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BRIFING BRIEFS (FOR LIATON) // BEFORE 15 SEPT 63

1. USSR HARKING TIME ON SKILLS MOSCOW APPARENTLY DOES NOT WANT AUTOMATIC INCIDENTS TO SPOIL DELICATE ATMOSPHERE, BUT IT HAS GIVEN NOTICE IT WILL RESPOND VIGOROUSLY TO ANY WESTERN MOVE TO ALTER STATUS QUO, PARTICULARLY IN GERMANY.

2. COMMUNIST AID FOR CUBAN HURRICANE DISASTER. THE SOVIET bloc and COMMUNIST CHINA ARE SHIPPING EMERGENCY RELIEF SUPPLIES. KENNEDY LETTER HAS OFFERED CUBA PROGRAM TO SUPPLY WIDE VARIETY OF FOOD AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS DURING NEXT YEAR AT LEAST SOME WITHOUT CHARGE. ADDITIONAL AID REQUESTS LIKELY TO BE FORWARDED FROM HAVANA.

3. YUGOSLAVIA AND RUMANIAN STATES: BRIGADE'S VIEW NOW IS THAT THE WORLD IS NO LONGER DIVIDED BETWEEN EAST bloc AND WEST bloc. IT SEES A POLITICAL DIVISION BETWEEN THESE STATES

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WILLED FOR "PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE" AND THOSE AGAINST IT, AND AN ECONOMIC DIVISION BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND UNDERDEVELOPED STATES. IT HAS BEEN OBSERVED THAT EVEN THE UNDERDEVELOPED STATES AS A GROUP REACT WITHIN THE "CASE OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE".

4. POLITICAL SITUATION IN POLAND: THE POLISH GOVERNMENT'S STAFFED BY THE POLISH GOVERNMENT HAS AGGRAVATED THE SOLLER AND ARMY AND DEPRIVED BY INTERNAL ECONOMIC POLICIES. GOBLET'S PRESTIGE AND AUTHORITY HAVE DIMINISHED SHARPLY, BUT THE POPULATION FEELS THAT IS THE BEST ALTERNATIVE, AND THAT AN ATTEMPT TO CHANGE THE SITUATION MIGHT PROVOKE SOVIET INTERVENTION.

5. SOVIET-CUBAN MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS: SOVIET MILITARY DEPARTMENTS CONTINUE. THE LARGE BATTLESHIP CLASS BATTLESHIP, 1955, AKA CARRYING MILITARY EQUIPMENT, IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN CUBA 24 OCT.

6. SOVIET ECONOMIC SITUATION: BRASSERMENT OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION CAUSED BY EMERGENCY WARE PURCHASES MAY DELAY FINAL ADOPTION OF THE 1954-55 ECONOMIC PLAN. KHRUSHCHEV'S LATEST REVISIONS FOR MELIORATION AND REPAIRS OFFERS A LAST-CHANCE

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REVISED, BUT SIGNS INDICATE THE PROGRAM IS BEING IMPLEMENTED

7. //FLOODS IN NORTH CHINA: LARGE AREAS OF THE NORTH CHINA PLAIN ARE STILL COVERED WITH WATER AFTER TWO MONTHS, AND AUTUMN HARVESTS, ESPECIALLY COTTON, APPEAR TO HAVE SUFFERED A SERIOUS BLOW. WINTER GRAIN PLANTING WILL PROBABLY BE DEFERRED, AND PLANTING DELAYED.

8. WEST GERMANY: LUDWIG ERHARD HAS TAKEN OVER CAUTIOUSLY, MAKING FEWER CABINET CHANGES THAN EXPECTED AND HEAVING CLOSELY TO THE ADENAUER LINE IN FORMULATING HIS GOVT'S POLICIES. ERHART'S ENEMIES FROM OPPOSITION SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAVE STATED PRIVATELY THEY INTEND TO GIVE ERHARD "HEINRYCHEN" OF ABOUT SIX WEEKS. ON THE OTHER HAND, ADENAUER'S REPORTED DISSATISFACTION WITH ERHARD'S PUBLIC STANCE SUGGESTS THE NEW CHANCELLOR'S EARLIEST TROUBLES MAY SPRING FROM WITHIN HIS OWN PARTY.

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9. CHANGES HAVE IMPROVED THAT CURRENT SOCIALIST PARTY OFFICIALS WILL FAVOR RECONSTITUTING A CENTER-LEFT GOVT. MEANWHILE, NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY ON DISTRIBUTION OF PORTFOLIOS IN SUCH A GOVT ARE UNDERWAY. PROSPECTS ARE THAT ANY CENTER-LEFT

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... THAT FINLAND WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY BECAUSE OF THE ANTI-PATHY OF LEFTWING SOCIALISTS AND BLENDED CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS. EITHER OR BOTH OF THESE GROUPS MAY ONE DAY TRY TO TOP THE GOVT BY VOTING AGAINST IT ON IMPORTANT LEGISLATION. (CONT)

10. FINLAND: INDICATED ARE LIKELY TO PREPARE A NEW INITIATIVE ON THE DISCOURAGE FOR AN EXTENSION OF US AIRBASE RIGHTS IN THE AREA'S WHICH WOULD BE WANTED. THERE IS LITTLE BELIEF THAT THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT WILL EXERCISE LEVERAGE THEY FEEL THEY ENJOY ON THE US AS LONG AS THEY REMAIN TO HAVE MORE THAN A SILENT TALK WITH US. THIS, SAID SOURCES WILL PROBABLY RESULT IN ONLY ONE YEAR EXTENSION.

11. FINLAND: PRESIDENT KIVIMAKI HAS FINALLY ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATION OF THREE LEFTIST TRADE UNION LEADERS WHOSE MOVE TO LEAVE THE GOVT LAST AUGUST CONCEPATED THE CABINET CRISIS WHICH IS STILL UNRESOLVED. FINNISH NEGOTIATIONS WILL NOT BE EASY. UNLESS THE IMPASSE IS BROKEN, THE FINNS MAY HAVE TO SETTLE FOR A GOVT MEN BY CIVIL SERVANTS. (CONT)

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12. //A SETTLEMENT OF SORTS MAY NOT BE REACHED ON THE  
 TERMS OF THE US AND REC AGREED LAST WEEK TO HAVE SECRETARY  
 GENERAL OF GATT APPOINT A NEUTRAL PANEL TO RENDER AN ADVISORY  
 OPINION ON THE VALUE OF THE COMMERCE AFFECTED BY THE TARIFF  
 CONCESSIONS ON US POLARITE WHICH WERE WITNESSED IN 1961. THIS  
 MATTER IS EXPECTED TO BE SETTLED BY THE END OF THE YEAR. A  
 SETTLEMENT WILL NOT ANSWER THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE US WILL  
 REVOKE REC OUTLETS FOR OTHER AND MORE IMPORTANT FARM PRO-  
 DUCTS. // (CONF)

13. MOROCCO: MOROCCO CONTINUES ALONG THE MEDITERRANEAN ALGERIAN  
 BORDER, MOROCCO APPARENTLY IS ENFORCING ITS TERMS ALONG THE EN-  
 TIRE LONG BORDER. MOROCCO CLAIMS TO HAVE REPEATED ALGERIAN AT-  
 TACKS ON SMALL OUTPOSTS EAST OF TIN-OUF, BUT HAS MADE NO EFFORT  
 TO RECAPTURE THE BORDER POST AT TIN-OUF. THE ALGERIANS, FOR THEIR PART, HAVE MOVED SOME OF THEIR HEAVY EQUIP-  
 MENT AND ARMED AND THEIR FIVE MIG-19 AIRCRAFT TO THE  
 BORDER AREA, ESPECIALLY IN THE TIN-OUF AREA. BOTH GOVERN-  
 MENTS ARE PRESSING FOR OTHERS ASSISTANCE, ESPECIALLY FROM WESTERN

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SOUKRE AND ALGIERS APPARENTLY FROM EGYP. MEDIATION ATTEMPTS ARE CONTINUING BY OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES BUT HAVE SO FAR FOUNDERED OVER MOROCCO'S REFUSAL TO EVACUATE TWO SOUTHERN BORDER POSTS TAKEN LAST YEAR, AS BEN BELLA DEMANDS.

1. / CONGO: PRESIDENT KASAVUBU DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF LEOPOLDBERG ON 20 OCTOBER AND NAMED A THREE MAN COMMITTEE UNDER DEPUTY MINISTER ANANTO TO HELP BRING NEAR PARTIAL LAW. FRENCH AGUDA IS STILL IN OFFICE, BUT THE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE IS MAKING THE DECISIONS WITH THE BACKING OF ARMY CHIEF KIBITU. THE COMMITTEE IS FACING MOUNTING LARGE DISSENT AS LARGE LEADERS HAVE DENOUNCED ITS ESTABLISHMENT. A CIVIL SERVICE STRIKE BEGAN ON 22 OCTOBER AND STRIKING TEACHERS HAVE REQUESTED ANANTO'S INTERVENTION TO RETURN TO WORK. LEFTIST EXTREMISTS ARE CONTINUING THEIR EFFORTS TO GAIN POWER. THEY APPARENTLY HAVE SUCCEEDED IN DISABLING SOME OF KASAVUBU'S ALIEN PARACOMMANDOS AND SEVERAL OF THEM ARE IN BRAZZAVILLE TALKING OF SETTING UP A GOVERNMENT IN KINSHASA.

15. SOUTH AFRICA: FOLLOWING JUNTA LEADER PAU CHENG-SHI'S NARROW VICTORY IN THE 15 OCTOBER PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, THE REGIME IS PREPARING TO RETURN A FRIENDLY MAJORITY IN THE 26 NOVEMBER ELECTIONS.

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS MAY BE CONSIDERED AS FURTHER SALES...  
 CHIEF KIM CHONG PIL BACK FROM AN EIGHTY MONTH BATTLE TO HOLD RUY  
 BECAUSE OF HIS BEHAVIOR HAMILATION THIS MAY BE AGGRAVATE TENSION  
 WITHIN THE REGIME AS WELL AS BETWEEN IT AND THE OPPOSITION. IN THE  
 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION THE REGIME APPEARS TO HAVE RELIED HEAVILY ON  
 MILITARY PRESSURE RATHER THAN ON DIRECT SALES IN ORDER TO WIN  
 AGAINST THE RIVALLED & GROWING DEMOCRACY OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RULE  
 AND WITH THE REGIME'S ECONOMIC RECORD. THE ARMY'S HEAVY AFTER-DAY  
 VOTE APPARENTLY REFLECTS THIS FEELING. ESPECIALLY IN THE LOWER RANKS  
 AND SENIOR OFFICERS PROBABLY CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE, IF ONLY FOR  
 LACK OF AN ATTRACTIVE ALTERNATIVE. (CONF)

16. SOUTH VIETNAM: THE ANNIVERSARY OF SOUTH VIETNAM'S NATIONAL  
 DAY ON 26 OCTOBER AND THE PRESENCE OF NUMEROUS FOREIGN DELEGATIONS  
 IN SAIGON MAY TEST OPPOSITION GROUPS AND VICE VERSA COERCE TO TRY  
 TO PROVOKE DISORDERS IN COMING DAYS. ARRIVAL OF THE US OBSERVER  
 MISSION THIS WEEK PARTICULARLY DOES SIGNAL FOR THE US GOVERNMENT,  
 WHICH HAS TAKEN STEPS TO PROMOTE APPEARANCE OF HARMONY IN BUDDHIST  
 COMMUNITY. BUDDHIST GROUP AND STUDENTS MAY NEVERTHELESS RESORT TO  
 DEMONSTRATIONS, STRIKES, AND FURTHER SUICIDES TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON

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THEIR GRIEVANCES. PRESIDENT DIEM AND HIS GOVERNMENT ARE CONTINUING TO SHOW THEY ARE PREPARED TO RISK SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS IN US ECONOMIC AID RATHER THAN BOW TO PRESSURES FOR POLITICAL REFORMS. THEY HAVE APPARENTLY BEGUN TO PROBE ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF FUNDS, AND MAY USE THE CURRENT SAIGON MEETING OF THE ASEAN PEOPLE'S UNITY COMMUNIST LEAGUE, A NON-GOVERNMENTAL INTERNATIONAL GROUP AS A FORUM FOR COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE US. THE URGENT DIPLOMATIC ATTEMPTS STILL HAVE NO DISCERNIBLE EFFECT ON THE MILITARY EFFORT AGAINST THE VIET CONG.

17. LAOS: NEUTRALIST LEADERS IN VIENTIANE ARE TRYING TO FORESTALL A RESUMPTION OF INTER-FACED FIGHTING BY REVIVING THE TRI-PARTITE COALITION GOVERNMENT WHICH WAS EXISTED IN BANGKOK ABOUT THE TWO PATHET LAO MINISTERS VISITED LAST APRIL. MINISTER OF DEFENSE PHUNG PHONGRATAN, THE HARKIES NEUTRALIST DURING PREMIER BOUVANNA'S CURRENT VISIT TO LAOS AND HONGKONG, SAID HE IS TRYING TO ARRANGE FOR BOUVANNA TO MEET WITH PATHET LAO CHIEF PHOUK PHOUKHOUANG WHEN THE PREMIER RETURNS ABOUT 6 NOVEMBER. HONG LE SHAVHILE HAS RESIGNED COMMAND OF THE NEUTRALIST FORCES ON THE PLAIN NEAR JARANG FOLLOWING HIS ARRIVAL FROM AN EXTENDED VISIT TO THE NPWS. GENERAL ANNA NOW ENJOYS SUBORDINATE TO HONG LE IN THE NEUTRALIST MILITARY

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HIERARCHY, AND WILL WATCH AFFAIRS IN THE CAPITAL IS COMING TO HEAD THE PREMIER'S SPECIAL MILITARY CABINET. KONG LE SAYS THE RUSSIANS OFFERED MUNITIONS SUPPORT TO HIS FORCES, BUT ATTACHED CONDITIONS THEY KNEW WERE PROBABLY INSURMOUNTABLE.

18. EGYPT: EGYPT'S PETROLEUM INDUSTRY IS ON THE VERGE OF BECOMING SELF-SUFFICIENT AT A TIME WHEN THE REGIME IS ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION BY WESTERN INTERESTS. SOVIET-FINANCED EXPLORATION AND CONSTRUCTION UNDER A 1958 AGREEMENT ARE NEARING COMPLETION. TWO YEARS OF DO-IT-YOURSELF HIGH COST EXPLORATION AND MARKETING IN THE FACE OF A WORLD SURPLUS HAVE PROVED A CRISIS IN SAID'S ATTITUDE, AND IN MID-1963 PETROBRAS WAS REQUESTED FOR A FURTHER NATIONALIZING AGREEMENT BEING VENTURED. THE FRENCH STATE-OWNED ENI AGENCY, THE ONLY IMPORTANT WESTERN RESOURCE DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS, WILL SOON START TO REPLACE TWO ENI DEALS UNDER TERMS OF A CONCESSION FORMALIZED IN MID-OCTOBER, AND LATER THE SAME MONTH A SIMILAR DEAL FOR EXPLORATION IN THE WESTERN DESERT WAS CONCLUDED WITH PHILIPS PETROBRAS. (CONT)

19. GREECE: IN THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE 3 NOVEMBER PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS A CLOSE STRUGGLE IS DEVELOPING BETWEEN FORMER PREMIER KARAMANLIS' CONSERVATIVE NATIONAL CENTRAL UNION AND THE SAID

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NON-COMMUNIST OPPOSITION GROUP, THE CENTER UNION KARAMEANLIS APPEARS TO BE ADOPTING LESS ENTHUSIASM THAN PREVIOUSLY, AND AFTER SIX YEARS IN OFFICE IS SUFFERING FROM THE "TIME FOR A CHANGE" PSYCHOLOGY. THE CENTER UNION IS FEATURING A STRONG APPEAL TO GREEK NATIONALISM AND PARTY LEADER PAPAIOANNOU HAS ACCUSED KARAMEANLIS OF "AGGRESSIVENESS TO FOREIGNERS" IN REFERENCE TO HIS CLOSE TIES WITH THE UNITED STATES. PAPAIOANNOU HOPES TO WIN SEVERAL SEATS TO BRING KARAMEANLIS A WORSE CASE. THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED UNITED DEMOCRATIC LEFT, THE YOUNG LABOR PARTY, HAS FAILED TO FORM A REGULAR FRONT BUT HAS TENDS ITS EFFORTS TO THE CENTER UNION IN CLOSE RACE TO THE EDGE OF DEFEAT KARAMEANLIS. (CONT)

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