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1. TUNISIA. Recent statements by the exiled Tunisian nationalist leader, Bourguiba, may indicate that the Neo-Destour (nationalist) party will adopt a policy of increased terrorism unless some early progress is made in the Franco-Tunisian negotiations, G-2 comments. A breakdown of these negotiations could have serious repercussions in other parts of North Africa where the nationalists would consider it a definite sign that the French Government will not carry out its promises. G-2 concludes that "time is rapidly running out for the French if they wish to obtain a program permitting gradual evolution toward independence and to assure sufficient Tunisian goodwill to permit the retention of some French foothold in the area." DIB 1459, 16 November 54, S.

2. EGYPT. In commenting on the removal of President Nagib from office, G-2 concludes that the Egyptian Revolutionary Command Council (RCC) should now feel sufficiently strong to continue to improve its relations with the West, provided it can successfully cope with retaliatory acts by the Moslem Brotherhood. The increased popular support for Colonel Nasr which followed the attempted assassination apparently has so strengthened the confidence of the RCC that it now feels strong enough to remove Nagib. DIB 1458, 14 November 54, S.

3. INDIA. Recent Indian negotiations for purchases of military equipment may indicate concern over the potentialities and intentions of the Communist Chinese, G-2 comments. The special attention which was given border battalions in a recent announcement of a military reorganization illustrates India's concern over the security of her northern borders, according to G-2. DIB 1459, 16 November 54, S.

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ADDITIONAL TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY

1. GUATEMALA. President Castillo has requested the participation of a squadron of US jets in a military parade to be held December 22, according to the Embassy in Guatemala. The purpose of the parade is to encourage the anti-Communist elements and to deter Communist conspiracies by a demonstration of the Government's strength. The Government has also requested assistance in the purchase of military vehicles to be used in the parade. Guatemala 365, 16 November 54, C.; Target of Opportunity - Attn: Col. Enyart.

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