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Good evening everybody:

**That long-delayed visit to America by Pakistani
President Ayub Kahn - now set for next month - the Texas
White House announced today. President Johnson to confer
with Ayub Kahn December Fourteenth and Fifteenth - a
probably at the LBJ Ranch. The third world leader -
scheduled to meet with the President next month.**

RUSK

Secretary of State Dean Rusk today confirmed published reports - that the United States rejected Communist North Vietnamese peace feelers last Autumn. But rejected them - said he - because Hanoi felt it was "on the threshold of victory." And only wanted to give the United States - a face-saving chance to get out of Vietnam.

Rusk commenting - "our attitude was and is that we are not interested in saving face - but in saving South Vietnam."

SHIPS

Two of America's mightiest ships - committed today to the war in Vietnam. The carrier Enterprise, world's largest warship - and the frigate Bainbridge, armed with guided missiles. First nuclear-powered ships of the U.S. Navy - assigned to combat stations in the Far East. They join the U.S. Seventh Fleet - already in position in the South China Sea.

Meantime - a combined ground-and-air effort ashore. Our giant B-Fifty-Twos blasting Communist positions - seventy-five miles northeast of Saigon. In support of American, Vietnamese and Australian troops. In an attempt to prevent a rice harvest - from falling into the hands of the Vietcong.

Elsewhere - the quietest day this month. Not a single American casualty from enemy action - for more than twenty-four hours.

McNAMARA

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert McNamara arrived in Paris today -for a one-day meeting of NATO Defense Ministers En route to his seventh visit - to Vietnam. Indeed, the war there in itself - chief subject of a McNamara news conference at Orly Airport.

McNamara asserting that the Communists' monsoon offensive in Vietnam - "has been blunted. And I think defeated." - said he. The Vietcong "now looking to the future" - he went on - and "we are, too." McNamara adding - "I am going to Vietnam for that purpose."

THEFT

Two irreplaceable manuscripts and two religious relics - worth altogether nearly half-a-million dollars found missing today from the Vatican library in Rome. Apparently stolen by thieves - in the Vatican's first burglary in years.

The missing items including a copy of "Canzoniere" by Petrarch - a fourteenth century poet. A manuscript of poems by Tasso - a Roman poet. A facsimile of the crown of St. Stephan - an Hungarian saint. And a wooden box - that had been a gift to Pope Leo the Thirteenth.

The thieves apparently breaking into the library through a window - sometime during the night. Not hard to do - since the Vatican has - only a two-man night patrol.

WEATHER

Weather tonight across the nation - a study in contrasts. Cold and snow across the Upper Midwest - from Michigan to the Rockies. A record heat wave - from Texas to Missouri. With heavy rain and fog - in between.

The temperature - eighty-five today at Houston - compared with ten below - at Great Falls, Montana. As for ~~the~~ the fog - it was so thick at Chardon, Ohio - that a Santa Claus scheduled to arrive at a shopping by helicopter - was delivered instead by police car.

RHODESIA

A pre-dawn explosion today - in Rhodesia. Destroying a pylon on the main power line - from the Kariba Dam on the Zambesi River. Disrupting the flow of electricity - to neighboring Zambia. Temporarily blacking out - that country's rich copper region.

Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith immediately calling the blast - an act of sabotage. Suggesting that it may have been set by Communists - "Chinese or otherwise." "Who have moved into Zambia in recent months" - said he. "Attempting to step up trouble and to dislocate the economy of Zambia - hoping they can pin the blame on Rhodesia."

In any case - about seventy-five per cent of Zambia's power needs - quickly met. With power generated by coal - and some from the neighboring Congo.

SPACE

Another entry today in the space race - albeit somewhat belated. France launching its first satellite into orbit - from the Hammaguir rocket base in the Sahara Desert.

The satellite - an eighty-three-pound space capsule - dubbed the A-One. Mounted atop a Diamond rocket - originally developed as a delivery system for France's fledgling atom bomb. And at last report - the A-One A-Okay - all the way.

KASHMIR

At the United Nations - a pledge of joint cooperation - announced today by U.N. Secretary General U Thant. Both India and Pakistan - agreeing to cooperate with Chilean General Marmbio. To work out a schedule for withdrawal of all troops - from disputed Kashmir. Withdrawal to positions - held before the outbreak of fighting last August.

Halfway round the world - another story. Indian officials at New Delhi - reporting a Pakistani mortar attack near the holy city of Lahore. Also - a series of border skirmishes. In which Indian soldiers killed at least three Pakistanis - during the last twenty-four hours.

PRESIDENT

President Johnson today announced plans to ask Congress - for another two hundred million dollars next year. To further the work of the new Asian Development Bank - which he called "one of the most hopeful events of our times."

Creation of the bank - first proposed by the President last April - as you may recall. In a major foreign policy address - at Johns Hopkins University.

Already well on its way - said the President - "toward creating an environment - in which men and nations exercise the right to develop their own systems and their own societies - without fear of interference from others."

LYNDA

Lynda Bird Johnson the guest of honor today - at an Acapulco beach party sponsored by the National Tourist Council of Mexico. First fun-filled event - of her chaperoned holiday weekend with movie actor George Hamilton. The beach party guest list also including a number of additional movie stars - on hand for Acapulco's eighth International Film Festival.

ART

A rags-to-riches story with an artistic bent - comes today from London. In the discovery of a long-lost self-portrait - by the Seventeenth Century Dutch Master - Frans Hals. Sold at auction by Mrs. Gisela Kemperdick of Cologne, Germany - to art dealer Walter Goetz of Paris.

Mrs. Kemperdick coming into possession of the painting - by way of a Russian pianist. Who similarly purchased the painting at auction two years ago - in Arnheim, Holland.

The difference - this: The price paid by the Russian pianist - seven bucks - American. The price paid today by Art dealer Goetz - just under a quarter of a million dollars.

IKE

A welcome medical bulletin today - from Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington. Where former President Eisenhower - is recovering from that recent heart trouble.

Doctors reporting that Ike's condition - has stabilized into steady recuperation. He's doing so well, in fact, - that the issuance of daily medical bulletin is to be discontinued as of now.

One of ~~those~~ those rare instances - where no news - is good news.

PLANE

For the second time in five days - a windshield shattered today in the pilot's cabin of an Islandic Airways passenger plane - high over the North Atlantic.

^The Plane - a four-engine turbo-prop CL-forty-seven - same as before. En route from New York to Europe with a full load of passengers. - same as before. The accident about five hundred miles east of Iceland. - same as before. The pilot's last name - Gislason - same as before.

Also - no one hurt - same as before. The plane setting down for a emergency landing - at Prestwick, Scotland.

Nevertheless, this comment from Pilot Stefan Gislason. "I hope this was just coincidence" - said he. Adding - "I don't like to think of unknown forces - at work over the Atlantic."

And frankly - neither do I.