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INTELLIGENCE NOTES

1. Japan - Claims for Nuclear Damages

The Japanese foreign office has given the US embassy in Tokyo detailed information on their claims for nuclear damage from the 1956 test series. The embassy recommends prompt consideration in view of the fact that the Japanese have made an effort to present a reasonable and well documented claim and that refusal might cause a major controversy and a possible Japanese appeal to UNGA. (Tokyo 1378, 22 Dec, C)

2. Egypt - Rumors of Nasr's Wish to Visit US

Nasr is hoping for an invitation to visit the US, according to rumors in Cairo, and has therefore deferred indefinitely all plans for visits to Moscow, satellite countries and certain Western states. (Cairo 2035, 26 Dec, C)

3. Hungary - Refugee Situation

Total influx into Austria was 146,000 as of 20 December. In final 24 hours up to that date 1,500 had entered. Total transfers, 74,000; 72,000 remain in Austria. (FBIS, 27 Dec, OOU)

4. Hungary - Returning Refugees

Communist sources in Hungary state that "those who illegally left Hungary" are returning "in steadily increasing numbers." Since the publication of the amnesty decree about 2,000 are said to have returned. (FBIS, 26 Dec, OOU)

5. Yugoslavia - Stalin Prize Winner in Belgrade

Tamas Aczel, Hungarian writer and Stalin Prize winner, has been in Belgrade for several days. The local New York Times correspondent, with US embassy assistance, is seeking to get him into Austria and thence to the US. (Belgrade TOUSI 181, 21 Dec, C)

6. West Germany - Rumors on Disarmament

Rumors of new Washington ideas on disarmament and talk of Western and Soviet troop withdrawal have been widespread in West Germany. There is little doubt, US charge O'Shaughnessy believes, that many Germans are wondering whether US opinion may be gradually shifting and taking into consideration these "new ideas." (Bonn 2451, 21 Dec, OUD)

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7. Brazil - Reassessment of Military Requirements Urged

US ambassador Briggs in Rio de Janeiro urges that the joint Brazil-US recommendations on Brazil's military requirements submitted to the JCS in January 1954 should receive consideration if the US expects to get favorable action on the request for missile facilities. (Rio de Janeiro 640, 26 Dec, S)

8. Peru - Drought Relief

The US embassy in Lima believes that official and public concern over the effects of the 1956 drought and worse prospects for 1957 are rapidly mounting. The embassy believes that the US position in Peru would be seriously damaged if we renege on what the Peruvians, the US embassy and the USOM consider a firm commitment to provide necessary relief. (ICA Daily Cable Summary, 26 Dec, S)

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