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15. Section III/2-American Consul General Hong Kong: Comments On Peiping Reaction To President Kennedy's Death:

Comment: There is a distinctive defensive note underlying Chinese Communist commentary, which the AC ConsGen believes can be attributed to Peiping's realization that except for Communist China and a scattering of adherents, the whole world (including the USSR) has joined together in mourning the loss of President Kennedy and in wishing President Johnson well. As so often in the case when Peiping feels itself isolated and on the defensive, eg. regarding Soviet charges that the Chinese Communists advocate war as a means of world revolution, Peiping in this instance feels obliged to vilify its chosen enemies inordinately in order to justify its extreme stand. Insofar as local Chinese reaction is concerned in Hong Kong, the ConsGen contacts think this line will prove an adverse effect even among Communist adherents: that effect such treatment will have on China mainland remains to be seen. Meanwhile, we surmise that Peiping senses it will have considerable difficulty in shifting its propaganda attacks away from President Kennedy to his successor, who is unknown quantity due to regime's technique of using the President as the personification of all that it hates in us.  
(ACConsul Hong Kong 251015Z) (LOT)

16. Section III/7-Khrushchev Supports Indonesia Against Malaysia:

Khrushchev has expressed full support for Indonesia's confrontation with Malaysia, the Government-controlled Antara news agency reported on 26 Nov. Antara said the support was given by Khrushchev at a luncheon for Indonesian Defense Minister and chief of the armed forces General Nasution during a recent visit to Russia.

Nasution told Antara he felt satisfied with his talks with Khrushchev and again stressed that Indonesia would continue to oppose the British-backed federation. Nasution, who is now in the United States, will later visit Paris. (R79, 26 Nov) (Incl)

17. Section III/2-ChiNat Negots For Helicopters For Mainland Invasion:

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According to reliable official of the Kawasaki aircraft company, the ChiNats are negotiating with the Kawasaki aircraft company for the purchase of 10 Boeing Vertol 107 helicopters. These aircraft are reportedly to be used for secret invasion of the China mainland being planned for the end of 1964. The helicopters will be amphibious and able to transport 40 fully armed troops. Combat radius with full load is 125 miles and with larger and/or auxiliary fuel tanks the radius can be increased to 200 miles. Govt of Japan has sanctioned negotiation which is under way. Contract expected to be concluded in late December 1963 or early January 1964. ChiNats requested for delivery of 3 acft by Jan-Feb '64 to facilitate necessary training of main and operation personnel. Delivery of remaining 7 acft to be made in 2 shipments before end of '64. ChiNats have insisted on secrecy of negotiations and pl even from US advisory personnel.

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