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1. CHINA. The complete absence of Chinese Communist air activity over the Chin-men (Quemoy) islands seems most unusual if the Communists intend to assault the area, G-2 comments. The Communist activity may be aimed at testing US intentions regarding the defense of the offshore islands. DIB 1410, 7 September 54, TS.

2. UN. The USSR might be placed in an embarrassing position if the US takes a moderate approach in the UN Security Council on the recent shooting down of a US patrol plane, the UK delegation commented. A forceful presentation would make it easier for the USSR to counter with a claim that the US action is primarily for propaganda purposes. New York 205, 7 September 54, C.

3. GERMANY. The West German Bundestag (lower house) would "swallow with loud protests" the limitations on German sovereignty contained in the Bonn convention if there is a speedy solution of the rearmament question, HICOG Bonn comments. If the rearmament question is not solved soon, HICOG anticipates German demands for complete sovereignty. Bonn 699, 7 September 54, S.

4. SAUDI ARABIA. King Saud is becoming more friendly toward the US, according to an Arabian American Oil Company (ARAMCO) official. This possible change in the King's attitude is attributed to the influence of Egyptian Prime Minister Nasr, who wishes to follow a pro-Western foreign policy. ARAMCO's optimism regarding the King's attitude suggests that the Company anticipates a modification of the Onassis agreement which set up a shipping company which would compete with ARAMCO, G-2 comments. DIB 1410, 7 September 54, S.

5. THAILAND. Thailand's twenty million people have shown themselves remarkably unresponsive to Communist propaganda, and less than one percent of the population is believed to be under Communist influence, G-2 comments. The largest Communist influence in Thailand is with the local Chinese population. The Communists will probably attempt to build a "united front" of all opponents of the present Thai regime, according to G-2. Widespread Government corruption, absence of democratic practices, and alleged subservience of the Thai Government to the US provide the Communists with readily exploitable themes. DIB 1410, 7 September 54, S.

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