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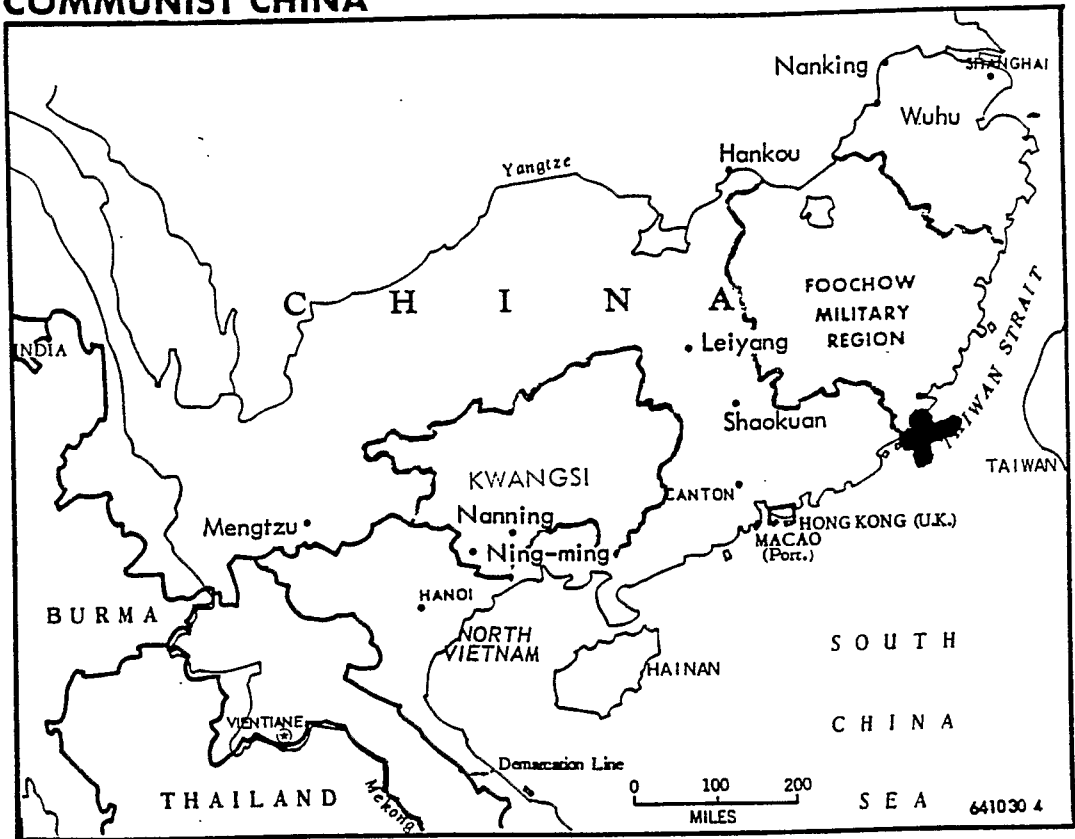
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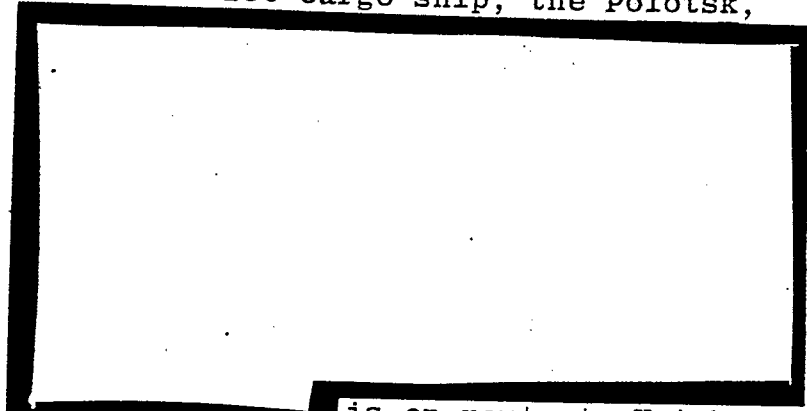
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1. Vietnam

A Soviet cargo ship, the Polotsk,



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is en route to Haiphong. The ship unloaded military cargo in Indonesia; there is no evidence it is carrying such cargo now.

2. South Vietnam

There has been no significant change in the situation at Duc Co in Pleiku Province, where South Vietnamese airborne troops are trying to eliminate Viet Cong harassment of a government paramilitary camp.

3. Communist China

The loss of two Chinese Nationalist patrol craft on 5 August in an encounter with Chinese Communist naval vessels off the mainland coast at the southern end of the Taiwan Strait appears so far to be an isolated incident. Before contact with them was lost, one of the Chinese Nationalist vessels reported sinking three "targets," but there is no confirmation. There is no sign of any other significant Communist military reaction to what seems to have been a Nationalist incursion into Communist-controlled waters. (See map)

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4. Indonesia

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[REDACTED] Sukarno collapsed three days ago and was still in bed yesterday.

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Despite Sukarno's long-standing kidney ailment, for which he delays proper treatment, he has seemed quite chipper lately.

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[REDACTED] a team of Chinese Communist doctors has been scheduled to visit Djakarta and there is some suspicion that another acupuncture treatment may be involved.

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although Sukarno may only have the flu, background political maneuvering may already have begun against the possibility it is more serious.

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5. Greece

The King continues to talk with political leaders. The last word [REDACTED] was that he would delay until Monday announcing his next choice for the premiership, even though he may make his decision today.

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The Communist press is playing up a fabricated document purporting to link the US with a tragic explosion last November at a Communist-sponsored celebration. This is an obvious effort to discredit pro-US elements during this period of crisis.

6. Dominican Republic

The Organization of American States team continues its talks with leaders from both sides. It may publicize its proposals Monday in hopes of building up popular support for them.

There is a report that extremists among the rebels are attempting to recruit youths from the countryside for indoctrination and the military training they have been conducting in their Santo Domingo stronghold.

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