This internal NSA report summarizes significant intelligence developments, arranged by area of occurrence, and operational developments of general interest. The material contained herein was selected from SIGINT, collateral and press received in the NSASCC between 120700Z - 130700Z December 1963.

CURRENT SIGINT READINESS STATUS

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SOUTH KOREA

1. A plot exists to assassinate PAK CHONG-HUI, President of the Republic of Korea (ROK), on 17 December, the date of the presidential inauguration. The ROK Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the National Police Bureau are investigating the plot uncovered by the ROK CIA which holds a recording of a conversation between two individuals in which the planned assassination was discussed. No decision has as yet been reached on whether the two individuals will be arrested at this time. (TDCS-3/567, 099, 10 December 1963 CONFIDENTIAL NOFORN)

2. Army units in the area were placed on alert on 11 and 12 December and a radio net was ordered to maintain a constant four-hour watch. The received its watch orders on 12 December from the and the very urgent messages from the subordinate units declared situations (2/X/0), R07-63, 122115Z)
Bl Comment: The above actions probably portend some kind of forthcoming controversial official statement. On 4 October when requested that a state of be declared, the Army declared situations

CAMBODIA

Prince SIHANOUK is highly incensed with the U.S. Government according to a report of 12 December out of He has drafted a stinging reply to the American Ambassador's protest over official celebration by the Cambodian Government of Marshall SARIT's death, which by implication was linked to that of President KENNEDY. SIHANOUK also intends to break off U.S./Cambodian negotiations over the termination of economic and military aid, giving AID and MAAG personnel five days to leave Cambodia, withdraw Cambodian Ambassador NONG KIMNY from Washington, and abandon his proposal for a conference to guarantee Cambodian neutrality and independence.


B2 Comment: SIHANOUK carried out one of the above intentions on 11 December, when the Cambodian Foreign Ministry instructed NONG KIMNY to immediately return all but one of the embassy personnel. NONG KIMNY is to leave on the next ship, while the one member of the embassy being left behind to handle Cambodian students will stay at the Ambassador's residence while the Chancellery is put up for rent. It was stated, however, that the withdrawal of embassy personnel was not to be interpreted at a breach in diplomatic relations with the U.S.

CHINESE COMMUNIST

4. The has received reports that the Chinese Communists continues to send indications of A return to more (routine) communications within the Region.