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PROB HULR ATHE JIDD LEOP [] MEXI GEVA ANBA RANI PEST SING QUAY
ROSE LISE BOME ABMA AICI MELR OKIE PRAN LOND VIEW DNAN KHAN DEAM
HAGU NARO BASH REED TPLI HUAL RYCO KINGS SJAN ADDA

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WORLD BRIEF

(NOFORN IN SIANTS. REMAINING INFO RELEASABLE TO LIAISON.)

1. BERLIN: THE COMMUNISTS VIEW AS "OFFICIAL" THE TALKS BETWEEN
E EAST AND WEST BERLIN NEGOTIATORS WHICH ACHIEVED THE AGREEMENT ON
CHRISTMAS PASSES AND CONSIDER THEM A BOOST TO MOSCOW'S "FREE CITY"
PROPOSAL FOR WEST BERLIN. WILLY BRANDT, ON THE OTHER HAND, REGARDS
THEM AS ONLY "TECHNICAL" AND AS NO SETBACK TO HIS STATURE IN WEST
GERMAN POLITICS.

2. YUGOSLAVIA: //TITO IS APPARENTLY NO LONGER DEEPLY INVOLVED IN
ADMINISTRATION OF YUGOSLAV AFFAIRS. HE HAS EXHIBITED LACK OF
KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF A NUMBER OF FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES AND
HAS BEEN DIVESTING HIMSELF OF RESPONSIBILITIES. TWO RESPONSIBLE
OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT HIS FACULTIES HAVE DIMMED //

3. NORTH VIETNAM: HEAVY PROPAGANDA EMPHASIS ON THE THIRD
ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM

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SUGGESTS A GROWING CONFIDENCE IN HANOI THAT INSURGENTS CAN SUSTAIN AND IMPROVE THEIR POSITION DESPITE US BACKING OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT. (CONF)

4. ^(REPORTEDLY) USSR: COASTAL DEFENSE CRUISE MISSILES NOW ARE PART OF THE CUBAN AUXILIARY FORCES, ~~REMOVED~~ CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE SOVIET-DOMINATED AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM IS ALSO INCREASING. A SOVIET SO-1-CLASS SUBCHASER HAS ARRIVED IN CUBAN WATERS AND TWO OTHERS ARE PROBABLY EN ROUTE.

5. USSR: KHRUSHCHEV'S LONG-RANGE PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOVIET CHEMICAL INDUSTRY IS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY RETRENCHMENT IN OTHER PARTS OF THE ECONOMY DURING THE NEXT TWO YEARS. HOUSING, CONSUMER SERVICES, AND SOME HEAVY INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION ARE TO BE AFFECTED, AND IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE A SLOWING IN THE RATE AT WHICH MILITARY EXPENDITURES HAVE INCREASED SINCE 1960.

6. ITALY: DOUBTS ABOUT THE BORD GOVERNMENT'S VIABILITY HAVE SUBSIDED SOMEWHAT AS A RESULT OF STRONG VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IT RECEIVED ON 17 DEC. BORD'S AUTHORITY HAS BEEN REAFFIRMED BY 319 MEMBERS OF PARLIAM. TO DATE. AT THAT TIME NOTHING WAS KNOWN TO CASE THAT

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SUPPORT ON THE CONFIDENCE VOTE BORO'S POSITION IS FIRMER BECAUSE
OF THIS AND BECAUSE OF THE VATICAN'S PRESSURE ON CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS
RIGHTWINGERS NOT TO BREAK PARTY UNITY (CONF)

7. CUBA. THE CASTRO REGIME SEEMS INTENT ON CULTIVATING AFRICAN
COUNTRIES AS WAY OF LESSENING ITS ISOLATION FROM THE FREE WORLD AN
EMBASSY IN TANGANYIKA INDICATES THIS. IN ADDITION, CUBA HAS, DURING
THE PAST MONTH, EXPANDED CONTACTS WITH NINE COUNTRIES SOUTH OF THE
SAHARA. THERE IS ALSO REASON TO SUSPECT AFRICANS GOING TO CUBA ON
SCHOLARSHIPS ARE GETTING TRAINING IN GUERRILLA WARFARE TECHNIQUES.

8. UK: // BRITISH FOREIGN POLICY UNDER THE DOUGLAS-ROSE GOVERNMENT
INCREASINGLY FOCUSED ON KEEPING THE EAST-WEST DIALOGUE OPEN AND
IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH WEST GERMANY. BOTH SIR ALEX AND FOREIGN
SECRETARY BUTLER ESPECIALLY DETERMINED TO KEEP EXPLORING AREAS
POSSIBLE AGREEMENT WITH MOSCOW -- A POLICY WHICH PAID OFF HANDSOMELY
FOR CONSERVATIVES IN ELECTIONS OF 1955 AND 1959. MAIN OBJECTIVE --
BUTLER'S RECENT VISIT, BONN WAS TO SOUND OUT GERMAN REACTION TO SUCH
BRITISH INITIATIVES. //

9. BRITISH GUIANA. JAGAN AND HIS LIEUTENANTS HAVE BEEN ATTACKING

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FOR US AND US IS INCREASINGLY VITRIOLIC TONE. HIS PARTY IS
 PARALYZED BY INTERNAL DIVISIONS AND IS UNDECIDED WHETHER TO CONTEST
 THE PRE-INDEPENDENCE ELECTIONS SET FOR NEXT YEAR OR TRY TO BLOCK
 THEM BY RESORTING TO VIOLENCE. OPPOSITION PARTIES, MEANWHILE HAVE
 BEEN LITTLE TO COOPERATE AGAINST JAPAN BEYOND REACHING A TENTATIVE
 AGREEMENT NOT TO ATTACK EACH OTHER PUBLICLY.

10. FRANCE: PARIS IS TRYING TO PROMOTE TRADE WITH COMMUNIST
 CHINA BY ENCOURAGING PRIVATE FIRMS TO DEVELOP NEW MARKETS THERE.
 THERE ARE BUILT IN LIMITATIONS TO THE EXTENT THAT FRENCH-CHINESE
 TRADE CAN GROW, COMPLEMENTARY PRODUCTS ARE FEW, AND CREDIT PROBLEMS
 CONTINUE TO LIMIT PURCHASES BY CHINESE WHO SEEM PRIMARILY INTERESTED
 IN OBTAINING FRENCH TECHNICAL SKILLS. PARIS INTEREST IN CHINESE
 TRADE AND EXPANDED CULTURAL CONTACTS WITH PEIPIING HAVE STIMULATED
 SPECULATION THAT SOME SORT OF DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION IS IN THE
 OFFING. THIS IS STOUTLY DENIED AT ALL LEVELS OF FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

11. FINLAND: FOR THE SECOND TIME IN FOUR MONTHS FINLAND IS
 GOING THROUGH A CABINET CRISIS BROUGHT ON BY DISAGREEMENT WITHIN THE
 RULING COALITION OVER DOMESTIC LEGISLATION. A NON-POLITICAL GOVERNMENT

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CIVIL SERVANTS, HEADED BY ECONOMIST HEIMO LEHTO, HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO SERVE UNTIL THE PRESENT CONTROVERSY IS RESOLVED. THE ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS SEEM LIMITED TO AGRARIAN MINORITY GOVERNMENT RECONSTITUTION OF AGRARIAN-DOMINATED COALITION OR AS A LAST RESORT GENERAL ELECTIONS. WHATEVER THE OUTCOME, PRESIDENT KKKORSEN DESIRES TO IMPROVE RELATIONS. MOSCOW CAME OUT AGAIN DURING HIS TRIP TO THE USSR.

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12. SOUTH KOREA: PRESIDENT PAK CHONG-HUI'S DOMINATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY INAUGURATED ON 17 DEC UNDER SOUTH KOREA'S NEW CONSTITUTIONAL REGIME MAY TRANSFER POLITICAL INFIGHTING TO A NEW ARENA. THE CONTROVERSIAL FORMER SECURITY CHIEF KIM CHONG-PIL CONTROLS THE PARTY APPARATUS, AND HIS MANY ENEMIES ARE LIKELY TO TRY TO USE THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESSES TO TRY TO WREST POWER FROM HIM. PRESIDENT PAK STILL HATES KIM, HOWEVER, AND THEY AND THEIR COHORTS WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE THE GOVERNMENT'S MAJOR DECISIONS. THE CABINET HEADED BY CHOE TU-SON APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN WITH A MIND TO BALANCING FACTIONAL AND SECTIONAL INTERESTS AND FOR AN ABILITY TO CARRY OUT, RATHER THAN FORMULATE POLICY. WITH ELECTIONS OVER, THE REGIME IS

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EMBASSY CONTACTS. THE KYLES HAVE SENT EMISSARIES ABROAD TO SEEK
 FUNDS AND ARMS. THEIR PLANS REPORTERLY INCLUDE ASSASSINATION OF
 LEOPOLDVILLE LEADERS, AN INVASION OF THE CONGO, AND RESTIGATION OF
 A COUP BY THE CONGO ARMY. THE WEAKNESS OF THE LEOPOLDVILLE REGIME,
 ESPECIALLY THE QUESTIONABLE RELIABILITY OF GENERAL MOBUTU'S ARMY,
 CLEARLY ENHANCES THE CNL PROSPECTS. LAST MONTH MOBUTU AND SURETE
 CHIEF NENDAKA, THE REGIME'S TWO KEYSTONES, WERE WAYLAYED BY SOLDIERS
 AND NEARLY KILLED. STUDENT AGITATION MAY BECOME A FACTOR IN VIEW OF
 THE CLOSE CONNECTIONS TO STUDENT GROUPS OF TWO HIGH OFFICIALS RECENTLY
 OUSTED -- FOREIGN MINISTER BABIKA-KALANDA AND LONDON CHARGE THOMAS
 KANZA. IN THE NEAREST DELIBERATIONS TOWARD WRITING A CONSTITUTION,
 PROVINCIAL VOICES DEMANDING A LOOSE ARRANGEMENT APPEAR STRONGER THAN
 SUPPORTERS OF ADRONKA PASH FOR A STRONG CENTRAL GOVERNMENT //

15. LAOS // RIGHT-WING AND NEUTRALIST MILITARY FORCES ENCOURAGED
 BY RECENT SUCCESSSES IN CENTRAL AND NORTHERN LAOS ARE CONSIDERING
 INITIATIVES. THAI AND PLANNING MOVES AIMED AT CAPTURING THE
 BARRIERS LIENG KHOUANG AND FURTHER SOUTH OPERATIONS AGAINST
 COMMUNIST SUPPLY ROUTES FROM NORTH VIETNAM. COMMUNISTS CURRENTLY

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HAVE RECAPTURED THE KEY ROAD JUNCTION OF LAK SAC, HOWEVER, AND RETAIN THE CAPABILITY TO MAKE SHARP COUNTERMOVES ELSEWHERE. THE CONTINUING MILITARY NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN PATHEE LAO AND NEUTRALIST PACTICES HAVE BEEN MARKED BY ACCIDENTAL EXCHANGES, BUT THE PATHEE LAO HAVE EXPRESSED NEW INTEREST IN ARRANGING A MEETING BETWEEN THEIR CHIEF PABNCE SOUPHANNOUONG AND PREMIER SOUVANNA PHOUA TO ARRANGE FOR FULL PATHEE LAO PARTICIPATION IN THE COALITION GOVERNMENT. COUP RUMORS, MOSTLY CENTERING ON PLANS BY RIGHT-WING MILITARY ELEMENTS ALLIED WITH THE SARANIKONE CLAN, CONTINUE TO CIRCULATE IN VIENTIANE. //

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