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INTELLIGENCE NOTES

1. Brazil - Communist Attacks on President Kubitschek

US Embassy Rio de Janeiro reports that as a result of President Kubitschek's increasingly firm policy against the Communist Party of Brazil, he is becoming, for the first time, the object of growing personal attacks. The Embassy urges that the US give Kubitschek's Government all possible political, economic and military assistance because of that nation's strategic role as a high priority target for Communist penetration. (US Embassy, Rio de Janeiro, 1579, 21 June, Secret)

2. Libya - Proposed Air Force and Navy

US Embassy Tripoli reports that the Libyan Government has requested British support for their proposed "air force" and "navy". The Embassy supports the Libyan proposal to the extent that a small airlifted striking force and a coast-guard type "navy" be created for internal security purposes and to satisfy Libyan desires. (US Embassy, Tripoli, 727, 21 June, Secret)

3. Burma - Soviets to Train Burmese Technicians

US Embassy Rangoon reports that the Burmese Government has accepted a Soviet proposal to send 40 to 50 Burmese technicians to the USSR for advanced training as instructors for a technological institute which the Soviets have promised to build. According to the agreement Soviet-trained Burmese will teach for the first three years and English-speaking Russians for the last two.

4. Japan - Radioactive Rain Reported

Heavy falls of "hot rain" were reported in many parts of Japan today as a dark cloud of radioactive air slowly descended over the country, FBIS reports. The Ministry of Welfare has asked medical authorities to keep in "constant touch" with Tokyo so that safety measures can be taken if necessary. Fifteen Japanese weather stations have reported unusually high radioactivity counts. (FBIS, 22 June, Official Use Only)

Radioactivity on Fishing Vessel

US Embassy Tokyo reports that the Japanese Foreign Office has informed it that a non-injurious amount of radioactivity existed on

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the Mizuho Maru, a Japanese fishing vessel, which recently made headlines because its crew members' white corpuscle count fell slightly. The foreign office considers the matter closed, but plans to issue no public statement. (US Embassy, Tokyo, 2972, 21 June, Confidential)

5. Comments on Tito's Moscow Trip

US Ambassador Bohlen in Moscow believes that Kremlin fears of the development of a rival Communist center in Belgrade that might have led to a break away of some East European Satellites have been dispelled by Tito's visit. Tito has returned to the fold without loss of his independent position. Bohlen comments that Khrushchev's Dynamo Stadium speech using the old slogan "proletarians of the world unite" is a declaration of permanent interference in the internal affairs of non-Communist countries. He also reports that the Soviets made a strong effort to have Tito recognize the East German regime in the final joint communique. According to Bohlen, Tito rejected strong Soviet pressure to recognize publicly the East German regime and was reported to have been visibly displeased by Zhukov's remarks about common USSR-Yugoslav military aims in the event of war. Tito is also reported to have been annoyed at finding microphones in the quarters provided him by the USSR.

US Embassy Belgrade reports that.....
.....Tito is meeting Nehru and Nasr in Yugoslavia in order to convince them of the correctness of Yugoslavia's position on East Germany which involves the eventual recognition of the East German regime. The US Mission in Berlin reports from a reliable source that Yugoslavia is prepared to conclude a trade agreement with East Germany as soon as reparations claims against West Germany are settled.

US Embassy Belgrade reports that the Yugoslavs have again requested US aid in connection with (1) the Majdanpek copper mine development, (2) a power and aluminum project and (3) US training for top industrial management personnel. (US Embassy Moscow 2886, 21 June, 2882, 21 June, Confidential; Berlin, 18 June, Confidential; Belgrade 1546, 21 June, Secret; Belgrade TOICA 373, 20 June, Secret)

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