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1. Iraq-Syria

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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.

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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 retention 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 Dinh, 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

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

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

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.

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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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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.

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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.

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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 ranks will be further thinned. Congenital plotters on the far right are talking coup

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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 charge 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 Subandrio at Bangkok with his Thai and Philippine counterparts. It may also be meant to provide a more receptive attitude for Nasution's visit here.

d. Our embassy thinks Nasution went in for his Malaysia sabre rattling 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.

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3. Congo

a. Adula 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 attache before they could eat up all the incriminating papers in their possession.

b. The Russians are now being held at Kolo 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 underrating the Congolese and have stumbled into a surete 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.

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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 provide the guts of 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.

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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.
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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 Menderes 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 elements to discontinue such acts. There have been no further incidents reported since.

C. Albania-USSR - A Radio Tirana broadcast has accused Khrushchev of personally releasing Berghozen 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 kow-tow 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 [redacted] 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 Caracas, but terrorism continues elsewhere. The slum district of Caracas to which the terrorists retreated is under virtual martial law. Among other things, the Dupont paint warehouse at Maracaibo was set afire and totally destroyed.

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F. World Peace Council: The WPC meeting in Vienna 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 support 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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1. USSR:

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

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 HOPE WE WILL TOO LEST SIHANOUK OTHERWISE TAKE THE FINAL IR-REVOCABLE STEP INTO THE COMMUNIST BLOC.

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 [illegible] 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. (include troops)

3. South Vietnam

a. Ton That Dinh, whom we had earlier identified as the most 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 circles [illegible] military takeover and receive expressions of loyalty. He has continued to spread the idea that the coup was largely his own doing.

c. Dinh has directed provincial chiefs to submit to him daily reports on local politics. (INTERCEPTS)

d. This is going on while other members of the regime are squabbling about who should be in the "council of sages" and what it should do.

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 LON NOL HAS INTIMATED TO GENERAL TAHER 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 DATELINED 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.

4. France-Israel

a. We have pressed for further details on the surface-to-surface missile system which a French firm is developing for the Israelis.

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 250 missiles will be drawn up late in the period if all goes well.

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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, VISITING KHRUSHCHEV ON THURSDAY, PRESENTED HIM WITH A MADE-IN-DENMARK HOMING GRAM, EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT IT WOULD NOW BE POSSIBLE TO BACK IN RHYTHM IN BOTH THE KREMLIN AND THE WHITE HOUSE. APPARENTLY KHRUSHCHEV WILL BE MAKING HIS SCANDANAVIAN TOUR NEXT SPRING.

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

5. Egypt

TAHLOUB MAINTAINS NASSER'S PRESTIGE, BUT FELL SHORT OF THEIR GOAL OF BREAKING THE "ONE-THIRD BARRIER."

E. INDONESIA-US: INDONESIAN OFFICIALS HAVE LET IT BE KNOWN INDIRECTLY, VIA THE OIL COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES, THAT SUKARNO MAY WELL HOLD UP SIGNATURE OF THE LAST DRAFTING OIL CONTRACTS WITH THE BIG THREE UNTIL THE US POSITION ON AID TO INDONESIA IS "CLARIFIED." US AID THEY CLAIMED PROMISED BY WILSON/WYATT AS PART OF A "PACKAGE DEAL" FOR SETTLING WITH THE OIL COMPANIES.

c. Design requirements call for the delivery of a 1,500-pound payload to a range of 300 miles with a CEP slightly in excess of 1 mile. A 1,500-pound head would not make military sense under these specifications.

a. Pamphlets and posters bitterly accusing Nasser have appeared in the streets of Cairo and Suez.

b. Such public expression of discontent is unusual.

c. It is still in a very low key. There is no evidence of organized opposition.

d. We do not consider Nasser's overthrow, though he could be forced out by popular 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-wing [illegible] stirred by Lechin's presence.

c. Lechin, who has ambitions to replace President Paz, intends to tour the country to rally his political forces, now in disarray as a result of some astute moves by Paz.

d. If Lechin decides after these soundings to come out openly against the president, he will try to arrange a series of strikes early next year to point up his strength.

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 [illegible] project.

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1. South Vietnam

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

Note from Col Hauck 22 Nov

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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.

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e. The new government is responding by stepping up its own military operations. It is also setting about the hard job of reorganizing 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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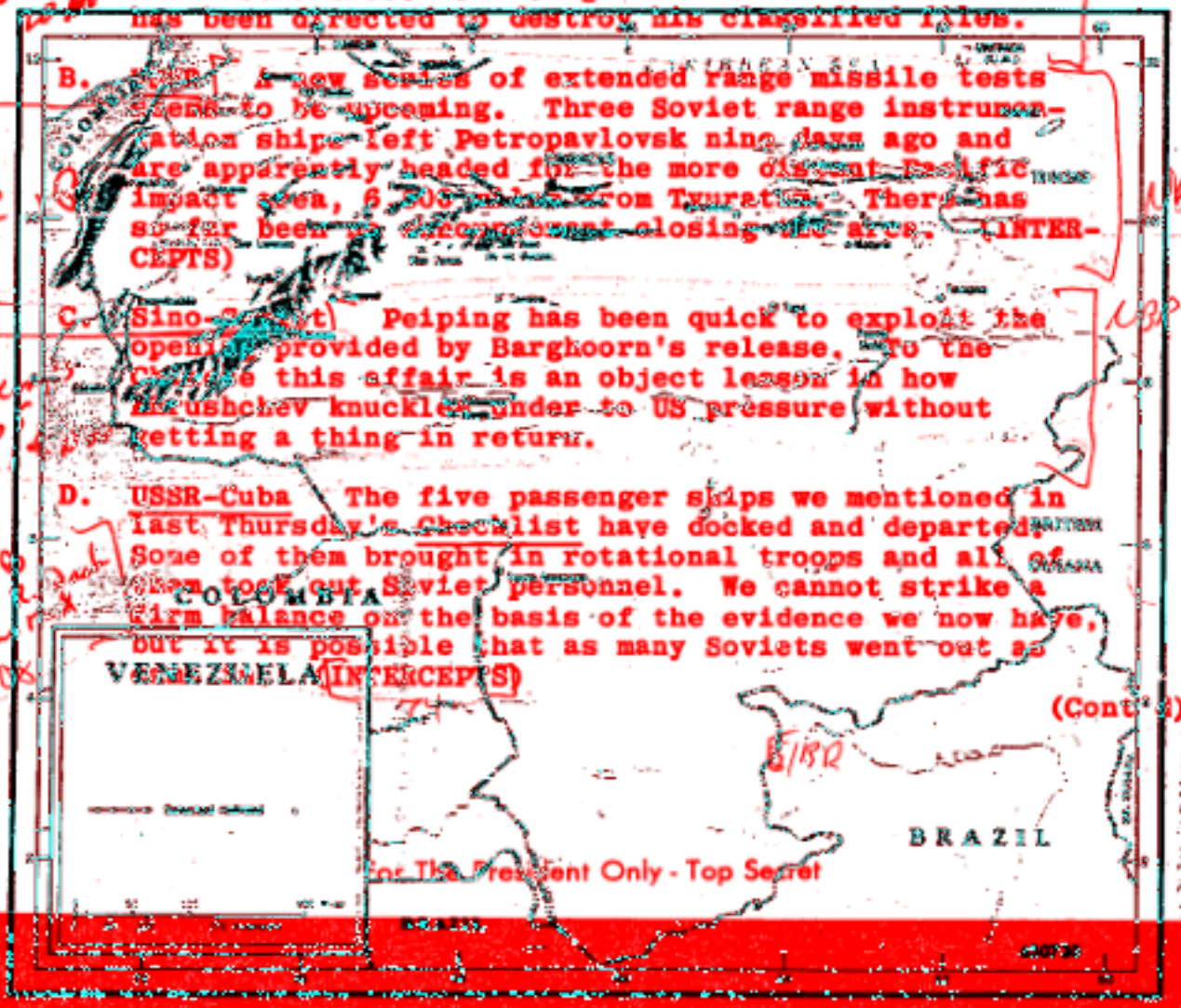

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G. Indonesia Djakarta is trying to rounds up support for making Sukarno's little boy, Guntur, head of the New Emerging Forces, a permanent thing. In making a pitch along these lines to the Philippine ambassador, a high Indonesian official candidly admitted that Djakarta views this sort of authoritic competition as a means of achieving political ends. (INTERCEPTS)

State, Dispatch 19 Nov

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H. Israel The Israeli Foreign Office says Ben Gurion is denying the Sulzberger account in last Friday's New York Times that Ben Gurion's direct experiments in "military atomics" at Dimona. 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 18 Nov

NY Times, 16 Nov

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I. Brazil A new coup is in the offing. In command are Goulart elements that, prior to his ouster, claimed that their rivals on the right were sufficiently genital plotters (INTERCEPTS) Right are talking coup yet again.

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2. Venezuela

a. The death toll from the terrorist outburst 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, [redacted] passed this initial test with flying colors.

d. At least 500 extremists were arrested and the round-up is 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. The elections will be followed, however, by a Communist effort to prevent the March inauguration of the victor.

f. The rub here is that none of the presidential candidates commands President Betancourt's considerable assets for dealing successfully with the harsh realities of 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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In honor of President Kennedy
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was first written on 17 June 1961

3. USSR-Cuba

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

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b. We think this [illegible] on-site traini[illegible] on schedule. [illegible] last six month[illegible] SAM system may [illegible] Castro.

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22 Nov

c. In th[illegible] 1,500 Soviets [illegible] of these were [illegible] sent to monitor[illegible]

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d. Prior [illegible] had detected no [illegible] hundred Soviet [illegible] entering Cuba s[illegible] crisis last yea[illegible]

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e. We esti[illegible] 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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COMMUNICATION ROUTES BETWEEN WEST GERMANY AND BERLIN

For this day, the Checklist Staff can find no words more fitting than the verse quoted by the President to a group of newspapermen [illegible] 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.

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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.

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4. This sort of harassment stopped 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.

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5. Iraq-Syria-UAR

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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d. The coup group has not thrown all Baathists out of the government. The Baath party remains in the new cabinet.

e. Syrian Baathists have welcomed this retention of their Iraqi brothers. Their attitude is based from the recognition that the Baath in Syria cannot stand alone without support from Iraq.

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THE PRESIDENT'S [illegible] 1963

1. USSR:

A. "GRIFFON", [illegible] IN THE 7 NOVEMBER MOSCOW [illegible] WITHIN THE ATMOSPHERE.

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B. FURTHER ANALYSIS OF THE [illegible] OF THE MISSILE INDICATES IT WEIGHS ABOUT 8,000 POUNDS [illegible] THAN ORIGINALLY ESTIMATED.

C. ITS PROBABLE [illegible] ALTITUDES ARE FROM 50,000 TO 100,000 FEET, AND IT IS NOT THEREFORE COMPARABLE TO THE HIGHER THRUST NIKE-ZEUS SYSTEM.

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2. CAMBODIA:

A. SIHANOUK HAS GIVEN THE FRENCH IN PHNOM PENH FOREWARNING 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 [illegible] OTHERWISE TAKE THE FINAL, IRREVOCABLE STEP IN THE DOMESTIC [illegible]

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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.

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3. NOTES:

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A. CUBA-US: A PRENSA LATINA ITEM YESTERDAY DATELINED 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.

w/ 66089 Memo from Col. Anderson

C. DENMARK-USSR: DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER HAEKKERUP, 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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[redacted] DUST. [redacted] TO [redacted] TO [redacted] DESIRED ANSWERS [redacted]

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT IKEDA'S POSITION WITHIN THE PARTY MAY BE SOMEWHAT LESS SECURE. THE SOCIALISTS GAINED A FEW SEATS, BUT FELL SHORT OF THEIR GOAL OF BREAKING THE "ONE-THIRD BARRIER."

NOTES

A. USSR: [redacted]

E. INDONESIA-US: INDONESIAN OFFICIALS ARE LETTING 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 CONGO-ZAIRE IS CLARIFIED. SUKARNO HAS ALREADY PROMISED BY TELEGRAM THAT IT IS PART OF A PACKAGE DEAL FOR SETTLING WITH THE OIL COMPANIES.

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B. Congo-ZAIRE: Soviet embassy personnel have not yet left Leopoldville, but their departure is expected momentarily. They were ordered out of the country after the Congolese turned up good documentary evidence of their complicity in anti-government plots. One of the items taken off a Soviet diplomat the other day was a letter from an anti-Adoula leader now in Brazzaville asking for funds and arms to overthrow the Leopoldville government.

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Ecuador: [redacted]

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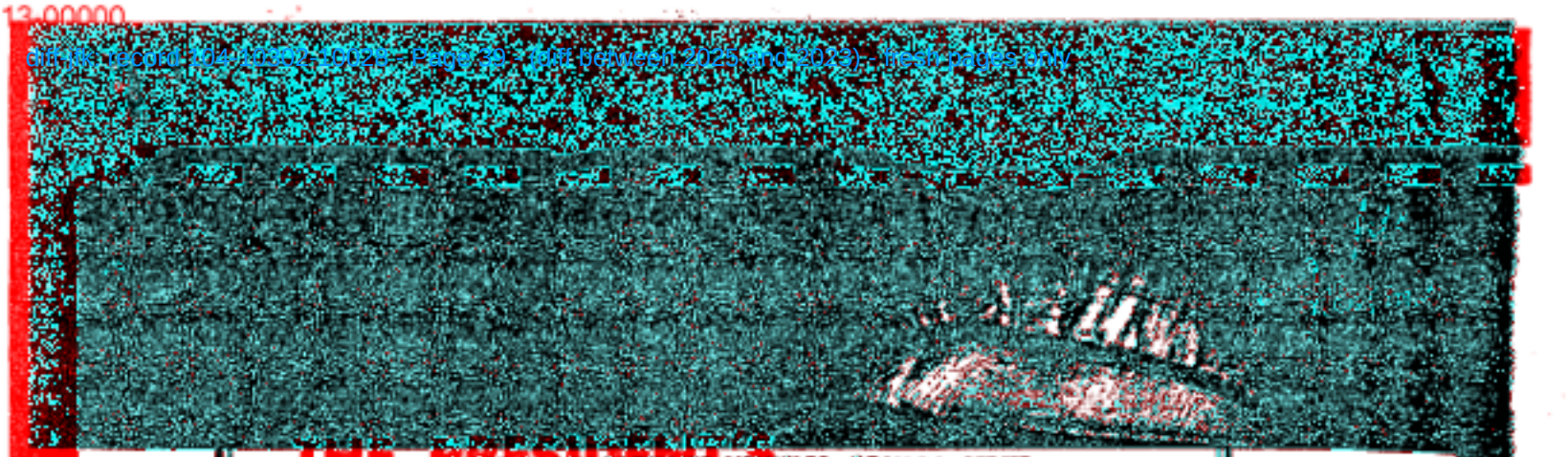

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1. South Vietnam

a. Vietnamese Communist efforts to discredit the new Saigon regime ranged 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 government outposts. [redacted]

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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E. Thailand

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F. USSR Cosmos 22, [redacted] yesterday. It is [redacted] be recovered. All [redacted] launched from Tyuratam, [redacted] center, and recovered after three to [redacted] days aloft.

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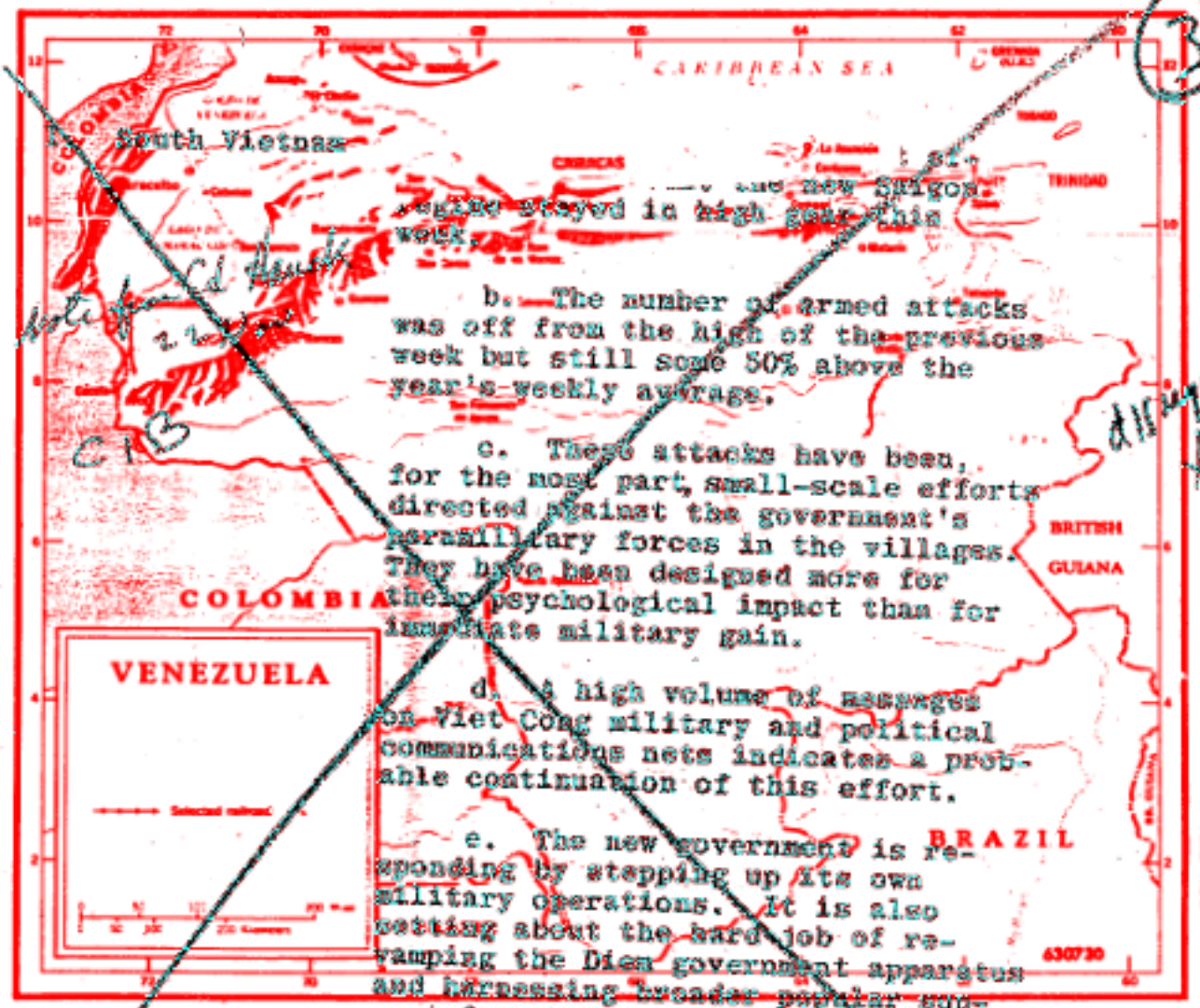

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South Vietnam

[illegible] the new Saigon [illegible] 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.

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their new responsibilities. There is, however, a group of disgruntled officers within this group and between it and civilian politicians.

g. One of the more ambitious and troublesome of the new ambitious bands of officers is the Chief of Staff, General Juan Vega Bolmey, who is using his position as Minister of Security to build his own independent base of power. He is a man to watch.

h. The new regime has also embarked on a purge of military officers who sided with the military leaders who sided with Pérez during the April crisis and failed to get on the right side soon enough. (INTERCEPTS)

2. Venezuela

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

b. This is the high water mark thus far for the leftist campaign of terror. The leftist extremists have disrupted the national elections a week from tomorrow.

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[redacted] The Guatemalan government has struck back hard. Has not relished hassled over the security forces set up at US urging, except this initial test with Castro.

[redacted] At least [redacted] were arrested and the round-up is 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. [redacted] In the past week [redacted] Cuban military [redacted] have been [redacted] fortified [redacted] several surface-to-air missile (SAM) sites on the island.

3. USSR-Cuba

f. The rub here is that none of the presidential candidates commands a reliable asset for testing success with the harsh realities of Venezuelan politics. The constitution prevents Betancourt from succeeding himself.

b. We think this means that training of Cubans has begun in earnest. 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.

In the background as always, looms 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.

e. 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 advisers 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

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

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1. North Vietnam - South Vietnam

c. North Vietnamese leaders are pressing their campaign for neutralization of South Vietnam.

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

e. 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.

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

g. The troublesome Polish ICC delegate in Laos, Marek Thee (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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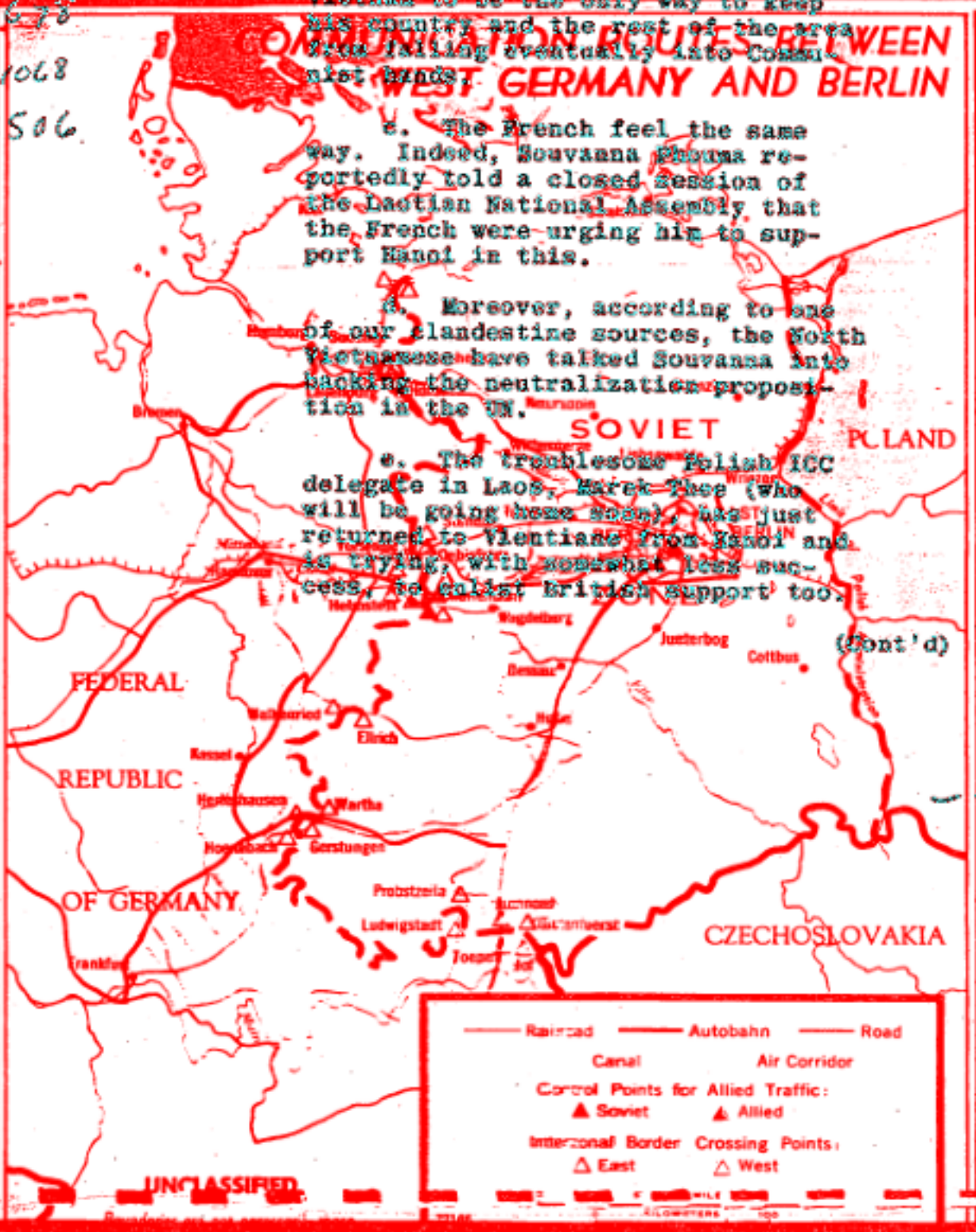

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b. The Soviet man at the Berlin air traffic control center told the Allied representatives yesterday that Soviet transports would be using the air corridors for brief flights during the next five weekends.

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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.

h. To hear Thuc 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.

2. Laos

a. As is usual in Laos, the tentative agreement for a cease-fire reached last week between Kong Le and Pathet Lao commander Singkapo 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 Plaine des Jarres. Lao Army, neutralist, and Meo guerrilla elements are jointly engaged in a limited offensive in the Vang Vieng

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3. Iraq-Syria-UAR

d. This sort of harassment stopped 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.

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

f. According to our latest information, Arif was wakened early that morning and given five minutes to join up. Tahir Yahya, new prime minister, was reportedly the organizer.

g. 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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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. comed this retention of their Iraqi brothers. Their attitude springs from the realization that Sihanouk knows his actions against Nasser have discredited his unique capability to deal with the Communist, Moscow and the Kremlin. Sihanouk is looking to the French to bail him out.

3. Cambodia

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f. 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. Nasser apparently hopes that the availability of French aid will enable him to keep his balance with the Communists and feed off their pressure.

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g. 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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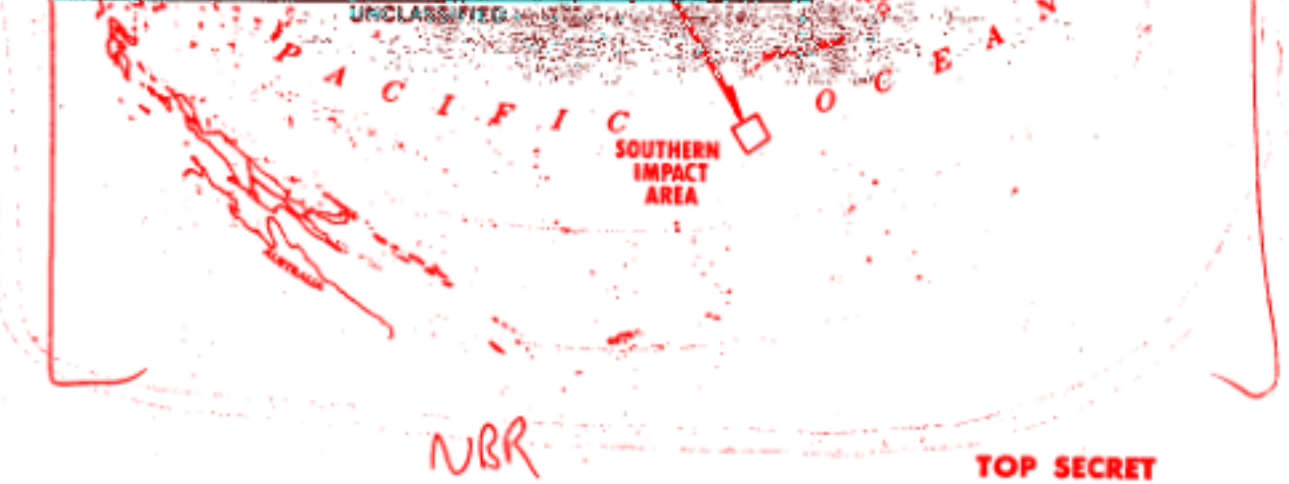

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e. Sihanouk's actions toward the US have not been universally popular. This is particularly true among government officials, the business community (who have reason to fear stepped-up nationalization), and the military, where the US retains a considerable 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. Three instrumentation ships left Petropavlovsk 12 days ago and are apparently headed for the more distant Pacific out of the Yenisey River from Tyuratam. We are looking for evidence of an ICBM test, but we do not exclude a space event. There has so far been no announcement closing the area. (INTERCEPTS)

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4. Yemen-Egypt a. A number of Yemeni leaders have told us they want the Egyptians to be left alone to solve their own problems.

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

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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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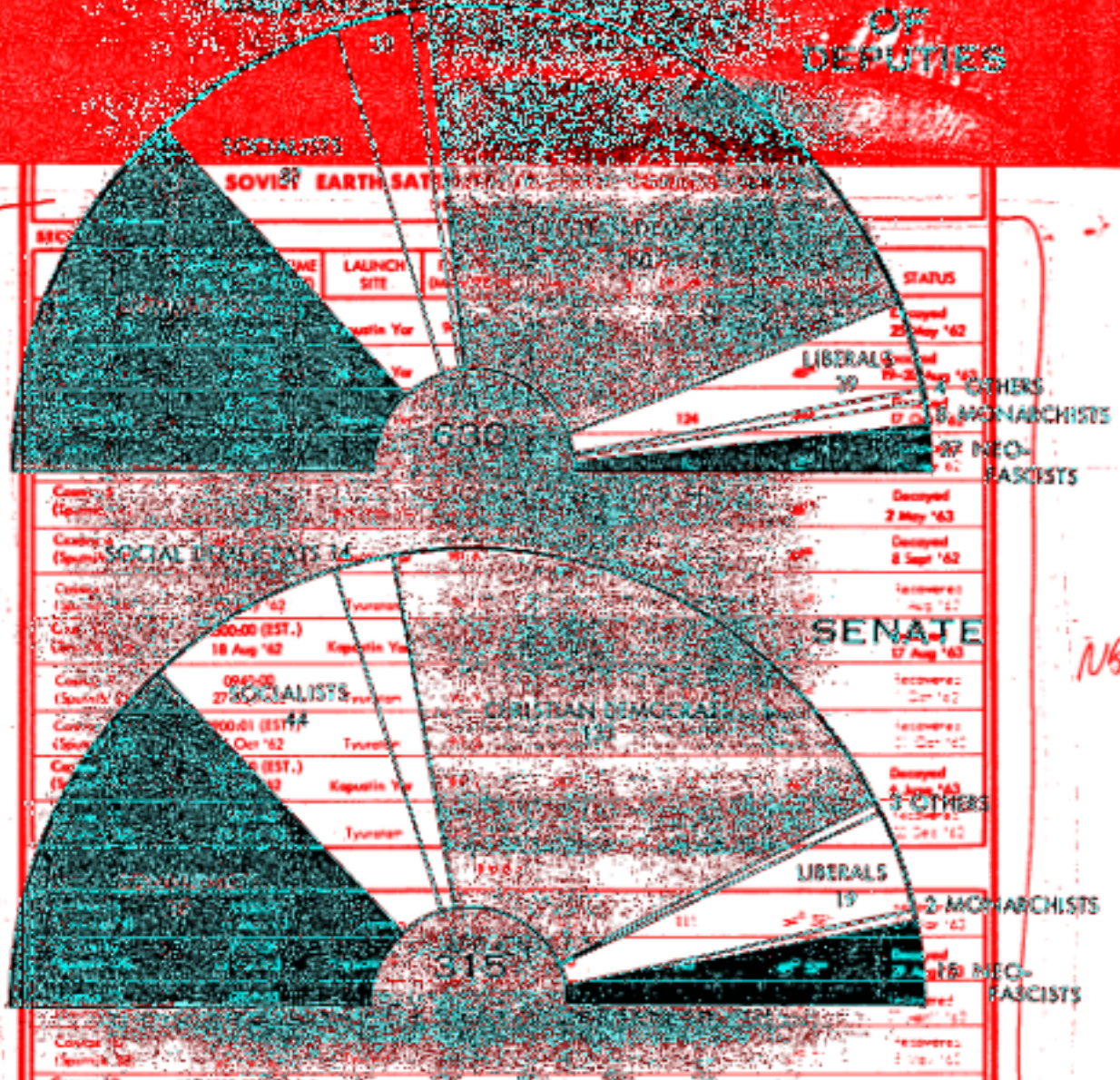

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c. Nasir, with some 30,000 troops in the Yemen, has grandiosely promised to pull out 5,000 before the end of the year. So far there has been no sign he is preparing to do so.

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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. Rival politicians and military figures are already jostling one another for position.

F. USSR Cosmos 22, launched a week ago, was recovered yesterday. It is the eleventh unmanned satellite to be recovered. All photographic 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)
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a. The Christian Democrats and Socialists have finally reached an agreement on cabinet assignments and a program for a "centerleft" coalition government.

b. Negotiations were especially tough, but apparently President Kennedy's death acted as a catalyst to bring the two together.

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

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A. India-USSR: The Indian military attache in Moscow reports 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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a. North Vietnamese leaders are pressing 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 Laotian National Assembly that the French were urging him to support Hanoi in this.

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

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

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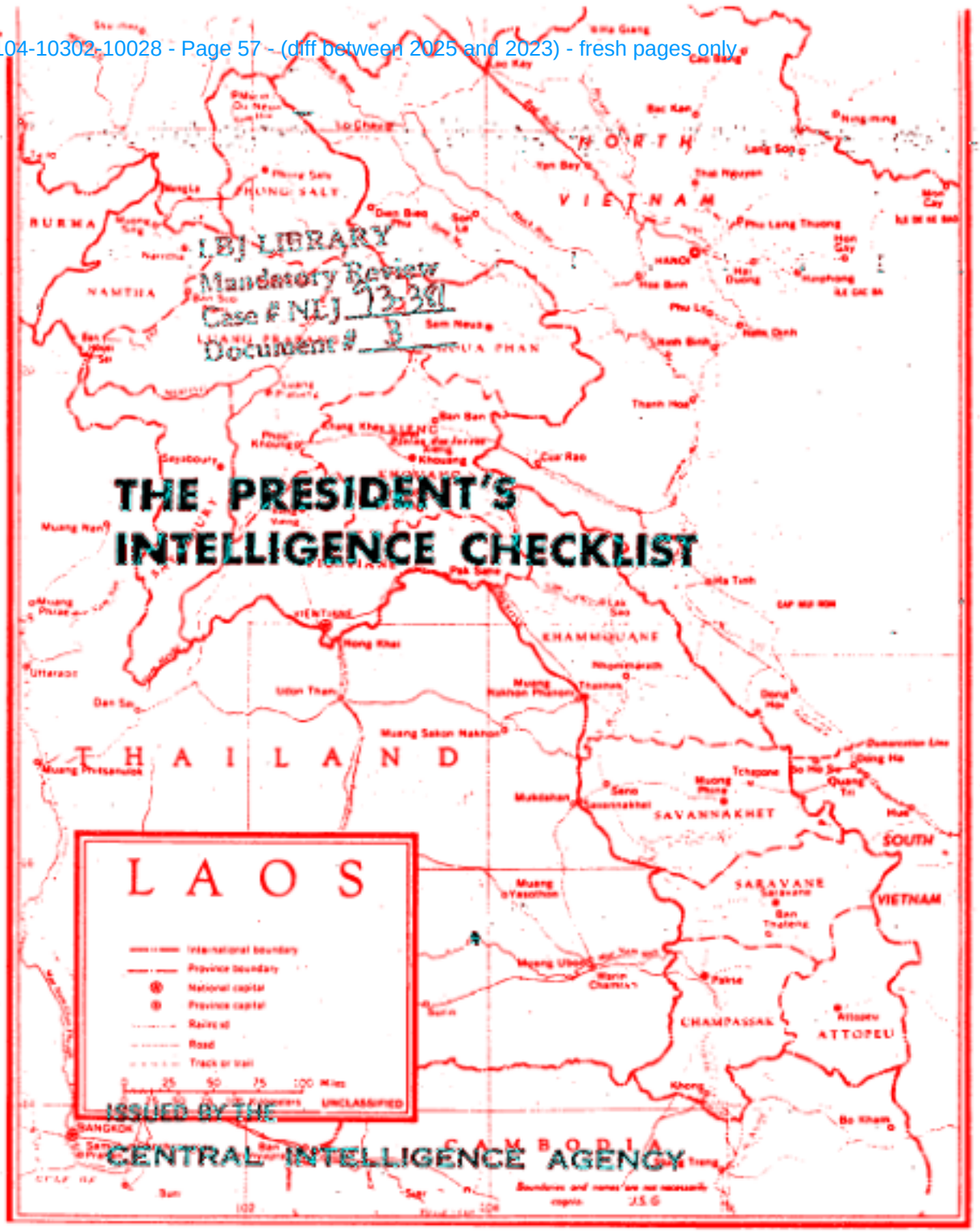

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f. As part of the same campaign, the North Vietnamese have told the French they believe sentiment is growing in the US for withdrawal of US forces. They reportedly plan to keep the heat on to encourage it.

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

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.

2. Laos

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Verbal from Hauck

a. As is usual in Laos, the tentative agreement for a cease-fire reached last week between Kong Le and Pathet Lao commander Singkapo 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 Plaine des Jarres. Neo Army, neutralist, and Neo guerrilla elements are jointly engaged in a limited offensive in the Vang Vieng

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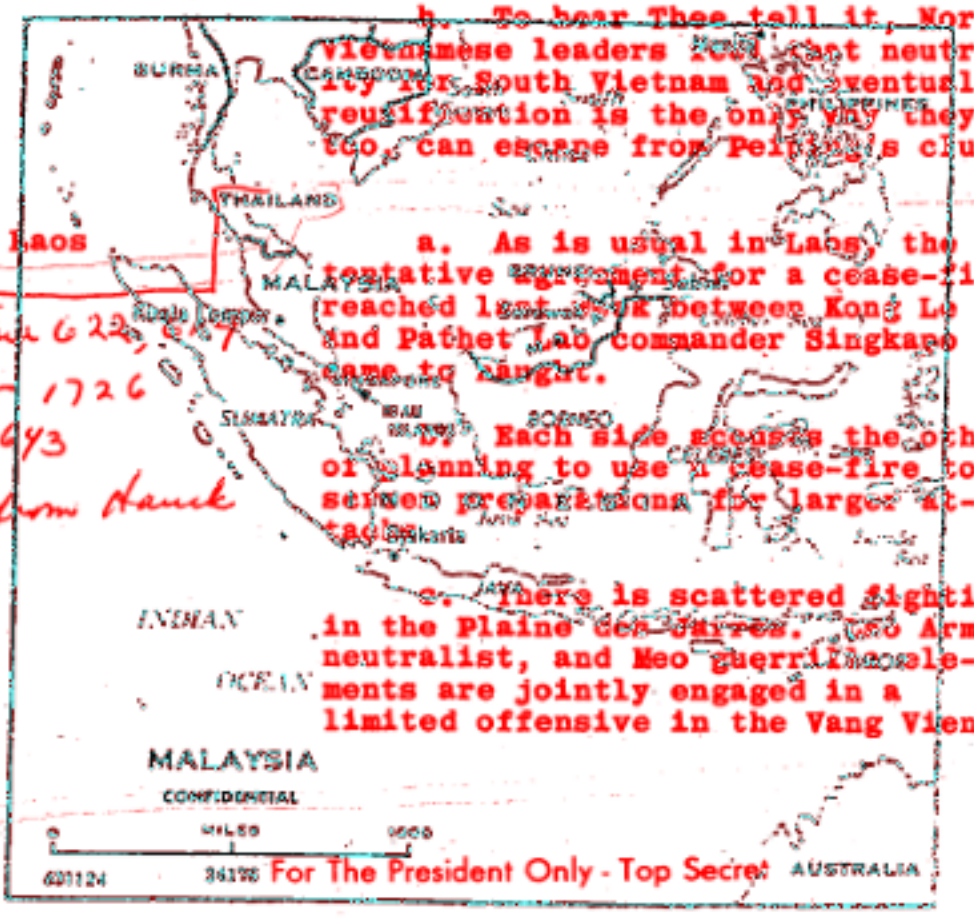

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area north of Vientiane on Route 13. They hope to gain control of that town and its small airfield.

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

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3. 1. South Vietnam

a. 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 morning against a US special forces training camp some 30 miles from Saigon.

c. When the smoke cleared after a sharp fight, four US soldiers were missing and at least 30 South Vietnamese were dead.

d. Late yesterday morning, the Viet Cong shot down two aircraft supporting a government operation in the extreme south, and damaged twelve more. Two more Americans are missing in this action.

e. Back in Saigon, the new regime's troubles with the ambitious General Ton That 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 significance in that it surrounds Saigon.

Cambodia

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. He has intimated that aid from France would be most welcome, and he has asked that French advisors stay on.

c. 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. 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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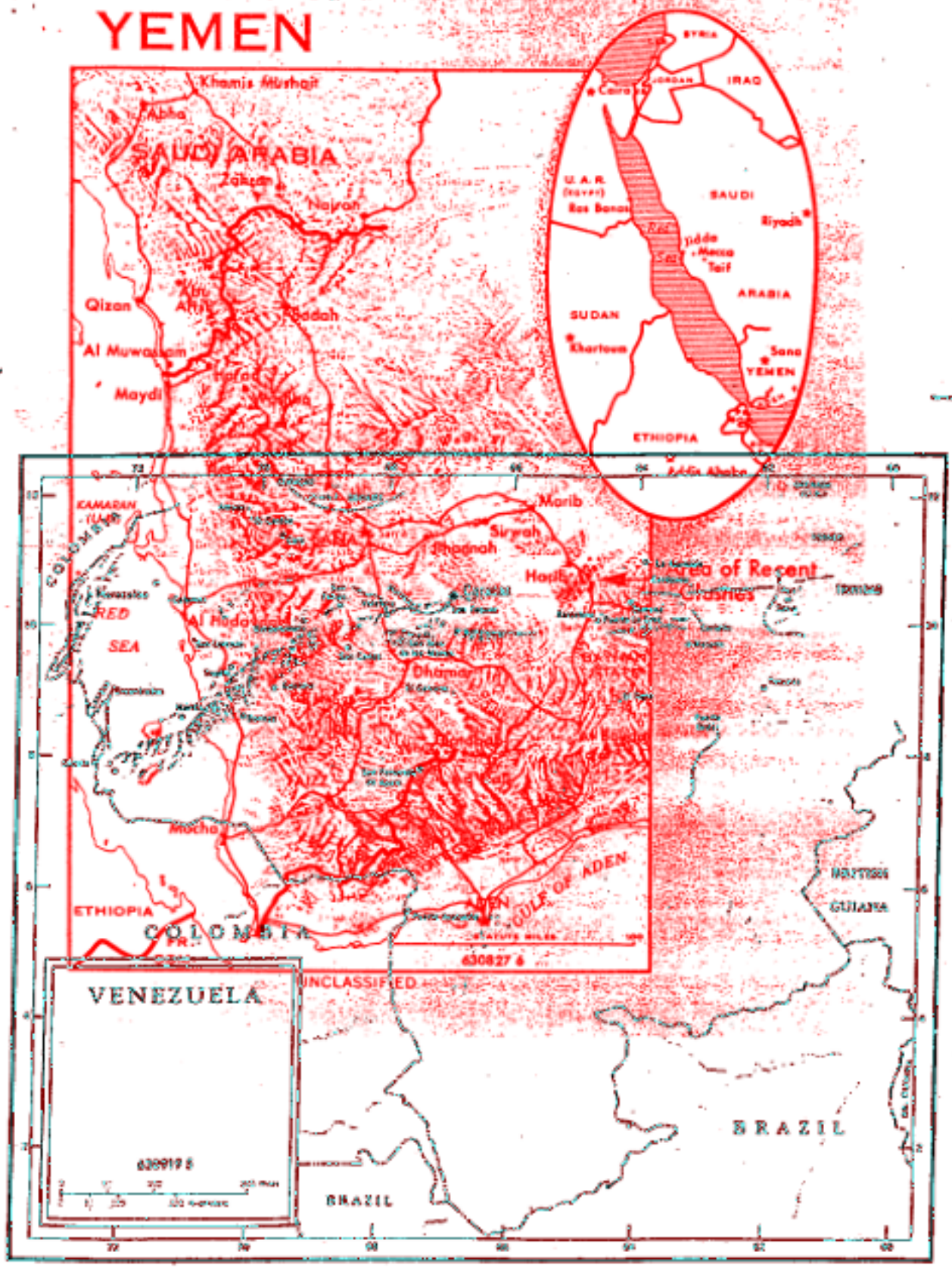

e. Sihanouk's actions toward the US have not been universally popular. This is particularly true among government officials, the business community (who have reason to fear stepped-up nationalization), [illegible] and the military, where the US [illegible] tains a considerable reservoir of goodwill.

2. Indonesia-Malaysia

a. Sukarno is beefing up the subversive aspects of his confrontation campaign against Malaysia. [illegible] Indications are that Sihanouk will try to win further support by creating new feuds with neighboring South Vietnam and Thailand. This is a gambit he has used to advantage in past difficulties.

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4. Yemen-Egypt

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S/S Cairo 1186

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.

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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 tribes deserting to the royalists.

3. Venezuela

a. The weekend was marred only by sporadic and minor acts of terrorism in several cities. Government security forces have the situation generally under control.

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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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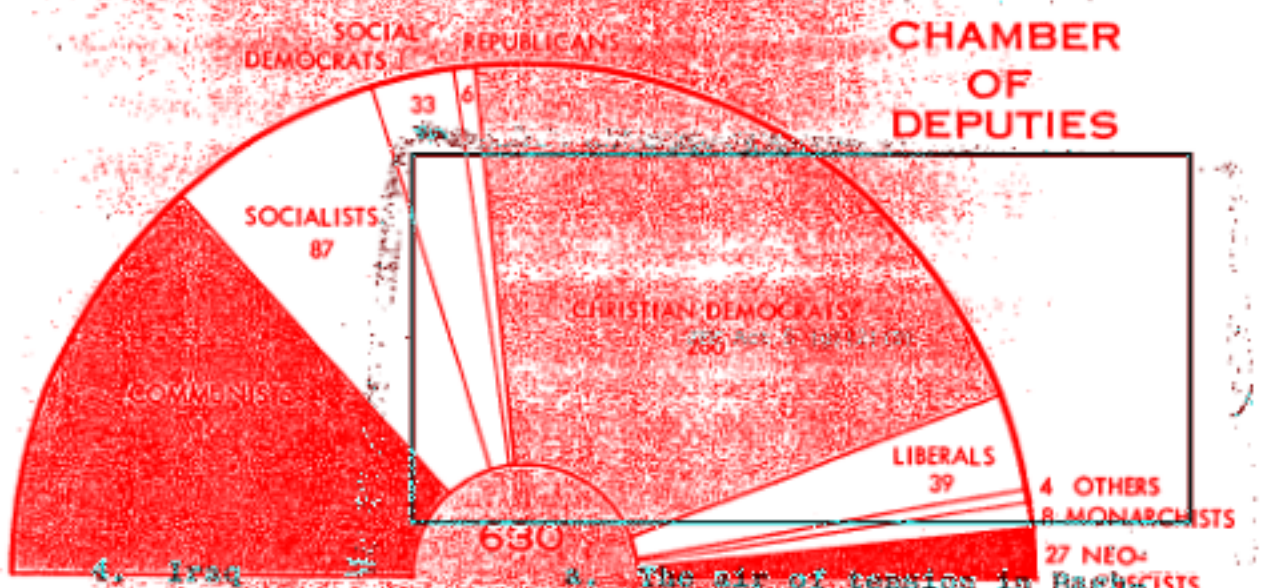

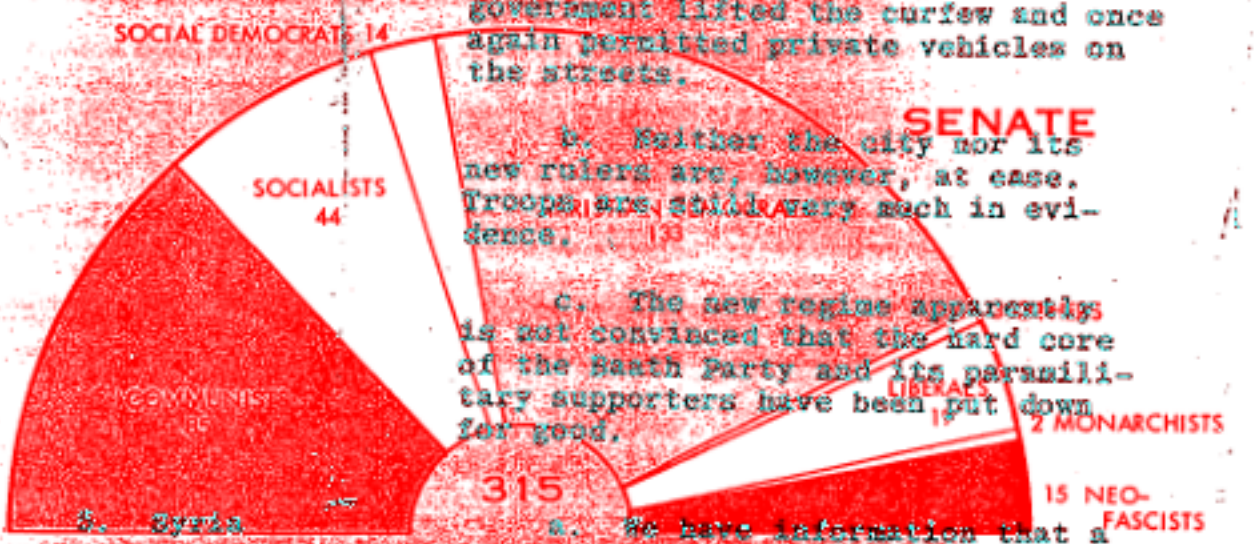

4. Iraq

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.

5. Syria

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 identi- fies Prime Minister Zaire as the leading figure on the side of moderate Army General Umran leads the doctrinaire extremists.

c. It was a split along the same lines that brought about the March purge a year ago.

6. Italy

5. 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.

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.

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

a. The Christian Democrats and Socialists have finally reached an agreement on cabinet assignments and a program for a "centerleft" coalition government.

b. Negotiations were especially tough, but apparently President Kennedy's death acted as a catalyst to bring the two together.

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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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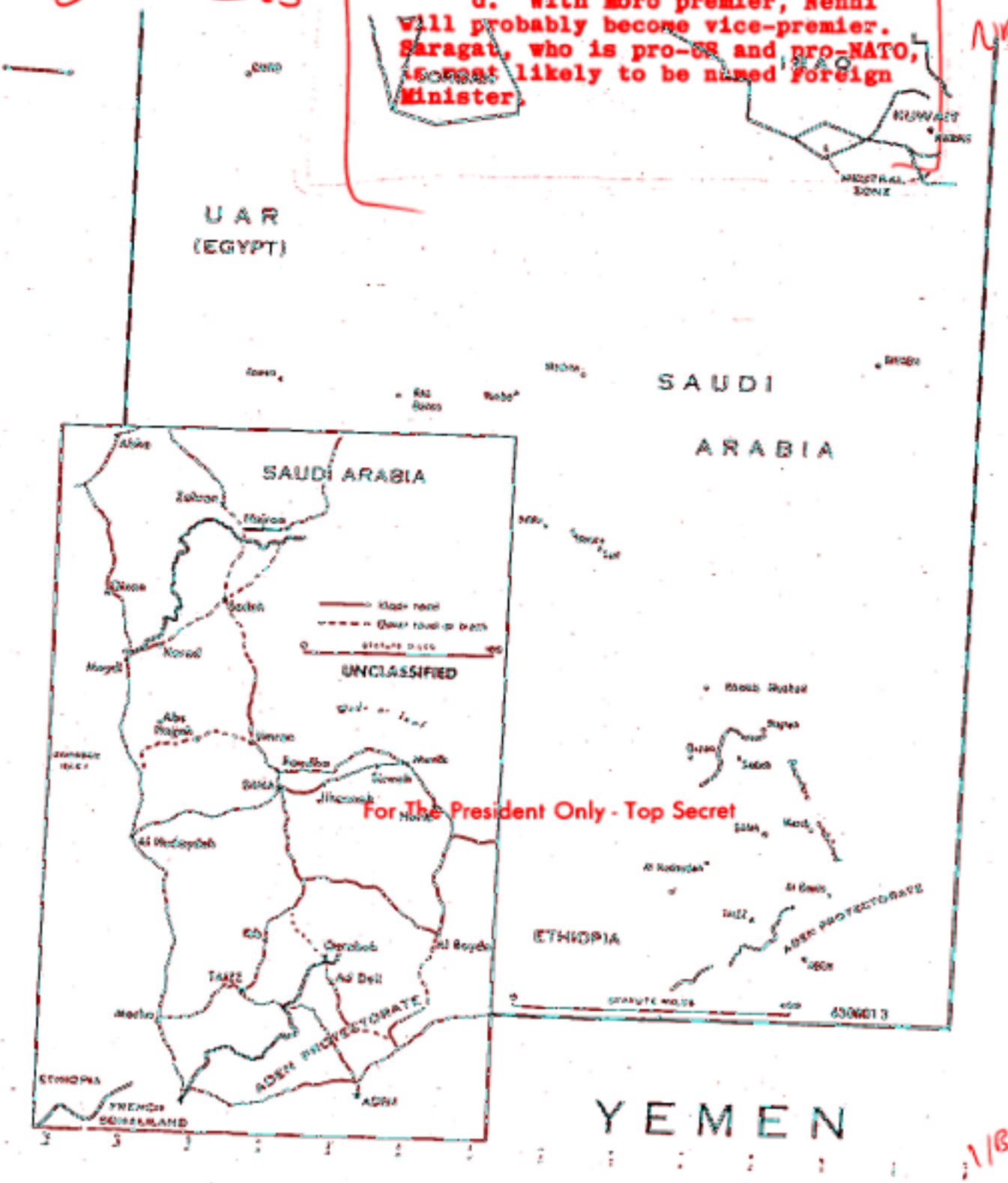

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B. USSR Our Embassy in Moscow [illegible] and tries this strikes recently [illegible] that [illegible] Egyptian air- Leningrad. The cause of the strike [illegible] border clear, but bread shortage [illegible] apparently were behind the Leningrad strikes. Similar disturbances were reported last month from several [illegible] in southern Russia. [illegible] 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.

B. Brazil A new round of military promotions and reassignments 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.

C. USSR [redacted] Soviet range instrumentation ships [redacted]

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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 — 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 access 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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1. South Vietnam

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 morning against a US special forces training camp some 30 miles from Saigon.

c. When the smoke cleared after a [illegible], four US soldiers were missing and at least 35 South Vietnamese were dead.

d. Late yesterday morning, the Viet Cong shot down two aircraft supporting a government operation in the extreme south, and damaged twelve more. Two more Americans are missing in this action.

e. Back in Saigon, the new regime's troubles with the ambitious General Ton That 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 [illegible]os is of particular significance [illegible] that it surrounds Saigon.

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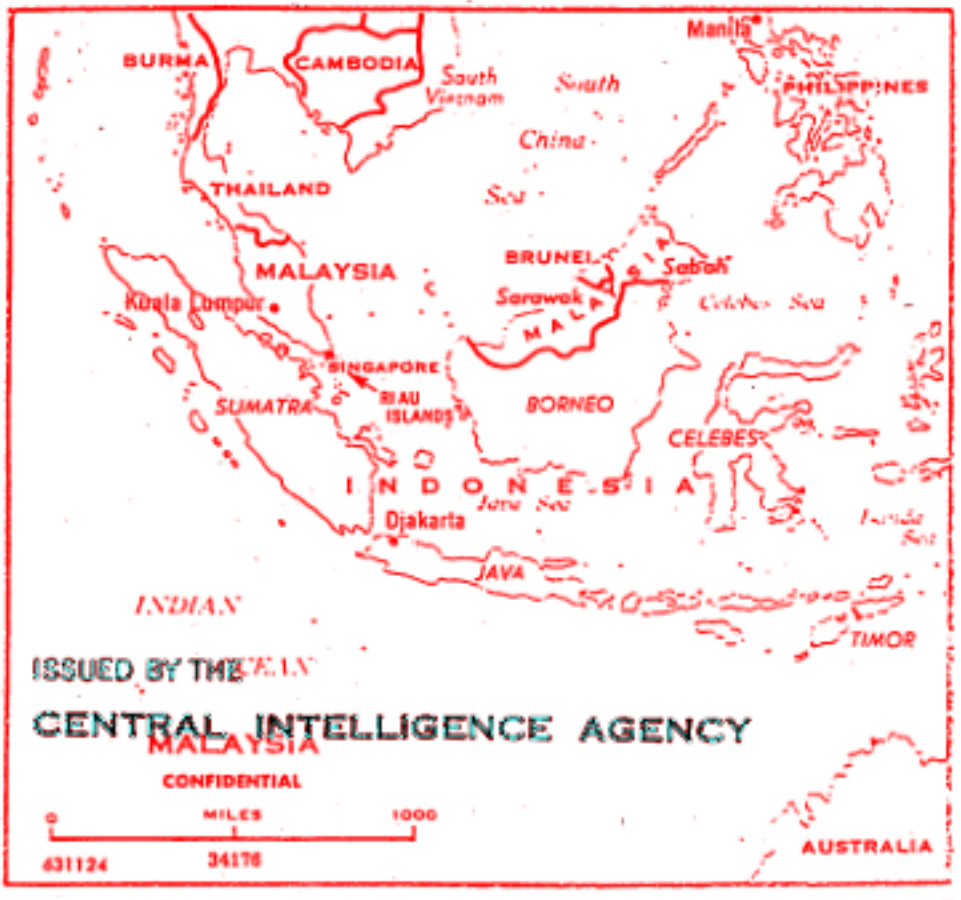

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1. Iraq-Syria

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 Ali Salih Saadi, the exiled leader of the extremist wing of the Iraqi Baath.

b. Saadi had arrived in Syria unannounced following a brief stay in Madrid. 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 with affairs in Syria deeply tangled with those in Iraq.

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.

2. Indonesia-Malaysia

a. Indonesian subversive activities in Malaysia continue. Intercepted messages indicate that regular army units will shortly begin cross-border operations across the Borneo frontier in Sarawak and Sabah.

b. [illegible] Syria [illegible] stay [illegible] Iraq sent a [illegible] Syria to expel him on [illegible] sheltering him was a breach of agreement.

c. Seven thousand regular army troops in Indonesian Borneo, messages show, are getting considerable course in psychological warfare. 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's power base 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 [illegible] more [illegible] in several [illegible] Government ministers have threatened to resign unless the government adopts an openly pro-Egyptian policy. Nevertheless the government feels secure enough to is stepping up its efforts to transport re-strictions imposed since the coup. The Venezuelans are convinced that planes have been ferrying supplies to pro-Castro guerrillas in the mountains of the northwest.

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

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2. Laos

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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.

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 indications that something could be up on the Communist side, but these are so far very tenuous indeed.

4. Iraq

5. Syria

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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b. A clandestine source identifies Prime Minister Hafiz as the leading figure 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.

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3. South Vietnam

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.

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

c. These attacks not only underscore 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.

6. Italy

a. Premier-designate Moro expects that the program the left coalition government will be approved today by the four parties involved.

b. Details of his economic policy plans are not available, but they are widely thought that the death of President Kennedy makes it more important for Italy to play a vocal role.

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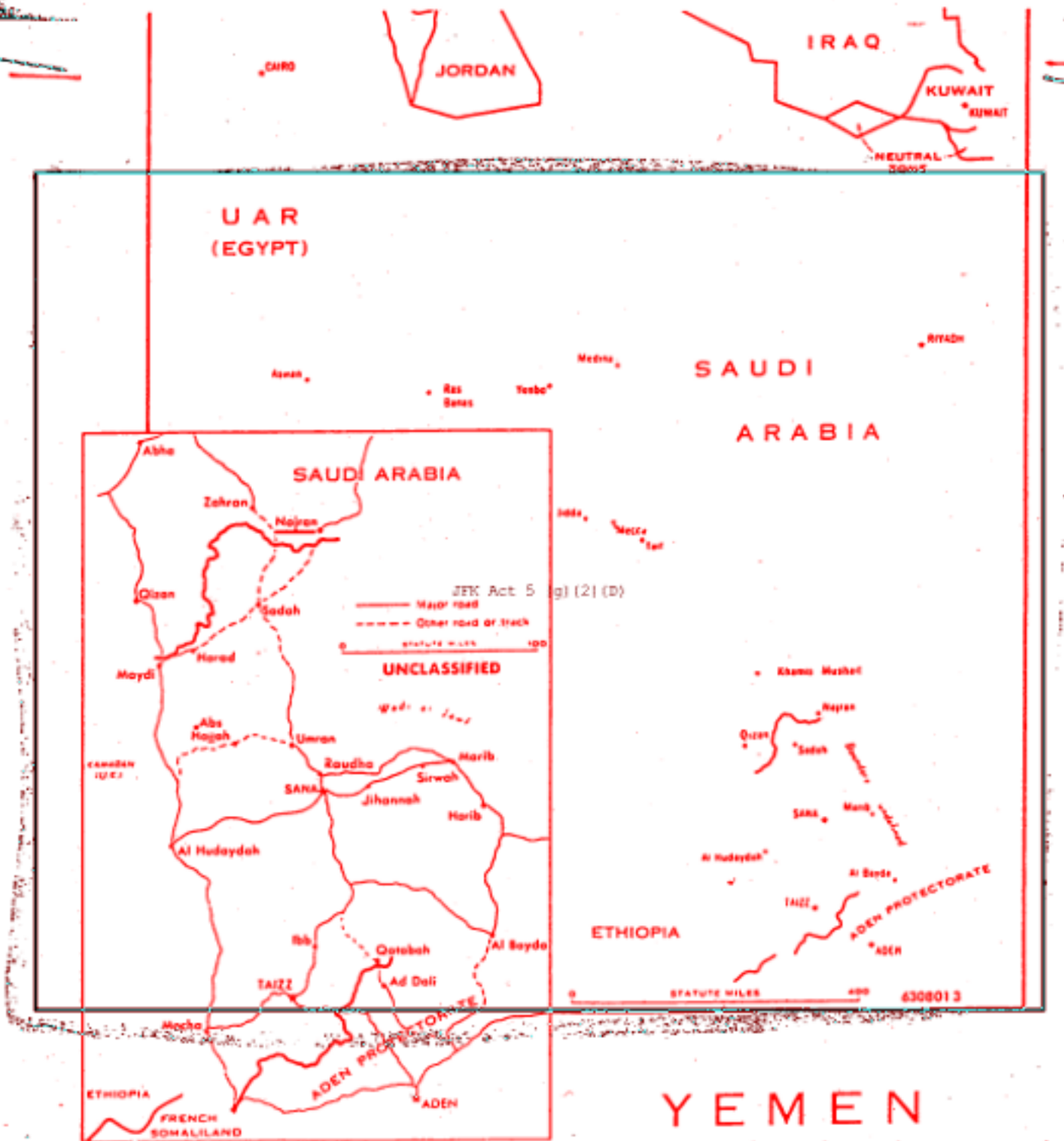
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7. UAR-Yemen-Egypt

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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8. 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 a record, showing that the USSR exercises "control" of the autobahn and that the recent incidents resulted from US refusal to comply with existing procedures.

A. Oswald Press stories have Lee Harvey Oswald recently visited the Cuban and the Soviet embassies in Mexico City, according to our information. Oswald visited both the embassies on 28 September. The Soviet was trying, we are informed, to give the oral report that he could travel to the USSR and actual Soviet visa. Oswald returned to the US [illegible] though there is enough ambiguity to afford the USSR flexibility in any future contacts.

B. Brazil A new round of military transfers and reassignments 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 prompted. The danger of a plot against the Goulart regime has receded with the reported decision of Second Army Commander General [illegible] to join the coup plotters.

C. USSR At last report Soviet range instrumentation ships were 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 closing this area of the Pacific to shipping has been made and there may have been no missile shots. Moreover, his command activity as yet above that usual for this season but we look for some action in the series of reassignments made by President Goulart to keep the military off balance. (INTERCEPTS)

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 belief that Boumedienne has been apparent for some time. 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 - 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.

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G. Berlin There was no new harassment of Allied access 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.

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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. Ethiopia-Congo: While Selassie has acceded to our ambassador's request and by rescinding his earlier decision to withdraw the 1,743-man Ethiopian contingent from the UN force in the Congo.

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.

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.

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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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1. Iraq-Syria

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 Ali Saleh Saadi, the exiled leader of the extremist wing of the Iraqi Baath.

b. 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.

c. Both regimes continue to be troubled with internal dissension with affairs in one deeply tangled with those in the other.

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.

a. Saadi had arrived in Syria unannounced following a brief stay in Madrid. On Friday, Iraq sent a message asking Syria to expel him on grounds that sheltering him was a breach of agreement.

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a. In Iraq, the Pull is more away from the Baathists. Two ministers have threatened to resign unless the government accepts a pretty pro-Egyptian policy. Nevertheless the government feels secure enough to lift up on curfew and transport restrictions imposed since the coup.

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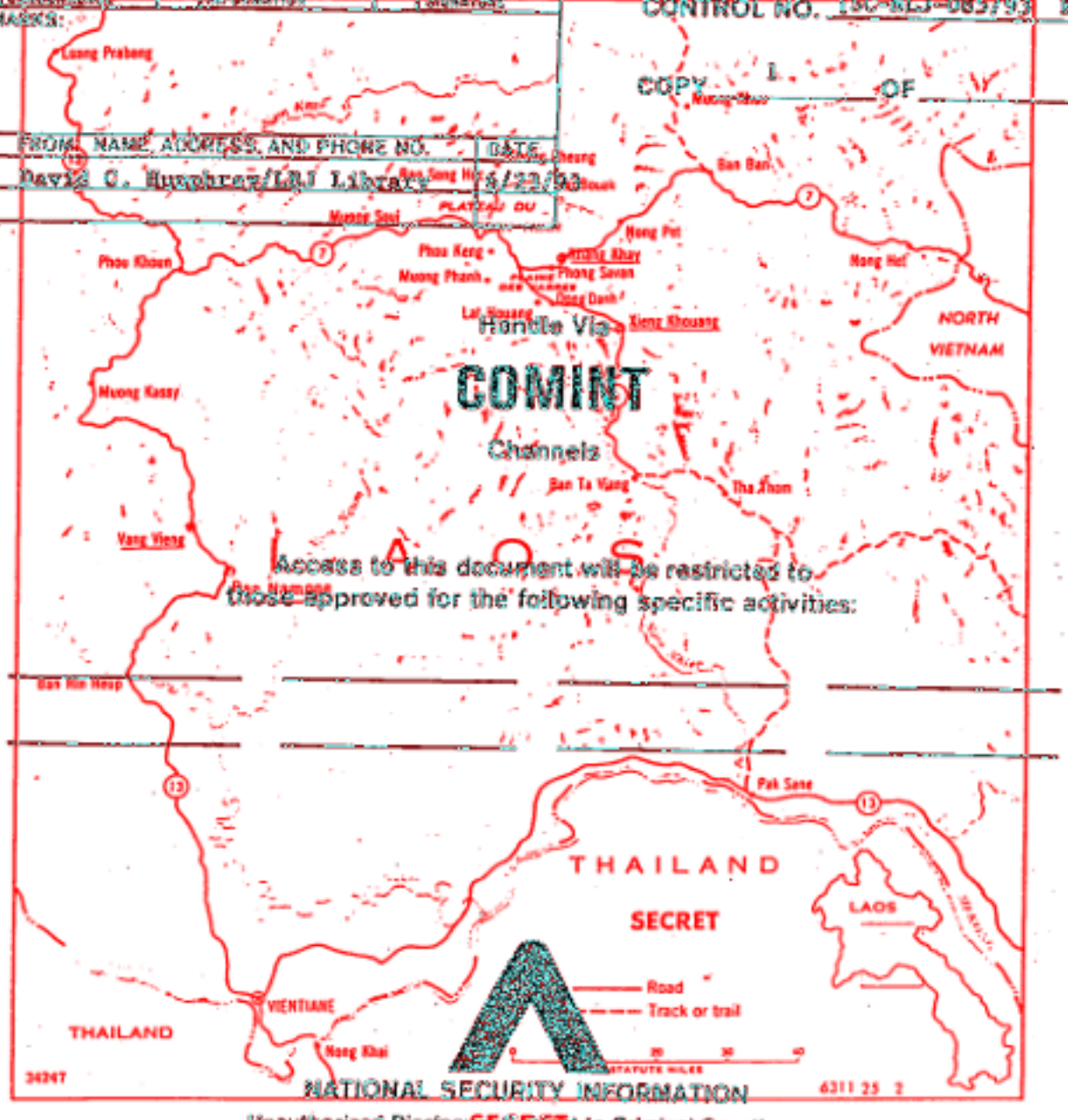

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f. Iraq has announced that the military union with Syria remains in force, and that a new commander of the joint armies will be announced soon.
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2. Laos

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.

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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 scores of the government's strategic hamlets in the central highlands about 250 miles north of Saigon.

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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 program 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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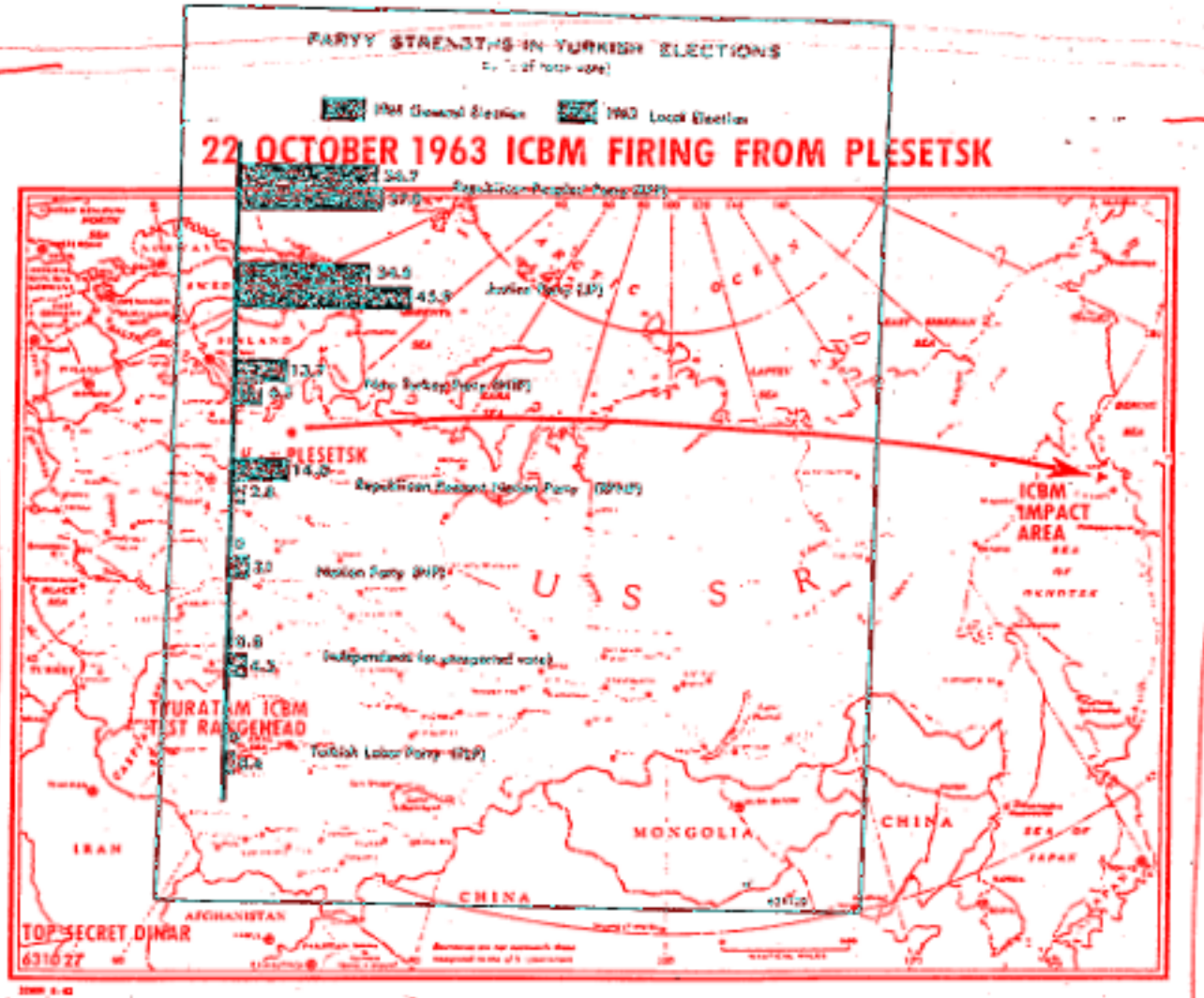
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1. Cuba

a. Cuban tents are now beginning to appear at a number of the SAM sites--further evidence that the training of Cubans in operation of SAM equipment has begun as scheduled.

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 of Cuban interpreters reported on Saturday.

c. This training should be completed by next May or June.

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

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4. USSR

e. The purpose has appeared as to shift the missile installations on from an area defense of the island as a whole to point defense of specific targets, particularly Havana.

f. We probably should have had by now an announcement closing an area roughly 100 miles around Johnston Island to prevent the Soviets from learning the results of the recent Johnston shot.

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2. Syria-Iraq

a. Syrian leaders have acceded to pressure from Iraq and have expelled Iraqi Baathist extremists in order not to appear to be assisting Saudi. We have seen no evidence of rocket 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 launchings 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 Plesetsk site, roughly 400 miles northeast of Moscow. (Includes INTERCEPTS)

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5. USSR-Berlin

a. Embassy Bonn feels that the Soviet Union may be seeking 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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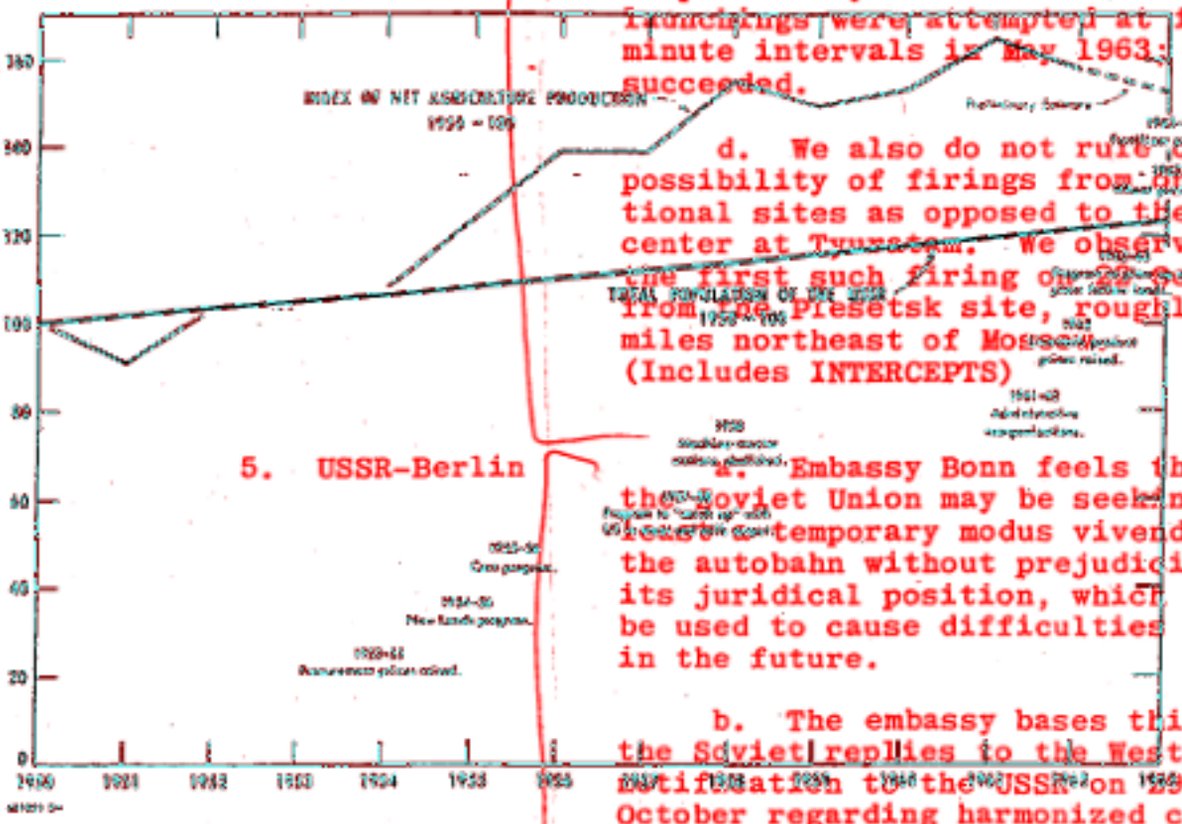

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b. This is an earnest of the desire of moderate Baathist leaders in Damascus to preserve workable relations with Iraq, partly as a counterbalance to Cairo and partly to preserve what remains of Baathist influence in Baghdad.

c. [redacted] at least some Syrian troops still remain in Iraq at the request of Iraqi officials.

d. Preparations had been under way for those forces to withdraw; retention of at least some in Iraq is another sign that both regimes hope to preserve something of the relations they once had.

6. Brazil

a. The danger of an immediate coup against the Goulart regime has receded with the reported decision of Second Army Commander General Bevilaqua not to join the coup plotters.

b. Bevilaqua, who has been something of a storm center, may have been asked to resign because he has long been shaky. Last May he was dealt a severe setback when the opposition Justicart Party, their allies, overwhelmingly emerged from local elections as the country's majority party. On the other side of the coin, there is widespread belief that Goulart himself will at some time resort to a coup to establish an authoritarian regime.

3. Turkey

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

c. The Soviet note was designed to make a record showing that the USSR exercises control over the autonomy and that the recent incidents reported from US refusal to comply with "existing procedures."

c. On the other hand, the Soviet procedures described in the oral representations seem to reflect actual Allied practices, though there is enough ambiguity to afford the USSR flexibility in any future actions.

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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.

d. As one example Ranieri Mazzilli, President of the Chamber of Deputies and next in line for the presidency, told Ambassador Gordon on Saturday that he profoundly mistrusts Goulart's intentions and intends to maintain the strictest congressional vigilance.

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b. 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.

c. 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.

d. As matters now stand, the military would take over the government itself before it would let the Justice Party form one.

4. USSR wheat

a. [redacted] 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.

c. Our estimate is that total grain production each year since 1958 has been well below that year's level of 125 million tons, while the population has continued to grow.

d. We have seen signs of extensive slaughtering in anticipation of fodder shortages during the winter. This runs counter to Khrushchev's oft-stated plan to build up the livestock industry.

A. Ethiopia-Congo: Haile Selassie has acceded to our ambassador's request and is rescinding his earlier decision to withdraw the 1,000-man Ethiopian contingent from the UN force in the Congo. NBR

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D. Venezuela: The terrorists have struck again, this time firing six US-made rocket machines near the northeastern city of Barcelona. In addition, we have signs of intrigue aimed at upsetting the elections are still ten days away, and accompanied by public discontent over the absence of bread. NBR

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5. Communist China Argentina

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

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b. This adds to the 1,000,000 tons just contracted for with Australia, but is still far below the 5,000,000 tons the Chinese have normally imported in recent years. Additional suppliers will be hard to find.

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6. Czechoslovakia-USSR

a. Czech President and 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 the wrong side of Khrushchev. They also have given rise to control problems, particularly in the fractious Slovak party where pressures for liberalization have made their mark.

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

d. A curious sign of the times 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.

7. Cambodia

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

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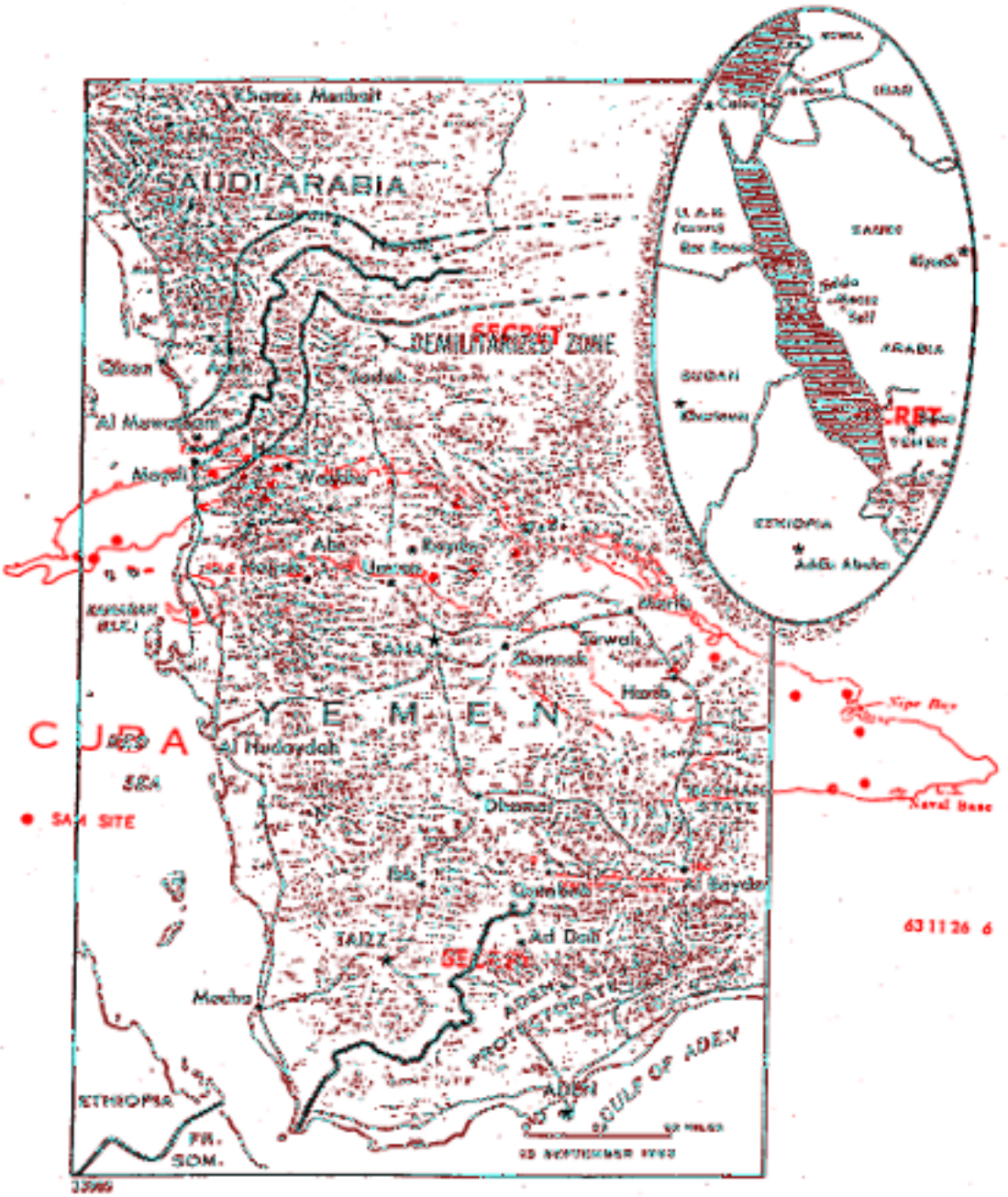
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c. This training should be completed by next May or June.

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)

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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 (Cont'd) NBR

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 obviously hopeful that they will exert pressure on us and the British.

d. Sihanouk seems to be hoping for at least a rump session attended by conferees who are willing to do his bidding.

3. Egypt-Yemen

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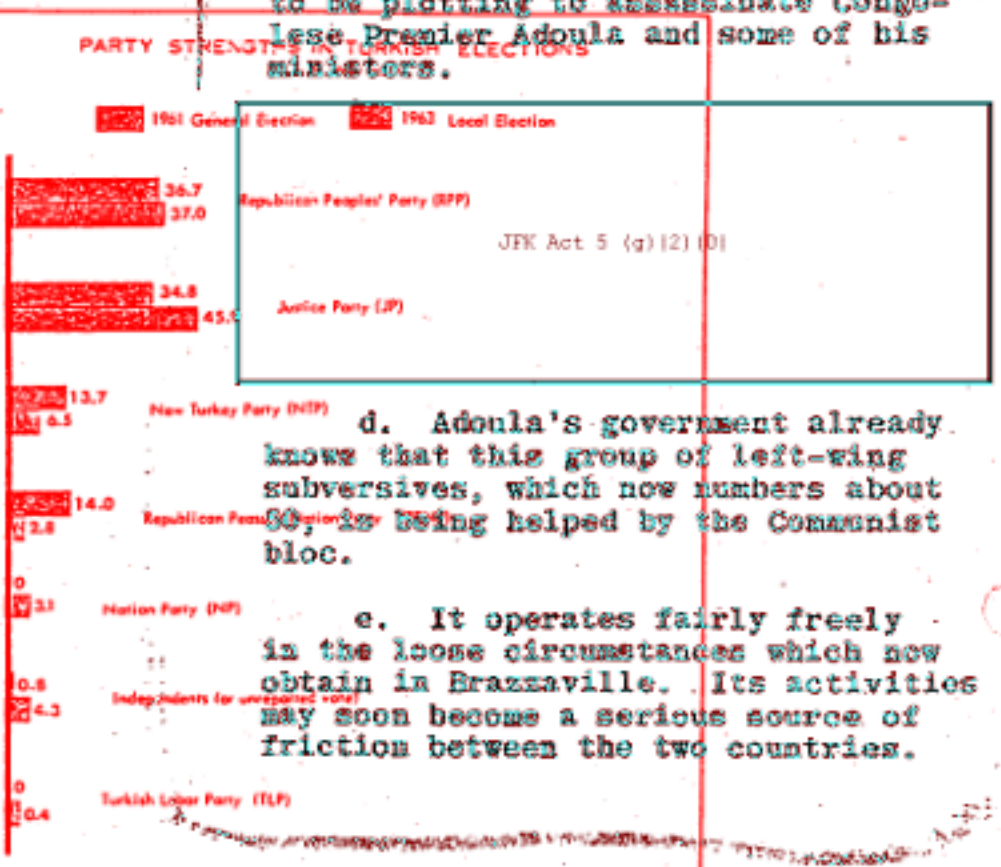
9. Congo

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.



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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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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.

C. Indonesia-Philippines

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3. Turkey

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

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

NOTES

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(Includes INTERCEPTS)

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

b. It has long been shaky. Last week it was dealt a severe setback when the opposition Justice Party, heir of the Menderes regime emerged from local elections as the country's majority party.

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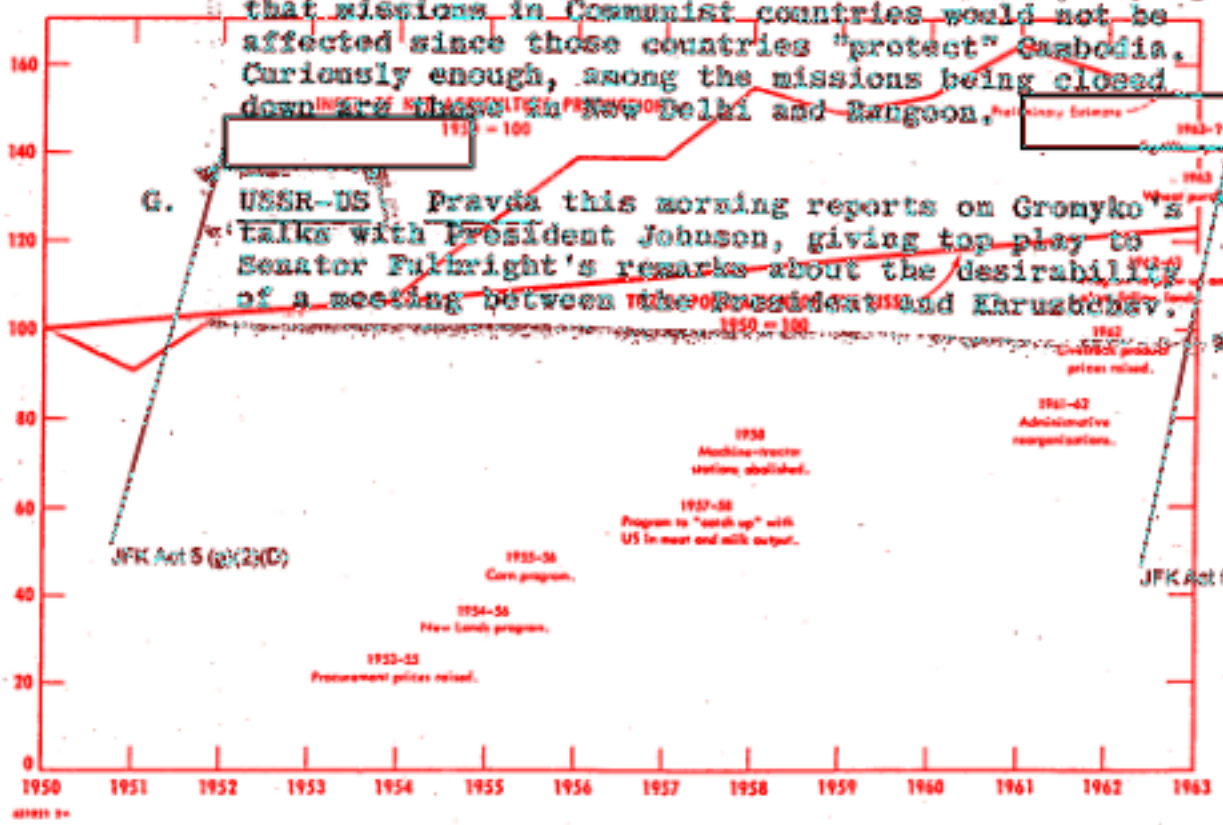
F. Cambodia Cambodia is cutting its diplomatic representation abroad to a bare minimum as an austerity measure following curtailment of US aid. Sihanouk announced last week that this would be done, saying that missions in Communist countries would not be affected since those countries "protect" Cambodia.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

G. USSR-US Pravda this morning reports on Gromyko's talks with President Johnson, giving top play to Senator Fulbright's remarks about the desirability of a meeting between the Presidents and Khrushchev.



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I. De Gaulle on NATO strategy

of the three in the coalition, has threatened 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 government itself before it would let the Justice Party form one.

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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 situation is more serious than that.

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1. Cuba

a. Cuban leaders now begin appear to be drawing down stockpiles somewhat, for this year's harvest is not sufficient to protect the economy from another poor harvest.

b. This year's harvest was clearly very bad. The weight of evidence suggests that Soviet grain deliveries will be far below last year's level, while the population has continued to grow.

c. The overall estimate is that total grain production since 1958 has been the worst in western Cuba. These sites are in addition to those at which the presence of Cuban interpreters was reported on Saturday.

d. We have seen from intercepts signs of extensive slaughtering in anticipation of fodder shortages during the winter. This runs counter to Khrushchev's oft-stated plan to build up the livestock industry.

e. Intercept also 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 huge chemical fertilizer program.

f. In addition, we have seen signs of stringent measures to protect the grain supply, accompanied by publication of instances of bread.

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2. ~~Syria-Iraq~~

~~a. Syrian leaders are under pressure from Iraq and have expelled Fred Haddad, extremist Ali Saadi. He has gone to Athens~~

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5. Communist China - Argentina

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C. Indonesia-Philippines

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 ordered immediately after President Kennedy's death has been lifted. (INTERCEPT)

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

b. This adds to the 1,000,000 tons it had contracted for with Australia, but is still far below the 5,000,000 tons the Chinese have normally imported in recent years. Additional suppliers will be sought to fill the gap.

c. A large sale, apparently involving some 200,000,000 worth of meat, is apparently also 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.

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6. Czechoslovakia-USSR

a. Czech ~~president and party~~ boss Novotny has gone to Moscow, ~~evidently~~ for economic talks, judging ~~from the~~ composition of his delegation.

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 fractious Slovak party where pressures for liberalization have made their mark.

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

d. A curious sign of the times 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.

7. Cambodia

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

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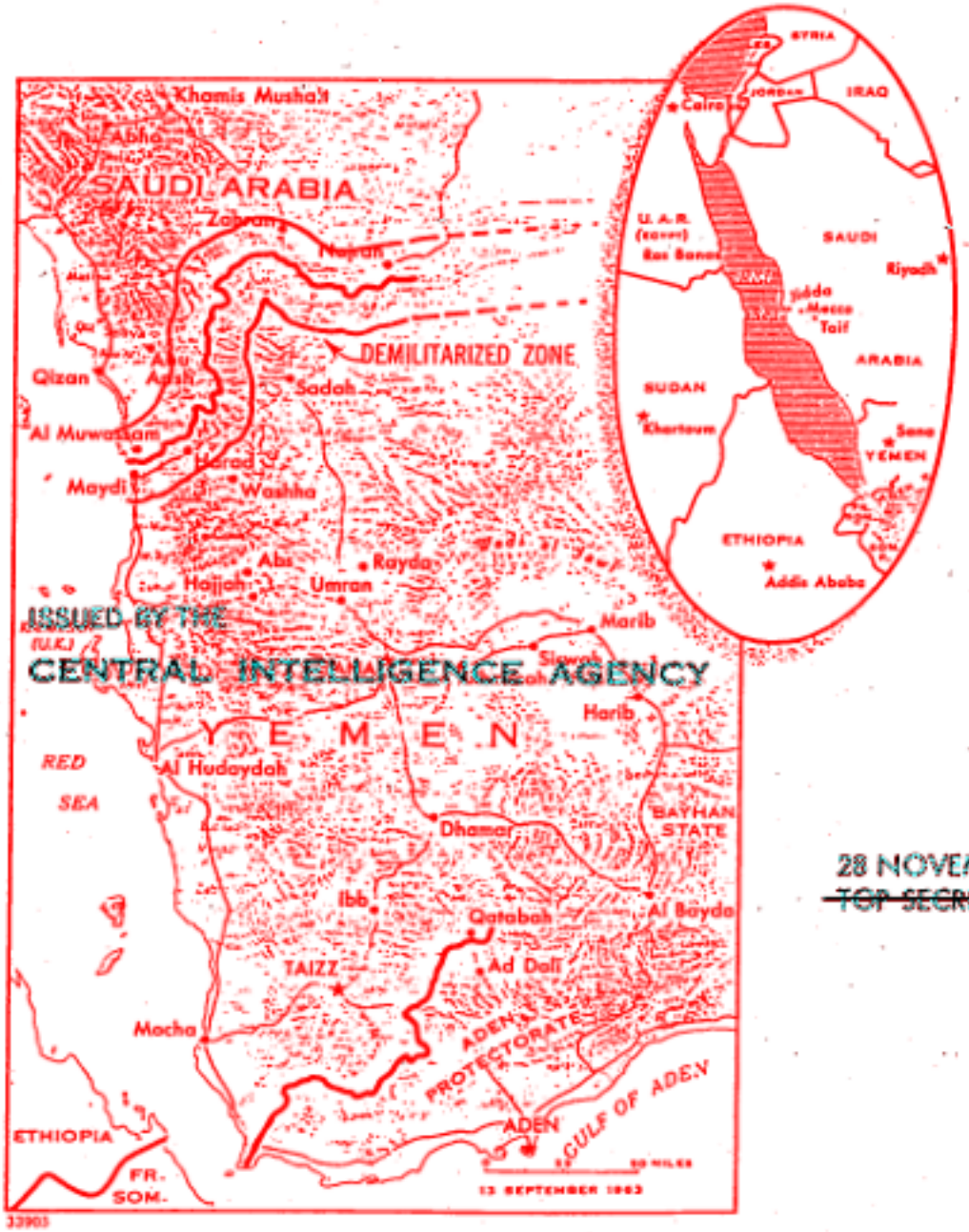

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b. Last year when this came up, the French were inclined to go along with some such GENERAL USE ONLY

c. They have indicated to us that they still feel Sihanouk should not be turned down, and Sihanouk is obviously hopeful that they will [illegible] pressure [illegible] the British.

d. Sihanouk seems to be hoping for at least a ramp session attended by conferees who are willing to do his bidding.

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8. Egypt-Yemen

a. An Egyptian military message reporting to Cairo on operations in Yemen this past weekend indicated that poison gas (referred to as "ghurab" in Egyptian military traffic) was used against royalist tribesmen in the northwest.

b. This is the first time we have noted its employment since last summer, although another intercept shows that the Egyptian command has continued to authorize its use.

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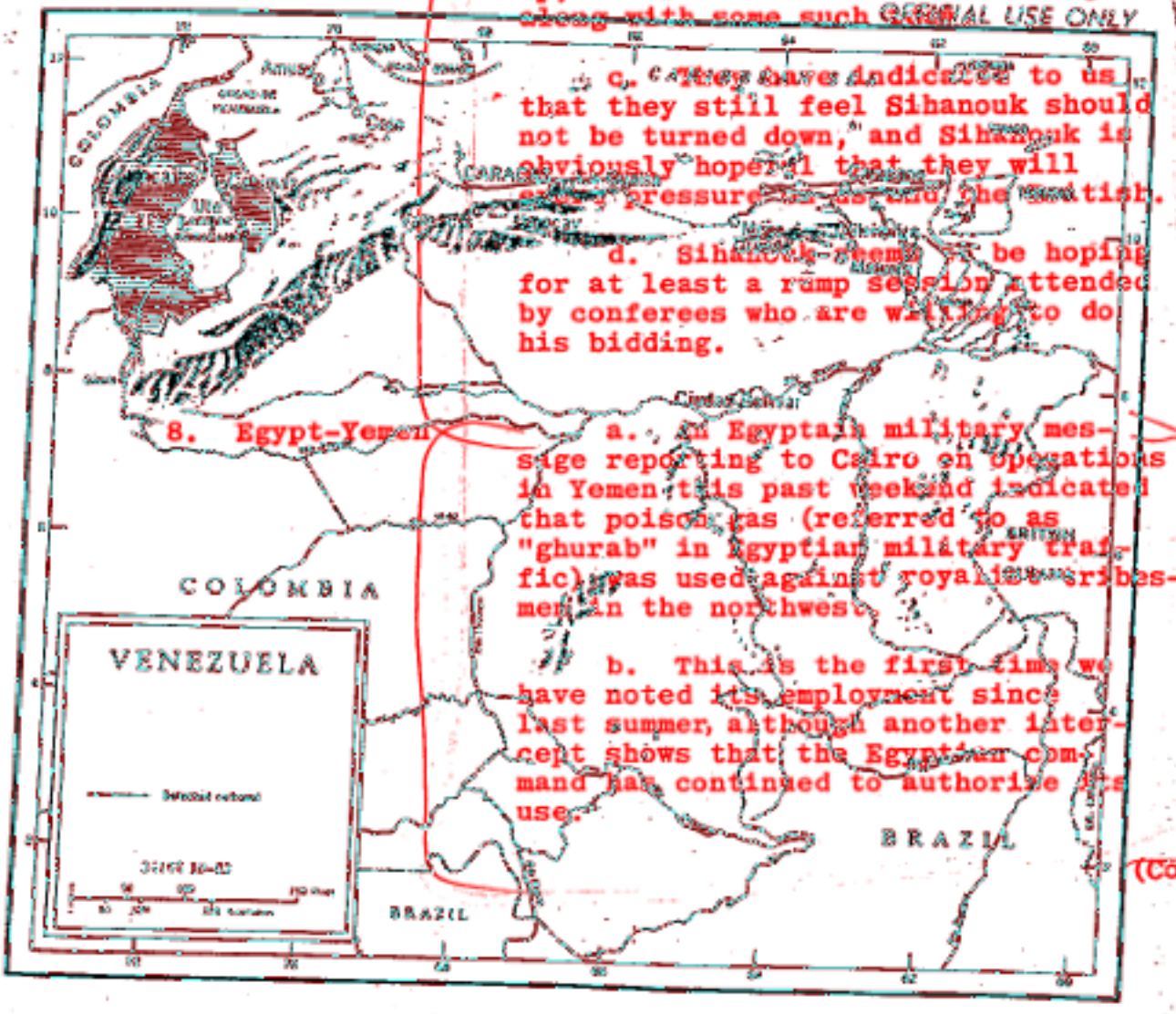

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1. Venezuela

a. The country's six presidential candidates have swung into the home stretch of their campaigns. So have the terrorists, who are trying hard to calculate Sunday's number of Yemenis.

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

9. Congo

c. So far, the terrorists have tried to intimidate these candidates by assassinating political rivals, bombing their party headquarters in various cities, and threatening them with assassination. They have tried to spread terror from the polls by creating a general atmosphere of lawlessness. Kidnappings, like the one yesterday morning of Colonel Chenault, are part of the campaign. The government already knows that this group of left-wing subversives is under the personal direction of Communist Betancourt, who is as determined to finish out his term and turn over power to a freely elected successor as Castro is to prevent this from which now obtain in Brazzaville. Its activities may soon become a serious source friction between the two countries.

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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.

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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.

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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

Cambodia has cut up its diplomatic representation abroad to a bare minimum as an austerity measure following cuts announced last [illegible] that missions [illegible] affected since [illegible] Curiously enough [illegible] down are those [illegible] (INTERCEPTS)

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G. USSR-US

Pravda [illegible] talks with President [illegible] Senator Fulbright's remarks about the desirability of a meeting between the President and Khrushchev.

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DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

I. De Gaulle on NATO strategy.

II. Common Market official appraises President Johnson. (Sensitive INTERCEPT)

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4. USSR-India

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

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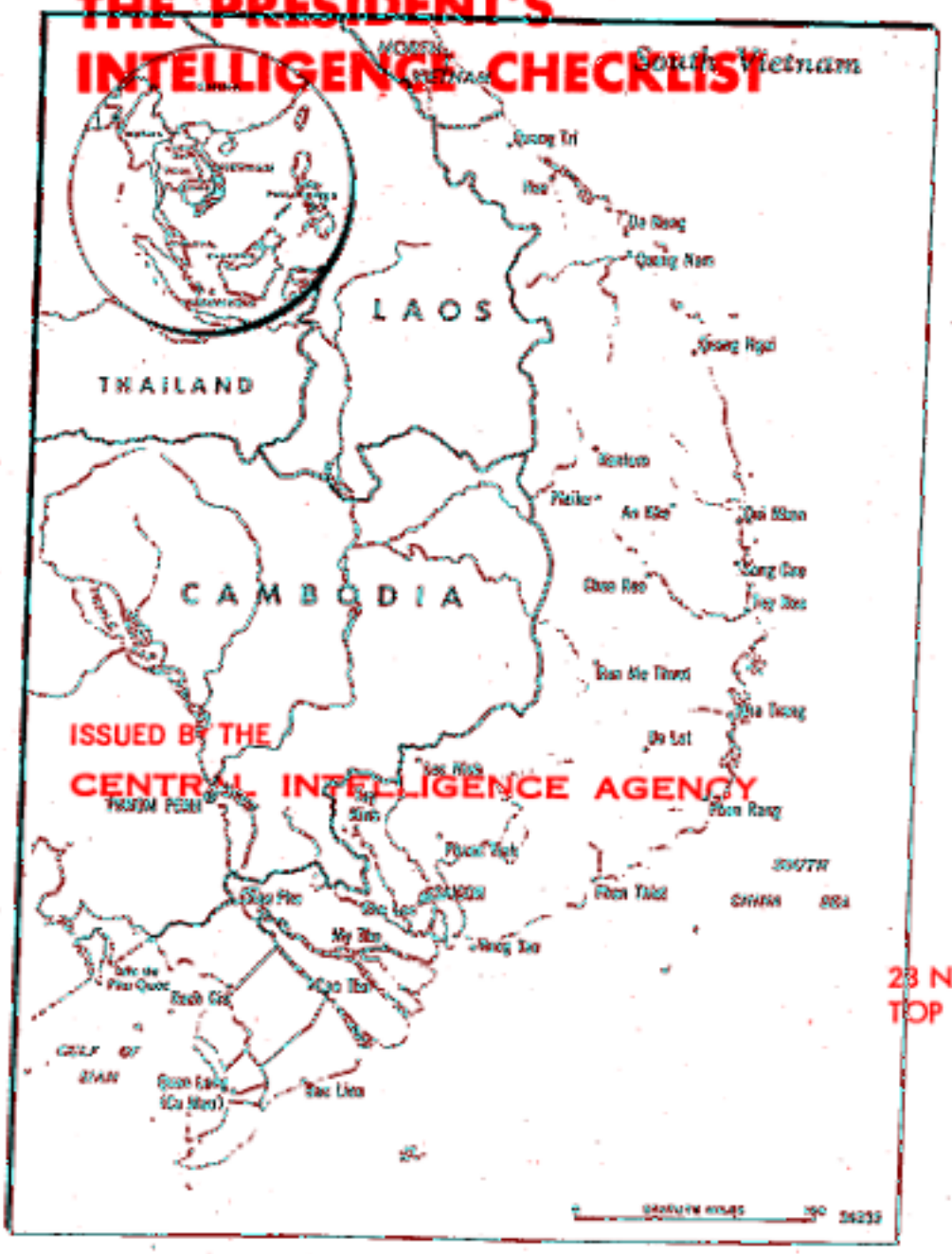

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Kachins, whose demands for greater autonomy have been rejected in Rangoon.

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 anti-insurgency campaigns.

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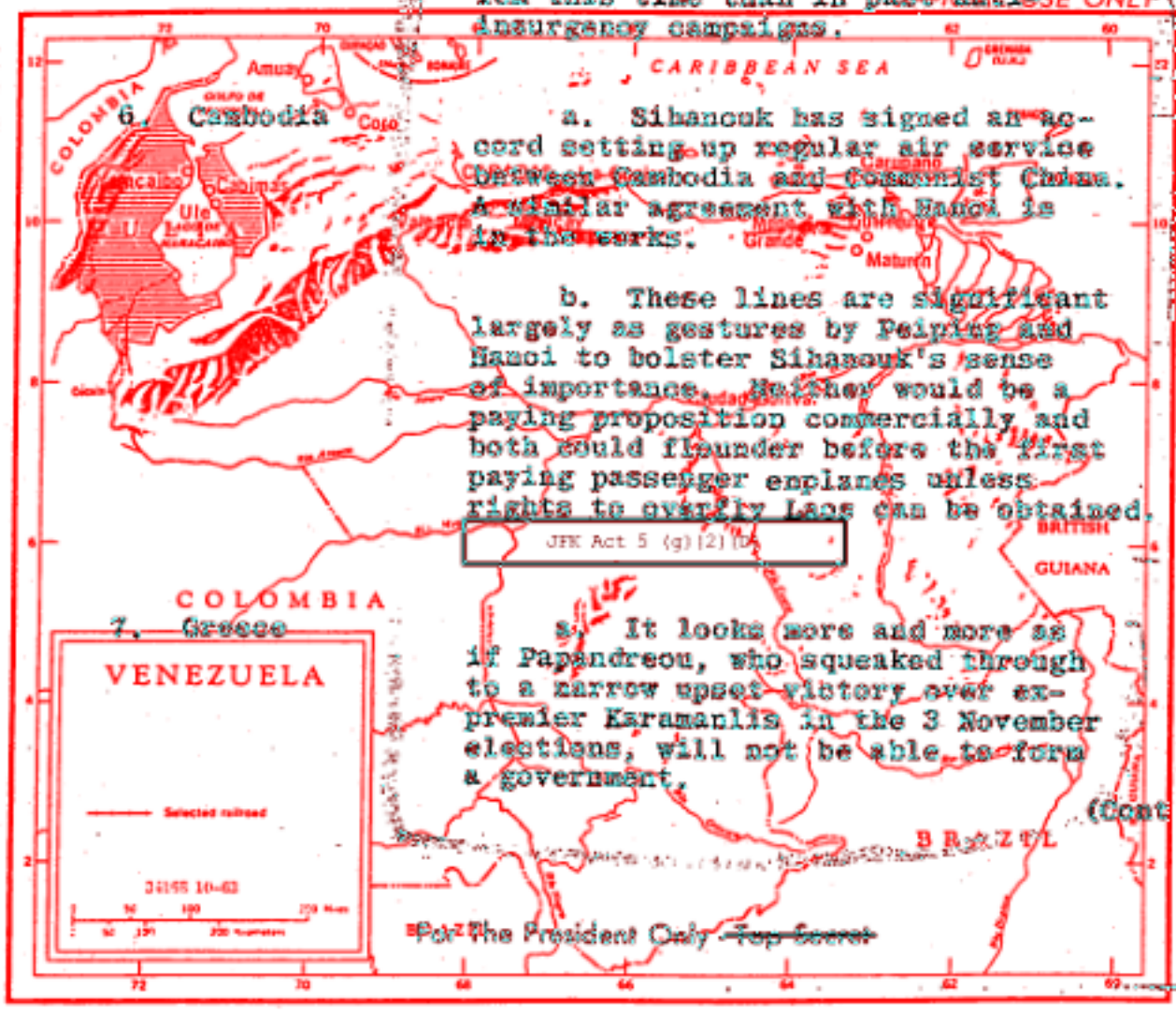

6. Cambodia

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 Peiping 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.

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7. Greece

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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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 in Latin America and would do everything in his power to prevent President Betancourt from finishing his term.

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. Kidnappings, like the one yesterday morning of Colonel Chenault, are part of the pattern.

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 freely elected successor as Castro is to prevent this.

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8. Brazil

a. President Goulart and his opponents are keeping political tensions in Brazil high.

b. His party does not have a parliamentary majority, so he needs support from either Karamanlis' party on the right or from the communists.

c. The military has let it be known that it would consider Papandreou's acceptance of Communist support as sufficient reason for a coup d'etat.

d. Should Papandreou fail to form a government, the palace intends to pass the mandate to Karamanlis, believing that he too would fail.

e. This would then open the way for a compromise premier more amenable to palace influence.

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e. Yesterday it was announced that the Congress of Guatemala has passed a law that would disbar the security forces from participating in the agrarian reform program. Strong rejoinders from moderate and conservative figures and have fed rightist coup plotting. Reservists have been called up to protect the polls. Leaves are being suspended in the military following the arrest of a 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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d. As is usual in these cases, the villagers began to trickle back once the Viet Cong left.

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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.

A. USSR [redacted]

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

B. Rumania-US: Rumanian officials are about to award a US firm, Ferguson and Company, a $32 million contract to help build the huge Galati steel plant. The Rumanians have proceeded ahead with this project in the face of Soviet efforts to discourage it in various ways, most importantly by refusing to underwrite the enterprise to a 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 bulk of 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 [redacted]

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most likely successor would be Thanom Kittikachorn, now deputy prime minister and minister of defense.

source says that an Israeli representative is trying to buy US stable platforms for the inertial guidance system of a missile with a range of 300-350 miles. He wanted delivery in six to twelve months. There have been [redacted]

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Israel is buying missile components in the US and England.

c. We think this missile program is independent of another Israeli venture: Tel Aviv's contract with a French firm, Marcel Dassault, for the development of a system which will be able to deliver a 1,600-pound warhead to a maximum range of 300 miles.

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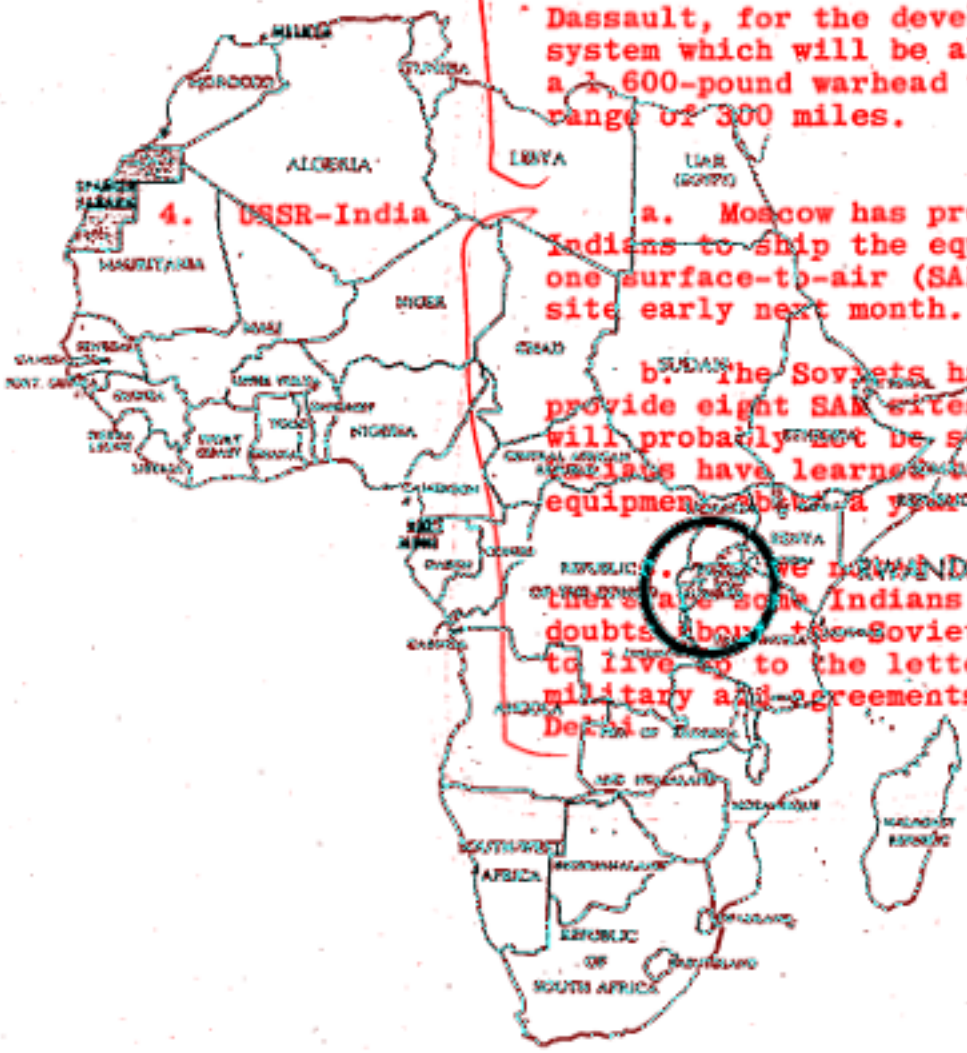

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a. Moscow has promised the Indians to ship the equipment for one surface-to-air (SAM) training site early next month.

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E. Indonesia-Philippines

d. They call into question especially the contract for the Soviets to set up in India a facilit 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.

e. We do note, however, that Soviet aircraft specialists working on the project were still in New Delhi in early November. (INTERCEPTS)

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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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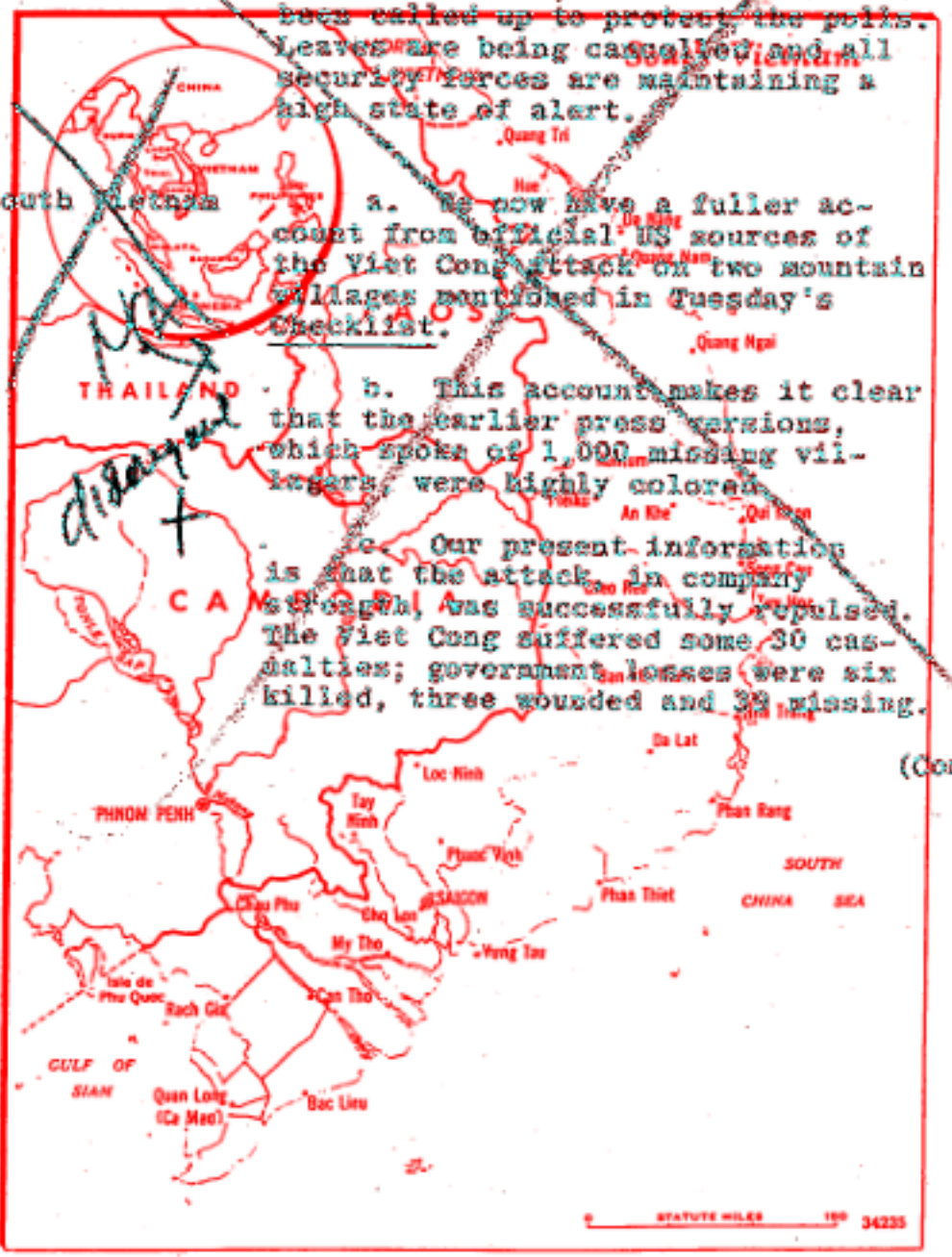

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e. US officials on the spot doubt that the army, noted for poor leadership and its lack of political responsibilities, will try to sustain there effective in dealing with the insurgency problem this time than in past campaigns.

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b. His party does not have a parliamentary majority, so he 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.

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A. USSR [redacted]

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c. The military has also let it be known that it would consider Papandreou's acceptance of Communist support as sufficient reason for a coup d'état.

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8. Brazil

D. Thailand

a. President Goulart and his opponents are keeping political tensions in Brazil high. [redacted] is in critical condition. [redacted] the (Cont'd) most likely successor would be Thanom Kittikachorn, now deputy prime minister and minister of defense. [redacted]

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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.

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c. Strains are also growing in the military following the arrest of a 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 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 his most likely successor would be Thanom Kittikachorn, 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 [illegible] in the military hierarchy.

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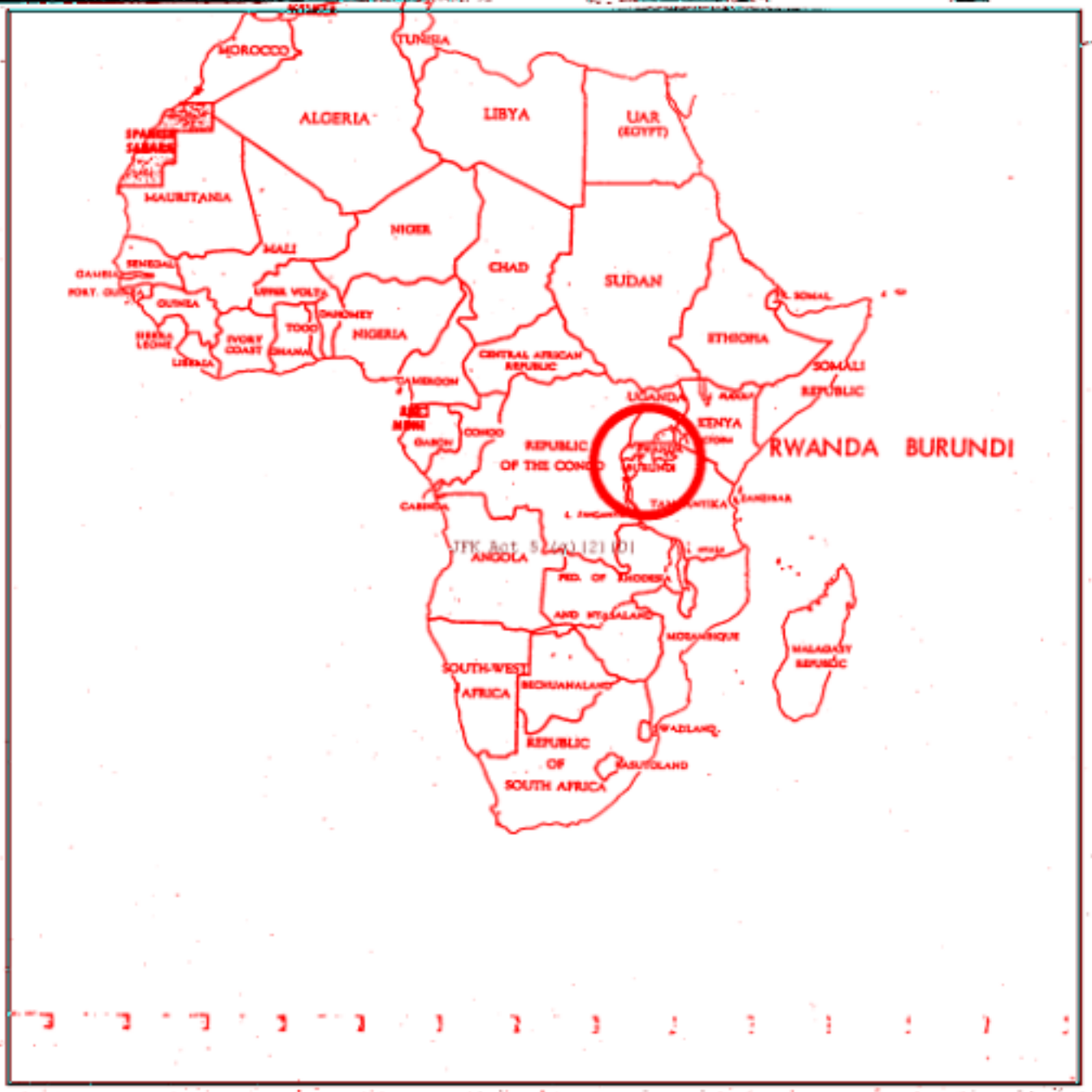

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1. USSR

a. TASS has finally announced that the USSR will conduct another series of ICBM firings to the Pacific during the period 3 December to 25 January.

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

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.

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. 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. (INTERCEPTS)

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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.

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 they can hamper the elections, may vote for Villalba if they believe 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 nought. 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

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.

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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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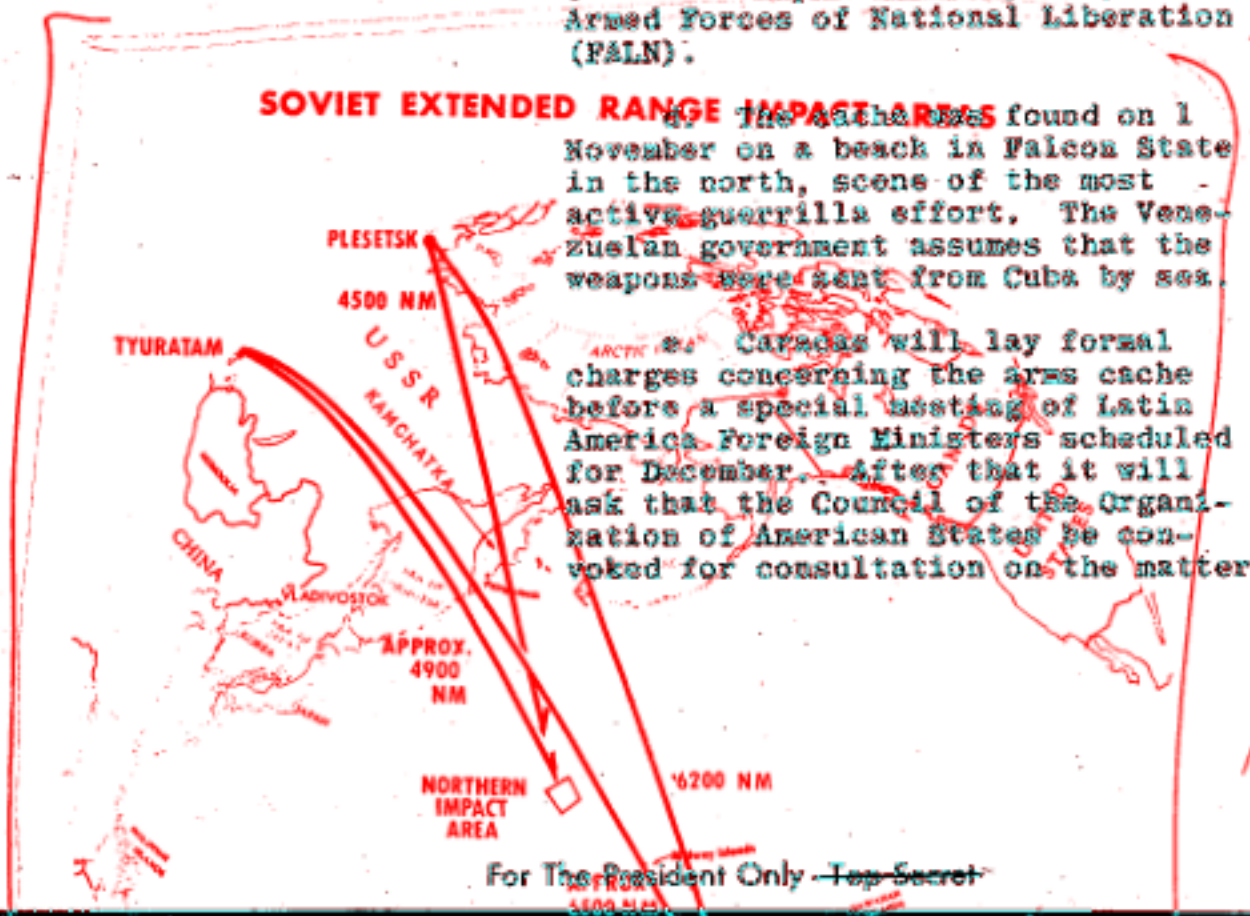

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4. USSR Communist China - Afro-Asia

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b. Since our last mention of this subject, we have picked up indications that some of the firings this time may be made from operational launchers rather than from the Plesetsk range.

c. The press in Mali says Chou En-lai's Afro-Asian series is beginning to leak out. Premier Chou En-lai, 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 February at the conclusion of their African tour.

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5. Cuba

a. There has been unusual traffic on the strategic rocket forces communications link between Moscow and Cuba.

b. In addition, some intercepted traffic between London shipping firms suggests that the Soviets would like to abandon this trade.

c. Embassy London has been informed by Papadakis and Cosmos 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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c. Papadakis is probably asking the same price for its action as Earl Mavroleon did recently--removal of its ships from the US blacklist. Papadakis operates 19 ships totaling more than 200,000 tons.

d. Mavroleon's vessels account for almost half the present British tonnage calling at Cuban ports and are the largest single element of free world shipping to Cuba.

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C. Thailand Prime Minister Sarit appears to have taken a further turn for the worst.

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4. E. Communist Africa Asia

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. Ten of the bombs failed to explode after being placed close to the residence of the chief of US Naval Mission

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

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3. USSR

b. 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.

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2. Sino-Soviet dispute

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b. Chinese party Secretary General Teng Hsiao-ping, one of the select few in Peiping's ruling circle, recently told a group of visiting Latin Americans that such a meeting could accomplish nothing.

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4. Kenya - Communist Bloc

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

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

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5. Czechoslovakia-USSR

a. Czech President Novotny returned from Moscow on Thursday after signing a renewal (for another 20 years) of the treaty of friendship and mutual assistance.

b. He apparently got little else out of Khrushchev. The final communique was conspicuously cool. (Cont'd)

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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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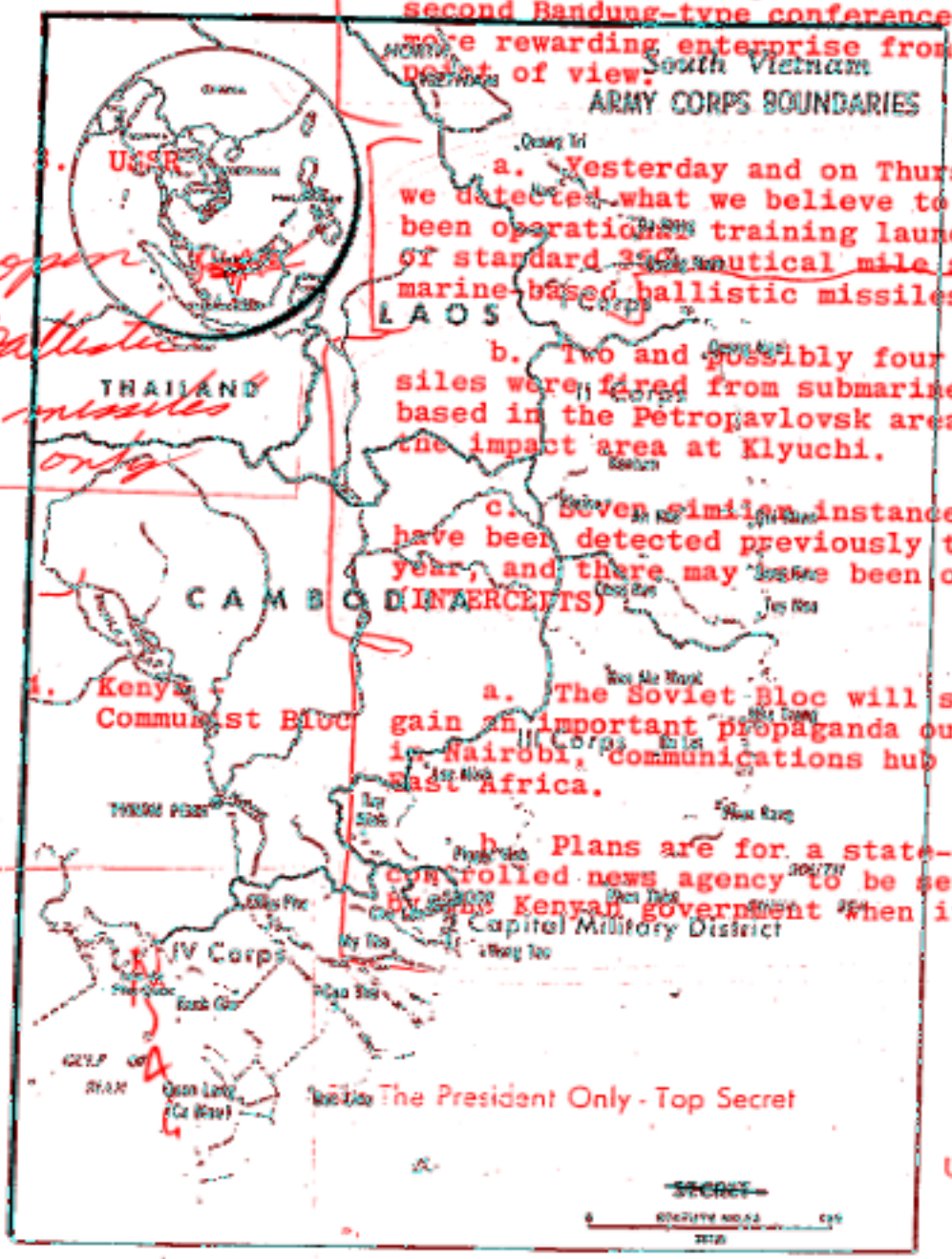

3. USSR

a. Yesterday and on Thursday, we detected what we believe to have been operational training launches of standard 350 nautical mile submarine-based ballistic missiles.

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

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

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4. Kenya - Communist Bloc

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 Chiefs are now afoot to shuffle South Vietnam's Corps commanders so that General Khanh, considered by General Harkins to be the best of the lot, will take over in the crucial delta (IV Corps) area. General Minh, the ambitious Minister of Security, is still resisting pressure to relinquish command of the III Corps area, and is not involved in the current shuffle.

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 cut-off of US aid was not enough. He says he will formally recognize North Vietnam if the US does not release his short-wave radio.

D. Indonesia-Cambodia

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

TASS has already agreed to the news agency and Kenyan requests for further financial and medical help are being discussed in Prague and Moscow.

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6. South Vietnam

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F. British Guiana - Cuba

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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.

H. Cuba-Morocco

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4. Kenya a. The [illegible] Report

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