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Synopsis of Intelligence material reported to the PresidentLAOS

The airlift of supplies in to the pro-Red forces continues, with 37 Sino-Soviet transports involved. Apparently, Hanoi is being used as a staging area and this fact is prompting the Canadians to protest tomorrow to the ICC as a violation of the Geneva Pact.

Apparently, Phoumi has taken the airfield at Vientiane. This fact makes it necessary for the Reds to parachute supplies. They are using a drop zone some 50 miles North of Vientiane and apparently Kong Le is headed in that direction. There is a good chance of a counterattack on the part of Kong Le and the Pathet Lao.

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The situation in Stanleyville, where pro-Lumumba forces are in control, remains precarious. As yet no whites have been reported involved. Aid has been requested of both UAR and Ghana. Recent reports establish that the UAR is at least considering using their battalion to supply these forces in Stanleyville. This can be done with the co-operation of the Sudan which borders the Congo. Nkrumah's proposal for an African army in the Congo has evoked little enthusiasm. There is a possibility, however, of a coalition of Ghana, Guinea, Sudan, and UAR.

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