



The President's Daily Brief

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1. France

French officials and editorial writers have responded warmly to President Johnson's message supporting De Gaulle's efforts to save the franc. Even Yankee-baiting Michel Debré is said to have called the President's move a brilliant one which will make it harder for the French to be intransigent in their relations with the United States.

2. Soviet Union

Rumors out of Moscow notwithstanding, it now looks as if the Soviets will not attempt a flight around the moon in December. Movements and activities of key space support and recovery ships, [redacted] make early 1969 a more likely period. Soviet announcements on the achievements of the Zond-5 and Zond-6 flights suggest that the next circumlunar capsule may well be manned.

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3. Philippines

Marcos, perhaps concerned that he has gone too far in abusing his friends, has lately made some private moves to assure US officials of his friendship. He has also dropped public references to his deliberately engineered dispute with Malaysia over Sabah, and has softened or clarified statements he made to the Manila Overseas Press Club November 20 about strengthening ties with "socialist countries."

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