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1. ATOMIC ENERGY. The UK delegation to the UN has suggested that an ad hoc committee of qualified scientists should be set up to collate information on radiation hazards, according to the US delegation in New York. Such a committee, appointed by the Secretary General in consultation with a governmental advisory body set up for the purpose, would decide when sufficient material had been submitted to justify collation. The UK advanced this suggestion with the idea of co-sponsoring Ambassador Lodge's proposal of 21 June. New York 51, 19 July 55, ODO.; New York 52, USUN Information Digest No. 12, 19 July 55, S.

2. CHINA. Ambassador Cochran in Taipei reports that the Chinese Foreign Minister is interested in establishing higher diplomatic relations with Vietnam and would be grateful if the US Ambassador in Saigon would lend his assistance in expediting this move. This is a renewal of the request made by the Foreign Minister at San Francisco. The Ambassador comments that China's renewed interest is probably prompted by the recent Philippine recognition of Vietnam. Taipei 49, 19 July 55, C.

3. EGYPT. The Embassy in Cairo can find no indications that the Egyptian Government's activities constitute a serious threat to US objectives in Libya. Ambassador Byroade believes that Egypt has more pressing problems elsewhere and has neither the capacity nor the incentive to turn Libya away from the West upon which she is militarily and economically dependent. Any approach to Egypt on the subject of her undue influence on Libya would be unproductive and contrary to our efforts to encourage Egypt to play a constructive role in the Near East. DIA 404 #6 of 5 July suggests that the US and UK should take steps to insure that Egypt does not pull Libya into an Egyptian orbit. Cairo 100, 19 July 55, S.

4. INDIA. A Madras Member of Parliament and Indian Delegate to ECOSOC has stated that Nehru would like US specialists to review his latest five-year plan before he presents it to parliament, according to the Consulate in Madras. Nehru is also disappointed that invited Americans are not participating in the current economic symposium at Poona. Madras 8, 19 July 55, C.

5. VIETNAM. Tension is increasing between the Diem Government and the Cao Dai extremists who dominate the Revolutionary Committee, according to US officials in Saigon. Cao Dai leaders are fearful that Diem will move against them once he has eliminated the Hoa Hao and consolidated his position. Unless the Cao Dai leaders are effectively neutralized and their troops fully integrated into the Vietnamese Army, the Diem Government may be forced to suppress the Cao Dai sect forces. DIB No. 1,628, 19 JULY 55, S. NOFORN.

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