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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

**ISSUED BY THE
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20 NOVEMBER 1963

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1. Iraq-Syria

CIA

(6392) 64101, 14 Nov
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a. Although sporadic gunfire continued through the night in Baghdad, the army is in control.

b. Arif has plans to announce the make-up of his cabinet today. It will probably contain some "mild" Baathists.

c. He permitted Syrian strongman Hafiz and Michel Aflaq, the founder of the Baath Party, who were caught in Baghdad by the coup, to fly back to Damascus yesterday after the Syrian radio suddenly stopped vilifying the newest Iraqi regime.

d. Arif and his colleagues obviously hope to reach an understanding with the Syrian regime. We doubt very much if they are interested, however, in the meaningful political and military unity the previous regime was aiming for.

[redacted] that Syrian army units, now in Iraq, are getting ready to go home.

f. The reiteration of Baathists in positions of power in Baghdad also tends to ease the threat to the party in Syria.

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2. Venezuela

a. The Communist effort to frustrate the presidential election (1 December) continues.

b. An illegal transmitter was heard yesterday in Caracas calling for a 48-hour general strike and urging listeners to arm themselves against the Betancourt government.

c. Roving bands of Communist-led terrorists sought to enforce the generally unsuccessful strike with gunfire. There were at least nine deaths (some reports go as high as 19). Guerrilla activity in rural areas is also being stepped up.

d. The government has jailed an added 200 extremists in the wake of yesterday's violence and plans are afoot to detain 1,500 more.

e. The army is being held in reserve in the Caracas area.

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3. South Vietnam

a. Ton That Thinh, whom we had earlier identified as the least reliable of the generals' group, is trying to use his position as security minister to build himself an independent political base.

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b. He has been visiting provincial cities to "explain" the military takeover and receive expressions of loyalty. He has continued to spread the idea that the coup was largely his own doing.

4. France-Israel

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5. Egypt

not from Farley
19 Nov

a. Pamphlets and posters bitterly lampooning Nasir, especially for his involvement in Yemen and Algeria, have appeared on the streets of Cairo and Suez.

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b. Such public expression of anti-Nasir sentiment is highly unusual.

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18 Nov*

c. It is still in a very low key, however, and there is no sign of organized opposition.

d. We do not consider Nasir to be in any immediate danger of overthrow, though he could be forced to modify unpopular policies if the discontent spreads.

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6. Bolivia

a. The return last week of Vice President Lechin, who has been on ice as Bolivia's ambassador in Rome, will heat things up in La Paz.

b. The city has already witnessed four minor demonstrations which Embassy La Paz attributes to left-wingers encouraged by Lechin's presence.

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7. Cambodia

a. Sihanouk may have finally painted himself into a corner on US aid.

b. He has followed up yesterday's emotional public renunciation with an official request to our embassy for talks on the subject.

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c. We are always reluctant to predict just what Sihanouk will do next, but he may hope, perhaps expect, that the US will press him to retain some of our aid, even on his terms.

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NOTES

A. Congo A clandestine source tells us that Adoula will finally announce this morning the expulsion of all personnel of the Soviet and Czech embassies. This move has been hanging fire ever since security officials turned up evidence several weeks ago implicating personnel of these embassies in antigovernment activities. The Congolese ambassador in Moscow has been directed to destroy his classified files.

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B. USSR A new series of extended range missile tests seems to be upcoming. Three Soviet range instrumentation ships left Petropavlovsk nine days ago and are apparently headed for the more distant Pacific impact area, 6,500 miles from Tyuratam. There has so far been no announcement closing the area.

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C. Sino-Soviet Peiping has been quick to exploit the opening provided by Barghoorn's release. To the Chinese this affair is an object lesson in how Khrushchev knuckles under to US pressure without getting a thing in return.

*Beijing
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D. USSR-Cuba The five passenger ships we mentioned in last Thursday's Checklist have docked and departed. Some of them brought in rotational troops and all of them took out Soviet personnel. We cannot strike a firm balance on the basis of the evidence we now have, but it is possible that as many Soviets went out as came in.

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E. Czechoslovakia-Mali

F. Japan Ikeda does not appear to be in any particular trouble in tomorrow's elections. The long-range trend toward the left in popular vote will probably be apparent, but Ikeda's Liberal Democratic Party should retain a safe majority in the next Diet. The leftists have tried to turn rising prices and last week's twin disasters into election ammunition, but without marked success.

G. Indonesia Djakarta is trying to round up support for making Sukarno's little Olympics, the "Games of the New Emerging Forces," a permanent thing.

H. Israel

I. Brazil A new round of army promotions and shifts in command are due. Anti-Goulart elements [redacted] ranks will be further thinned. Congenital plotters on the far right are talking coup [redacted]

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22 NOVEMBER 1963
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1. Iraq

a. The new 21-man cabinet appears to be a coalition of Arab nationalist elements including four members of the moderate wing of the Baath Party. The regime is still dominated by the military, with eight cabinet posts.

b. The new prime minister, Tahir Yahya, is sympathetic to the Baath Party, and both the Baathists and the Egyptians feel they can trust him.

c. The political affiliation of eight of the new ministers is not known, but the key interior post is in the hands of an anti-Baathist nationalist.

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2. Indonesia

a. Defense Minister Nasution has been ordered by Sukarno to make conciliatory statements on Malaysia while on his trip abroad.

b. The Dutch charge who reported this explained that Nasution was chosen for this job because Sukarno was irritated with the ultra-tough line the defense minister has taken.

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~~c. The change has no information on the motives behind this switch. Our embassy thinks it may be a move to pave the way for exploratory talks by Foreign Minister Sabandaro at Bangkok with his Thai and Philippine counterparts. It may also be meant to provide a more receptive attitude for Nasution's visit here.~~

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~~d. Our embassy thinks Nasution went in for his Malaya contre-attacking on Sukarno's orders, or at the very least, with the president's tacit support. Sukarno may feel Nasution has stolen some of his thunder.~~

3. Congo

~~a. Adoula still did not get around to announcing the expulsion of all Soviet and Czech embassy personnel yesterday. However, his people managed on Tuesday afternoon to corral and hog-tie the Soviet counselor and press attaché before they could eat-up all the incriminating papers in their possession.~~

~~b. The Russians are now being held at Ndolo prison. The Congolese surete says the seized papers include, among other things, minutes of a "liberation committee" meeting of opposition politicians in Brazzaville, and a document showing Soviet payments to this group.~~

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c. The Belgian ambassador thinks these papers are probably genuine. He says the Russians have made the mistake of underestimating the Congolese and have stumbled into a sure trap.

d. The Congolese also picked up two Czech diplomats but have since released them. This morning they arrested the correspondent of the Soviet news agency.

4: Ethiopia-Congo

a. Haile Selassie is planning to withdraw all Ethiopian troops from the Congo in January, according to the commander of his ground forces.

b. The two battalions of Ethiopians involved in the UN operation. They had been slated to stay until June and are likely to be very difficult to replace.

c. The Emperor reportedly ordered the withdrawal on grounds that the troops are urgently needed in Ethiopia, particularly in view of the Soviet military accord with Somalia.

d. Our ambassador has asked to see the Emperor, as well as the prime minister and foreign minister, to press for reconsideration.

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5. Yemen

a. Military activity has slackened but the stalemate continues.

b. Egypt still has about 30,000 troops in Yemen, and Saudi Crown Prince Faysal believes Nasir will not withdraw any significant number of them before 4 January when the extension of the disengagement agreement expires.

c. Faysal is preparing to resume aid to the royalists at that time; he is stockpiling quantities of arms and ammunition along the border.

(Includes INTERCEPTS)

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6. Turkey

a. The opposition Justice Party, heir of the old Menderes regime, appears to have won a victory in Sunday's nationwide local elections on the basis of incomplete returns.

b. The collapse of Prime Minister Inonu's coalition government appears increasingly likely. Though a new coalition may be formed, there will be considerable resistance to the retention of Inonu as prime minister.

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c. Justice Party members will be putting on pressure for early national parliamentary elections. However their party leaders do not believe the Turkish military, which ousted Mandelis in 1960, would permit them to take over if they won new elections.

d. They will probably try to work out some rapprochement with the armed forces.

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NOTES

A. Cuba. The U-2 which flew yesterday's mission over Cuba crashed while returning about 40 miles north of Key West. Air and sea rescue craft were sent to the scene. An air rescue unit sighted an unopened parachute, a life raft and oil slick in the crash area. The pilot is presumed lost. There is no indication that the plane was attacked.

B. Berlin. Local East German troops acting without higher authority appear to have been responsible for turning high powered searchlights on pilots taking off from West Berlin's Tempelhof airfield on 14-16 November. There were five such incidents. A message of 16 November instructed border guard detachments to discontinue such acts. There have been no further incidents reported since.

C. Albania-USSR. A Radio Tirana broadcast has accused Moscow of personally releasing Barboza for fear that Moscow's wheat deal with the US might collapse. The Albanians are on record as preferring to eat grass rather than to kowtow to the West, but they are not above eating Chinese wheat acquired from Western sources.

D. Iran-USSR. The Soviet Union's timing seems to be off in Iran. Government sources have reported that a twin engined plane was shot down in Iranian territory yesterday by Soviet jet fighters who violated Iranian air space. The Iranians say that the plane was on a photographic mission in connection with the

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government's land reform drive. The pilot was injured and his two passengers were killed. The incident comes at a time when Soviet President Brezhnev is visiting Tehran. He addressed a joint session of parliament today.

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- E. Venezuela. Police seem to have restored order in downtown Caracas, but terrorism continues elsewhere. The slum district of Catia to which the terrorists retreated is under virtual martial law. Among other things, the Imort paint warehouse at Maracaybo was set afire and totally destroyed.
- F. World Peace Council. The WPC meeting in Warsaw next Saturday may wind up in another free-for-all. The Chinese Communist delegation, although not intent on disrupting the conference, plans to attack the WPC president's report given to a committee meeting in Vienna last September. The Japanese delegates plan to give general support to the Chinese and will try to forestall a vote on the Moscow test ban treaty.

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Debriefing of Professor Frederick Barghoorn

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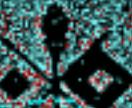
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2. Venezuela

- a. The Communist effort to frustrate the presidential election (1 December) continues.

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--23 NOVEMBER 1963

1. USSR:

- b. An illegal transmitter was heard yesterday in Caracas calling for a 48-hour general strike and urging listeners to arm themselves.

c. "GRIFFON", THE SOVIET ANTI-MISSILE DISPLAYED IN THE
7 NOVEMBER MOSCOW PARADE, APPEARS DESIGNED ONLY FOR USE WITHIN
THE ATMOSPHERE.

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led terrorists sought to enforce the generally unsuccessful strike with gunfire. There were at least nine deaths (some reports go as high as 19). Guerrilla activity in rural areas is also being stepped up.

- d. The government has jailed an added 200 (21) extremists in the wake of yesterday's violence and plans are afoot to detain 1,500 more.

- e. The army is being held in reserve in the Caracas area.

(Includes intercept)

2. CAMBODIA:

3. South Vietnam

A. Sihanouk has given the French in Phnom Penh sole charge of the general's group, is trying to use his neutrality minister to build himself an independent political base.

B. HE WANTS THE TWELVE GENEVA CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS (Cont'd)
WARNING THAT HE PLANS TO REVIVE HIS NEUTRALITY GUARANTEE PROPOSALS.
PROPOSALS.

C. THE FRENCH SAY THEY PLAN TO RESPOND FAVORABLY AND HOPES WE WILL TOO, LEST SIHANOUK OTHERWISE TAKE THE FINAL IRREVOCABLE STEP INTO THE COMMUNIST BLOC.

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b. He has been visiting provincial cities since the coup to witness its aftermath, take over and receive expressions of loyalty. He has continued to spread the idea that the coup was largely his own doing.

D. MEANWHILE PEIPING HAS DECLARED IT WOULD GIVE "ALL-OUT SUPPORT SHOULD CAMBODIA ENCOUNTER ARMED INVASION INSTIGATED BY THE US OR ITS VASSALS."

E. ~~REDACTED~~ MINISTER OF DEFENSE LOU NOL HAS INTIMATED TO GENERAL TAEER THAT THE CAMBODIAN MILITARY DOES NOT APPROVE OF TERMINATION OF US AID. CAMBODIAN MILITARY OFFICERS HAVE MADE IT PLAIN THAT THE US RETAINS A RESERVOIR OF GOOD WILL

WITHIN THE COUNTRY'S MILITARY.

4. France-Israel

3. NOTES:

a. He has picked up further details on the surface-to-surface missile system which a French firm is developing for the Israelis.

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Feb 21

A. CUBA-US: A PRENSA LATINA ITEM YESTERDAY DATE-LINED NEW YORK, SAYS THE STUDENT COMMITTEE FOR TRAVEL TO CUBA HAS STARTED ORGANIZING ANOTHER TRIP, HOPEFULLY TO INCLUDE AS MANY AS 500 STUDENTS THIS TIME. OVER 100 ARE SAID TO HAVE APPLIED SO FAR.

b. The firm, Marcel Dassault, is to produce and test fire 25 missiles between July 1964 and July 1965. An actual production contract for perhaps 200 missiles will be drawn up late in the period if all goes well.

B. U-2 CRASH: SALVAGE OPERATIONS CONTINUE ON THE WRECKAGE OF THE U-2. THERE IS STILL NO TRACE OF THE PILOT, CAPTAIN HYDE, WHO EVIDENTLY EJECTED SOMETIME BEFORE IMPACT.

C. DENMARK-US: DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER HAAKKERUP, VISITING KHRUSHCHEV ON THURSDAY, PRESENTED HIM WITH A MADE-IN-DENMARK ROCKING CHAIR, EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ROCK IN RHYTHM IN BOTH THE KREMLIN AND THE WHITE HOUSE. APPARENTLY KHRUSHCHEV WILL BE MAKING HIS SCANDINAVIAN TOUR NEXT SPRING.

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for
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c. Design requirements call
for the aircraft, at 1,650 pounds

D. JAPAN: YESTERDAY'S REFERENDUM ELECTION DID NOT CHANGE
THE GENERAL BALANCE BETWEEN CONSERVATIVES AND SOCIALISTS IN
THE DIET.

300 miles with a CEP slightly in excess
head would not make military sense
under these specifications.

5. Egypt

m. Pamphlets and posters
BIT FELL SHORT OF THEIR GOAL OF INCREASING THE TURN-OUT
TAKES SOCIALISTS MAINTAIN ESPECIALLY FOR HIS INVOLVEMENT IN YEMEN
streets of Cairo and Suez.

BARRIER "JELLYFISH"

note from 1961
E. INDONESIA-US: INDONESIAN OFFICIALS ARE IMPLETING IT
BE KNOWN INDIRECTLY, VIA THE OIL COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES,
THAT SUKARNO MAY WELL HOLD UP SIGNATURE OF THE LAW RATIFYING
OIL CONTRACTS WITH THE BIG THREE UNTIL THE US POSITION ON AID
TO INDONESIA IS "CLARIFIED." US AID THEY SAY WAS PROMISED
BY WILSON WYATT AS PART OF A "PAKAGE DEAL" FOR SETTLING WITH
THE OIL COMPANIES.

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6. Bolivia

a. The return last week of Vice President Lechin, who has been on ice as Bolivia's ambassador in Rome, will heat things up in La Paz.

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7. Cambodia

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

a. Sihanouk may have finally painted himself into a corner on US aid.

b. He has followed up yesterday's emotional public renunciation with an official request to our embassy to withdraw our military project.

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23 NOVEMBER 1963

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1. South Vietnam

Note from Ed Heck
22 Nov

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- a. Vietnamese Communist efforts to discredit the new Saigon regime stayed in high gear this week.
- b. The number of armed attacks was off from the high of the previous week but still some 50% above the year's weekly average.
- c. These attacks have been, for the most part, small-scale efforts directed against the government's paramilitary forces in the villages. They have been designed more for their psychological impact than for immediate military gain.
- d. A high volume of messages on Viet Cong military and political communications nets indicates a probable continuation of this effort. *VBR*
- e. The new government is responding by stepping up its own military operations. It is also setting about the hard job of reviving the new government apparatus and harnessing broader popular support for the new effort.
- f. The generals have been dealing fairly effectively with

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This move has been hanging fire ever since security officials turned up evidence ~~recent~~ weeks ago implicating personnel of these embassies in antigovernment activities. The Congolese ambassador in Moscow has been directed to destroy his classified files.

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G. Indonesia **Djakarta is trying to round up support** for making Sukarno **a little Olypmic, the name of** the New Emerging Forces, a permanent thing. In making a pitch along these lines to the Philippine ambassador, a high Indonesian official candidly admitted that Djakarta **& views this sort of alliance** competition as **a means of achieving political ends.** (INTERCEPTS) but opportunistic General Ton That Dinh, the new Minister of Security.

State, Qipu
19 Nov

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H. Israel The Israeli Foreign Office says Ben Gurion is denying the **story of account in yesterday's** New York Times of Ben Gurion's **first labored experiments in "military atomic" invention.** Ambassador Barbour is not entirely convinced of this, however, and recalls Ben Gurion's oft-expressed opinion that it does no harm to let Nasir worry about Dimona.

Tel Aviv 580
19 Nov

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I. Brazil A new **regime has also embarked on a purge of high military officers** in command are officers who sided with Diem during Goulart element. **Some, however, are** still **on the right side** and enough **genital plotters of the right** are talking coup yet again.

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3/565, 226
10 Nov again.

NBR**S/BR****2. Venezuela**

a. The death toll from the terrorist outbreak in Caracas last Tuesday and Wednesday now stands at about 30.

b. This is the high water mark thus far in the campaign of the Castro-supported Communist extremists to disrupt the national elections a week from tomorrow.

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c. The Betancourt government has struck back hard. Its new unified command over the security forces, ~~has been established~~, passed this initial test with ~~flattering~~ colors.

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d. At least 500 extremists were arrested and ~~the round-up is off~~ still going on. Their removal will hamper the Communist drive against elections in major cities like Caracas.

e. We now expect the elections to be held on schedule, a considerable achievement under the circumstances. ~~Handle via~~ The elections will be followed, however, by a Communist effort to prevent the March inauguration of the victor.

f. ~~One~~ The rub here is that none of the presidential candidates commands President Betancourt's considerable assets for dealing successfully with the harsh realities of those ~~open~~ ^{Access to this document will be restricted to those approved for the following specific activities} Venezuelan politics. The constitution prevents Betancourt from succeeding himself.

g. In the background, as always, looms the military, which could intervene if the president-elect shows signs of being soft on communism.

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22 Nov

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21 Nov

In honor of President Kennedy
for whom the President's Intelligence Checklist

was first written on 17 June 1961

a. In the past week [redacted]
[redacted] Cuban military [redacted]
[redacted] that Cuban interpreters are now
posted at several surface-to-air mis-
sile (SAM) sites on the island.

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on schedule.
last six month
SAM system may
Castro.

c. In the
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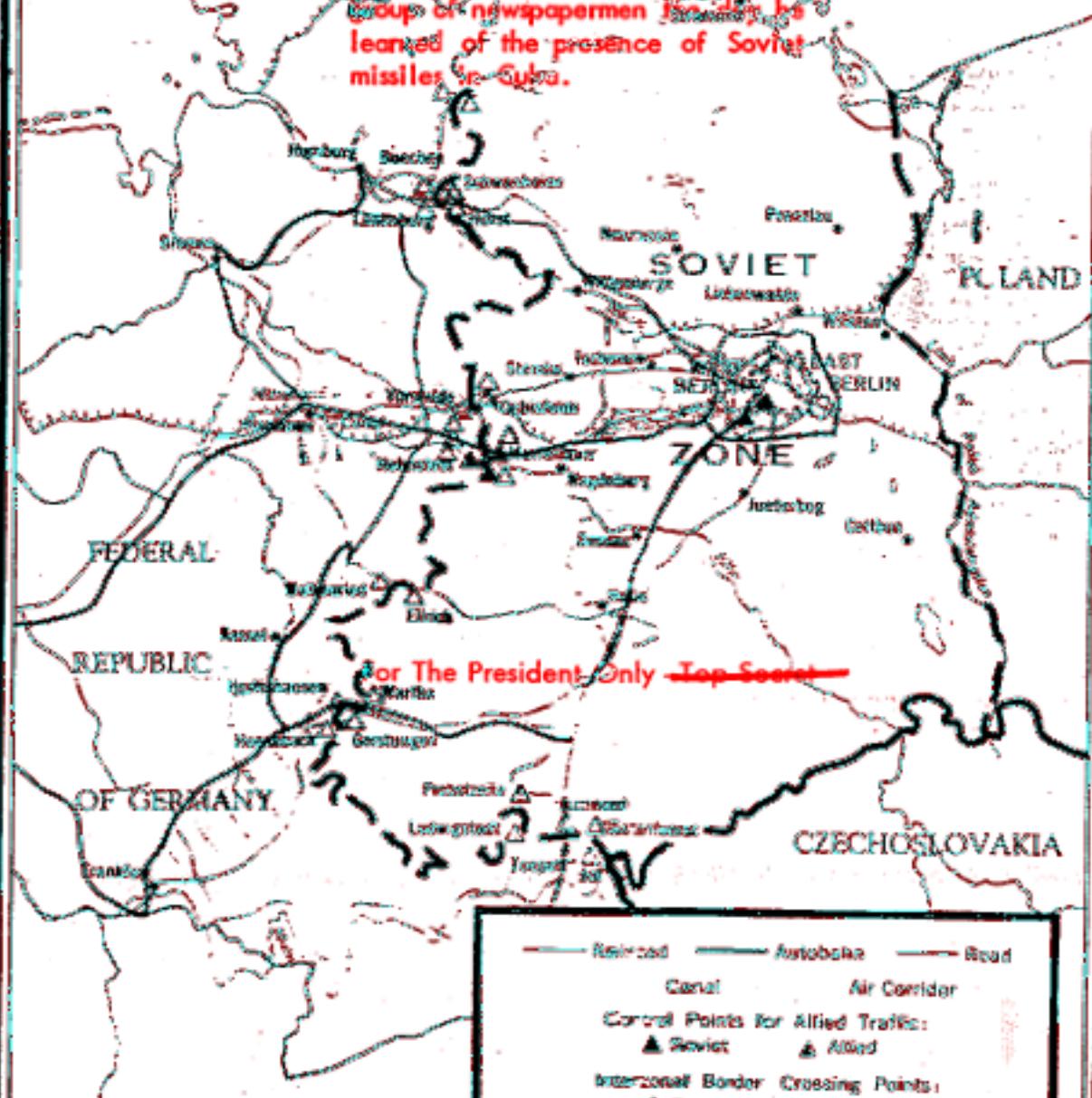
e. We esti_____ that at least
15,000, and probably closer to
18,000, have been withdrawn in the
intervening 13 months, leaving, very
roughly, 4,000 to 7,000. Those re-
maining are for the most part ad-
visors whose main functions are to
train and supervise Cubans in the
use of weapons turned over to them.

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COMMUNICATION ROUTES BETWEEN WEST GERMANY AND BERLIN

For this day, the Checklist Staff can find no words more fitting than a verse quoted by the President to a group of newspapermen the day he learned of the presence of Soviet missiles in Cuba.



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Bullfight critics ranked in rows
Crowd the enormous plaza full;
But only one is there who knows
And he's the man who fights the bull.

f. All Soviet weapons introduced into Cuba last year have been withdrawn or turned over to the Cubans. The only significant exception is the SAM system.
(Includes INTERCEPTS)

4. Berlin

a. We have had an indication that Soviet harassment of Allied access routes to West Berlin will shift this weekend to the air corridors.

b. The Soviet man at the Berlin air traffic control center told the allied representatives yesterday that Soviet transports would be using the air corridors for brief flights during the next five weekends.

c. Moscow has tried on a number of past occasions to assert its right to restrict Allied use of the air corridors. In early 1962, the Soviets attempted to reserve "blocks" of air space for their own use. They have since demanded that Western flights stay between stipulated altitudes, that we file flight plans in advance and provide prior notice of border-crossing times.

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5. Iraq-Syria-

d. This sort of harassment stepped in the spring of 1962 when Soviet leaders became convinced that the US was interested in a serious discussion of a Berlin settlement. Moscow may hope that the ~~November 1963~~ threat of more of this sort of harassment will jog the US into talks on Berlin.

a. It now appears that President Arif's role in last Monday's coup in Baghdad may have been virtually that of a bystander.

c. Whatever Arif's role may have been, the coup was primarily an effort by the Iraqi Army to curtail the activities of the extreme wing of the Baath Party. The Baath is an Arab nationalist political organization, active throughout the Arab world, which has been ruling Iraq and Syria.

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THE PRESIDENT'S ~~INTERVIEW WITH THE NEW CABINET~~ 1963
in the new cabinet.

1. USSR:

A. "GRIFFON"

7 NOVEMBER MOSCOW
THE ATMOSPHERE.

B. FURTHER ANALYSIS OF THE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MISSILE INDICATES

IT WEIGHS ABOUT 2,000 POUNDS, HAS LESS THRUST THAN
ORIGINALY ESTIMATED⁽¹⁾, AND IS PROBABLY NOT WITHOUT SUPPORT FROM IRAQ.
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C. ITS PROBABLE PERFORMANCE ALTITUDES ARE FROM

50,000 TO 100,000 FEET, AND IT IS NOT THEREFORE COMPARABLE
TO THE HIGHER THRUST NIKE-ZEUS SYSTEM.

2. CAMBODIA:

A. SIHANOUK HAS GIVEN THE FRENCH IN PHNOM PENH FORE-
WARNING THAT HE PLANS TO REVIVE HIS NEUTRALITY GUARANTEE
PROPOSALS.

B. HE WANTS THE TWELVE GENEVA CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS
TO MEET IN SOME ASIAN CITY, "AT THE GREAT POWERS' EXPENSE,"
TO WORK OUT A NEUTRALITY GUARANTEE DECLARATION.

C. THE FRENCH SAY THEY PLAN TO RESPOND FAVORABLY AND

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GATED BY THE US OR ITS VASSALS."

E. [REDACTED] MINISTER OF DEFENSE LON NOL HAS INTIMATED TO GENERAL TABER THAT THE CAMBODIAN MILITARY DOES NOT APPROVE OF TERMINATION OF US AID. CAMBODIAN MILITARY OFFICERS HAVE MADE IT PLAIN THAT THE US RETAINS A RESERVOIR OF GOOD WILL WITHIN THE COUNTRY'S MILITARY.

3. NOTES:

A. CUBA-US: A PRENSA LATINA ITEM YESTERDAY DATED NEW YORK, SAYS THE STUDENT COMMITTEE FOR TRAVEL TO CUBA HAS STARTED ORGANIZING ANOTHER TRIP, HOPEFULLY TO INCLUDE AS MANY AS 500 STUDENTS THIS TIME. OVER 100 ARE SAID TO HAVE APPLIED SO FAR.

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B. U-2 CRASH: SALVAGE OPERATIONS CONTINUE ON THE WRECKAGE OF THE U-2. THERE IS STILL NO TRACE OF THE PILOT, CAPTAIN HYDE, WHO EVIDENTLY EJECTED SOMETIME BEFORE IMPACT.

C. DENMARK-USSR: DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER HAEKKERUP, *Openly*
Col. Anderson
383 VISITING KHRUSHCHEV ON THURSDAY, PRESENTED HIM WITH A MADE-IN-DENMARK ROCKING CHAIR, EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT IT WOULD NOW BE POSSIBLE TO ROCK IN RHYTHM IN BOTH THE KREMLIN AND THE WHITE HOUSE. APPARENTLY KHRUSHCHEV WILL BE MAKING HIS SCANDANAVIAN TOUR NEXT SPRING.

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7A THIS DOES. WHILE IT IS TOO EARLY TO TAKE A DEFINITIVE ANALYSIS,
IT WOULD APPEAR THAT IKEDA'S POSITION WITHIN THE PARTY MAY
BE SOMEWHAT LESS SECURE. THE SOCIALISTS GAINED A FEW SEATS,
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BUT FELL SHORT OF THEIR GOAL OF BREAKING THE "ONE-THIRD

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E. INDONESIA-US: INDONESIAN OFFICIALS ARE LETTING IT
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Volunt 127 BE KNOWN INDIRECTLY, VIA THE OIL COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES,
127 THAT SUKARNO MAY WELL HOLD UP SIGNATURE OF THE LAW RATIFYING
127 OIL CONTRACTS WITH THE BIG THREE UNTIL THE US POSITION ON AID

B. TO Congo USSR: ~~IS CLEARLY IN US AT THE DAY WAS PROMISED~~
127 Soviet embassy personnel have not yet
127 left Leopoldville, but their departure is expected
127 BY ~~MONDAY MATT AS PART OF A PACKAGE DEAL FOR SETTLING WITH~~
127 after the Congolese turned up good documentary evi-
127 dence of their complicity in anti-government plots.
127 One of the items taken off a Soviet diplomat the
127 other day was a letter from an anti-Adoula leader
127 now in Brazzaville asking for funds and arms to over-
127 throw the Leopoldville government.

C. Britain: The Labor Party scored again in the Dundee
West by-election Thursday, increasing its 1959
majority of 719 to a thumping 4,955. Reheartened by
this, Labor is now pushing for general elections at
once. Prime Minister Home is not likely to accede.

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1. South Vietnam

a. Vietnamese Communist efforts to discredit the new Saigon regime stayed in high gear this week.

E. Thailand

Note from Ed Hock
11 Nov

b. The number of armed attacks was off from the high of the previous week but still some 50% above the year's weekly average.

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F. USSR. Cosmos 22, launched a week ago, was recovered yesterday. It is the eleventh recovered satellite to be recovered. All recoverable satellites have been launched from Tyuratam, the main Soviet missile test center, and recovered after three to ten days aloft.

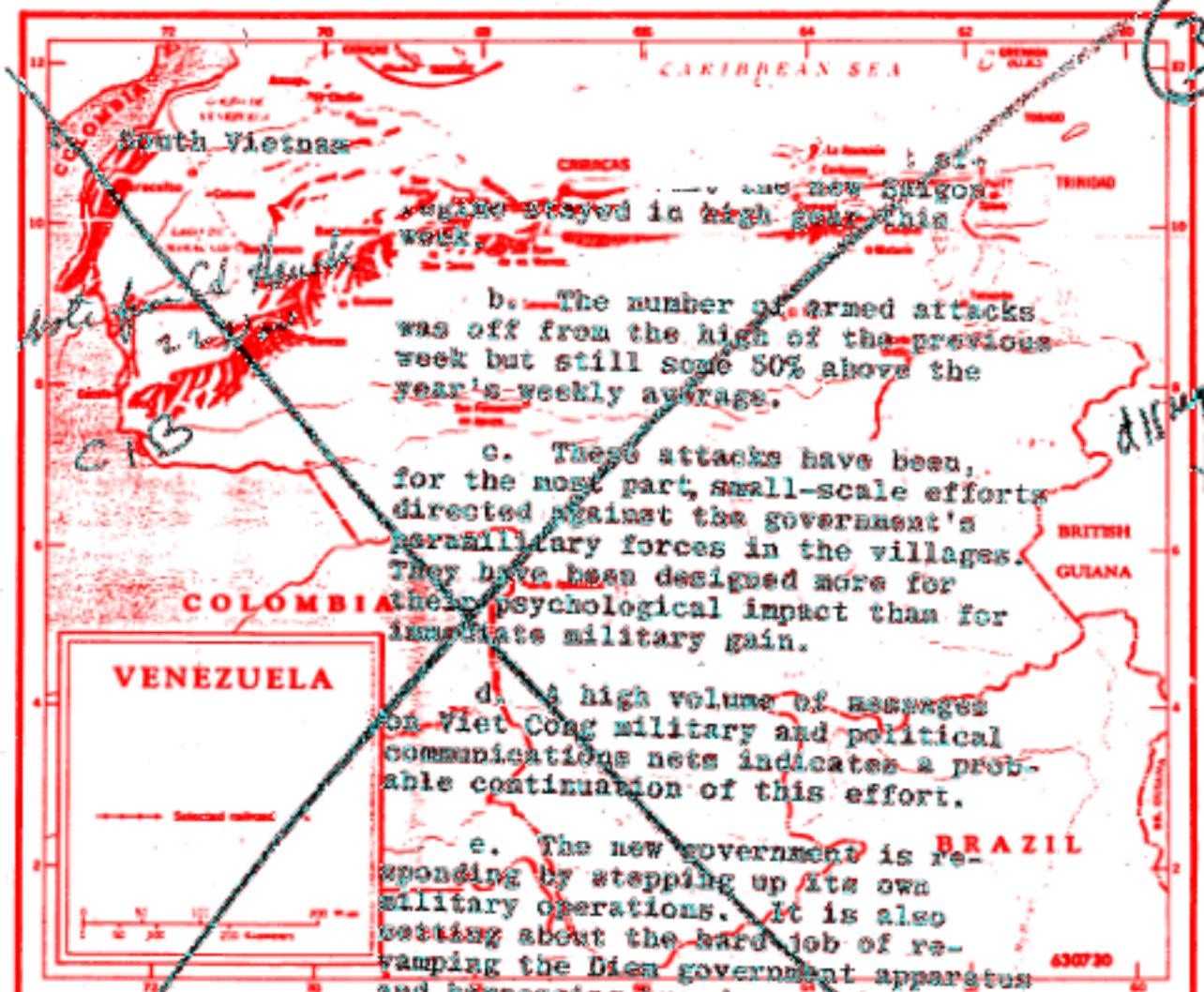
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d. A high volume of messages on Viet Cong military and political communications nets indicates a probable continuation of this effort.

e. The new government is responding by stepping up its own military operations. It is also setting about the hard job of revamping the Diem government apparatus and harnessing broader popular support for the war effort.

f. The generals have been dealing fairly effectively with

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~~their new responsibilities. There
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are, whatever this group of men
is and within this group and between
it and civilian politicians.~~

~~g. One of the more ambitious
and troubleshooters of the more ambitious
bands of revolutionaries is General Romulo
Díaz, opportunist Christian Democrat.
Díaz, the new Minister of Security,
has been travelling about the country spreading his ideas that he
be appointed largely his wing and seems
evidently developing his own independent
base of power. He is a man to
watch.~~

~~h. The new regime has also
embarked on a purge with high military
officers who sided with Diem during
the Buddhist crisis and failed to
(INTERCEPTS) get on the right side soon enough.~~

~~(INTERCEPTS)~~

~~a. The death toll from the
terrorist outbreak follows that
Terrorist outbreaks in Venezuela last
Tuesday and Wednesday now stands at
about 30.~~

~~b. This is the high water mark
thus far which is the high water mark
of the reported Communist (or the extremists)
Castro-supported Communists
to disrupt the national elections a
week from tomorrow.~~

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The Government's government has struck back hard. The US has filed a demand over the temporary forces set up at US urging, placed this initial ban with flying colors.

b. At least 100 communists were arrested and the round-up is still going on. Their removal will hamper the Communist drive against elections in major cities like Caracas.

3. USSR-Cuba

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e. We now expect the elections to be held on schedule, a considerable achievement under the circumstances. Cuban military [redacted] followed, however Cuban interceptors are now postponed at several surface-to-air missile (SAM) sites on the island.

f. b. We think this means that on-site training of Cubans has begun on schedule. Field training is to last six months, after which the SAM system may be turned over to Venezuelan politics. The constitution prevents Betancourt from succeeding himself. In the past month some

1,500 Soviets arrived in Cuba. Most of these were probably SAM experts, always along the military which could intervene if the president-elect shows signs of being soft on communism.

d. Prior to their coming, we had detected no more than a few hundred Soviet military personnel entering Cuba since the October crisis last year.

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We estimate that at least 15,000, and probably closer to 18,000, have been withdrawn in the intervening 12 months, leaving very roughly, 4,000 to 7,000. Those remaining are for the most part advisors whose main functions are to train and supervise Cubans in the use of weapons turned over to them.

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3. USSR-Cuba

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

OCI briefing note
21 Nov

a. In the past week we intercept²⁴ Cuban military messages which²⁴ show that Cuban interpreters are now posted at several surface-to-air missile (SAM) sites on the island.

b. We think this means that on-site training of Cubans has begun on schedule. Field training is to last six months, after which the SAM system may be turned over to Castro.

c. In the past month some 1,500 Soviets arrived in Cuba. Most of these were probably SAM experts, sent to monitor the training.

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d. Prior to their arrival, we had detected no more than a few hundred Soviet military personnel entering Cuba since the October crisis last year.

e. We estimate that at least 15,000, and probably closer to 18,000, have been withdrawn in the intervening 13 months, leaving, very roughly, 4,000 to 7,000. Those remaining are for the most part advisors whose main functions are to train and supervise Cubans in the use of weapons turned over to them.

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1. Both Vietnam -
South Vietnam

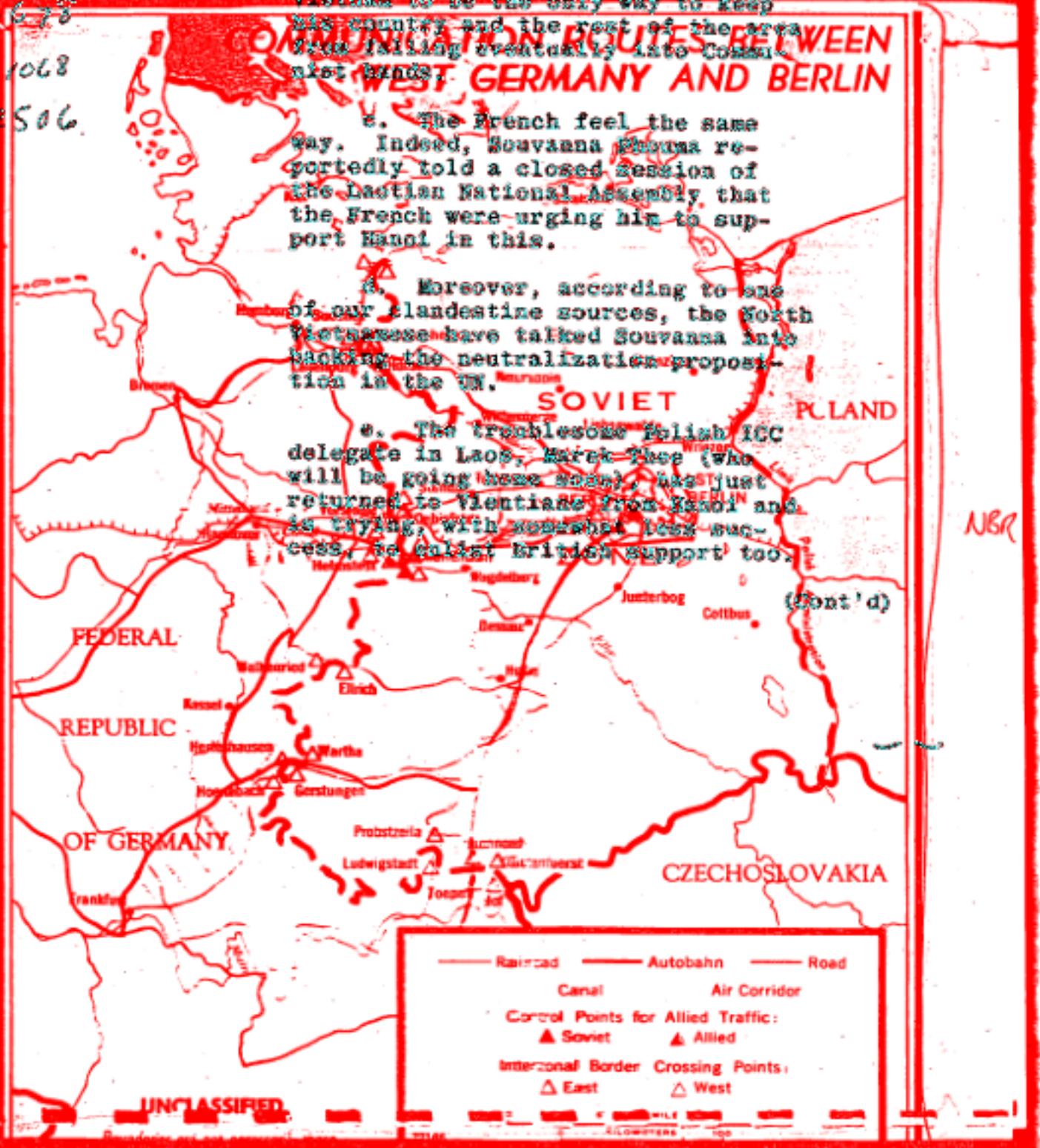
a. North Vietnamese leaders
are pressuring their campaign for neutralization of South Vietnam.

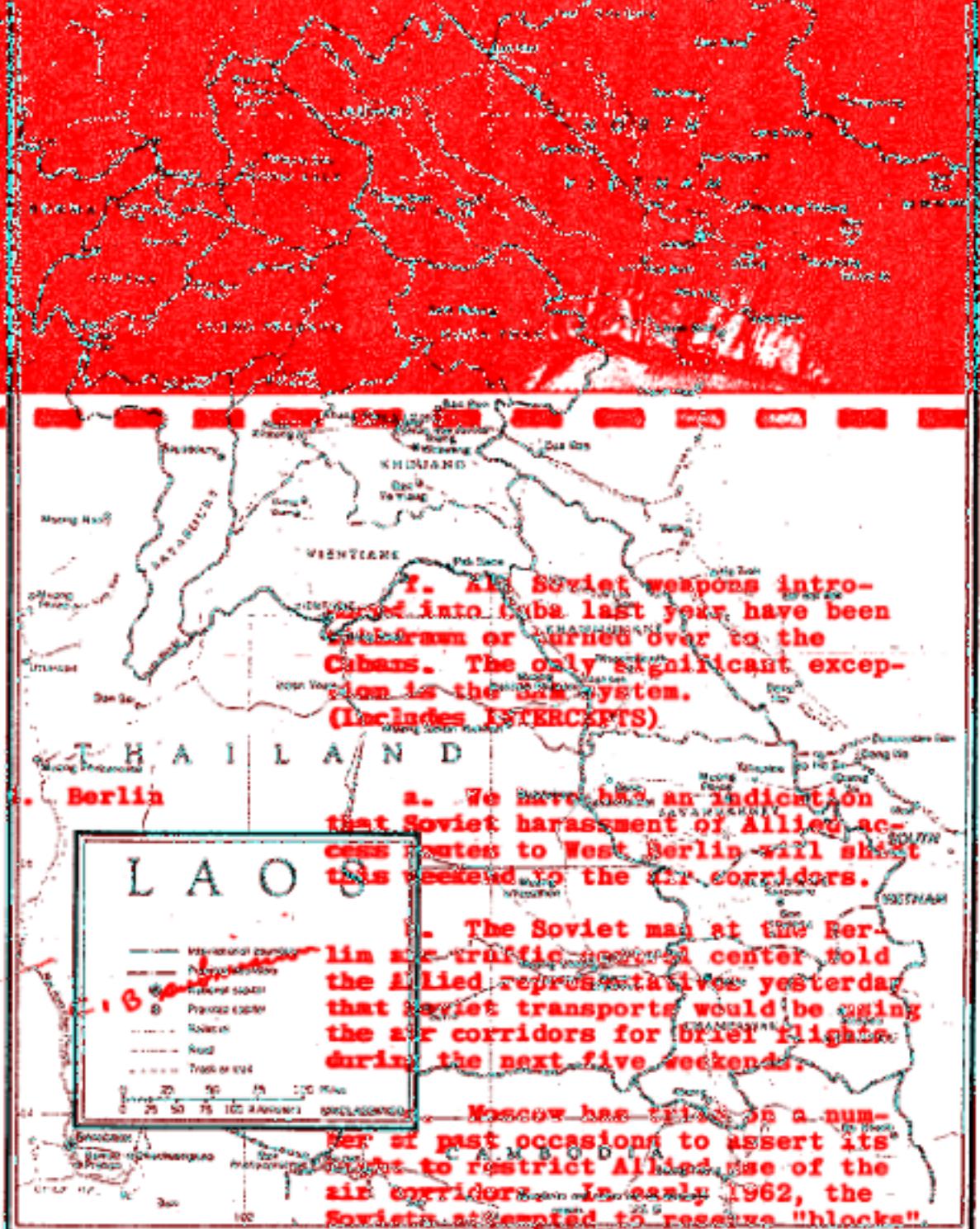
b. They can count on Cambodia's support. Prince Sihanouk has said he believes neutralization of South Vietnam to be the only way to keep his country and the rest of the area from falling eventually into Communist hands.

c. The French feel the same way. Indeed, Souvanna Phouma reportedly told a closed session of the Lao National Assembly that the French were urging him to support Hanoi in this.

d. Moreover, according to one of our clandestine sources, the North Vietnamese have talked Souvanna into backing the neutralization proposition in the UN.

e. The troublesome Polish ICC delegate in Laos, Marek Thes (who will be going home soon), has just returned to Vientiane from Hanoi and is trying, with somewhat less success, to enlist British support too.





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d. As part of the same campaign, the North Vietnamese have told the French they believe sentiment is growing in the DMZ for withdrawal of US forces. They reportedly plan to keep the heat on to encourage it.

e. Hanoi is at the same time trying quietly to encourage the belief that it is ready to be reasonable.

h. To hear Thee tell it, North Vietnamese leaders feel that neutrality for South Vietnam and eventual reunification is the only way they, too, can escape from Peiping's clutches.

d. This sort of harassment

happened in the spring of 1962 when Soviet leaders became convinced that the US was interested in a serious discussion of a Berlin settlement. Moscow may hope that the threat of more of this sort of harassment will jog the US into talks on Berlin.

b. Each side accuses the other of planning to use a cease-fire to screen preparations for larger attacks. It now appears that President Arif's role in last Monday's coup in Baghdad may have been virtually that of a bystander.

c. There is scattered fighting in the Plaine des Jarres. Lao Army, neutralist, and Mao guerrilla elements are jointly engaged in a limited offensive in the Yang Vieng that morning and given five minutes to join up. Tahir Yahya, new prime minister, was reportedly the organizer.

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c. Whatever Arif's role may have been, the coup was primarily an effort by the Iraqi Army to curtail the activities of the extreme wing of the Baath Party. The Baath is an Arab nationalist political organization, active throughout the Arab world, which has been ruling Iraq and Syria.

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3. Cambodia
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area north of Vientiane on Route 13. They hope to gain control of that town and its airfield, the government; there are party members in the new We have been anticipating an expansion of the fighting with the recent advent of the dry season, comes this retention of their Iraqi brothers. Their attitude springs from the Sisavangkham has his actions against us have increased his vulnerability to the Communist bloc, and he is looking to the French to bail him out.

1. The reaction of Nasir's Egypt, which passionately desires to see the Baath go under, has been exactly the opposite. Cairo has been backing off its all-out support for the coup ever since the new cabinet was announced. It apparently hopes that (the available military) French aid will enable him to keep his balance with the Communists and fend off their pressure.

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 d. The French have told our Embassy in Paris that plans are afoot for French Defense Minister Messmer to go to Cambodia in January.

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c. Sihanouk's actions toward the US have not been universally popular. This is particularly true among government officials, the business community (who have reasons to fear stepped-up nationalization), and the military, where the US retains a considerable reservoir of goodwill.

f. Indications are that Sihanouk will try to win fuller support by creating new feuds with neighboring South Vietnam and Thailand. This is a gambit he has used to advantage in past difficulties.

A. USSR [New activity involving Soviet range instrumentation ships in the Pacific appears to be forthcoming.]

4. Yemen-Egypt [Three instruments ships left Leningrad, Nov. 12 days ago and are apparently headed for the more distant Pacific impact area, 3,000 miles from Tyuratam. We are looking for extensive range tests but we do not exclude a space event. There has so far been no announcement closing the area. (INTERCEPTS)]

B. Congo-USSE [Soviet embassy personnel have not yet left Leopoldville, but their departure is expected momentarily. They were ordered out of the country after the Congo ~~suspected of a Soviet diplomatic plot~~ the Egyptians is not likely at the moment, but the longer they remain, the greater the possibility of major pro-government tribes deserting to the royalists for funds and arms to overthrow the Leopoldville government.]

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C. Britain [The Labor Party scored again in the Dundee West by-election Thursday, increasing its 1959 majority of 719 to a thumping 4,955. Heartened by this, Labor ~~for the President Only Top Secret~~ elections at once. Prime Minister Home is not likely to accede.]

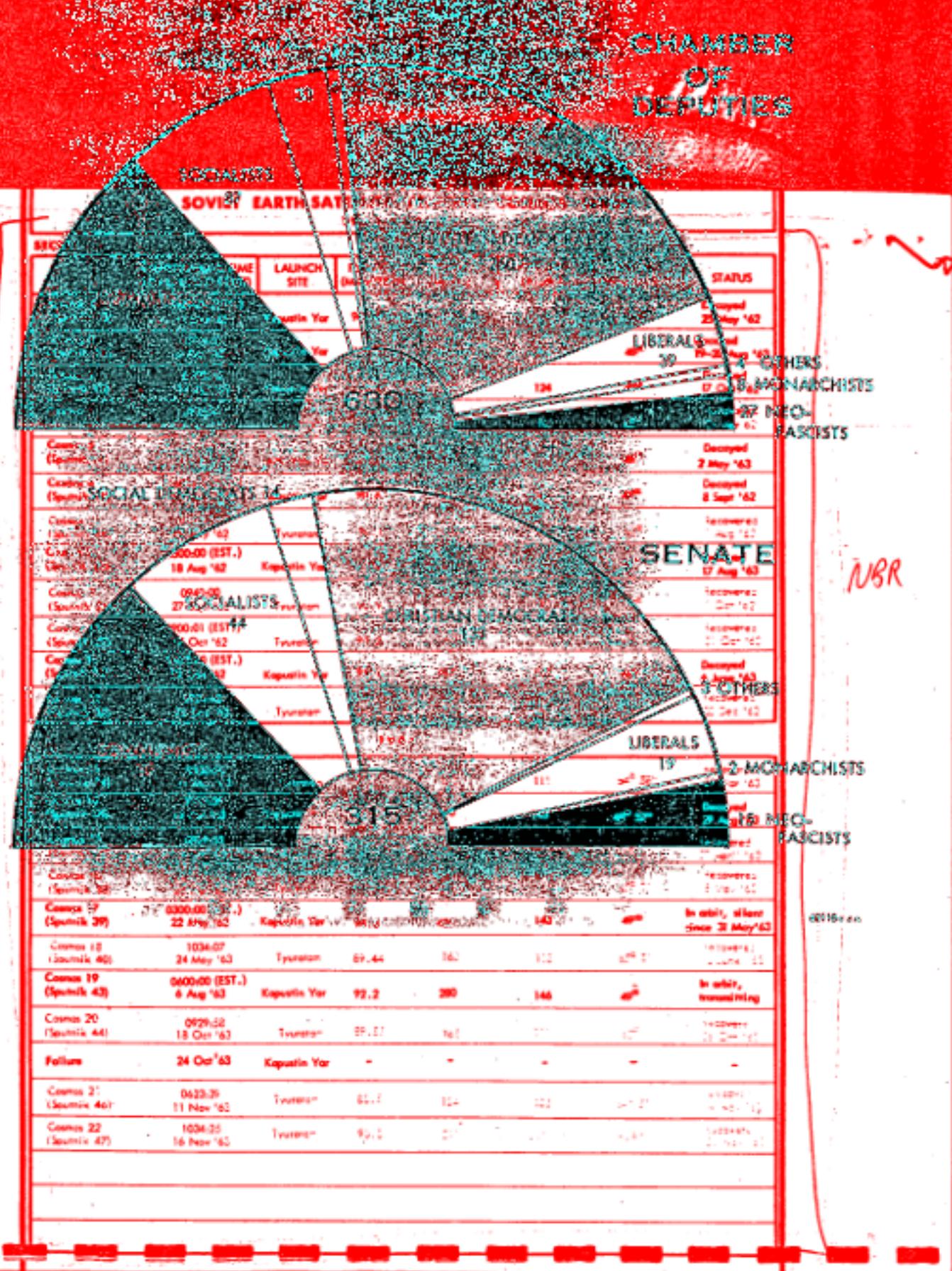
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D. Ecuador [The military junta which has run Ecuador since July may be about to come unstuck. We have a report that one of the less savory members of the group, air force Colonel Freiles, will try to take over full control this weekend. We are not sure of the reliability of this report, but Freiles is known to have been making motions in this direction.]

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d. Nasir, with some 30,000 troops in the Yemen, has gradually promised to pull out 8,000 before the end of the year. To far there has been no sign he is preparing to do so.

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E. Thailand Prime Minister Sarit, who suffers from an incurable liver disease, is failing. Doctors attending him, including one of our own, give him no more than six months more. Sarit has attempted to arrange for an orderly succession when he goes. The chances of this are not good. The politicians and Socialists have finally reached an agreement on cabinet assignments and a program for a "centerleft" coalition government.

F. USSR [Cosmos 22, launched a week ago, was recovered yesterday. It is the eleventh unmanned satellite to be recovered. All recoverable satellites have been launched from Tyuratam, the main Soviet missile test center, and recovered after three to ten days aloft. A series of non-recoverable satellites has been fired from Kapustin Yar. (See Chart) (INTERCEPTS)

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d. With More premier, Nenni will probably become vice-premier. Saragat, who is pro-US and pro-NATO, is most likely to be named Foreign Minister.

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New Delhi*
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- A. India-USSR: The Indian military attaché in Moscow feels that the Russians are dragging their feet in the matter of military assistance for India. Meanwhile, we have a report (not yet confirmed) from New Delhi that Defense Minister Chavan has decided to look to us hereafter for fighter aircraft.
- B. USSR: Our Embassy in Moscow has gotten word of strikes recently at Ryazan, near Moscow, and in Leningrad. The cause of the Ryazan incident is not clear, but bread shortages apparently were behind the Leningrad strikes. Similar disturbances were reported last month from several points in southern Russia.

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1.	CIA/LNC South Vietnam	a. North Vietnamese leaders
2.	South Vietnam	are pressing their campaign [redacted] neutralization of South Vietnam.
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b. They can count on Cambodia's Prince Sihanouk has said he believes neutralization of South Vietnam to be the only way to keep his country and the rest of the area from falling eventually into Communist hands.

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c. The French feel the same way. Indeed, Souvanna Phouma reportedly told a closed session of the Laotian National Assembly that the French were urging him to support Hanoi in this.

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d. Moreover, according to one of our reliable sources, the North Vietnamese have talked Souvanna into backing [redacted] neutralization proposition in the UN.

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e. The troublesome Polish ICC [redacted] (who will be gone soon) has just returned to Vientiane from Hanoi and is trying, with somewhat less success, to enlist British support too.

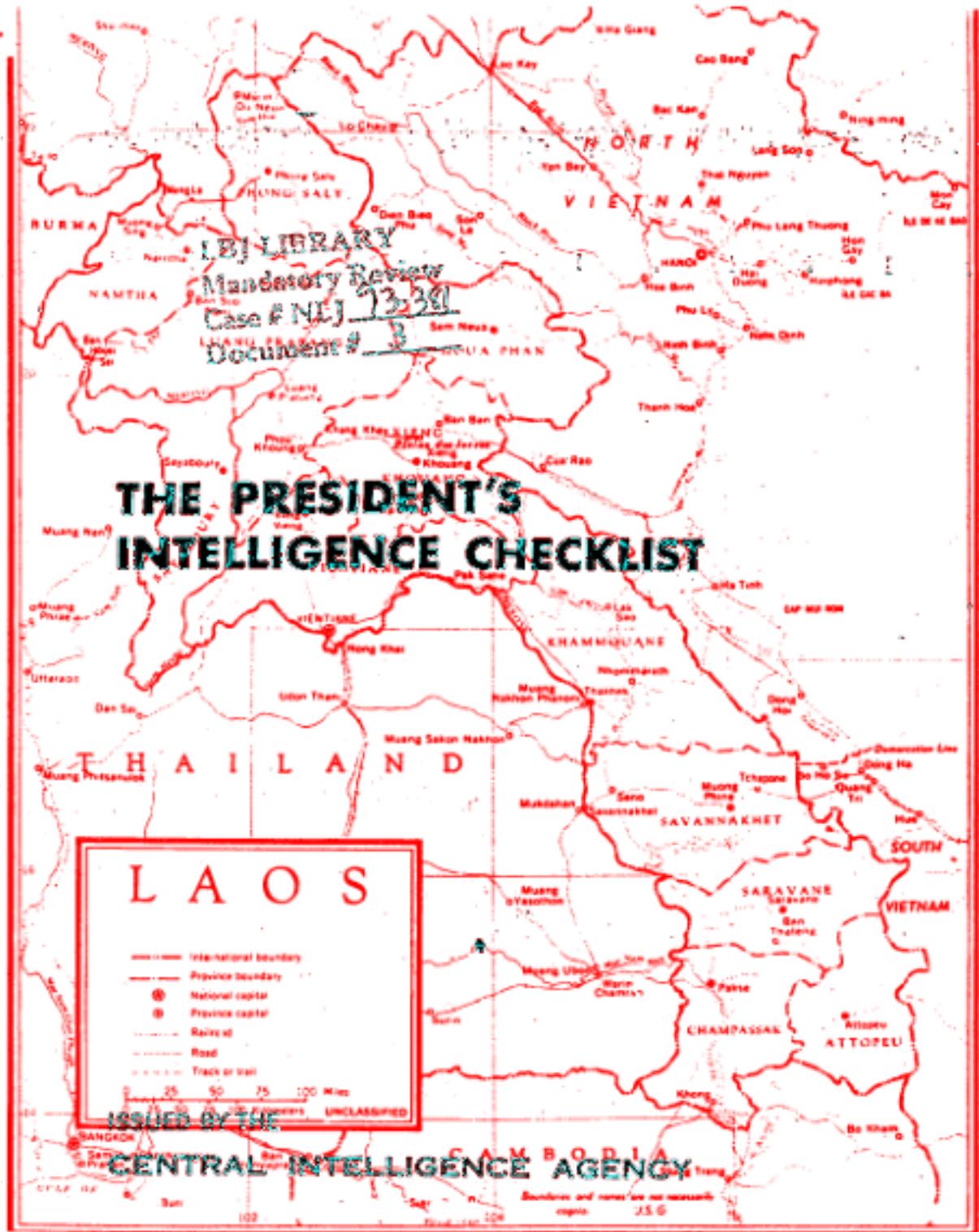
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f. As part of the same campaign, the North Vietnamese have told the French they believe sentiment is growing in the US for withdrawal of US forces. They reportedly plan to keep the heat on to encourage it.

g. Hanoi is at the same time trying quietly to encourage the belief that it is ready to be reasonable.

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2. Laos

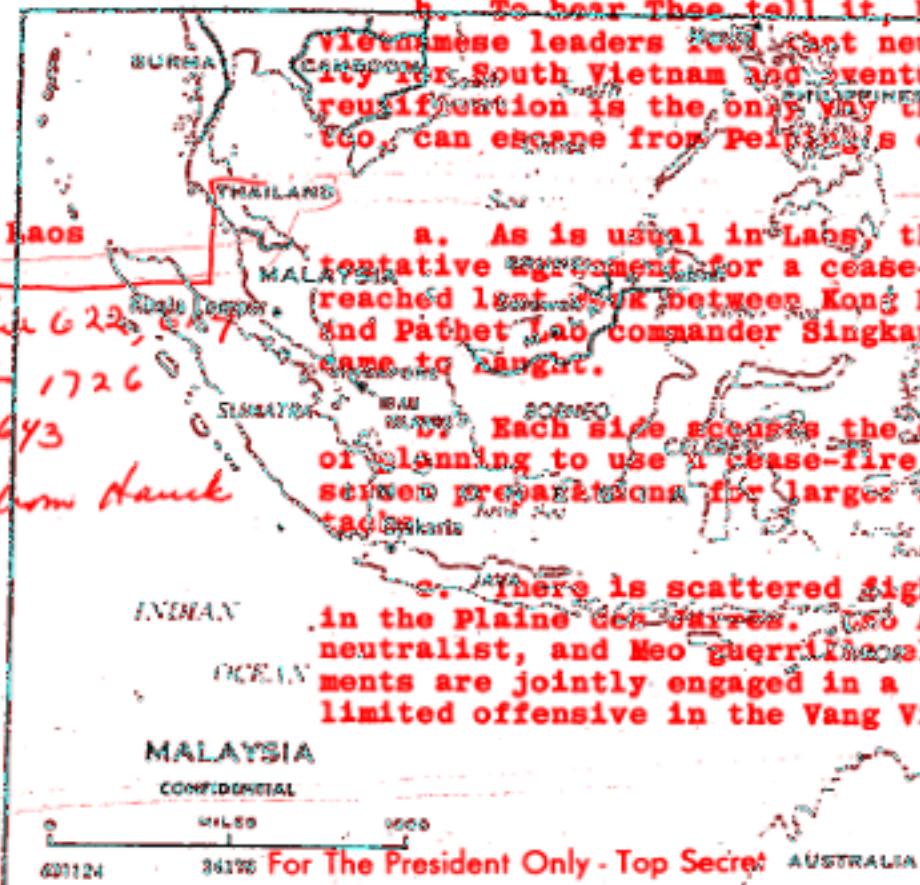
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a. As is usual in Laos, the tentative arrangement for a cease-fire reached last week between Kong Le and Pathet Lao commander Singkao came to naught.

b. Each side accuses the other of planning to use a cease-fire to screen preparations for larger attacks.

c. There is scattered fighting in the Plain of Jars. The Army, neutralist, and Mao guerrilla elements are jointly engaged in a limited offensive in the Vang Vieng

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area north of Vientiane on Route 13. They hope to gain control of that town and its small airfield.

d. We have been anticipating an expansion of the fighting with the recent advent of the dry season.

3. Cambodia 1. South Vietnam

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a. Sihanouk knows his actions against us have increased his vulnerability to the Communist bloc, and he is looking to the French to bail him out. b. The most significant action was an attack early yesterday morning against a US special forces training camp some 30 miles from Saigon, and he has asked that French advisors stay on. c. When the smoke cleared after a sharp fight, four US soldiers were missing and at least 38 South Vietnamese were dead. He apparently hopes that the availability of French aid will enable him to keep his balance with the Communists and fend off their pressure. d. Late yesterday morning, the ~~French~~ ^{He apparently hopes that} shot down two aircraft supporting a government operation in the extreme south, and damaged twelve Embassies in Paris. Two more Americans are missing in this action. ~~The French have told our~~ ^{French Defense Minister} Messmer to go to Cambodia in January.

e. Back in Saigon, the new regime's troubles with the ambitious General Ton That Dinh continue. (Cont'd)

f. He is still angling to get control of the important strategic hamlet program and has yet to give ~~Top Secret~~ ^{For The President Only} the Third Corps, which the generals assigned to another of their number earlier in the month. This corps is of particular significance in that it surrounds Saigon.

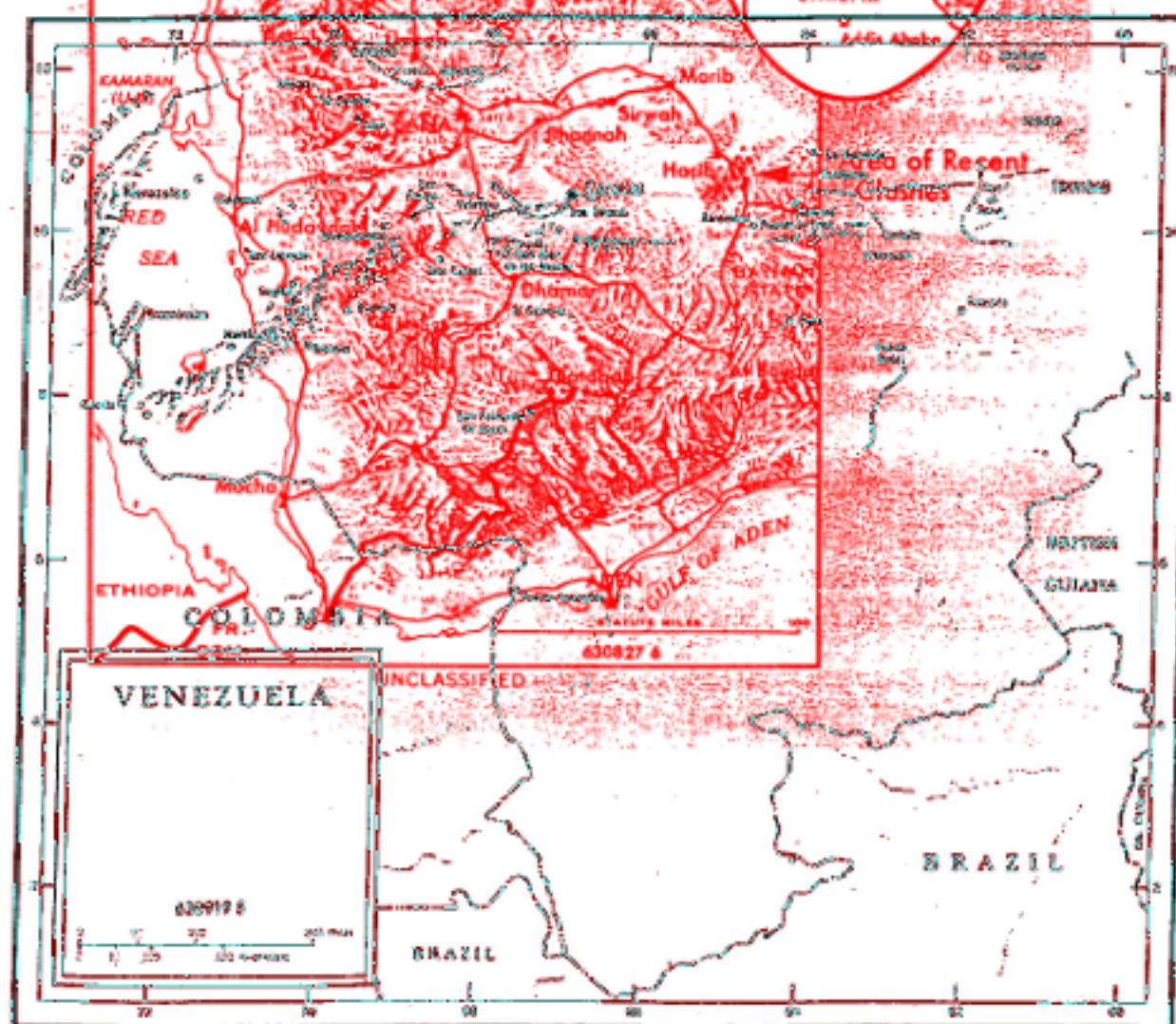
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2. Indonesia-Malaysia

a. Sukarno is beefing up the subversive aspects of his confrontation campaign against Malaysia. ~~Indications are that~~ ^{NBR} he will try to win fuller support by creating new feuds with neighboring South Vietnam and Thailand. This is a gambit he has used to advantage in past difficulties.

4. Yemen-Egypt

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a. A number of Yemeni leaders have told us they want the Egyptians to get out of the Yemen. They want to be left alone to solve their own problems.

b. This is especially true of those Sheikhs with large tribal followings.

c. A general uprising against the Egyptians is not likely at the moment, but the longer they remain, the greater the possibility of major pro-government ~~troops~~ ^{The weekend was marred only} desertions to ^(cont'd) the ~~rebels~~ rebels. ~~desertions to~~ sporadic and minor acts of terrorism in several cities. Government security forces have the situation generally under control.

b. The Venezuelan Air Force is stepping up its efforts to track down and destroy intruder aircraft. The Venezuelans are convinced that planes have been ferrying supplies to pro-Castro guerrillas in the mountains of the northwest.

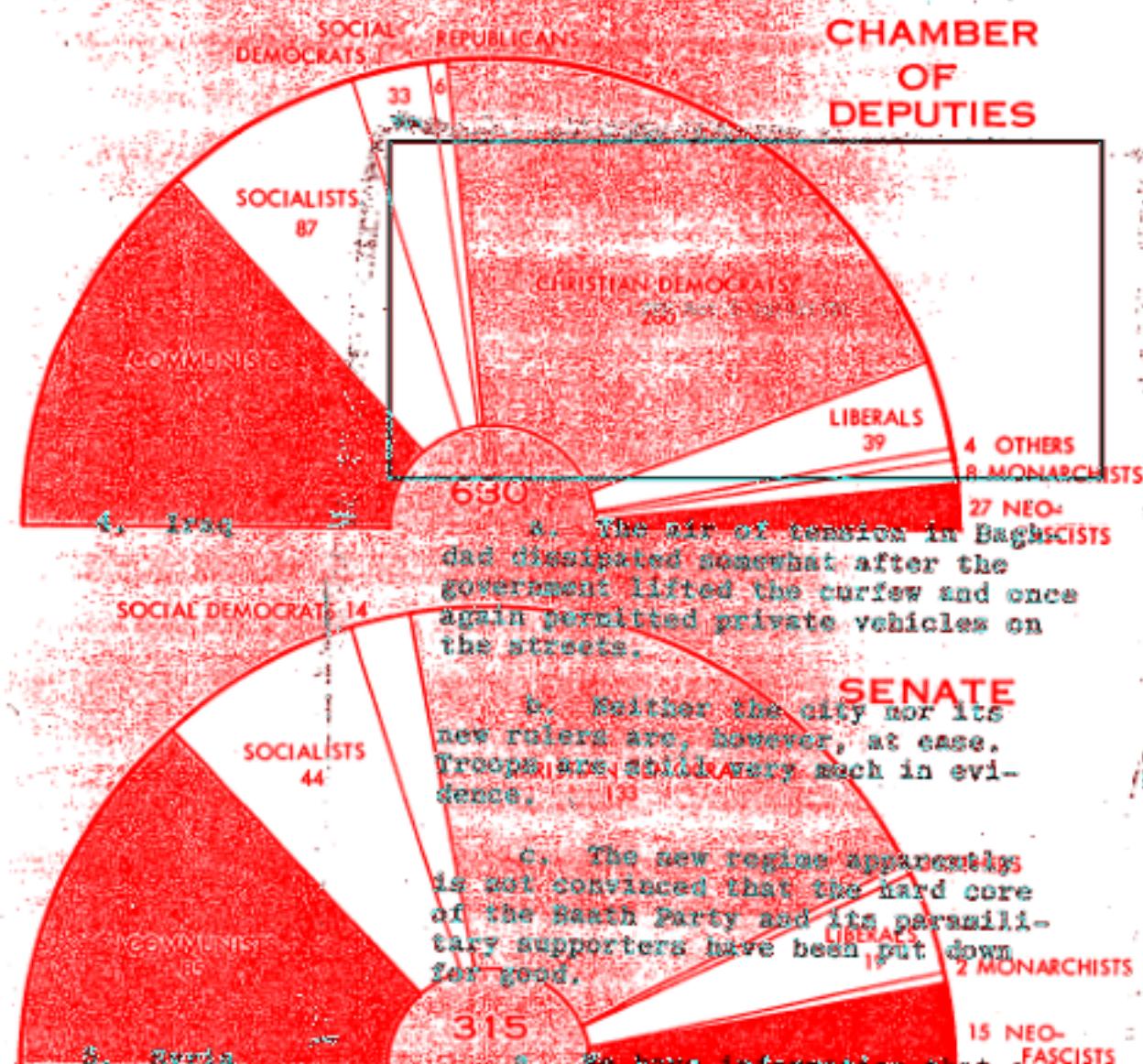
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PARTY COMPOSITION OF THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENT

OCTOBER 1963



a. The air of tension in Baghdad dissipated somewhat after the government lifted the curfew and once again permitted private vehicles on the streets.

b. Neither the city nor its new rulers are, however, at ease. Troops are still very much in evidence.

c. The new regime apparently is not convinced that the hard core of the Baath Party and its paramilitary supporters have been put down for good.

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a. We have information that a showdown between the moderate and extremist factions of the ruling Baath Party in Syria is fast approaching.

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d. Nasir, with some 30,000 troops in the Yemen, has grudgingly promised to pull out 5,000 before the end of the year. So far there has been no sign he is preparing to do so.

b. A clandestine source identifies Prime Minister Hafiz as the leading figure on the side of moderate supply to royalists before the latest extension of the UN observation mission runs out on 4 January.

c. It was a split along the same lines that brought about the Baath Party's fall from power in thereafter. There has been a substantial build up of Saudi supply points north of the border.

6. Italy

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a. Premier-designate Moro expects that the program for a "center-left" coalition government will be approved today by the four parties involved. The Christian Democrats and Socialists have finally reached an agreement on cabinet assignments and a program for a "center-left" coalition government.

b. Details of the foreign policy planks are not yet available, but they were drafted with the thought that the death of President Kennedy makes it more important for Italy to play an active role within the Western alliance.

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c. After the program has been approved, the final selection of a cabinet can be undertaken. This could take the rest of the week.

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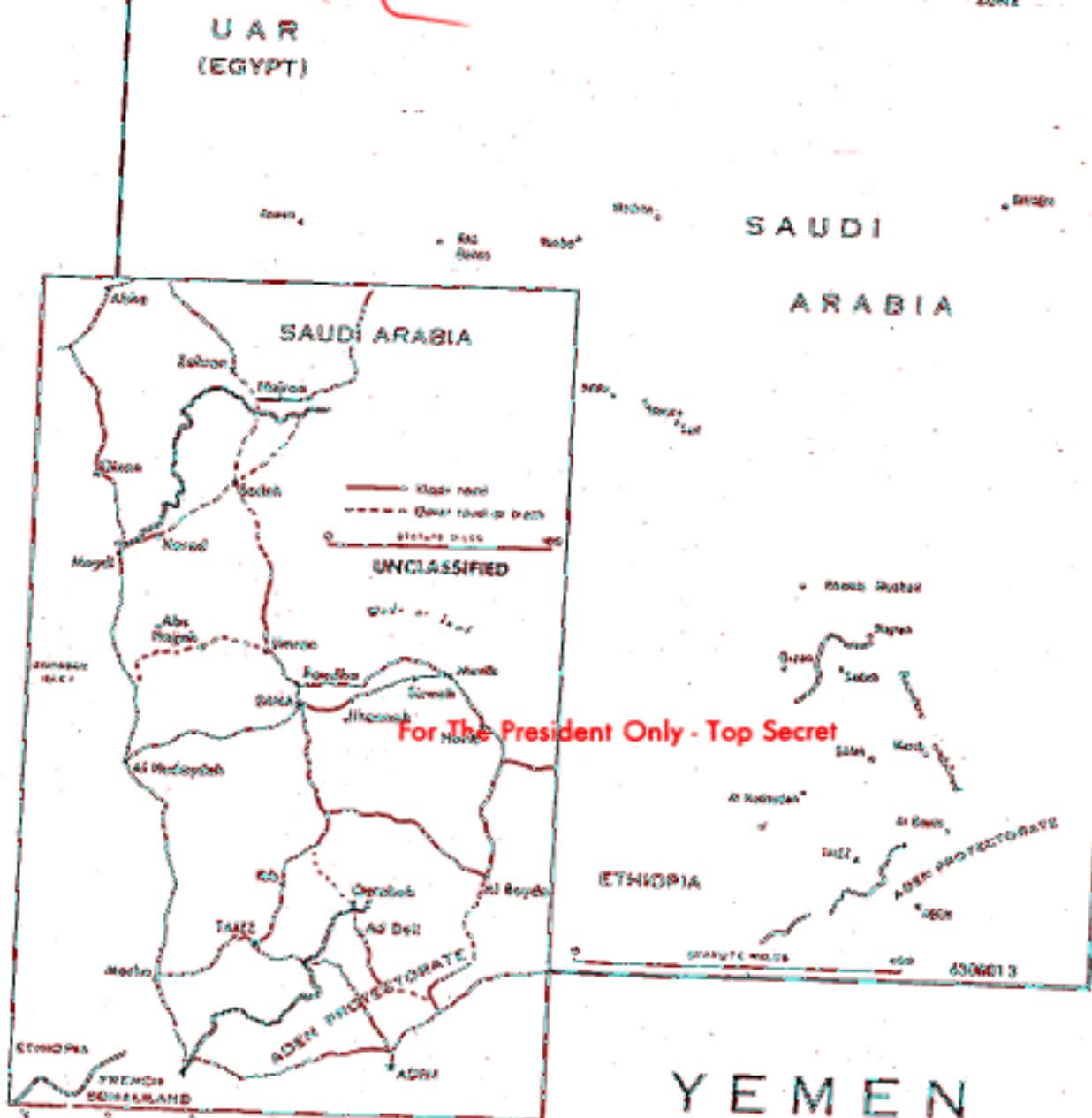
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c. We do not yet have any information on how differences in key issues such as MLF were worked out.

d. With Moro premier, Nenni will probably become vice-premier. Saragat, who is pro-US and pro-NATO, is most likely to be named Foreign Minister.

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A. India-USSR The Indian military attache in Moscow feels that the Russians are dragging their feet in the Unfulfilled military assistance to Egypt we have a report Jidda yesterday that Saudi will New Delhi that Deflags near the Kasen border was at- to look to us heretacked Thursday by Egyptian aircraft.

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B. USSR Our Embassy in Moscow was the second time this strikes recently in Leningrad. The aircrafts struck across the border clear, but bread since and apparently were behind the Leningrad strikes. Similar disturbances were reported last month from. ~~several~~ the previous week. the Saudis have lodged a formal complaint with the UN Observation Mission.

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A. Oswald Press stories to the effect that Lee Harvey Oswald recently visited Mexico City are true, according to our information. Oswald visited both the Cuban and the Soviet embassies on 28 September. He was trying, we are told, to arrange for visas so that he could travel to the USSR via Havana. He returned to the US on 3 October.

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- B. Brazil A new round of military promotions and re-assignments will be made public today. The present instability of the Brazilian political scene is reflected in the numerous reports of coup plots which this event has precipitated.

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- C. USSR [] Channels [] Soviet range in-
strumentation Ships

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- D. Algeria We have a report from a good clandestine source that a group of army officers is plotting with Defense Minister Boumedienne to overthrow Ben Bella. A growing estrangement between the two has been apparent for some time, but this is the first good indication that Boumedienne is making common cause with those who wish to turn Ben Bella out of office.

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- E. Australia ~~and Communist China~~ Peiping has signed contracts for just over one million tons of Australian grain to be delivered early next year. We had been expecting the Chinese Communists to enter the market, since they had another mediocre grain crop this year. Peiping has been buying close to five million tons of grain for the past several years.

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- F. Congo We hear that the Soviet Embassy in Leopoldville had booked 75 places on a flight to Brussels last Saturday. There is still no information on whether any Soviet Embassy officials have actually departed, however.
- G. Berlin There was no new harassment of Allied aircraft routes to Berlin over the weekend. A total of 16 flares were fired last evening near Tempelhof Airfield, but we connect these with Communist efforts to prevent escapes from East Berlin. East German police were observed stringing barbed wire in the same area a short time later.
- H. Laos The neutralists claim to have made significant gains in their limited offensive in the Vang Vieng area. They have not, however, been able to dislodge the Pathet Lao from positions within artillery range of the town's airport.

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a. Vietnamese Communist forces

kept up their high post-coup level
of activity over the weekend.b. The most significant action
was an attack early yesterday morn-
ing against a US special forces train-
ing camp some 30 miles from Saigon.
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a night, four US soldiers were
missing and at least 35 South Vietnamese
were dead.
Channelsd. Late yesterday morning, the
Viet Cong shot down two aircraft sup-
porting a government operation in
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the extreme south, and damaged twelve
more. Two more Americans are missing
in this action.e. Back in Saigon, the new re-
gime's troubles with the ambitious
General Tom Thmt Dinh continue.f. He is still angling to get
control of the important strategic
hamlet program and has yet to give
up command of the Third Corps, which
the generals assigned to another of
their number earlier in the month.
This corps is of particular signifi-
cance in that it surrounds Saigon.

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1. Iraq-Syria
2. Indonesia-Malaysia

a. The shaky new accommodation between the two countries following the recent coup in Iraq has been threatened by Syria's action in granting asylum to Abie Sabah Saadie, the exiled leader of the extremist wing of the Iraqi Baath. NBR

b. Intercepted messages indicate that regular army units will shortly begin anti-revolutionary operations across the border around Sarawak and Sabah. NBR

c. Seven thousand regular army troops in Indonesia continue to be troubled with internal dissension. Both regimes continue to be plagued with internal dissension with affairs in one deeply tangled with those in the other. This training is to be completed next month.

d. In Syria, as we mentioned yesterday, the Baathist regime is split between moderates who desire a broadening of the government, the arrival of regular army battalions, and a doctrinaire faction which wants to keep all control of the government in Baathist hands.

3. Venezuela

a. The weekend was marred only by sporadic and minor terrorism in several cities. Two ministers have threatened to resign unless the government adopts an openly pro-Egyptian policy. Nevertheless the government feels secure enough to

b. The Venezuelan government is stepping up its efforts to restricts imposed since the coup. The Venezuelans are convinced that planes have been ferrying supplies to pro-Castro guerrillas in the mountains of the northwest. (Cont'd)

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2. Laos
4. Iraq
5. Syria
- f. Iraq has announced that the military alliance with Syria remains in force, and that a new commander of the joint armies will be announced tomorrow. ^{PER ACT 5 (g) (2) (D)} ~~The Baathocrat government has scheduled a press conference to break the story that a three-ton cache of Cuban arms has been unearthed. A formal accusation against Cuba is to be made before the Organization of American States a week from today.~~ ^{PER ACT 5 (g) (2) (D)} *NBR*
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- ~~government forces had finally secured Vang Vieng and its airfield, long held by the Pathet Lao. They also told of the capture of Ban Namone farther south on Route 13. The curfew and once again permitted private vehicles on the streets. The neutralist, rightist Lao Army, and Hmo tribal guerrilla forces hope to sustain their coordinated clearing action until remaining Pathet Lao pockets in this area north of Vientiane are cleared.~~ ^{b. Neither the city nor its clearings are however at ease. Troops are still very much in evidence.} *NBR*
- c. Such operations in Laos have often been followed by a Communist riposte. We have a few indicators that something could be up on the Communist side, but these are so far very tenuous indeed.
- a. We have information that a showdown between the moderate and extremist factions of the ruling Baath Party in Syria is fast approaching.

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3. South Vietnam
6. Italy

b. A clandestine source identifies Prime Minister Hafiz as the leading figure ^{MR ADD 5 10/12/1973} on the side of moderation. General Umran heads the doctrinaire extremists.

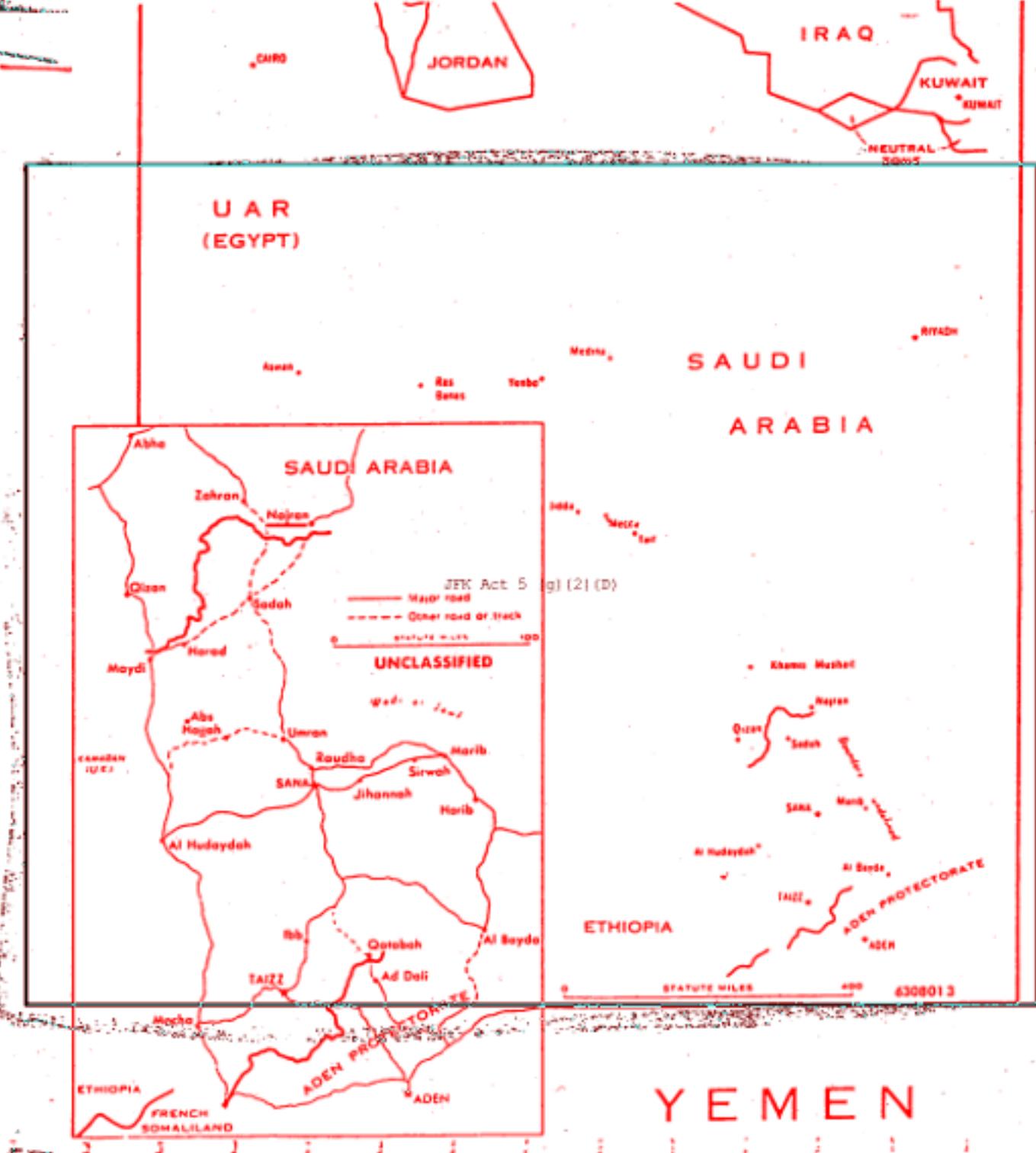
c. It was a split along the same lines that brought about the Baath Party's fall from power in Iraq.

a. According to press reports, Viet Cong attacks on Sunday wiped out two of the government's strategic hamlets in the central highlands about 250 miles north of Saigon. ~~Mr. Prime Minister's~~ ~~that the program for a center-left coalition government will be approved today by the four parties involved.~~ More than 1,000 inhabitants in the hamlets—who are minority tribesmen—are missing and possibly have fled into the mountains ~~or became~~ ~~policy plans the mountains~~ ~~but they were~~ ~~and~~ ~~they were~~ ~~and~~ ~~thought that the~~ ~~designed~~ President Kennedy makes it more important for Italy ~~to~~ ~~These attacks not only bring against~~ ~~the continued erosion of the government's programs to win over tribal support, but also signal that a stepped-up Viet Cong pressure against the new regime is spreading to the north. This could take the rest of the week.~~

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7. UAR-Yemen-Egypt

- a. The Saudis told our embassy in Jidda yesterday that a Saudi village near the Yemeni border was attacked Thursday by Egyptian aircraft.
- b. It was the second time this month that Yemeni-based Egyptian aircraft have struck across the border into Saudi Arabia.
- c. As in the previous cases, the Saudis have lodged a formal complaint with the UN Observation Mission.
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5. USSR-Berlin

- a. Embassy Bonn feels that the Soviet Union may be seeking at least a temporary modus vivendi on the autobahn without prejudicing its juridical position, which can be used to cause difficulties there in the future.
- b. The embassy bases this on the Soviet replies to the Western notification to the USSR on 29 October regarding harmonized convoy procedures--two oral statements on 16 November and a note of 21 November.

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- c. The Soviet note was designed to make ~~notes~~ record, showing that the USSR exercises "control" of the auto-bahn and that the recent incidents [redacted] were the result of its [redacted] simple Oswald recently visited existing procedures, according to our information. Oswald visited both the Cuban and the Soviet embassies on the other hand, the Soviet was trying, we are [redacted] described in the oral re- that he could travel [redacted] US reflects actual Allied returned to the US [redacted] though there is enough ambiguity to afford the USSR flexibility in any future actions.
- B. Brazil [redacted] A new round of military assignments will be made public today. The present instability of the Brazilian political scene is reflected in the numerous reports of plots which this event has precipitated. [redacted] NRR
- C. USSR [redacted] At last report [redacted] Second Army Commander General strumentation ship [redacted] headed in the water 500 miles south of Johnston Island, roughly the same position they occupied for last year's extended range ICBM shots. No announcement classifies this area or the Pacific to shipping has been made and there may have activity as yet abetted [redacted] to hand over his command but we look for some [redacted] part of a series of reassessments made by President Goulart to keep the military off balance.
- D. Algeria We have a report from a good clandestine source that a group of [redacted] officers is plotting with Defense Minister [redacted] Ben Bella. A growing contact himself with at some been apparent for some time but this is the first good indication that [redacted] Ben Bella out of office.

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A. Ethiopia-Congo ~~Haile Selassie has acceded to our Ambassador's request and is rescinding his earlier decision to withdraw the 1,743-man Ethiopian contingent from the UN force in the Congo.~~

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B. Communist China-Africa ~~Premier Chou En-lai will leave in mid-December for a tour of some Afro-Asian countries. He is to stop first in Egypt and then visit several other African countries including Guinea, Ghana, and Mali. Chou would be the highest ranking Chinese leader ever to visit Africa.~~

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- C. Indonesia-Philippines ~~Two good sources have reported that President Sukarno plans to go to Manila this Thursday to confer with Philippine President Macapagal. No reasons have been advanced for the visit. Our charge guesses that it is an Indonesian move to head off Philippine recognition of Malaysia.~~
- ~~Access to this document will be restricted to those approved for the following specific activities.~~
- D. Venezuela ~~The terrorists have struck again, this time firing six US-owned oil and gas pipelines near the northeastern city of Puerto la Cruz. The elections are still on for Sunday, and we look for a maximum effort from the pro-Castro terrorist organization.~~
- E. Congo ~~We now have word that 49 members of the Soviet Embassy, including dependents, left Leopoldville on Saturday aboard a Sabena flight for Brussels. They are expected to book onward passage for Moscow. It is reported that the Congolese will allow one Russian without diplomatic status to stay to look after Soviet property.~~

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d. This Communist effort is aimed at discrediting the post-Diem regime before the new leadership is able to get its feet on the ground and capture the loyalty and respect of people in the provinces.

e. Although the Viet Cong still continues to draw its main strength from local recruiting, a steady stream of cadre and training personnel continues to make its way to the south from North Vietnam along the Laotian border.

f. We are now reasonably sure that at least 784 persons infiltrated from the north during 1963 and the actual total may be much higher.

4. USSR

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b. We probably should have had by now an announcement closing an area roughly 500 miles south of Johnston Island to shipping. We suspect the Soviets may have delayed it in order not to appear to be rattling rockets immediately after President Kennedy's death.

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1. Iraq-Syria

a. The shaky new accommodation between the two countries following the recent coup in Iraq has been aimed at discrediting the post-Diem regime before the new leadership is able to get its feet on the ground. This Communist effort is threatened by Syria's strict in granting asylum to Ali Saad al-Saadi, the exiled leader of the extremist wing and capture the loyalty and respect of people in the provinces.

b. Although the Viet Cong still continues to draw its main strength in Madras. On Friday, Iraq sent a message asking Syria to expel him on grounds that sheltering him was a breach of agreement.

c. Both regimes continue to be troubled with internal dissension. We are now reasonably sure that at least 784 persons infiltrated from the north during 1963 and the actual total may be much higher.

d. In Syria, as we mentioned yesterday, the Baathist regime is split between moderates who desire a broadening of the government's power base, and a doctrinaire faction which wants to keep all control of the government in Baathist hands.

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b. We probably should have had an announcement closing an area roughly 300 miles south of Johnston Island to shipping. We suspect the Soviets may have delayed it in order not to appear to be rattling rockets immediately after President Kennedy's death. (Cont'd)

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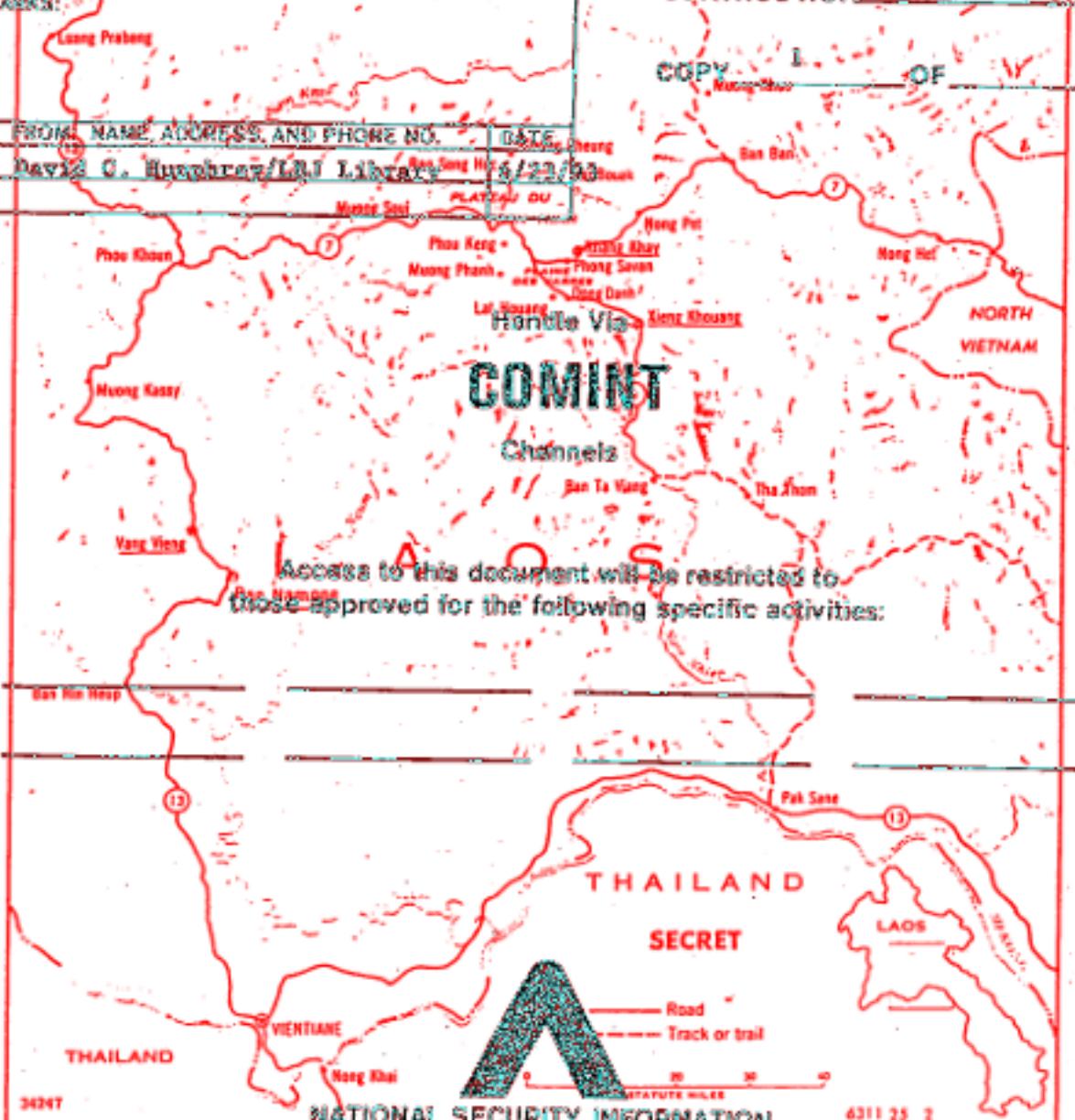
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2. Laos

f. Iraq has announced that the military union with Syria remains in force, and that a new commander of the joint armies will be announced soon.

a. Intercepted neutralist messages on Sunday reported that government forces had finally secured Vang Vieng and its airfield, long held by the Pathet Lao. They also told of the capture of Ban Namone farther south on Route 13.

b. The neutralist, rightist Lao Army, and Meo tribal guerrilla forces hope to sustain their coordinated clearing action until remaining Pathet Lao pockets in this area north of Vientiane are cleared.

c. Such operations in Laos have often been followed by a Communist riposte. We have a few indicators that something could be up on the Communist side, but these are so far very tenuous indeed.

d. One such indicator is a stand down in the last two weeks on the Hanoi-controlled military communications net in Laos which could

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point to a change in the disposition or strength of Communist forces. Other enemy nets are normal.

e. There are also unconfirmed reports of North Vietnamese troop reinforcements in the Plaine des Jarres.
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3. South Vietnam

a. According to press reports, Viet Cong attacks on Sunday wiped out ~~SECRET~~ of the government's strategic hamlets in the central highlands about 250 miles north of Saigon.

b. More than 1,000 inhabitants in the hamlets--who are minority tribesmen--are missing and possibly have fled into the mountains. They abandoned a significant quantity of weapons to the Viet Cong.

c. These attacks not only suggest continued erosion of the government's programs to win over tribal support, but also signal that stepped-up Viet Cong pressure against the new regime is spreading to the north.



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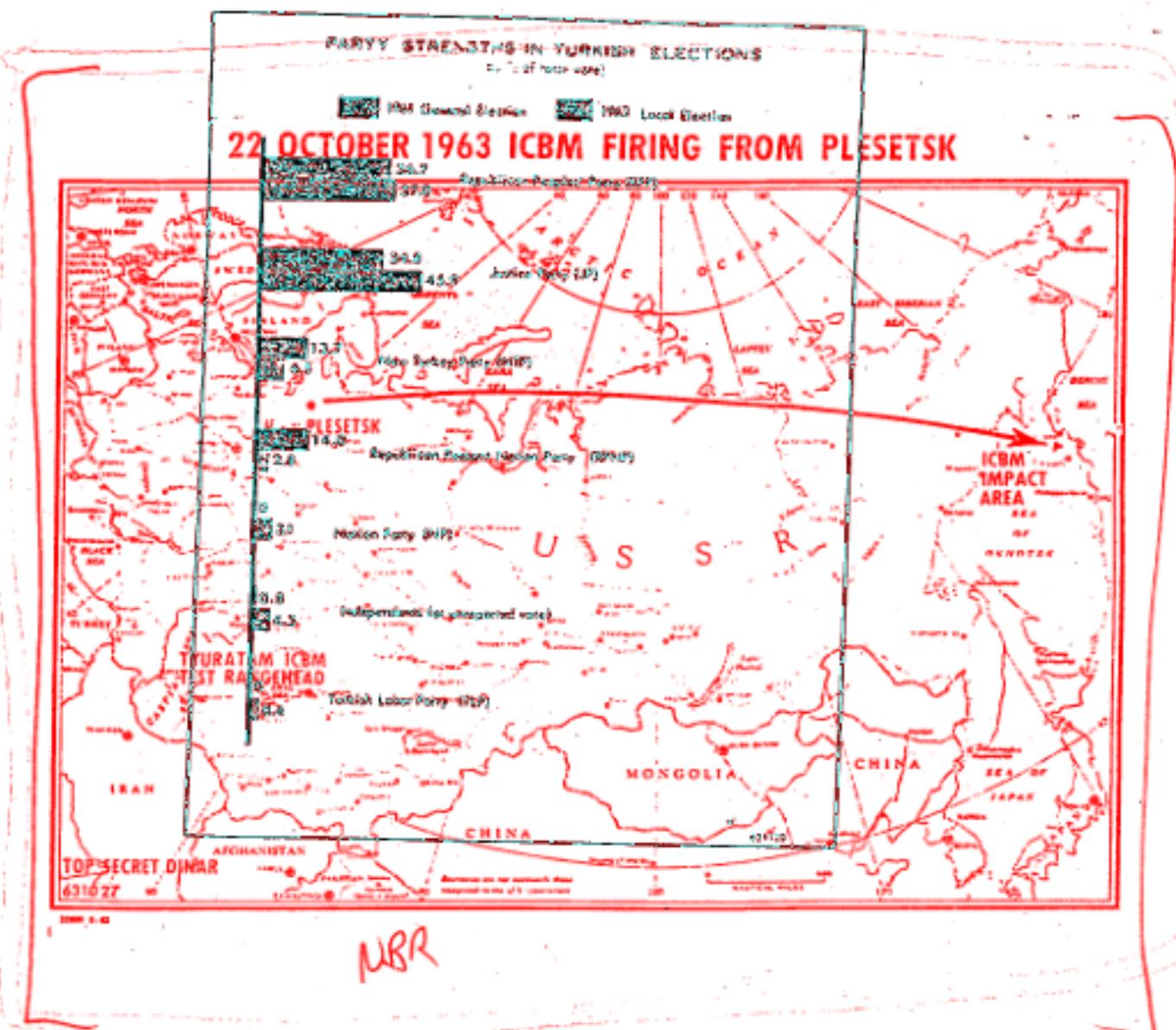
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1. Cuba

a. Cuban tents are now beginning to appear at ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~locations~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~is~~ ^{aimed at} ~~discrediting~~ ^{the} ~~post-Diem~~
~~regime before the~~ ^{the} ~~leadership is~~ ^{able to get its} ~~reputation~~ ^{around}
~~and capture the loyalty and respect~~ ^{of people in the} ~~area~~ ^{area}
b. High-altitude photography taken this past weekend shows these tents at six SAM sites in western Cuba. These sites are in addition to those at which we noted the ~~presence~~ ^{continues to} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~strength~~ ^{from local} ~~advisors~~, ^{the} ~~present~~ ^{stream}
~~of Cuban interpreters~~ ^{of cadre and} ~~passmen~~ ^{reported} ~~on Saturday~~ ^{to make} ~~its way to the south~~
~~from North Vietnam along the Laotian~~ ^{border.} This training should be completed by next May or June.

f. We are now reasonably sure
~~that at least 78 personnel~~ ^{d. Just before the training} infiltrated
~~from the North~~ ^{started, we acted a series of moves} involving the relocation of ~~the~~ ^{actual total may be much higher.} the SAM sites.

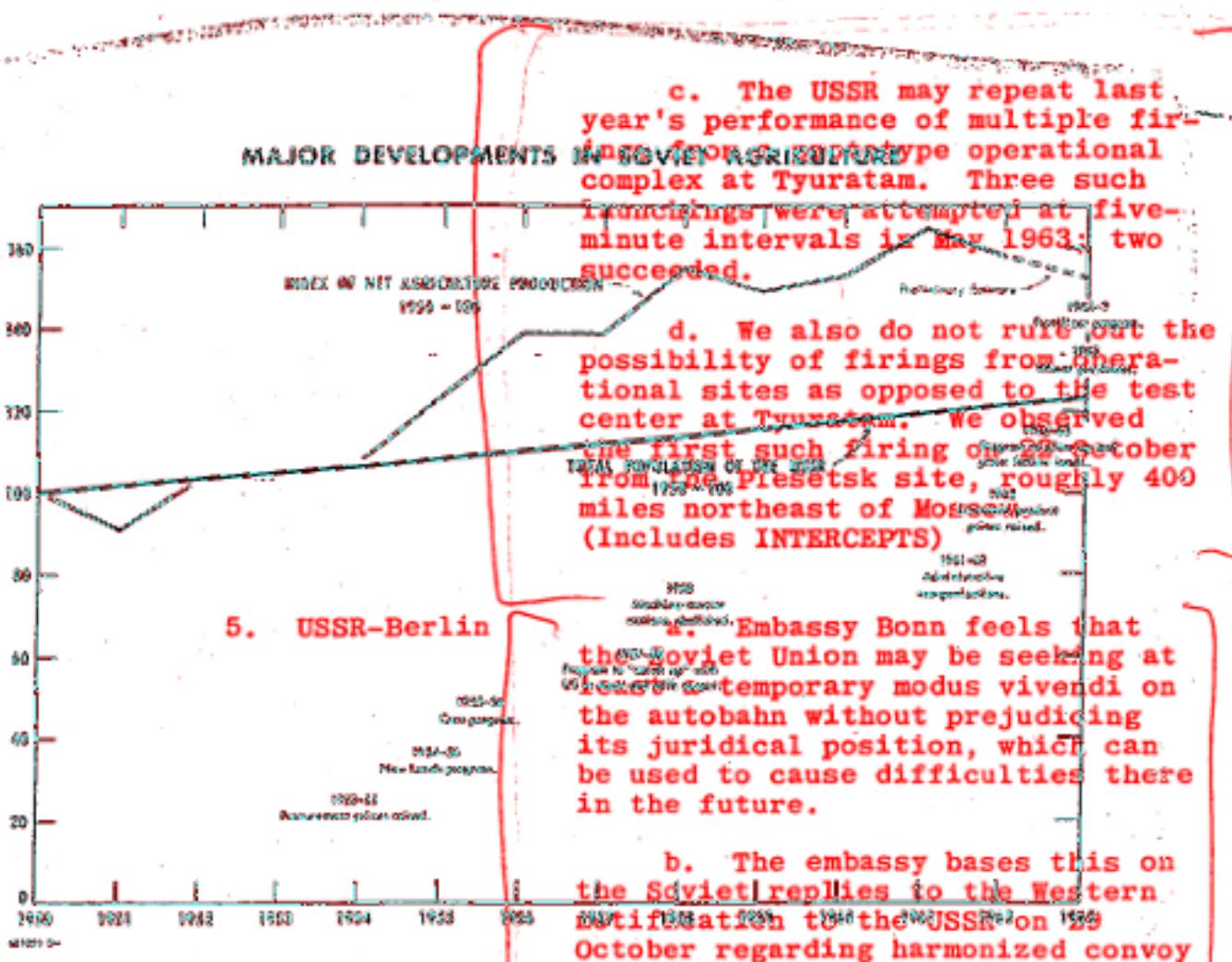
e. The purpose ~~here~~ ^{appears} further to shift the mission of the system from an area defense of the island as a whole to point defense for specific targets, particularly avans. []

b. We probably should have had [] by now an announcement closing an area around ~~to~~ ^{a rough} ~~area~~ ¹⁰⁰ leaders have acceded to pressure from Iraq and have expect the ~~Syrian~~ ^{Iraqi} Baathist ~~extremist~~ ^{Al} in order Saadi. He has gone to Athens after launching rockets immediately after President Kennedy's death.

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c. The USSR may repeat last year's performance of multiple firings from a prototype operational complex at Tyuratam. Three such firings were attempted at five-minute intervals in May 1963; two succeeded.

d. We also do not rule out the possibility of firings from operational sites as opposed to the test center at Tyuratam. We observed the first such firing on 22 October from the Presetsk site, roughly 400 miles northeast of Moscow.

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a. Embassy Bonn feels that the Soviet Union may be seeking at this time a temporary modus vivendi on the autobahn without prejudicing its juridical position, which can be used to cause difficulties there in the future.

b. The embassy bases this on the Soviet replies to the Western notification to the USSR on 29 October regarding harmonized convoy procedures--two oral statements on 16 November and a note of 21 November.

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b. This is an earnest of the desire of moderate Baathist leaders in Damascus to preserve workable relations with Iraq, partly as a counterbalance to Cairo and partly to preserve what remains of Baathist influence in Baghdad. ~~The Soviet note was designed to make a record showing that the USSR exercised control of the auto-mail and that the recent incidents resulted from its refusal to comply with existing procedures.~~

c. ~~At least some Syrian troops will remain in Iraq at the request of Iraqi officials. On the other hand, the Soviet procedures described in the oral replies seem to reflect actual Allied practices, though there is enough ambiguity to afford the USSR flexibility in any future actions.~~

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6. Brazil

3. Turkey

~~There is danger of an immediate coup against the Baathist regime has receded with the reported decision of Second Army Commander General Bevilaqua not to join the coup plotters.~~ Prime Minister Inonu's coalition government is about to collapse. Bevilaqua, who has been something of a storm center, may have been asked to resign. Last week it was dealt a severe setback when the opposition Justice Party heir Menderes Salimoglu, emerged from local elections as the country's majority party. side of the coin, there is widespread belief that Goulart himself will at some time resort to a coup to establish an authoritarian regime.

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4. USSR wheat

c. Now the Peasant Party, one of the three in the coalition, has voted to pull out, and probably will do so as soon as Inonu gets back from Washington. Another partner, the Turkey Party, has wanted to pull out ~~As soon example Renairi, Wazzil, president of the Chamber of Deputies and next in line for the presidency, told Ambassador Gordon on Saturday that he profoundly mis-trusts Goulart's intentions and intends to maintain the strictest congressional vigilance.~~ A new coalition is at least a theoretical possibility, with a number of independents taking the place of the Peasant Party, but Inonu probably would not be prime minister. ~~Our station in Brazil believes that Goulart is living in a dream world. He seems either out of touch with reality or very poorly informed. Public opinion is not with him and the tradition that political power should only be transferred constitutionally is very strong in the army. coup reports notwithstanding.~~

e. The military are working for an all-party coalition. This way, they feel, they could keep tabs on the Justice Party, but the Justice Party is not likely to buy this arrangement.

f. The biggest danger from this quarter is that the opposition may resort to some illegal action giving Goulart the excuse to take over. Justice Party form one.

d.

~~the decision to buy wheat abroad was taken to avoid lowering reserves, which he has described as ample for one or two years. We think the situation is more serious than that.~~

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b. This year's harvest was clearly very bad. The weight of evidence suggests that Soviet grain stockpiles have been far drawn down this year and are not sufficient to protect the country from another poor harvest.

- A. Ethiopia-Congo** [] Haile Selassie has acceded to our ambassador's request and is rescinding his earlier decision to withdraw the 1,700-man Ethiopian contingent from the UN force in the Congo. NBR
- B. Communist China - Africa** [] The Chinese ambassador in Peiping has it unofficially that Premier Chou En-lai will leave in mid-December for a tour of some Afro-Asian countries. He is to stop first in Egypt and then visit several other African countries including Guinea, Ghana, and Mali. NBR This would be the highest ranking Chinese leader ever to visit Africa. (INTERCEPTS) To Khrushchev's oft-stated plan to build up the livestock industry.
- C. Indonesia-Philippines** [] Two good sources have reported that President Sukarno plans to go to Macapagal on Thursday to confer with Philippine President No reasons have been advanced for the visit. Our chargé guesses that it is an attempt to head off Philippine recognition of Mayaguez. NBR
- D. Venezuela** [] The terrorists have struck again, this time firing six US-made machine guns near the northeastern city of Guarenas. The elections are still to test the grain supply and accompanied by public discontent in some areas over the absence of bread. NBR
- E. Congo** [] We now have word that 49 members of the Soviet embassy, including dependents, left Leopoldville (cont'd) Saturday aboard a Sabena flight for Brussels. They are expected to book onward passage for Moscow. It is reported that the Congolese will allow one Russian without diplomatic status to stay to look after Soviet property. NBR

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4	5. Communist		a.
ACTION	Chinese REPLY	RECORDED	Peiping last week con-
APPROVAL	Argentina	RECORDED	tracted for some 300,000 tons of
EQUIPMENT	FILE	RECORDED	wheat (cost about \$20,000,000) from
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6. Czechoslovakia-
USSR

a. Czech President and party
boss Novotny has gone to Moscow,
evidently for economic talks, judg-
ing by the composition of his dele-
gation.

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b. Novotny's background of
Stalinist excesses have put him on
the wrong side of Khrushchev. They
also have given rise to control
problems, particularly in the frac-
tious Slovak party where pressures
for liberalization have made their
mark.

c. Party problems and Novotny's
leadership may thus also come under
review.

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is the fact that, although President
Novotny is in Moscow, the presidential
flag has remained up at the official
residence. It might simply have been
an oversight, but the symbolism will
not be lost to the people in Prague.

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7. Cambodia

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Cambodia, as expected, has
asked the Geneva co-chairman to call
the Geneva conference participants
together (in Djakarta) to discuss
measures "to ensure the interna-
tionally guaranteed and controlled neu-
tralization of Cambodia."

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1. Cuba

- a. Cuban tents are now beginning to appear at a number of the SAM sites--further evidence that training of Cubans in operation of SAM equipment has begun as scheduled.
- b. Last year when this came up, the French were inclined to go along with some such idea.
- c. They have indicated to us that they still feel Sihanouk should not be turned down and Sihanouk is ^{D. High-altitude photography taken this past weekend shows these} obviously hopeful that they will ^{tents at six SAM sites in western} exert pressure on us and the British. ^{Cuba. These sites are in addition}
- d. Sihanouk seems to be hoping for at least a rump session attended by conferees who are willing to do his bidding.
- e. This training should be completed by next May or June.

2. Egypt-Yemen

- d. Just before the training started, we noted a series of moves involving the relocation of eight of the SAM sites.

- e. The purpose, it appears, was to shift ~~the~~ mission of the system from an area defense of the island as a whole to point defense of specific targets, particularly Havana. (Includes INTERCEPTS)

2. Syria-Iraq

- a. Syrian leaders have acceded to pressure from Iraq and have expelled Iraqi Baathist extremist Ali Saadi. He has gone to Athens

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9. Congo

a. Opposition leftist Congolese exiles, operating from Brazzaville across the river, are reported to be plotting to assassinate Congolese Premier Adoula and some of his ministers.

PARTY STRENGTHS IN TURKISH ELECTIONS

1961 General Election

1963 Local Election

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Republican People's Party (RPP)

Justice Party (JP)

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d. Adoula's government already knows that this group of left-wing subversives, which now numbers about 60, is being helped by the Communist bloc.

e. It operates fairly freely in the loose circumstances which now obtain in Brazzaville. Its activities may soon become a serious source of friction between the two countries.

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b. This is an earnest of the desire of moderate Baathist leaders in Damascus to preserve workable re-

- A. South Korea With 85 percent of the vote in, Pak Chong-hui's Democratic Republican Party has already won an absolute majority in the National Assembly elections held yesterday.
- B. Venezuela The country's three major presidential candidates were the targets of unsuccessful assassination attempts yesterday as Communist-led terrorists moved into the final week of desperate attempt to wreck next Sunday's elections. A US Embassy official was also the intended recipient of a "Christmas package" containing a bomb. Yesterday a US rubber warehouse was set afire and destroyed by terrorists. is another sign that both regimes hope to preserve something of the relations they once had.

(includes INTERCEPTS)

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3. Turkey a. Prime Minister Inonu's coalition government is about to collapse.

D. Indonesia-Malaysia Indonesian-inspired press reports yesterday claimed a British military plane was shot down near the North Borneo border.

It has long been smoky last week it was dealt a severe setback when the opposition Justice Party, heir of the Menderes regime emerged from local elections as the

- E. Cuba The alert in the Cuban military which we noted immediately after President Kennedy's death has been lifted. (INTERCEPT)

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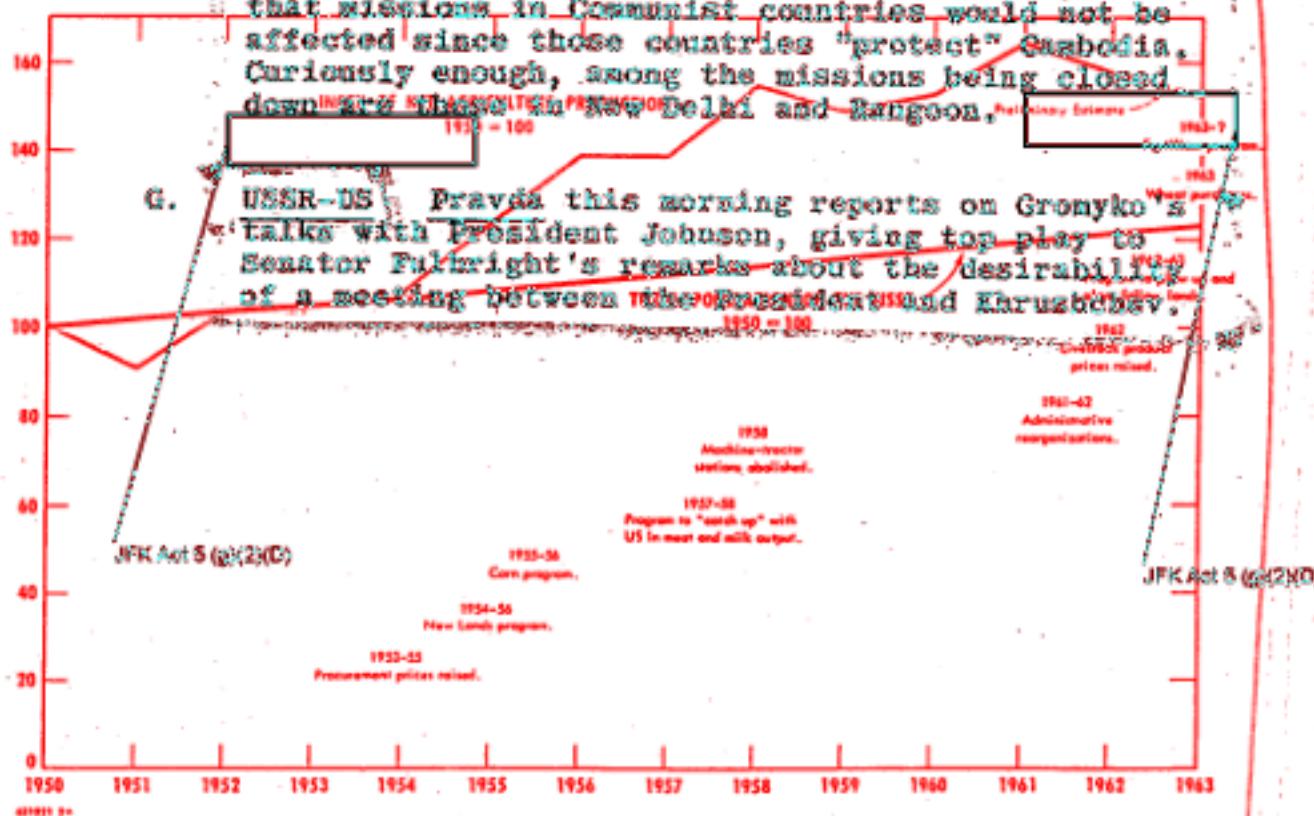
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F. Cambodia [redacted] Cambodia is cutting its diplomatic representation abroad to a bare minimum as an austerity measure following curtailment of US aid. Sihanouk announced last week that this would be done, saying that missions in Communist countries would not be affected since those countries "protect" Cambodia. Curiously enough, among the missions being closed down are those in New Delhi and Rangoon.



SOVIET GRAIN PRODUCTION

(million metric tons)

	ALL GRAINS		WHEAT ALONE	
	Soviet Official	US Estimate	Soviet Official	US Estimate
1958	141	125	77	63
1959	126	100	69	55
1960	134	100	64	48
1961	137	115	67	55
1962	148	115	71	57
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DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

I. De Gaulle on NATO strategy
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 of the three in the coalition, has
 wanted to pull out, and probably will
 do so as soon as Inonu gets back from
 Washington. Another partner, the
 Turkey Party, has wanted to pull out,
 and apparently has stayed in only
 because of pressure from the military.

d. A new coalition is at least
 a theoretical possibility, with a
 number of independents taking the
 place of the Peasant Party, but
 Inonu probably would not be prime
 minister.

e. The military are working
 for an all-party coalition. This
 way, they feel, they could keep
 tabs on the Justice Party, but the
 Justice Party is not likely to buy
 this arrangement.

f. As matters now stand, the
 military would take over the govern-
 ment itself before it would let the
 Justice Party form one.

4. USSR wheat

a. Soviet President Brezhnev
 has told the Iranian prime minister
 that the decision to buy wheat abroad
 was taken to avoid lowering reserves,
 which he has described as ample for
 one or two years. We think the sit-
 uation is more serious than that.

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1. Cuba

- b. This year's harvest was clearly very bad. The weight of Cuban tents suggests that Soviet grain is now beginning to appear at a number of the SAM sites. Further evidence that training of Cubans has not been sufficient to protect the equipment from another poor harvest has begun as scheduled.
- b. High-altitude photography taken this past weekend shows these tents at six SAM sites in western Cuba. These sites have been drawn down to those at which the population has continued to grow. The level of grain in addition reported on Saturday by Cuban interpreters as we have seen from intercepts
- c. The estimate is that total grain production each year since 1958 has been far below that year's level of 1.1 million tons, while the population has continued to grow. d. We have seen from intercepts signs of extensive slaughtering in preparation for winter, anticipated by next May or June. This runs counter to Khrushchev's oft-stated plan to start building up the stock industry, involving the relocation of eight of the SAM sites.
- e. Recently SIS noted that the extensive wheat purchases weaken the USSR's gold reserves at a time when it hopes to expand its imports of machinery for the system of fertilizers program of specific targets. In addition, we have seen Havana signs of stringent measures to protect the grain supply, accompanied by publication of bread over the areas of Iraq and Libya.

a. Syrian leaders have been compelled by pressure from Iraq and Libya to expel Iraqi Baathist extremist Ali Sadi. He has gone to Athens

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5. Communist
China -
Argentina

- A. South Korea With 85 percent of the vote in, Pak Chong-hui's Democratic Republican Party has already won an absolute majority in the National Assembly elections held yesterday. ~~This adds to the 600,000 tons just contracted for with Aus~~
- B. Venezuela The 5,000,000 tons the Chinese have normally imported in recent years. ~~Additional suppliers will be hard to find.~~
- C. Indonesia-Philippines ~~exchange currency, but also for the concern it shows for improving the diet of the mainland's urban population.~~
- D. Indonesia-Malaysia ~~Indonesian-inspired press reports yesterday claimed a British military plane was shot down near the North Borneo border.~~
- E. Cuba The alert in the Cuban military which ~~was immediately after President Kennedy's death~~ has been lifted. (INTERCEPT)

NOTES

a. Peiping last week contracted for some 300,000 tons of wheat (cost about \$20,000,000) from Argentina.

b. This adds to the 600,000 tons just contracted for with Australia, but is still far below.

c. A large sale apparently involving some 300,000 tons of wheat is apparently being arranged. This is interesting, not only for the sizeable foreign exchange outlay, but also for the concern it shows for improving the diet of the mainland's urban population.

d. The same caloric value could be obtained from grains at a fraction of this cost.

e. ~~Espresso throughout~~

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a. Czech President ¹ of party
 boss Novotny has gone to Moscow,
 evidently for economic talks, judging
 by the composition of his delegation.

b. Novotny's background of
 Stalinist excesses have put him on
^{Helsinki 1975} the wrong side of Khrushchev. They
 also have given rise to control
 problems particularly in the frac-
 tional ^{Communist} party where pressures
^{Channels} for liberalization have made their
 mark.

c. Party problems and Novotny's
 leadership may thus also come under
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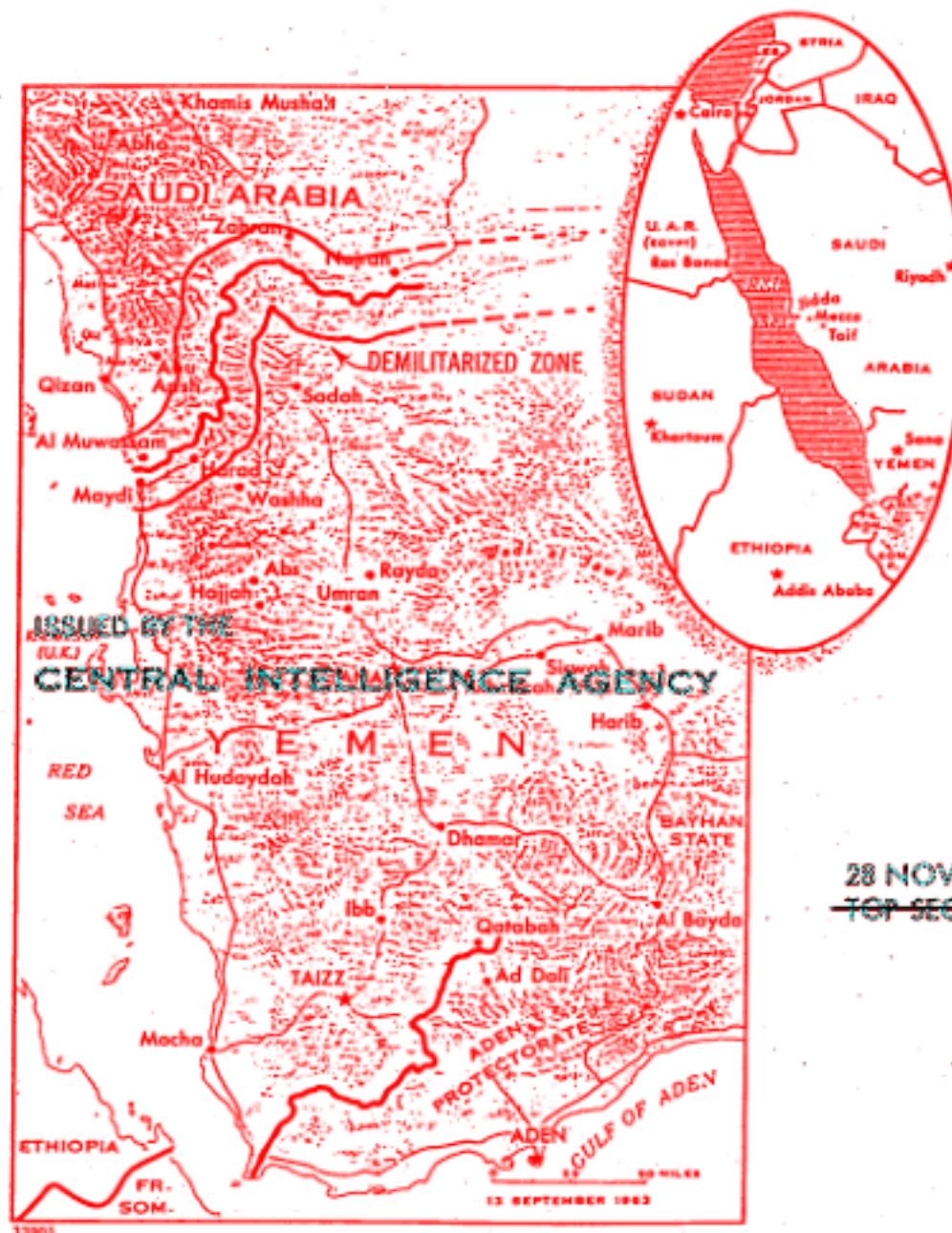
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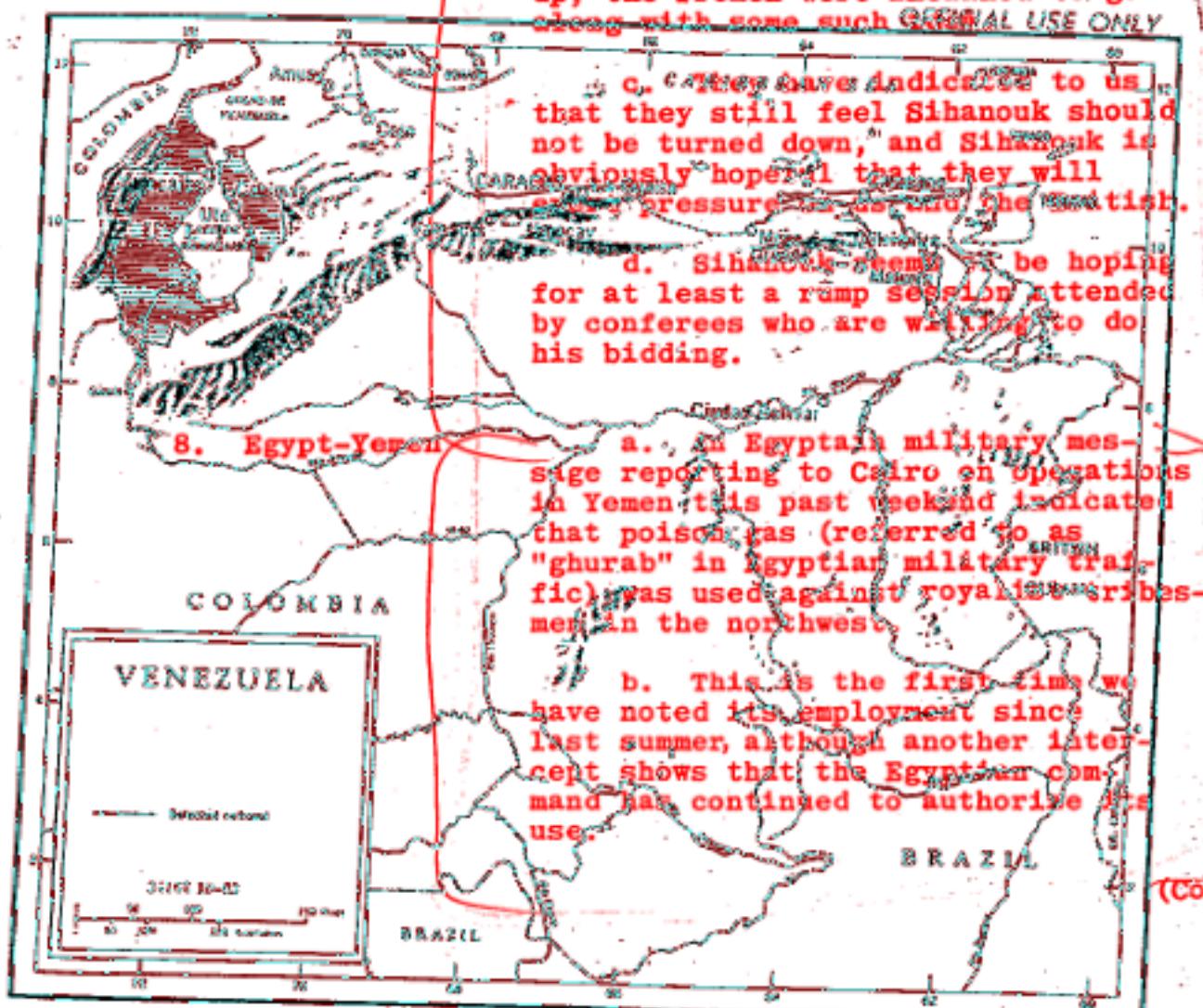
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1. Venezuela

a. The country's six presidential candidates have swung into the home stretch of their campaigns. So have the terrorist organizations which are still trying hard to make gains Sunday's runoff voter of Yemenis.

(INTERCEPTS throughout)

9. Congo

b. There is little doubt that the terrorist effort has all-out Cuban support. Castro looks on Congo-Venezuela as his prime target in Latin America and would do everything in his power to prevent President Congo-Betancourt from finishing his term, his ministers.

c. So far, the terrorists have tried to intimidate the candidates by bombing political rallies, bombing their party headquarters in various cities, and threatening them with assassination. They have tried to scare voters from the polls by creating a general atmosphere of lawlessness. Kidnapping, like the one yesterday morning of Colonel Chenault, are part of the pattern. The government already knows that this group of left-wing subversives is preparing to counterattack but is under the personal direction of communist Betancourt, who is as determined to finish out his term and turn over power to a free election as successor as Castro is to prevent this, which now obtain in Brazzaville. Its activities may soon become a serious source (Cont'd) friction between the two countries.

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- e. Yesterday it was announced that the carrying of firearms by anyone outside the security forces was forbidden until the elections are over. NOTES
- A. South Korea *With 85 percent of the vote in, Park Chong-hui's Democratic Republican Party has already won an absolute majority in the National Assembly elections held yesterday.* *NBR*
- B. Venezuela *The country's three major presidential candidates were the targets of unsuccessful assassination attempts yesterday as Communist-led terrorists moved into the final week of desperate attempt to wreck next Sunday's elections. A US Embassy official was also the intended recipient of a "Christmas package" containing a bomb. Yesterday a US rubber warehouse was set fire and destroyed by terrorists.* *NBR*
- C. Indonesia-Philippines *We have what is about as sure a sign as we can get that Sukarno will be going to Manila as reported yesterday. A reliable source tells us Sukarno has sent advance word to two of his favorite Philippine girl friends that he will be arriving on 28 November. The Viet Cong suffered some 30 casualties; government losses were six killed, three wounded and 39 missing. *NBR**
- D. Indonesia-Malaysia *Indonesian-inspired press reports yesterday claimed a British military plane was shot down near the North Borneo border. British Intelligence tells us the story is concocted; no aircraft are reported missing.* *(Cont'd) NBR*
- E. Cuba *The alert in the Cuban military which we noted immediately after President Kennedy's death has been lifted. (INTERCEPT)*

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d. As is usual in these cases, the villagers began to trickle back once the Viet Cong left.

e. This episode aside, we see a number of indications that the Communists will try to sustain the higher level of military activity.

- F. Cambodia [redacted] Cambodia have kept up its diplomatic representation abroad to a bare minimum as an austerity measure following cuts. The Communist radio Sihanouk announced last week for more activities now, noting that missions to Communist strategic hamlets and be affected since "devaluing" Puriate. Other forces. Cambodian Curiously enough, port of this, Viet Cong organized down are those those traffic had been unusually (INTERCEPTS) heavy and has involved a large volume of high priority traffic and
- G. USSR-US [redacted] Pravda reported alert patterns on Gromyko's talks with Pres. [redacted] (INTERCEPTS) top play to Senator Fulbright's remarks about the desirability of a meeting between the President and Khrushchev.
3. Israel [redacted]

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DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

- I. De Gaulle on NATO strategy.
 - II. Common Market official appraises President Johnson.
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4. USSR-India

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6. there are some Indians who have doubts about the Soviet willingness to live up to the letter of their military aid agreements with New Delhi.

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5. Burma

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 a. Ne Win has followed up his action in breaking off talks with the Burmese Communists by arresting over 700 of their number.

Channels

b. Ne Win had been trying to lure the faction-ridden Communists into a "national front." However, he found the demands of the Communist negotiators, some of whom had only just returned from long exile in Peiping, to be impossible.

c. This will probably lead to renewed fighting between the army and Communist guerrillas in the hills.

d. More trouble can also be expected from the rebellious ethnic minorities like the Karens and the

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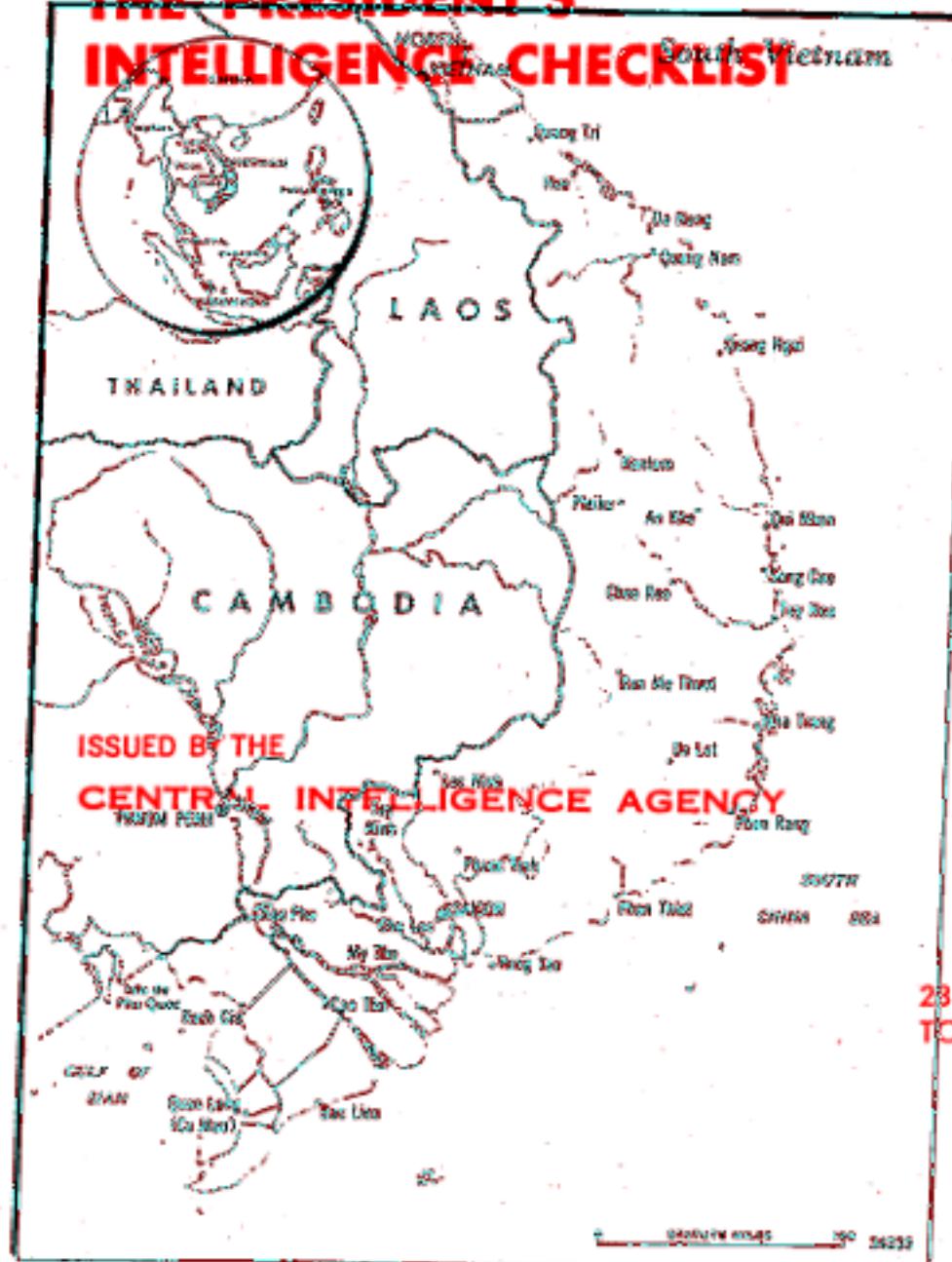
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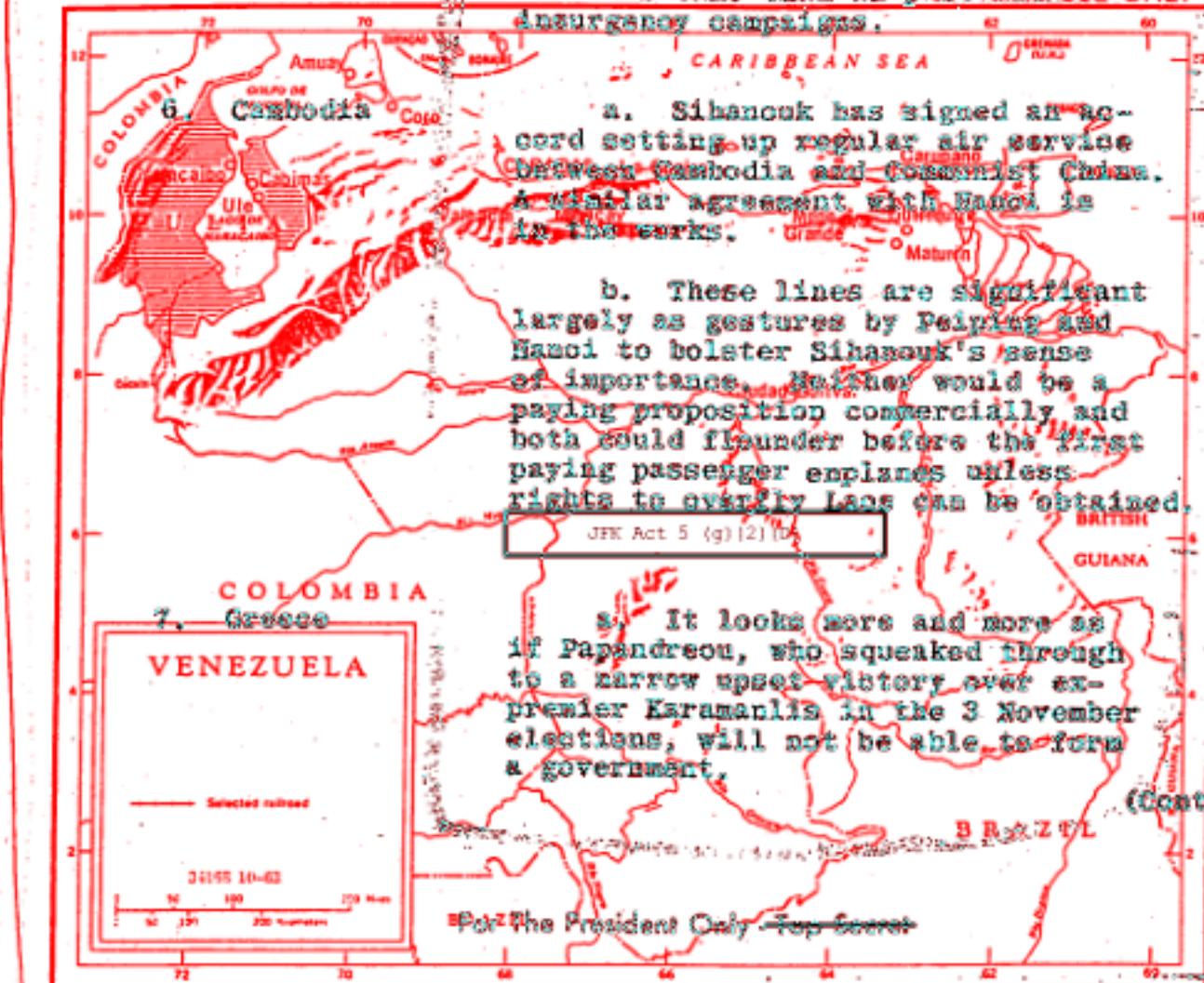
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Kachins, whose demands for greater autonomy have been rejected in Rangoon.

e. US officials on the spot doubt that the army, hobbled by poor leadership and its many political responsibilities, will be any more effective in dealing with the problem this time than in past antiguerrilla USE ONLY insurgency campaigns.

a. Sihanouk has signed an accord setting up regular air service between Cambodia and Communist China. A similar agreement with Hanoi is in the works.

b. These lines are significant largely as gestures by Peking and Hanoi to bolster Sihanouk's sense of importance. Neither would be a paying proposition commercially and both could flounder before the first paying passenger enplanes unless rights to overfly Laos can be obtained.

c. It looks more and more as if Papandreou, who squeaked through to a narrow upset victory over ex-premier Karamanlis in the 3 November elections, will not be able to form a government.

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1. Venezuela

a. The country's six presidential candidates have swung into the home stretch of their campaigns. So have the terrorists who are still trying hard to sabotage next Sunday's vote.

b. There is little doubt that the terrorist effort has all-out Cuban support. Castro looks on Venezuela as his prime target to let it be known that it would consider Latin America and would do everything in his power to prevent President

Betancourt from finishing his term. (Cont'd)

c. So far, the terrorists have tried to intimidate the candidates by harassing political rallies, bombing their party headquarters in

various cities, and threatening them with assassination. They have tried to scare voters from the polls by creating a general atmosphere of lawlessness. Kidnapping, like the one yesterday morning of Colonel Chehault, are part of the pattern for a compromise premier more amenable to palace influence.

d. The government counterattack is under the personal direction of Betancourt, who is as determined to finish out his term and turn over power to a freshly elected successor as Castro is to prevent this.

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2. South Vietnam

e. Yesterday it was announced that the Government by ~~Government~~ that ~~social disaster~~ ~~the security forces~~ ~~program~~ ~~is not passed soon, have drawn~~ ~~sharp rejoinders from moderate and~~ ~~conservative figures and have fed~~ ~~rightist coup plotters~~ ~~servists have~~ ~~been called up to protect the polls.~~
 b. Strains are also growing in the military following the ~~arrest~~ ~~high state of alert~~ ~~of a young officer who refused last month to execute an order to arrest Governor Lacerda, a leading conservative spokesman and likely presidential candidate.~~
Count from official US sources of the Viet Cong attack on two mountain villages mentioned in Tuesday's Checklist.

- b. This account makes it clear that the earlier press versions, which spoke of 1,000 missing villagers, were highly colored.
- c. Our present information is that the attack, in company strength, was successfully repulsed. The Viet Cong suffered some 30 casualties; government losses were six killed, three wounded and 39 missing.

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d. As is usual in these cases, the villagers began to trickle back once the ~~NOTES~~ Cong left.

A. USSR

c. This episode aside, we see a number of indications that the Communists will try to sustain the higher level of military activity they have kept up since the coup.

f. The Communist radio has called for more attacks in an effort to destroy strategic hamlets and

B. Romania-US Romanian officials are about to award up a US firm, Ferguson and Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, a \$32 million contract to help build the huge Galati steel plant. The Romanians have imposed a ban on this project in the face of Soviet efforts to discourage it in various ways, most importantly by refusing to underwrite the scheme to any substantial degree.

C. Turkey The New Turkey Party has followed the Peasant Party in withdrawing from the present three-party coalition government. This means that the coalition has to all intents and purposes collapsed, even though no formal action will be taken until Prime Minister Inonu returns from Washington this weekend.

D. Thailand

critical condition

source says that an Israeli representative is trying to buy US stable platforms for the ~~in~~ missile guidance system of a missile with a range of 10-350 miles. He wanted delivery in six to twelve months. The most likely successor would be Chaoem Kitphakorn, now deputy prime minister and minister of defense.

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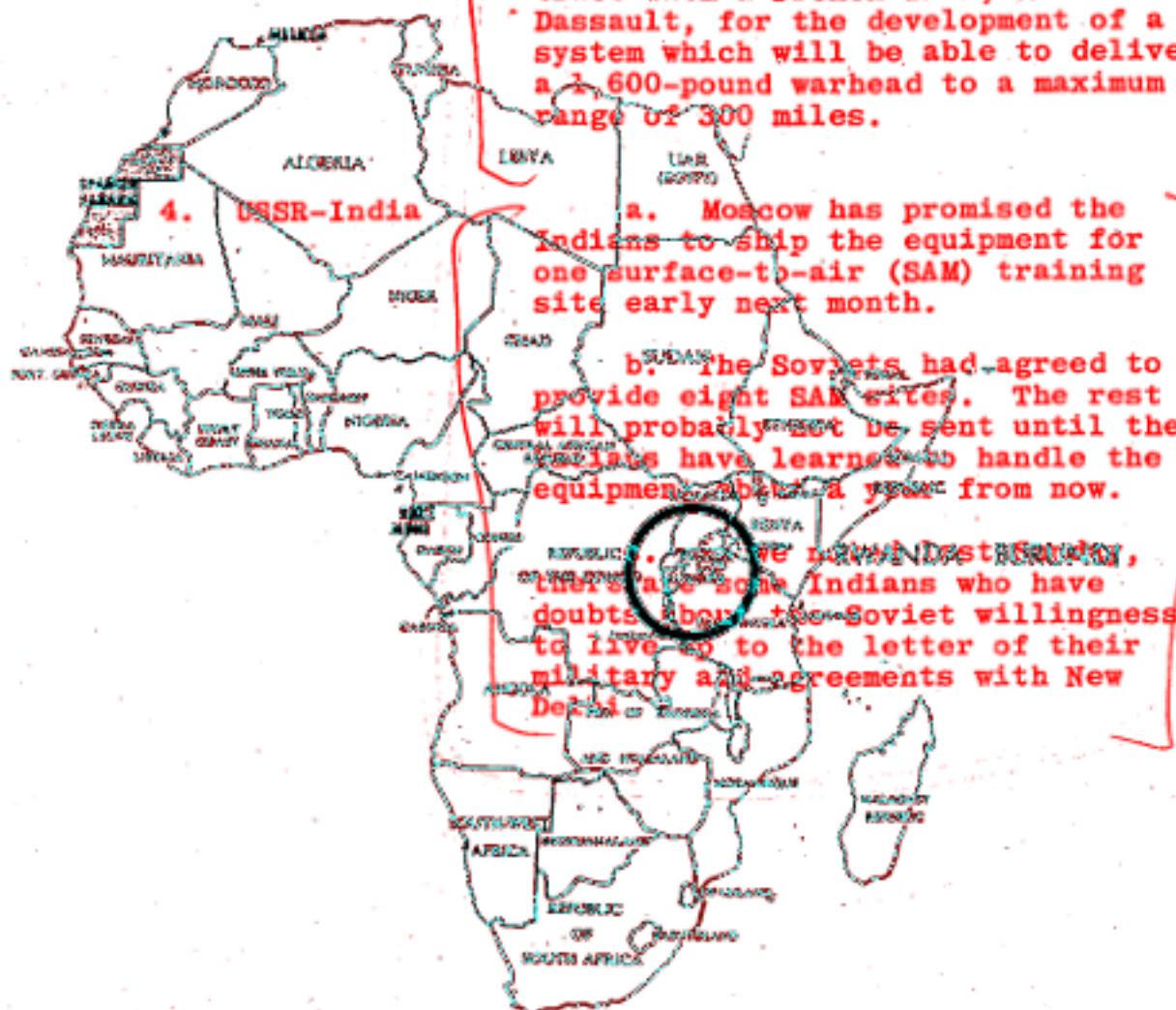
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E. Indonesia-Philippines

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d. They call into question especially the contract for the Soviets to set up in India a facility to assemble MIG fighters--an enterprise which has appeared somewhat impractical from the beginning.

F. Indonesia Djakarta is giving every indication that it will hold up final action on the long-pending oil contracts with US companies in an attempt to smoke us out on the question of US aid policy toward Indonesia.

(INTERCEPTS)

G. Rwanda-Burundi. Tribal refugees from Rwanda, now in Burundi, seem bent on making trouble between the two countries. Some 3,000 of their number were reported yesterday to be moving toward the frontier. They have little military capability, but blood could flow and require UN intervention.

H. USSR-Congo

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d. More trouble can also be expected from the rebellious ethnic minorities like the Karens and the

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e. Yesterday it was announced that the carrying of firearms by anyone outside the security forces was forbidden until the elections are over.

f. Some 3,000 reservists have been called up to protect the polls. Leaves are being cancelled and all security forces are maintaining a high state of alert.

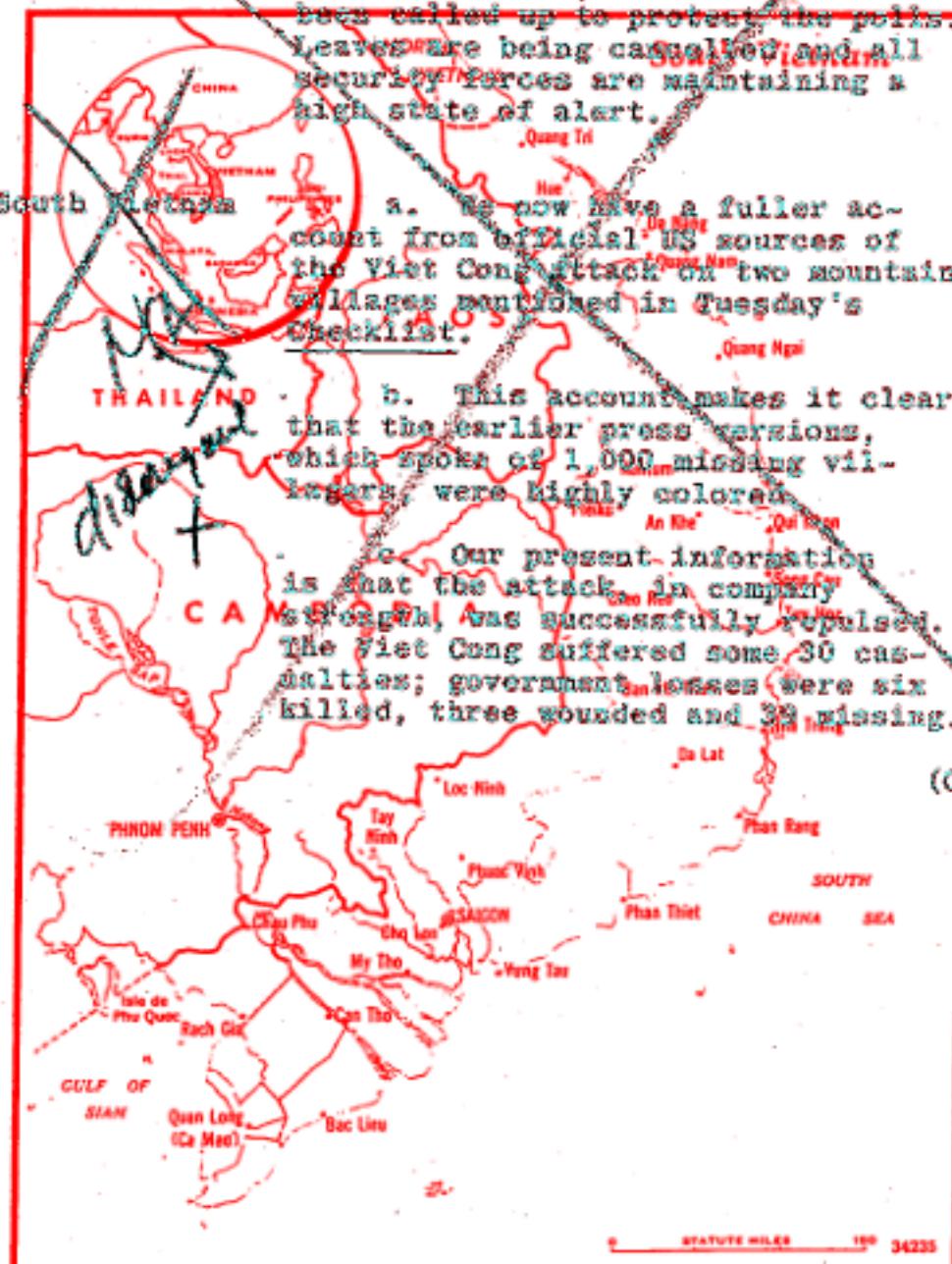
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6. Cambodia

3. Israel

7. Greece

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e. US officials on the spot doubt that the army, holding its poor leadership and its many political responsibilities will try to sustain there higher level of military activity probably they have kept up since the same time this time down in past conspiracy campaigns.

f. The Communist radio has called for more attacks in an effort to destroy strategic hamlets and "develop" Viet Cong forces air lines especially port of this Viet Cong Communists between Cambodia and China. A similar agreement with Hanoi is heavy and has involved a large volume of high priority traffic and special alert patterns. (Includes INTERCEPTS)

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a. It looks more and more as if Papandreou, who squeaked through to a narrow upset victory over ex-premier Karamanlis in the 3 November elections, will not be able to form a government.

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- A. USSR
- b. His party does not have a parliamentary majority, so it needs support from either Karamanlis' party on the right or from the Communists. The military has apparently been pressing Karamanlis to withhold that support. He does not need much urging.
- JFK Act 5 (g) (2) (D)
- c. The military has also let it be known that it would consider Papandreu's acceptance of Communist support as sufficient reason for a coup d'état.
- D. Romania-US Romanian officials are about to award a US firm, Ferguson and Company of Cleveland, Ohio, a \$32-million contract to help build the Jassy Galati steel plant. The Russians are pressing ahead with this project in the face of Soviet efforts to discourage it in various ways, most importantly by refusing to underwrite the scheme to any substantial degree.
- C. Turkey The New Turkey Party has followed the Peasant Party in withdrawing from the present three-party coalition government. This means that the coalition has to all intents compromised its purposes and agreed even though no formal action will be taken until Prime Minister Inonu returns from Washington this weekend.
- JFK Act 5 (g) (2) (D)
- B. Brazil Thailand
- a. President Collart and his opponents are keeping political tensions in Brazil high.
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- D. Brazil Thailand
- b. President Collart and his opponents are keeping political tensions in Brazil high.
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- JFK Act 5 (g) (2) (D)

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COMMENT	FILE	FILE		
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b. Comments by Goulart, that "disaster" is sure if his is not passed soon, have drawn rejoinders from moderate and conservative figures and have fed rightist coup plotting.

c. Strains are also growing in the military following the arrest of young officer who refused last month to execute an order to arrest Governor Lacerda, a leading conservative spokesman and likely presidential candidate.

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NOTES

A. USSR [] Simultaneous activity this morning on the Tyuratam missile test range, satellite tracking nets and Soviet space support ships in the Atlantic probably represented an attempt to launch an unmanned earth satellite. The launch apparently failed on the pad or was cancelled at the last moment. It may be tried again soon. (INTERCEPTS)

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B. Rumania-US [] Rumanian officials are about to award a US firm, Ferguson and Company of Cleveland, Ohio, a \$32 million contract to help build the huge Galati steel plant. The Rumanians are pressing ahead with this project in the face of Soviet efforts to discourage it in various ways, most importantly by refusing to underwrite the scheme to any substantial degree.

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C. Turkey [] The New Turkey Party has followed the ISSUED BY THE party in withdrawing from the present three-party coalition government. This means that the Coalition has to all intents and purposes collapsed, even though no formal action will be taken until Prime Minister Inonu returns from Washington this weekend.

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D. Thailand [] The Thai doctors attending Sarit now admit for the first time that the Prime Minister is in critical condition. Our doctor agrees with this prognosis. US officials in Bangkok believe that the most likely successor would be Thanom Kittikhachee, now deputy prime minister and minister of defense. Thanom is not likely to last long, however, since he is neither a strong personality nor a figure of great weight in the military hierarchy.

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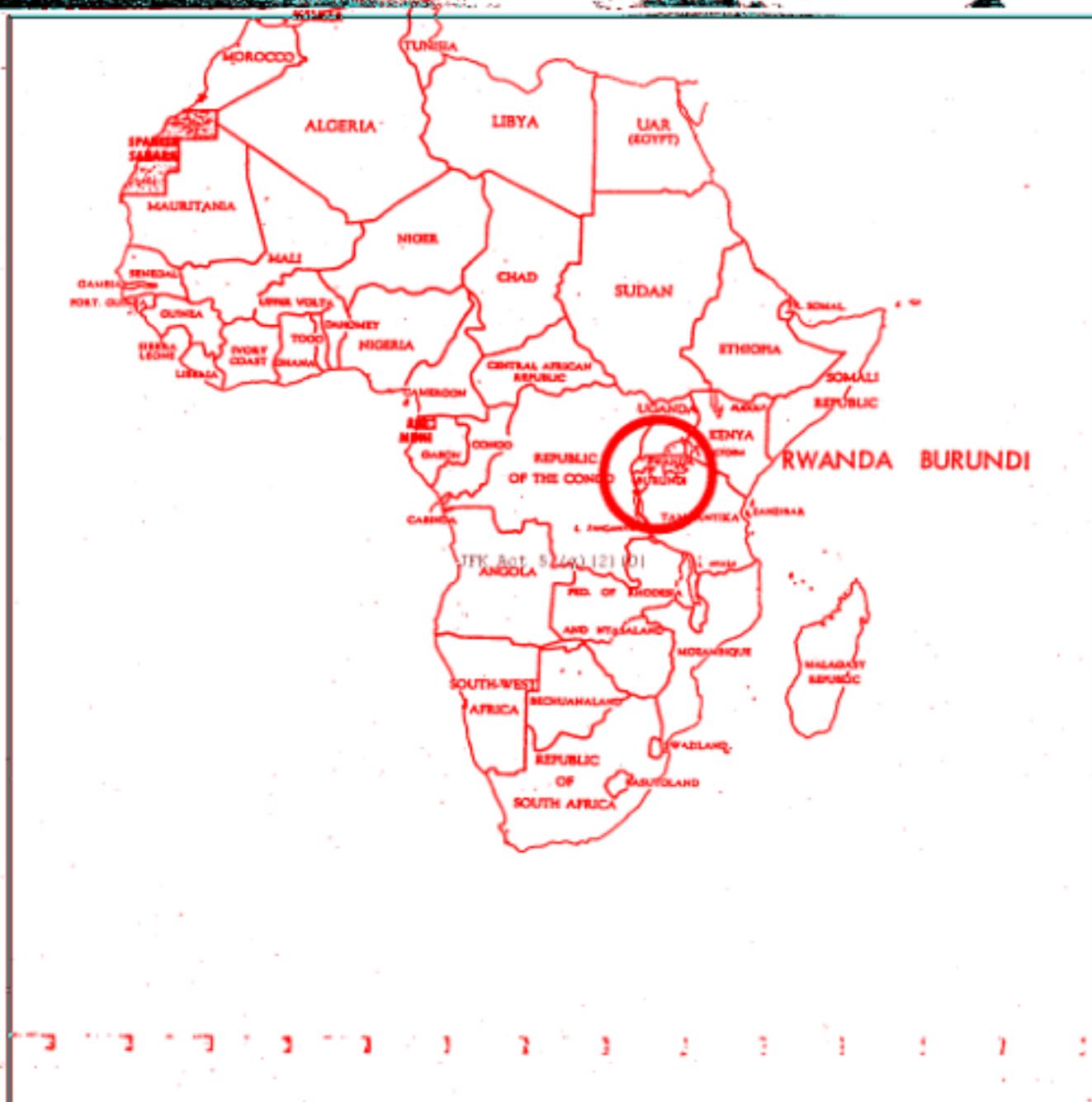
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1. USSR

a. TASS has finally announced
 that the USSR will conduct another
 series of ICBM firings to the Pacific
 during the period 2 December to 25
 January.

E. ~~Indonesia-Philippines~~ A Philippine foreign office
 man states that everything was set, as we noted yes-
 terday, for Sukarno to visit Manila today. This
 official says, however, that the visit was postponed
 as a result of Macapagal's decision to attend Presi-
 dent Kennedy's funeral.

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F. ~~Indonesia-Djakarta~~ Djakarta is giving every indication that
 it will hold up final action on the long-pending oil
 contracts with US companies in an attempt to smoke
 us out on the question of US aid policy toward Indo-
 nesia.

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G. ~~Rwanda-Burundi~~ Tribal refugees from Rwanda, now in
 Burundi, seem bent on making trouble between the two
 countries. Some 3,000 of their number were reported
 yesterday to be moving toward the frontier. They
 have little military capability, but blood could
 flow and require UN intervention.

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H. ~~USSR-Congo~~ As a further token of the withdrawal
 of Soviet Diplomats we have noted that the Soviet
 diplomatic communications link between Moscow and
 Leopoldville was shut down last Saturday. (INTER-
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ROUTING		DATE INITIALS
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1	2. Venezuela	a.
2		President Betancourt is
3		still determined to hold the national
4		elections next Sunday, barring a
		major catastrophe such as the assas-
		sination of one or more of the lead-
		ing candidates.
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a. President Betancourt is still determined to hold the national elections next Sunday, barring a major catastrophe such as the assassination of one or more of the leading candidates.

b. A party cannot substitute a candidate for one who does not survive until election day; the results of an election held after an assassination would be challenged in the courts and probably voided.

c. Most observers forecast victory for Raul Leoni of Betancourt's Democratic Action Party. However, the election of socialist Jovita Villalba of the Republican Democratic Union is a possibility.

CUMINT

d. About one quarter of the registered voters are youths going to the polls for the first time, and they may push up Villalba's total. Also, the Communists, who have said Access to the document is limited to those approved to follow Villalba's specific activities, may their votes will defeat Leoni.

e. In any event, the period between the elections and the inauguration in March will be a bad one. The Communist-directed Armed Forces

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of National Liberation (FALN) will probably increase their efforts to disrupt the constitutional succession, which would be the first in Venezuela's history.

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f. Meanwhile, in the wings are the military leaders who may well intervene if they find Betancourt's successor not to their liking.

g. Though President Betancourt has taken personal charge of the search to locate Colonel Chenault and those responsible for his kidnapping, his efforts so far have come to naught. The only news has been from a Caracas editor who had a call yesterday morning from a woman saying the colonel was safe.

3. Cuba-Venezuela

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a. The discovery of a large cache of weapons of Cuban origin, announced by Venezuelan authorities yesterday, provides the best evidence to date of major Cuban support for Latin American subversives.

b. There is definite proof to support the Venezuelan claim. The three tons of weapons found include light automatic rifles and

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submachine guns identified as among those shipped to Cuba from Belgium in 1959 and 1960. There were also mortars, bazookas, recoilless rifles, and ammunition of US manufacture.

c. Communist documents seized by Venezuelan authorities earlier this month reveal that the equipment was destined for the Venezuelan Communists' paramilitary arm, the Armed Forces of National Liberation (FALN).

SOVIET EXTENDED RANGE IMPACT AREAS



d. The cache was found on 1 November on a beach in Falcon State in the north, scene of the most active guerrilla effort. The Venezuelan government assumes that the weapons were sent from Cuba by sea.

e. Caracas will lay formal charges concerning the arms cache before a special meeting of Latin America Foreign Ministers scheduled for December. After that it will ask that the Council of the Organization of American States be convened for consultation on the matter.

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1. USSR
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China -
Afro-Asia

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that the USSR will conduct another
series of ICBM firings in the Pacific
during the period December to 25
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5. Cuba

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b. Since our last mention of
this subject, we have picked up indica-
tions that one of the firings
this time may be made from operational
installations rather than from the ICB-
M sites. The press in Mali says Chou
accompanying by Foreign Affairs Min-
ister Chen Yi will visit Algeria,
Mali, Ghana, Guinea, Somalia, Tanganyika,
and Albania.

c. There has been unusual
traffic on the strategic rocket
forces. The Pakistanis have just
informed our ambassador that they
have agreed to a state visit which
the Chinese will make February or March
at the conclusion of their two-month tour.

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d. In addition, some inter-
cepted messages have
firmly established that the
Chinese will abandon
its Cuban trade this time.

e. Embassy London has been advised
that it is prepared to accept two
ships involved in the padding from
calling at Cuban ports when their
charters run out next January.

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c. Papadakis is probably asking the same price for its action as Basil Mavrolean did recently--removal of its ships from the US blacklist, which would be the first in Venezuela's history.

d. Meanwhile, in the wings are the military leaders who may well intervene if they find Betancourt's successors not to their liking.

e. The outcome of Mavrolean's search to locate Colonel Chenault and those responsible for his kidnapping, his efforts so far have come to nought. The only news has been from a Caracas editor who had a call yesterday morning from a woman saying the colonel was safe.

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- A. South Korea [redacted] President-elect Pak Chong-hui's success in winning control of the unicameral legislature in Tuesday's elections improves prospects for smooth operation of the new constitutional government. However, political stability will still depend on Pak's willingness to rule with moderation. If he interprets this victory as a popular mandate to pursue an aggressive authoritarian program, he could provoke serious unrest. *C. Communist documents seized by Venezuelan authorities earlier this month reveal that the equipment was destined for the Venezuelan Communists' paramilitary arm, the Armed Forces of National Liberation (FAIR).*
- B. Indonesia-Philippines [redacted] President Sukarno's visit to Manila is on again for 4 December, according to the Indian ambassador to Djakarta. He assumes its purpose is to head off Philippine recognition of Malaysia. *D. The cache was found on November on a beach in Falcon State in the north, scene of the most active guerrilla effort. The Venezuelan government assumes that the weapons were sent from Cuba by sea.*
- C. Thailand [redacted] Prime Minister Sarit appears to have taken a further turn for the worst.
- e. Caracas will lay formal charges concerning the arms cache before a special meeting of Latin America Foreign Ministers scheduled for December. *JFK Act 5 (a) (2) (D)* After that it will ask that the Council of the Organization of American States be convened for consultation on the matter.
- D. Rwanda-Burundi [redacted] Prompt action by Burundi security forces appears to have halted the march of tribal refugees on Rwanda that we reported yesterday. There is little doubt that the refugees, who carried only a handful of modern arms and were poorly organized, would have been badly mauled by Rwandan troops if they had crossed the frontier.

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4. Colombia: Pro-Castro members of the terrorist National Liberation Army (ELN) are believed responsible for the recent wave of bombings in Colombia's major cities. At least a dozen bombs were set off in Bogota during the last two nights. Two of the bombs failed to explode after being placed close to the residence of the chief of US Naval Mission.

b. The Egyptians are expecting him on 8 December according to the Algerian ambassador to Cairo.

c. The press in Mali says Chou, accompanied by Foreign Affairs Minister Chen Yi, will visit Algeria, Mali, Ghana, Guinea, Somalia, Tanganyika, and Albania.

d. The Pakistanis have just informed our ambassador that they have agreed to a state visit by the two Chinese in mid-February at the conclusion of their two month tour.

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5. Cuba

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a. Another London shipping firm says it is willing to abandon its Cuban trade.

b. Embassy London has been advised by Papadakis and Co., Ltd. that it is prepared to keep its two ships involved in the trade from calling at Cuban ports when their charters run out next January.

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3		Basis: Mavrolean [REDACTED] (73) --removal
4		of its ships from the US blacklist. Papadakis operates 19 ships totalling 200,000 tons.
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for almost half the present British
tonnage calling at Cuban ports and
are the largest [REDACTED] of
free world shipping to Cuba.

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The outcome of Mavrolean's
offer is not yet clear.

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- C. Thailand [] Prime Minister Sarit appears to have taken a further turn for the worst. Our station reported yesterday that he was flown by helicopter to a Bangkok hospital from his seaside villa. Police escorts described his condition as critical and rumors that he had died spread through the city.

- D. Rwanda-Burundi [] Prompt action by Burundi security forces appears to have halted the march of tribal refugees on Rwanda that we reported yesterday. There is little doubt that the refugees, who carried only a handful of modern arms and were poorly organized, would have been badly mauled by Rwandan troops if they had crossed the frontier.

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DIA [REDACTED] NBL

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b. The terrorists, it seems, were all but drowned out by the carnival air.

c. The FALN, meanwhile, is trying to bargain off Colonel Chassault for as high a price as it can, demanding variously release of all its comrades, of all women detained by the government, and of the six hijackers who have been returned from Trinidad to custody in Venezuela.

2. Sino-Soviet [REDACTED] dispute

a. The Chinese Communists will have nothing to do with the idea of bilateral talks with the Soviets under present circumstances. ✓BR

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d. Moscow, for its part, has apparently stopped thinking about another gathering of world Communist party representatives.

e. The feelers it put out after the conclusion of the test-ban treaty were received coldly by some of the fraternal parties. They felt such a meeting could only make matters worse with the Chinese.

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f. Indeed, Peiping saw this to be Moscow's purpose, and when the idea failed to take hold, the Chinese took it to be a setback for Khrushchev personally.

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1. Venezuela

a. Election campaigning ended ~~and~~
~~but~~ ~~boasters for the~~
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2. Sino-Soviet dispute

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4. Kenya - Communist Bloc

a. The Soviet gain an important party Secretary General Teng Hsiao-ping, one of the select few in Peking's ruling circle, recently told a group of visiting Latin Americans that such a meeting could accomplish nothing.

b. Plans are being controlled news agent by the Kenyan government when it

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5. Czechoslovakia-
USSR

c. Teng put the issue of another meeting of world Communist parties even deeper into limbo by saying that Peking would be in favor only when assured of the support of a majority of the world parties.

achieves independence on 12 December. This will fall under the jurisdiction of communications minister Onoko, who has well developed contacts within the Soviet Bloc.

c. TASS has already agreed to equip the new agency, and Kenyan requests for further financial and technical help are being discussed. ^{e. The feelers it put out after the conclusion of the test-ban treaty were received coldly by some of the fraternal parties. They felt such a meeting could only make matters worse with the Chinese.}

d. Kenyan journalists have been training in Prague and on return, will find ready employment in the new agency. ^{f. Indeed, Peking saw this to be Moscow's purpose, and when the idea failed to take hold, the Chinese took it to be a setback for Khrushchev personally.}

e. Czech President Novotny returned from Moscow on Thursday after signing a renewal (for another 20 years) of the treaty of friendship and mutual assistance. ^{g. Their reaction to Khrushchev's subsequent call for a cessation of open argument was to press the offensive, and this they have been doing in roundly abusive terms since b. He apparently got little else out of Khrushchev. The final communiqué was conspicuously cool.}

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c. There were no Soviet concessions, nor were there the usual references to Czech "progress" or to public support for Novotny's leadership.

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6. South Vietnam

a. The first suicide by burning to occur under the new regime was witnessed today by bystanders at a crowded intersection in Saigon where a young girl went up in flames.

b. A note she left behind said she was protesting the war of Vietnamese against Vietnamese. At the intersection are three villas which house the ICC delegations.

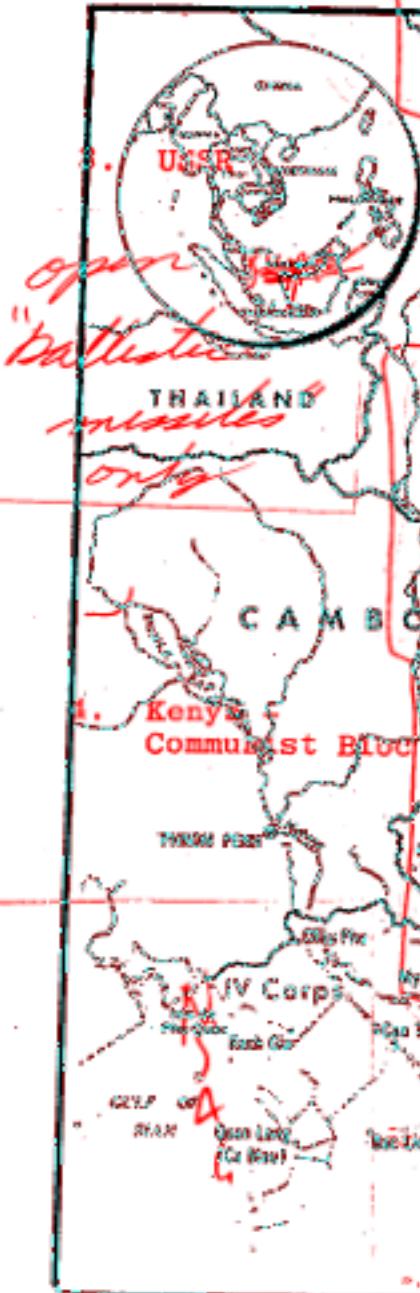
c. There were no Buddhist overtones.

d. Some think the Viet Cong encouraged her, but if they did, they did not write her script. They could have said it is the Americans who are fighting the Vietnamese.



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h. The forthcoming Afro-Asian visits by Chou En-lai and Chen Yi have awakened suspicions that the Chinese are in hot pursuit of a second Bandung-type conference--a more rewarding enterprise from their point of view.

ARMY CORPS BOUNDARIES

a. Yesterday and on Thursday, we detected what we believe to have been operational training launches of standard 300 nautical mile submarine-based ballistic missiles.

b. Two and possibly four missiles were fired from submarines based in the Pétropavlovsk area to the impact area at Klyuchi.

c. Seven similar instances have been detected previously this year, and there may have been others.

a. The Soviet Bloc will soon gain an important propaganda outlet in Nairobi, communications hub for East Africa.

b. Plans are for a state-controlled news agency to be set up by the Kenyan government when it

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- A. South Vietnam ~~Plans are now afoot to shuffle South Vietnam's Corps commanders so that General Khanh, considered by General Barkins to be the best of the lot, will take over in the crucial delta (IV Corps) area. General Rich, the ambitious Minister of Security, is said to be resisting pressure to relinquish command of the III Corps area, and is not involved in the current shuffle.~~
~~TASS has already agreed to assist the new agency, and Kenyan help are being discussed in Prague and Moscow.~~

- B. Cuba-USSR There are about 8,000 Soviets in Cuba, 5,000 of these military, according to a Bloc official in close touch with Soviets in Havana. The figures are close to our own estimate of 4,000 to 7,000. Some withdrawals continue.

- C. Cambodia-Vietnam Sihanouk seems to feel that cutting off relations to spite his foes was not enough. Now he says he will formally recognize North Vietnam if the US does not release the Khmer Serei radio [redacted] 20 years) of the treaty of friendship and mutual assistance.

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6. South Vietnam [redacted] a. The first suicide by burn
 E. Coal and Steel Community [redacted] Coal and Steel community
 members at their next meeting on Monday will probably vote to raise community steel tariffs by an average of nine percent. This would bring the tariffs of each member into line with Italy's, the highest in the community. A ~~young girl went up in flames.~~
 F. British Guiana - ~~in Cuba~~ section are three villas which house the ICC delegations.
 G. Brazil-US: A press report from Rio cites "well informed sources" to the effect that Coulant plans soon to invite Mrs. Kennedy to visit Brazil so that Brazil can pay her the honors which it had planned to render the late President.
- H. Cuba-Morocco [redacted]

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4. Kenya
- ~~D. Communist Bloc Cambodia~~ ~~An Indonesian~~ Sukarno apparently plans to go to Cambodia on an ~~official~~ visit following his trip to Manila. The ~~Canadian~~ ambassador in Djakarta has advised Phnom Penh that ~~sukarno~~ plans to leave for Manila on 6 December, and directly from there for Phnom Penh on the 16th. ~~Plans~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~set~~ ~~up~~ three days. (INTERCEPT) by the Kenyan government when it

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F. British Guiana - Cuba GIMPEX, trading arm and source of funds for Jagan's party, has worked out a deal to supply the country's major electric utility next year with fuel oil from Cuba. Texaco and Esso have been the traditional suppliers.

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G. Brazil-US A press report from Rio cites "well informed sources" to the effect that Goulart plans soon to invite Mrs. Kennedy to visit Brazil so that Brazil can pay her the honors which it had planned to render the late President.

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H. Cuba-Morocco A three-man Cuban delegation is on its way to Morocco to try to patch up relations broken by Morocco because of Cuba's assistance to the Algerians in their border war. (INTERCEPTS)

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DOCUMENT OF INTEREST

The effect in France of the President's death.

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