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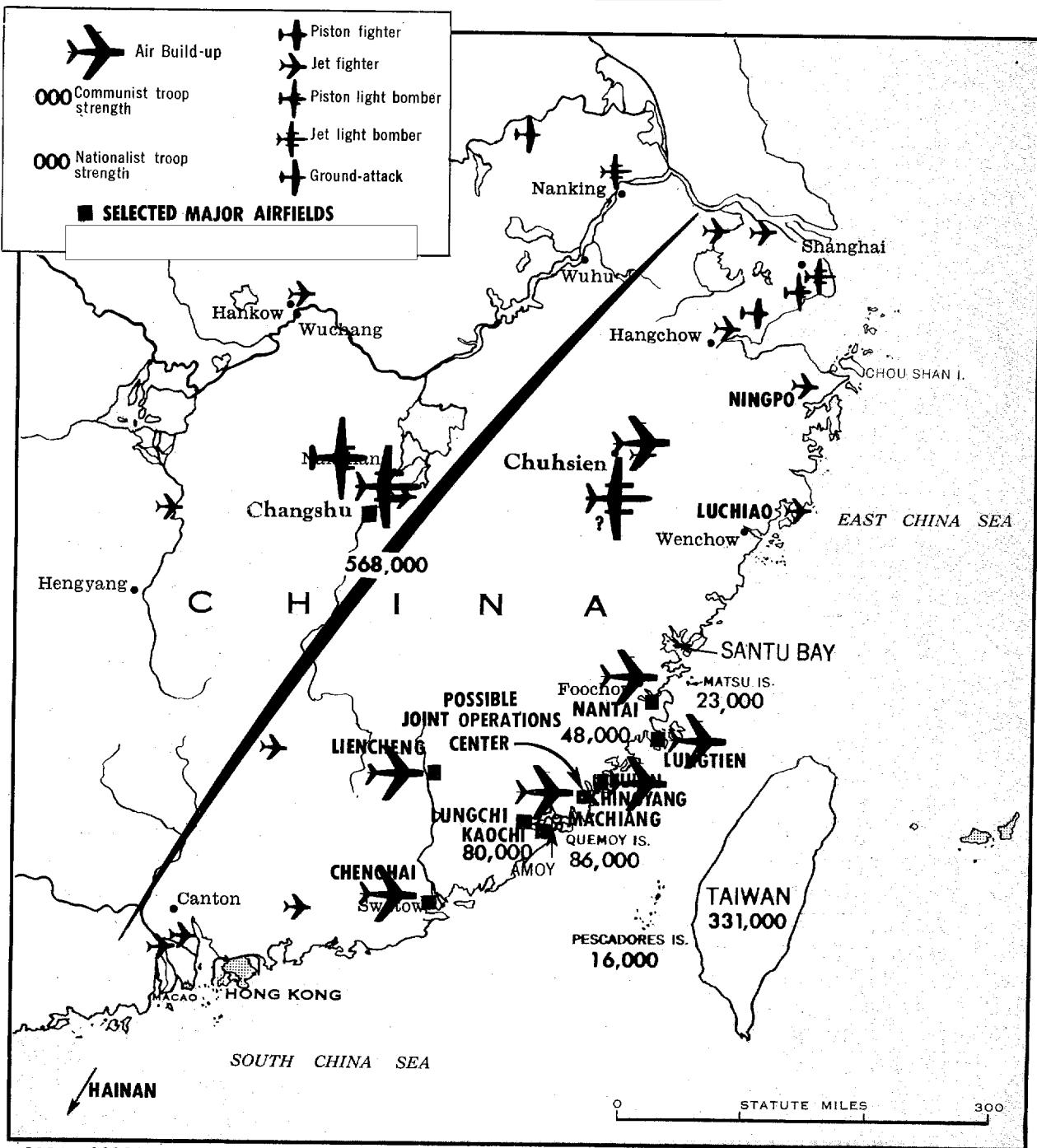
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## DAILY BRIEF

**Taiwan Strait Situation** (as of 0100 EDT, 1 September): With the exception of renewed and apparently heavy shelling of Tungting, a small island south of Kinmen (Quemoy), on 31 August, there has been a general lull in Chinese Communist military activity in the Kinmen area since 29 August. Light and sporadic firing against other islands has continued and has been directed mainly at the Tan islands and Kinmen airfield and resupply beach. Reconnaissance aircraft over the Fukien coast on 30 August encountered no aerial opposition, and for two days radar has failed to detect hostile aircraft over the coast or in operation at any of the airfields between Swatow and Luchiao. The lull in naval activity may be due to rough seas which would have hampered operations of the Communists' small craft.

The continued build-up of Chinese Communist military strength in the area opposite Taiwan indicates that the Communists are preparing for heavy harassment and interdiction activities if not a major assault. The supply situation on Kinmen and Matsu remains good, but the two Tan islands have been cut off for several days.

Peiping continues to broadcast statements from the Fukien Front Command to the Kinmen garrison appealing for the defection of individual senior officers. The US Embassy in Taipei believes that while the defection of a garrison on one or more of the islands would be a heavy blow to morale on Taiwan, the Communists are overestimating their chances of success. In domestic broadcasts, Peiping is still almost ignoring the Taiwan Strait situation.

An enlarged session of the Politburo of the Central Committee met from 17 to 30 August. The first broadcast concerning its discussions was limited to economic matters.

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USSR: Pravda declared on 30 August that the Soviet Union will give Communist China the "necessary moral and material help" and warned that any "aggression by the United States" in the Far East will inevitably lead to the spreading of war to other areas. The editorial was designed to arouse further world-wide apprehension over the prospect of general hostilities. The statement stops short of committing Moscow to any military action.

USSR-Libya: The USSR has submitted a broad offer of economic aid to Libya. Prime Minister Kubar fears acceptance would lead to an influx of Soviet technicians, but that on the other hand, rejection would be used by the USSR to strengthen the hand of pro-Egyptian opposition forces.

## II. ASIA-AFRICA

UAR propaganda: The UAR government-controlled press and radio have, after a brief lull, strongly attacked the leaders of anti-Nasir Arab governments, despite the UNGA resolution on 21 August in which the Arab states in effect pledged non-interference in each others' affairs. The Cairo press warned Jordan on 30 August that if quick arrangements were not made for withdrawal of foreign troops, "tension will return to the area, and this time it will be very severe and dangerous." The Syrian press has been assailing the governments of Jordan and the Sudan. In addition, on 28 August, it launched the strongest attacks to date on Tunisian Prime Minister Bourguiba, comparing him with Iraq's late Nuri Said as an "agent of imperialism and an enemy of the Arabs."

## III. THE WEST

Iceland-Britain: Fishery experts of eight nations in Paris failed to reach a compromise before Iceland's unilateral extension of its fish conservation limits to 12 miles became effective on 1 September. Iceland continued to insist on

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recognition of the new limit. Despite last-minute efforts to prevent clashes between the British fish protection squadron and Iceland's coastguard, there is a possibility that some incidents will occur.

Mexico: Last week's student and labor violence have contributed to an unstable situation which the American Embassy views with grave concern. Efforts may be made to discredit outgoing President Ruiz Cortines, on the occasion of his last state of the union message on 1 September. Although the 40-year rule of the Party of Revolutionary Institutions will be continued under President-elect Lopez Mateos, leftists who have won increased control in key unions will seek to influence the new administration.

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