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1. EAST GERMANY. As a result of the recent visit of the Soviet leaders to East Germany, Eastern Affairs Division in Berlin suggests that the US reiterate that it does not advocate West and East German negotiations at a Governmental level. The East Germans are making much of the Soviets visit and are exploiting it to (1) strengthen East German Communism and increase the confidence of its supporters; (2) support East German demands for inter-German negotiations; and (3) build up the international status of the East German Government. Berlin 82, 26 July 55, C.; Berlin 84, 27 July 55, OUD.

2. INDIA. The Consulate General in Calcutta has received a copy of the report made to the Indian Government by the Indian Industrial and Agricultural Delegation that recently returned from the USSR. The report is noteworthy for its complete contrast to the public statements made by the delegation since their return from the trip. The report concludes that India has little to gain by "obtaining technical assistance or acquiring any machine tools or engineering equipment from Russia. It did not appear that they have machinery which we cannot obtain from other countries and of better quality". Calcutta Desp. 30, 14 July 55, C.

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3. BURMA. The Burmese Foreign Office attitude toward North Vietnam, Pathet Laos, and Cambodian neutralism is getting softer and the Cambodians are becoming critical of our military assistance pact with Cambodia, according to the Embassy in Rangoon. There is a growing trend toward Indian neutralism which should be counteracted by strong, public statements on the Communist menace in Southeast Asia. USIS in India should also do all it can to lessen the influence India has on the Burmese Foreign Office. Rangoon 59, 23 July 55, C.

4. MALAYA. The Consulate in Kuala Lumpur has suggested a twelve-point program to combat Communist subversion in Malaya. All the US Agencies in the area would be involved since an integrated program would be more effective. However, most of it can be implemented only with the consent of the UK which may not be easy to obtain. The Embassy suggests that it might be profitable at this time to schedule informal, friendly talks with the UK on the whole subject of Malayan subversion. Kuala Lumpur 17, 26 July 55, S.

5. LAOS. In order to allow the ICC in Laos to continue doing its inspection duties, the French Foreign Office in Paris has requested that the US supply two more helicopters. According to the Embassy in Paris, the ICC has been complaining that a good part of the time the helicopters presently in Laos are being repaired and are not available for inspection trips. The French would like to avoid giving the ICC any more chance to complain legally of the lack of equipment. Paris 379, 26 July 55, S.

6. JAPAN. Ambassador Allison in Tokyo reports that there is apparently some

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confusion regarding the official US position on the 10th anniversary celebrations of the Hiroshimabombing. The Ambassador comments that he has been instructed to stress the unofficial character of this celebration but is disturbed by the fact that former Congressman Armstrong is going to present some chimes to the Hiroshima Peace Center. USIA has requested that USIS in Japan lend all possible assistance to this project. Ambassador Allison also states that he has received an unconfirmed report that the Military Air Transport Service will fly in part of the chimes while the rest comes by civil air carrier. Tokyo 232, 27 July 55, C.

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