-MILE-DEEP "DEAD ZONE"

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THEY PROCLAIMED ALONG 450-MILE BORDER.

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

RE // ONE REPORT STATES THAT IN MID DEC MOGADISCIO 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 STRAIN ON KENYA//

ETHIOPIA AND KENYA APPARENTLY ARE CARRYING OUT LAST JULY'S JOINT DEFENSE PACT, AIMED AT CONTAINING SOMALI INSURGENCY IN BOTH COUNTRIES. ETHIOPIAN MISSION INCLUDING SEVERAL HIGH-RANKING MILITARY OFFICERS LEFT FOR NAIROBI 20 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 GRAMALIAN ARE CONSIDERING FORMING WITH SOVIET
HELP A NEW MILITARY UNIT SEPARATE FROM OTHER COMPONENTS OF GRAMALIAN
ARMY. KENNEDY PRESENTLY CONSIDERS REGULAR ARMY POLITICALLY UN-
RELIABLE BECAUSE THEY ARE RUSSIAN-TRAINED.//

//SUCH ARRANGEMENT WOULD PROBABLY BRING SOVIET OFFICERS TO
GHANA TO TRAIN AND EQUIP UNIT OF FIGHTING MATERIALITY. PROJECT ALONG
THESE LINES REPORTED EARLY 1963 APPROVED BY KENNEDY BUT NEVER MATERIALIZED
OTHER RECENT REPORTS STATE KENNEDY'S GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING SOVIET RE-
QUEST TO LEASE AREA AT TEMA HARBOR, GHANA'S SEASIDE PORT EAST OF ACCRA.//

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

4. INDIA: RECENT VICTORY OF PEIPING ORIENTED 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 1962. AS IN PAST MOST INDIAN VOTERS APPARENTLY DID NOT IDENTIFY COMMUNIST CANDIDATE WITH ANY FOREIGN INFLUENCE.

PARTY'S STRENGTH THIS CONTEST WILL BOOST MORALE OF INFLUENTIAL WEST BENGAL COMMUNIST PARTY WHICH FRACTURED BY SQUABBLING 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 UNIT 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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