

12. INDOCHINA

CSM'S GODSELL SAYS SVN STILL OUTWARDLY SEPARATE ENTITY, BUT HAS BEEN POLITICALLY, "PSYCHICALLY" TAKEN OVER BY NVN. SEES POLICY DECISION FOR SOUTH MADE BY LAO DONG POLITBURO IN HANOI, AND OFFICIAL LITERATURE REFERS TO "SEPARATE" PRG AS "SOUTHERN BRANCH" OF LAO DONG. POINTS OUT PRG STILL IN WINGS, WITH POWER IN HANDS NVA MIL MNGMT COMMITTEE. BELIEVES PRG ORIGINALLY EXPECTED TAKE OVER, BUT HANOI PROBABLY HAD NOT REALIZED COMPLICATIONS OF ESTABLISHING CONTROL OVER CAPITALIST, CONSUMER-ORIENTED SOCIETY. NOTES HANOI MOVING TO REPLACE NVA OCCUPATION FORCE BY RECRUITING FOR SVNPLAF. ON FOREIGN POLICY, NVN DECIDED DEVELOP CLOSER RELATIONS WITH USSR; IS AMBIGUOUS ABOUT RELATIONS WITH US, WHICH MAY MEAN PARTY IS UNDECIDED OR DIVIDED. RECOMMENDS US-NVN SITUATION SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED FREEZE IRREVOCABLY (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

13. DIEGO GARCIA

FORMER AMB MCGHEE (WSTAR 7/27) BELIEVES WITH OR WITHOUT DIEGO GARCIA, US DESIRE MATCH USSR NAVAL STRENGTH IN INDIAN OCEAN HAS LITTLE MERIT SINCE BORDERING STATES OPPOSE MILITARIZATION. DOUBTS NAVAL PRESENCE GIVES US MUCH LEVERAGE IN DEALING WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. NOTES REACTION OF LITTORAL STATES, INCLUDING MALAYSIA, AUSTRALIA, INITIALLY UNFAVORABLE TO EXPANDING FACILITIES ON DIEGO GARCIA.

14. PRC/SVN

IN ARTICLE DISCUSSING ATTEMPTS BY NATIONS REGULATE NEWS GOING ABROAD, NYT'S ARNOLD MENTIONS PRC HAS NO OFFICIAL CENSORSHIP FOREIGN REPORTING BUT DOES NOT PERMIT RESIDENT US REPORTERS, CONTROLS MOVEMENT, ACCESS TO CHINESE CITI-

ZENS OF THOSE GRANTED ENTRY FOR LIMITED PERIODS. POINTS OUT NEW SVN REGIME HAS LIMITED US REPORTERS, AND CORRESPONDENTS THERE CLAIM HAVE TROUBLE GATHERING, TRANSMITTING NEWS, PHOTOS, FILM; HAVE BEEN STOPPED FROM TAKING PIX ON STREETS, HAVE DIFFICULTY MEETING PRESS OFFICERS OF NEW GOVT.

15. MARIANAS

NYT ASKS WHAT SPECIFIC AND WORTHWHILE BENEFITS US WILL RECEIVE FROM GRANTING "MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH STATUS; BELIEVES CONGRESS HEADING FOR "UNNECESSARY AND OMINOUS" RUBBER-STAMP APPROVAL WHICH US MAY LATER REGRET. ADMONISHES SENATE NOT ALLOW ITSELF TO BE "STEAM-ROLLED" INTO GRANTING APPROVAL MARIANAS ANNEXATION (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). INGER SOLL

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