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NOTES

Laos-Vietnam: Four truck battalions possibly totaling about 400 vehicles, some pulling artillery, are about to enter Laos from North Vietnam using routes around the western edge of the Demilitarized Zone, according to an intercept. Support units in the panhandle have been ordered to assess road conditions and provide camouflage and concealment by 24 October. This movement apparently reflects increased logistics requirements for Communist forces in Cambodia and South Vietnam. Other recent messages have revealed that a "large volume" of unspecified "technical" equipment and vehicles, including Soviet-built medium tanks, would be moving through the panhandle this season.

Chile: The attempted assassination of Army Commander in Chief Rene Schneider yesterday has raised tensions but is unlikely to affect the congressional confirmation of Salvador Allende as president-elect tomorrow. General Carlos Prats, who was named to fill Schneider's post temporarily, has resisted all efforts to enlist him in plots against Allende. The Frei government will not hesitate to use the emergency powers that it immediately invoked if necessary to maintain order.



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