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(INFO IN BLANKS. REMAINING INFO RELEASABLE TO LIAISON)

1. CONGO: LARGE AGITATION HAS DIED DOWN AT LEAST TEMPORARILY IN FACE OF STRONG ACTION AGAINST URGE LEADERS BY THREE-MAN "EMERGENCY COMMITTEE" WHICH SEEMS TO BE BACKED LINDOLVILLE GOVERNMENT. ROLE OF FRENCH ARMY IN THIS DEVELOPMENT IS CIRCUM. IT IS KNOWN THAT MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE DO NOT BELIEVE ARMY WOULD INTERFERE FOR THE SITUATION AND IT APPEARS THAT IN IS BEING LARGELY IGNORED AT THE MOMENT, AT LEAST AS FAR AS DOMESTIC AFFAIRS ARE CONCERNED. FRENCH MINISTER ARMY IS THE TOP MAN OF THE COMMITTEE, BUT IF ARMY WERE INVOLVED, A NEW STRUGGLE FOR LEADERSHIP ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD FOLLOW.

2. DROMERY: THE NEW SERVICE HEADQUARTERS BY ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF COULD BE TRYING TO STABILIZE THE SITUATION AND ESPECIALLY TO AVOID

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SERIOUS CLASH BETWEEN BASICALLY ANTITHETIC NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN  
SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY. PRESIDENT MASA IS THEREFORE  
HOLDING ON IN THE GOVERNMENT, EVEN THOUGH LARGE UNION LEADERS  
HAD EARLIER FORCED HIM OUT. THE ORIENTATION OF THE NEW LEADERSHIP  
IS STILL TOWARD THE WEST BUT MASA'S GOVERNMENT IS ANOTHER BLOW TO THE  
PARKS-ORIENTED AFRO-MALAYSI UNION. ALREADY STAKEN BY THE UPSET IN  
DORCHESTER LAST OCTOBER. (CONT)

3. INDONESIA-MALAYSIA: //INDONESIAN COVERT OPERATIONS AND  
PROPAGANDA AGAINST MALAYSIA CONTINUE UNABATED WHILE THE FEDERATIONS  
CONTINUE TO RALLY TO POLITICAL AND MILITARY SUPPORT. IN SARAWAK  
AND SARAH AREA EACH SIDE IS BRINGING IN REINFORCEMENTS AND LARGER  
CLASHES SEEM LIKELY ALONG THE BORDER. IN SINGAPORE, MALAYSIAN  
AREA HIT BY INDONESIA'S TRADE BOYCOTT, STATE MINISTER LEE IS CONFIDENT  
HE CAN HANDLE THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND ATTENDANT POLITICAL PROBLEMS.  
MOST OF CHINESE BUSINESS COMMUNITY ARE WORRIED AND APPARENTLY WOULD  
LIKE TO SEE AN ACCOMMODATION WITH SINGAPORE, BUT ON THE OTHER HAND  
PRESSURE SEEMS TO BE HAVING A UNIFIED EFFECT IN MALAYSIA.//

4. SOUTH VIETNAM: //NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS ON 21 OCT PASSED  
WITHOUT MAJOR INCIDENT BUT A FEW MINOR PROBLEMS WERE REPORTED  
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AMONG THE MILITARY OVER NEWS POLICY TOWARD NORTH VIETNAM ARE INDICATIVE OF CONTINUING UNEASINESS. THE REGIME EVIDENTLY CONTINUES TO BRACE ITSELF FOR A REDUCTION OF US AID. VIET CONG ACTIVITY DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS HAS INCREASED SLIGHTLY BUT CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES -- AND GOVERNMENT WEAPONS LOSSES -- ROSE SHARPLY AS A RESULT OF THE BATTLE AT LOC HIEH IN THE DELTA ON 19 OCT.//

3. ALGERIA-MOROCCO: THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT REACHED AT RABAT INVOLVES NO BASIC PROBLEMS BEHIND THE BORDER DISPUTE ALTHOUGH TEMPORARILY IT MAY SAVE FACE FOR BOTH BEN BELLA AND KING HASSAN. THE AGREEMENT, WHICH BECAME EFFECTIVE 2 NOVEMBER, IS ALREADY SUBJECT TO DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS, SINCE MOROCCO STILL INSISTS ON SPECIFIC NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS PARTICULAR BORDER PROBLEM, WHILE THE ALGERIANS WANT THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY TO DISCUSS ONLY GENERALITIES AND PRINCIPLES. THE OAU PREVIOUSLY PROCLAIMED ITSELF IN FAVOR OF MAINTAINING BOUNDARIES AS DRAWN BY THE EX-COLONIAL POWERS. BOTH SIDES RECENTLY WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR FOREIGN MILITARY ASSISTANCE -- MOROCCO FROM FRANCE AND THE WEST, ALGERIA FROM EGYPT, GOMA, AND THE USSR -- AND EACH WILL REMAIN BASICALLY SUSPICIOUS AND HOSTILE TOWARD THE OTHERS' PROPOSED OBJECTIVES.

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6. FRANCE: THE NATIONWIDE 24-HOUR RAIL STRIKE ON 23 OCTOBER WAS A MAJOR PART OF THE TRADE UNIONS EFFORTS TO PRESS THE GOVERNMENT TO LIBERALIZE ITS WAGE POLICY. THE GOVERNMENT HAS RAISED COST-OF-LIVING INCREMENT FROM THREE TO FOUR PERCENT THIS YEAR BUT LABOR IS RESTIVE AND THE HIGH-HERALDED STABILIZATION PLAN IS IN JEOPARDY. THE CURRENT UNREST IS GREATER IN NATIONALIZED ENTERPRISES--I.E. AMONG RAILWAY AND HIGH SCHOOLERS AND CIVIL SERVANTS. (CONT)

7. BRAZIL: NEW LABOR TROUBLES IN BRAZIL BEGAN THE RELATIVELY BRIEF PERIOD FOLLOWING PRESIDENT GOULART'S SHORT-LIVED DRIVE TO ESTABLISH A STATE OF SEIGNEUR OCT. THE POTENTIALLY CRITICAL SITUATION IN SAO PAULO RAISES POSSIBILITY OF SHOWDOWN BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND ANTI-GOULART FORCES. THE LATEST REPORTS ESTIMATE 30 PERCENT OF SAO PAULO INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES ARE ON STRIKE AND SYMPATHY STRIKES HAVE BROKE OUT ELSEWHERE.

8. VISA: THE VATICAN IS LIKELY TO RECEIVE A CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC VIEW OF PROSPECTS FOR A SHORT LIVED I STRIKE CASTED BEHIND AND COMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH FROM BISHOP'S SACRY CHAIR OF THE HOLY SEE'S BISHOPRIC IN LAVAZZANO SINCE 1962. BUT IN 1962, BISHOPRIC SACRY

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BELIEVES HIS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE MORE COOPERATIVE CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS COULD BE SUCCESSFUL AND THERE IS NO REASON WHY THE CHURCH CANNOT FULFILL MORE EFFECTIVE RELIGIOUS MISSION IN CUBA. HE SEES AS SO STUBBLING BLOCK THE IRRECONCILABILITY OF THE CHURCH'S LONGER RANGE GOALS AND THE REGIME'S IDEOLOGY.

9 ITALY: DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS ON CABINET POSTS AND ON A LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM ARE IN PROSPECT AS SOCIALISTS (PSI) AND CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS (CD) BEGIN TO FORM A CENTER-LEFT COALITION. OPPONENTS OF SUCH AN ALLIANCE HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF TACTICS AVAILABLE TO TRY TO BLOCK IT. SOCIALIST PIETRO ENRIKS NEGOTIATION PREPARED IS LIMITED BY RICCARDO LOBBAIDI'S CONTROL OF 16 OF THE ENRIKS FACTIONS 59 SEATS ON PCI'S REPLY-ELECTED 101-MAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE. THIS WEEKS SOCIALIST CONGRESS RESOLUTIONS INCLUDE FOREIGN POLICY RESERVATIONS AT WHICH CD OPPOSITION MAY BALK. (CONF)

10. DENMARK: PRIME MINISTER ERAGS SOCIALIST-RADICAL-LIBERAL COALITION GOVERNMENT-- A GENERALLY MODERATE POLITICAL GROUPING--MAY BE FORCED TO CALL EARLY ELECTIONS. THE GOVERNMENT HAS DEFEATED A SERIES OF NO-CONFIDENCE MOTIONS IN RECENT WEEKS BUT ITS MARGIN OF

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VICTORY DECLINED TO ONE VOTE IN THE MOST RECENT TEST ON 23 OCT  
OPPOSITION IS MADE UP ENTIRELY OF MORE CONSERVATIVE PARTIES BUT  
ALSO INCLUDES EXTREME LEFTIST SOCIALIST PEOPLES PARTY. A RECENT  
CALLED POLL SHOWS SOME DECLINE IN SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT. (CONF)

11. BRITAIN AND THE COMMON MARKET: //THE 25-26 OCT MEETING  
AT THE HAGUE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF BRITAIN AND COMMON MARKET DID  
LITTLE TO ADVANCE EXPECTS OF BRITAIN'S EVENTUAL PARTICIPATION IN  
THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY BUT MAY HAVE REOPENED AVENUES OF DISCUSSION  
CLOSED SINCE DEGAULLES VETO OF LONDON'S MEMBERSHIP NINE MONTHS AGO.  
DISCUSSIONS WERE COMPREHENSIVE BUT ONLY DECISION REACHED ON NON-  
EUROPEAN TOPIC WAS TO FURTHER ~~EXPLORE~~ POSSIBLE COORDINATION IN NEW  
OF EUROPEAN POLICY TOWARD LATIN AMERICA. SHARP DIFFERENCES OF VIEW  
WERE EVIDENT ON GENERAL QUESTION OF FURTHER WESTERN PROBING OF SOVIET  
INTENTIONS. // (CONF)

12/ ~~EURO- SOVIET RELATIONS~~: THE SOVIET LEADERS APPEAR TO HAVE  
~~REACHED~~ ~~AGREED~~ A NEW WORLD COMMUNIST CONFERENCE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.  
THEY MAY HAVE BEEN PREPARED TO CONSULTATION WITH FOREIGN COMMUNIST

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LEADERS THAT THE DISRUPTIVE EFFECTS OF A FORMAL CONDEMNATION OF THE CHINESE DOCTRINE OF SOME FOREIGN COMMUNIST PARTIES AND IN THE MOVEMENT AS A WHOLE WOULD ~~OUTWEIGH~~ ANY ADVANTAGES MOSCOW MIGHT DERIVE FROM SUCH A CONFERENCE. (CONF)

13. COMMUNIST CHINA: FINDING WHOSE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IN PAST YEARS HAS BEEN EXTENDED PRIMARILY IN ASIA IS NOW OFFERING INCREASED AID ELSEWHERE. SO FAR THIS YEAR ALL OF CHINA'S OFFERS TOTALING \$90 MILLION HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO MIDDLE EASTERN AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES -- ALGERIA, SYRIA AND THE GONALI REPUBLIC. SOME OF THESE AS WELL AS EARLIER AID OFFERS TO THESE COUNTRIES MAY HAVE BEEN MOTIVATED BY DESIRE TO MAINTAIN CHINESE "PRESENCE" IN THE FACE OF SOVIET AID OR TO EXPLOIT WHAT THE CHINESE BELIEVE TO BE FAVORABLE LOCAL CONDITIONS.

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