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INTELLIGENCE NOTES

1. Japan - Atomic Bomb Treatment Center

The State Department has informed Embassy Tokyo that no ICA funds can be made available to Japan for the construction of atomic bomb treatment centers without an official Japanese request. ICA anticipates the early receipt of such a request. (ICA Daily Cable Summary, 9 Oct., Secret)

2. Nepal - Communist Chinese Aid

Communist China has agreed to provide Nepal with economic aid totaling \$12,600,000, payable over three years, to help Nepal carry out its first five-year plan. No Chinese technicians will be sent to Nepal, probably out of deference to Indian sensitivity. This is Peiping's second grant to a non-Communist country. New Delhi is considering a \$21,000,000 aid program for Nepal also.

3. - US Aid Program

USOM Katmandu is seriously concerned about the reaction of the Nepalese Government to the size (\$2,000,000) of the 1957 US aid program in support of Nepal's new five-year development plan. USOM feels Nepal may regard US aid as only half-hearted support of the plan, thus jeopardizing its success. (ICA Daily Cable Summary, 9 Oct., Secret)

4. India - Trade Agreement with East Germany

A three year trade agreement between India and the German Democratic Republic exchanging industrial products for Indian raw materials was signed in New Delhi on 8 October. The value of the agreement was not announced. (FBIS, 10 Oct., Official Use Only)

5. - West Bengal Flood Disaster

US Consulate General Calcutta reports that the flood situation in West Bengal is serious with one million homeless, two million seriously affected, and extensive crop and property damage. (US Consulate General Calcutta 106, 8 Oct., Unclassified)

6. Egypt - US Health Program

USOM Cairo reports that the Egyptian health minister has protested the delay in receipt of technicians and equipment promised by the US for the Public Health Institute. (ICA Daily Cable Summary, 9 Oct., Secret)

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7. Soviet Propaganda on the Suez Crisis - A Summary

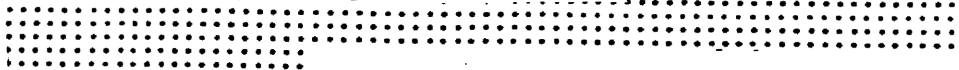
The Soviet's fluctuating, opportunistic propaganda has used the Suez crisis to reinforce Soviet support for anti-colonialism, to encourage Egyptian obduracy and to foster worldwide disaffection from Western policy. It has been characterized by: (1) unqualified moral backing of Egypt; (2) condemnation of Western military moves; (3) progressively sharper attacks on the US; and (4) traditional reticence about Israel. (FBIS Radio Propaganda Report, Soviet Propaganda on the Suez Crisis, 5 Oct., Confidential)

8. Soviet Satellites - A Survey of Liberalization

The British Foreign Office is "not optimistic" about satellite trends noting that except in Poland and Hungary the Kremlin has to date permitted only three significant reforms, none of which challenge Soviet control. The experts also point out that the "thaw" in Poland began before Khrushchev's attack on Stalin. However, "Titoism" is still a problem for Moscow as is the enthusiasm of the Polish people at the prospect of regaining some of their lost liberties. This may result in action which Moscow will prefer to channel rather than block. The "thaw" has been applied unevenly throughout the Satellites with Poland and Hungary being the farthest ahead. (US Embassy London 1942, 9 Oct., Confidential)

9. Arctic - USSR Placing Automatic Beacons on Ice Flows

The USSR has placed at least ten automatic radio beacons on ice in the central Arctic, reportedly to check changes in the ice drift. With the help of these radio beacons direction finding stations on the coast can pick up a minute-by-minute picture of ice drift.



10. International Geophysical Year - Reds Sit Down with US in Barcelona

Among those attending the 11 September meeting of the Special Committee for the International Geophysical Year (nongovernmental) in Barcelona, were representatives of East Germany and Communist (but not Nationalist) China. It was suggested the Committee might next meet in the US, but because of Communist Chinese and East German participation, it was left that the meeting would take place in North America without specifying where. (Special Memo from State Department Observer dated 8 Oct., Confidential)

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