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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

President Johnson - up before dawn this morning - placed a ten gallon Texas hat on his head - and slipped into cowboy boots. For the next four hours - he went deer hunting with his ranch guest - former Governor Buford Ellington of Tennessee. Mr. Johnson bagged a good sized buck deer with his first shot. A second buck fell before the rifle of his guest. Then - it was back to the L.B.J. Ranch - where the President began making the first of many telephone calls to officials in Washington - to keep up with developments in Cyprus. He today sent personal messages to the President and Vice President of Cyprus - expressing hope that the hostile Greek and Turkish Cypriots will soon settle their differences.

CYPRUS

As Mister Johnson's appeal was made public - Britain began flying heavily armed troop reinforcements to Cyprus - where it took over command of all Greek, Turkish and British troops - and moved to make a cease fire effective. British troops arriving on Cyprus tonight - in the hope of ending an explosive crisis threatening to engulf the Nato allies of Greece and Turkey - a crisis that has sent shudders through the North Atlantic Alliance.

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FOLLOW CYPRUS

Actually - conflict is no stranger to this tarnished jewel of the Medeterranean. Hoodshed on Cyprus is as old as the history of the island. In ancient times - Assyrians, Egyptians, Persians, Greeks and Romans all fought for the territory - in the ceaseless struggle for domination in the Eastern Mediterranean. In 1571 - Turkey won control - and held on until the British appeared in 1878. Then - more long and bloody conflict - and in 1960 - independence. Today - it appears that the final chapter - has not yet been written.

INTRO THOMAS

From the other side of the world - in the
central Pacific - Lowell Thomas tonight sends us
another reports from Hawaii. Lowell...

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WHEAT

Soviet and American negotiators seem to have reached agreement on at least part of the pending wheat deal. The Commerce Department has approved licenses for the export of more than forty million dollars worth of American wheat to Russia.

Now word from Dick... making it hard if not impossible for future space men to land on the planet by parachute. But the national space agency believes it can build parachutes or braking rockets to land instruments on Mars to test the atmosphere for future manned flights. And starting in 1965 - when Earth and Mars are at their closest - the agency hopes to fly probes past the planet - taking a closer look for a visit that may not be too far off. That's the news. As Lowell Thomas would say: So long until tomorrow.

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There's some more speculation about Earth's colorful and puzzling planetary neighbor - Mars. A University of Arizona scientist - Doctor Gerard Cooper - claims that the atmosphere on Mars is quite thin - about as thin as the Earth's atmosphere one hundred thousand feet up - making it hard if not impossible for future space men to land on the planet by parachute. But the national space agency believes it can build parachutes or braking rockets to land instruments on Mars to test the atmosphere for future manned flights. And starting in 1965 - when Earth and Mars are at their closest - the agency hopes to fly probes past the planet - taking a closer look for a visit that may not be too far off. That's the news. As Lowell Thomas would say: So Long Until Tomorrow.