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The North Vietnamese are building roads in Laos that will enable them to resupply their forces in South Vietnam and Cambodia virtually without regard to the weather. *(Page 2)*

EC political directors, in preparation for President Nixon's visit to Europe, made some progress this week toward a draft declaration on US-EC relations. *(Page 3)*

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Libya has laid a minefield outside its territorial waters. *(Page 5)*

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[redacted] unrest centers in the navy, whose personnel have been on edge about the imminent naming of a new service chief. Navy men plotting to overthrow the government now claim army and air force support.

There is no evidence of a coordinated tri-service coup plan. Army generals, in fact, lately have been talking [redacted] of ways of building interservice unity with a view to increasing the military's influence on the government. Should hotheads in the navy act in the belief they will automatically receive support from the other services, they could find themselves isolated.

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There are also indications that naval officers could be planning joint anti-government actions with militant civilian opponents of the regime. The far-rightist Fatherland and Freedom Movement has been blocking roads and provoking clashes with the national police, adding to the tension caused by continuing strikes and opposition political moves.

President Allende [redacted]

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[redacted] earlier this week [redacted]

[redacted] said he believed the armed forces will ask for his resignation if he does not change his economic and political policies. He raised the prospect of an "armed confrontation" between his followers and the military. Allende said his supporters do not have enough weapons to prevail in such an event and that it would do no good to try to distribute more arms now, since the military would not permit it. He concluded that the only solution is a "political one."

Allende seemed to be trying to convince [redacted] that the situation is serious and requires cautious handling, and that some tactical political retreats may be in order. He is worried about the sustained opposition pressures against him and, especially, about the intentions of the military.

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