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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

1 AUGUST 1961
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1. Tunisian developments

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Both sides have given cautious indications of some "give" on Bizerte. The Tunisian Defense Secretary has pledged no disruption of "normal" communications in return for a French withdrawal to the base area. Paris has dispatched a political advisor to the base commander and has substituted civil police for the paratroops on duty outside the base. Meanwhile, however, there is evidence that some UAR military aid to Bourguiba is now en route via Eastern Libya, and arrangements have been made for the Tunisian foreign minister to fly to Moscow today.

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2. Decline in Chinese Communist industrial production

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There is now firm evidence of significant drops in industrial output in the last half of 1960. Peiping has been notably silent regarding 1961 economic performance, leading us to believe that they have made little or no headway in licking last year's difficulties.

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3. Congo Parliament
deadlocked

The Leopoldville and Stanleyville factions have reached an impasse over formation of a coalition government. The Gizengists are demanding the premiership, though not for Gizenga, while moderates are holding out for Adoula. The moderates, in a mood of frustration, may stage a walk-out.

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A. Soviet Navy Day activities will continue at Leningrad [redacted] 50X1

B. There are further indications of stepped up anti-Israeli activity on the part of the Arab states. The Jordanian and Lebanese military are engaged in contingency planning in anticipation of increased tension, while the Syrians are considering a project for diverting one of the Jordan's tributaries. [redacted] 50X1

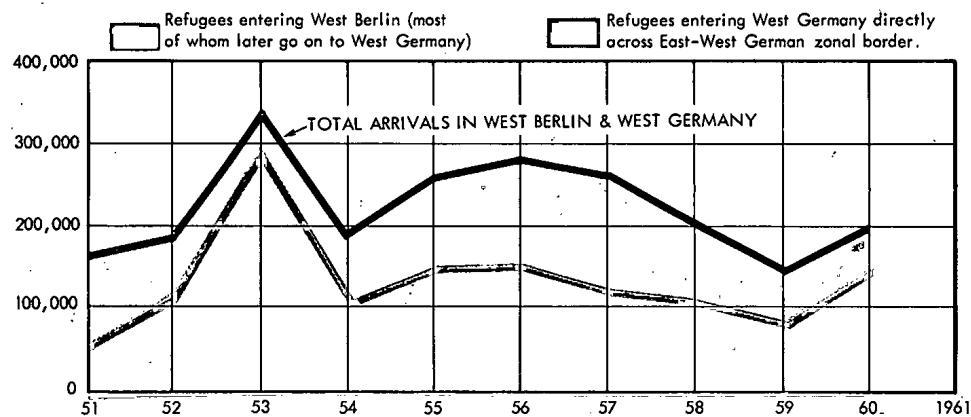
C. The rebels in Angola have succeeded in widening their area of operations in recent days. The Portuguese are being forced to spread their forces increasingly thin. [redacted] 50X1

D. Viet Cong guerillas in South Vietnam, increasingly aggressive, failed in an attempt on Diem's life on 28 July. [redacted] 50X1

E. Weekend registrations bring the July total of Berlin refugees to above 28,000. [redacted] 50X1

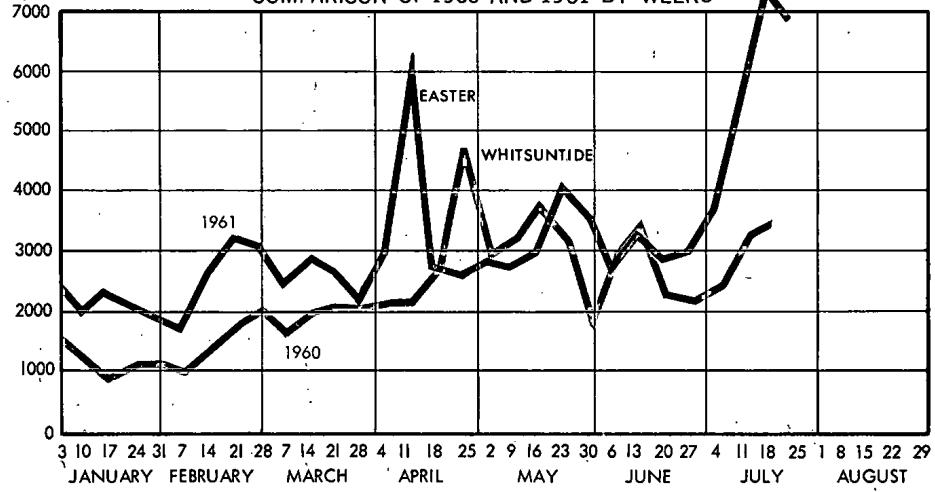
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TOTAL ANNUAL REFUGEE FLOW INTO WEST BERLIN AND WEST GERMANY



WEST BERLIN REFUGEE TOTALS

COMPARISON OF 1960 AND 1961 BY WEEKS



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LATE ITEM

We have just learned that a Chinat F-101 returning from a shallow (mission believed scheduled for 35 minutes) reconnaissance penetration over S.E. China was downed early this morning by Chicom ground fire. Indications are that it fell on or near HAITAN ISLAND, which lies close to the China coast between the Matsus and Quemoy.

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1. French-Algerian relations

The suspension of negotiations at Evian last week by the rebels was predicated solely on the Sahara issue.

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the French [redacted] government could not include the Sahara in its offer of Algerian independence at this time because it might trigger an armed uprising of European settlers in Algeria, the French army, and right wing elements in France. De Gaulle told Stevenson that sovereignty was not the issue but 50X1 that France would have to stay in the Sahara to develop it economically.

2. Congo developments

a) Kasavubu has nominated Adoula as formateur of a new government. If the Gizenga bloc can be satisfied on vice premiership and key ministerial assignments, it probably will not oppose Adoula as premier.

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b) The number of planned cargo flights from Cairo to Stanleyville--under contract with Air Jordan--has been increased from one a week for ten weeks to 80 during the next twelve months. Cargoes would be made up by the UAR army and would ostensibly be food, clothing and medicines.

Gizenga clearly intends to build up his Stanleyville stronghold regardless of the outcome of political negotiations.

c) Moscow has publicly dismissed Katangan Interior Minister Munongo's scheme to seek support from the USSR as a "dirty strategem."

3. Tunisia trying to
line up international
support

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High level government officials are visiting Latin American, African and Asian capitals as well as Moscow. In addition to trying to elicit diplomatic support, some of these officials may discuss material assistance.

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4. MIG's in Cuba

We have firm evidence that Cuba has assembled at least 12 Soviet MIG-15 jet fighters and two later model supersonic MIG-19's and more MIG-types are being assembled. Iraq and the UAR are the only other non-bloc countries which have received MIG-19's.

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- A. Ecuador has been asked to represent Venezuelan interests in Cuba suggesting that a breach in Venezuelan-Cuban relations may be upcoming. [redacted] 50X1
- B. Portugal is trying to procure 10,000 grenades from South Africa for use in Angola and is interested in even greater quantities. [redacted] 50X1 50X1
- C. Touring Ghanaian President Nkrumah has recently visited the USSR and four European Satellite capitals. His itinerary calls for a three-day stay in Peiping following which he will [Aug 61] return to Europe and visit the other three Satellites before going to Belgrade to participate in the conference of non-aligned countries. 50X1
- D. The UAR has ordered its Washington embassy to forward to Cairo periodicals and books dealing with guided missiles and rockets. [redacted] 50X1

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DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

I. US Mission Berlin reviews East German situation and sums up: We agree that there is wide-spread serious discontent among the Sovzone population, but we believe that there is only small outside possibility of outbreak of large-scale 1953-style political unrest. We continue to recommend that measures be taken to increase Soviet awareness of their total lack of mass support in East Germany (as elsewhere in satellite area) for their aggressive move against West Berlin, with all that this implies for the Soviet military position in time of war. We should certainly do what we can to weaken confidence of Soviet in their ability to keep Sovzone population in check. We should also do whatever is possible to weaken Soviet support for SED as executive instrument of Soviet's German policy. We should take what steps we can, by both open and gray propaganda, to induce Soviets to make Ulbricht and present SED leadership scapegoats for any reversal of policy which Soviets might possibly decide upon as result of unity and determination of NATO powers to maintain our position in West Berlin. Notwithstanding all of foregoing, however, our analysis of East German political and economic situation leads us to conclusion that there is not at present any strong likelihood of repetition of June 1953 events or similar uprising.

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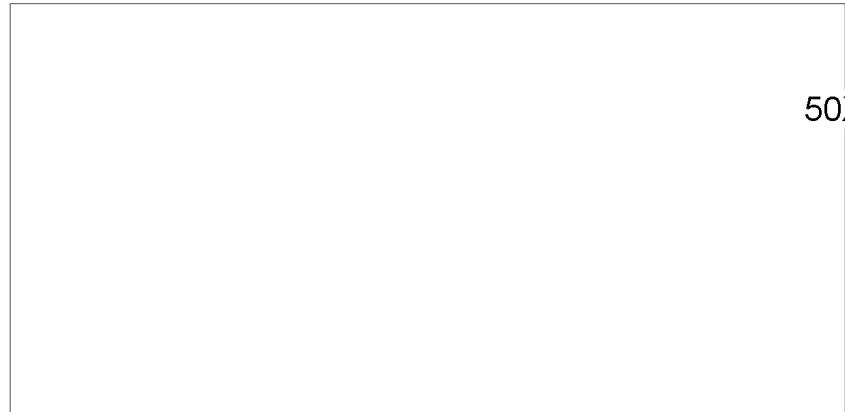
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1. India's relations with
Communist China worsening



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2. Chinese Communists re-
iterate strident anti-
Americanism



Peiping yesterday published a six months assessment of the US administration depicting it as more dangerous than its predecessor and suggesting that Bloc strategy must center around a "head-on struggle" with the US. We suspect the stress on "coexistence" in Moscow's new party program may have helped to stimulate this new outburst of belligerence.

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3. Tunisian Developments

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The Afro-Asian bloc is having second thoughts about an emergency General Assembly session, and have postponed action for at least another day or two. The Tunisians have pledged to seek a delay pending Defense Secretary Ladgham's Washington talks.

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4. New Congolese Government

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The Adoula government's make-up represents overall a decline in pro-Western strength. Gizenga has been named one of three vice-premiers and another member of the Stanleyville faction becomes Interior Minister. Whether Gizenga will leave his Stanleyville stronghold to join the government remains, however, uncertain.

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- A. An attempted space launch from Tyura Tam is imminent--it may come today. [redacted] [redacted] 50X11
- B. On the Chinese Nationalist plane, both Peiping and Moscow have so far confined themselves to 2-sentence statements noting the shootdown and the pilot's capture alive. [redacted] 50X1
- C. Sukarno told our ambassador on 1 August, evidently before receipt of the President's letter, that he wants to send his son Guntur, who is interested in a technical education, to an American college first, then perhaps after that to a Bloc country. [redacted] 50X1
- D. [redacted] Moroccan [redacted] leftists will stage violent demonstrations at the Kenitra (Port Lyautey) base this weekend or early next week. [redacted] 50X1
- E. An authoritative editorial in the Cairo press says that the solution to the German problem lies in self-determination. This may be a tip-off that Nasir will take a moderate stand on the issue at the upcoming neutralist conference. [redacted] 50X1
- F. The Pathet Lao, though still boycotting the talks in Cambodia, has dispatched one of its top men to consult with Souvanna. [redacted] 50X1
- G. Che Guevara will head Cuba's delegation to the Uruguay Conference. [redacted] 50X1

WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--2 August 1961

No Sino-Soviet Bloc country intends to initiate direct military action in the immediate future.

CONGO: Regardless of the composition of the government which emerges from current parliamentary maneuvers, the country is likely to remain fragmented. Bloc and radical African nationalist efforts to supply the Stanleyville regime with military and other assistance are continuing.

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1. Military training for
Indonesians in the USSR

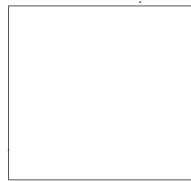


Present programs call for the training of well over 1500 Indonesians, and money for this purpose has been more than tripled. The programs will probably continue through 1964. Deliveries of Soviet arms to Indonesia under the recent agreement are to be completed by the end of that year.

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2. France-Tunisia

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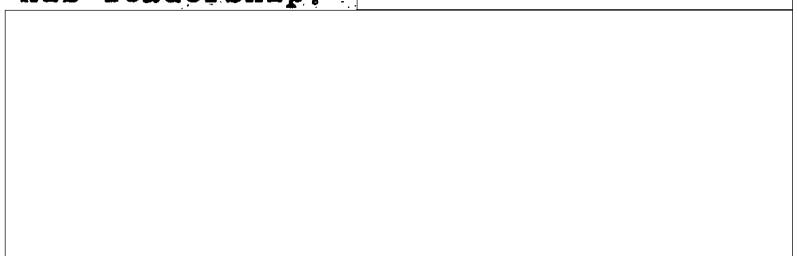
In Bizerte, French sealing of the native quarter, continued French aerial reconnaissance over a large part of Tunisia and Bourguiba's threat yesterday to retaliate against French prisoners if Tunisian prisoner handling is not improved all keep local tensions high. In the political arena, Bourguiba feels that "constructive discussion" of the Bizerte issue at the Western Foreign Ministers' meeting in Paris (5-7 August) may obviate the need for a special UN session.

3. Political trouble
in Senegal



Pro-French president Senghor's moderate regime is losing support at home with religious leaders, senior army officers, and high level government officials becoming increasingly antagonistic to his leadership.

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- A. In a move to reduce the refugee flow and increase the labor pool, East German police have orders to seize identity cards of all East Germans who work in West Berlin unless they quit their jobs.
- B. Further evidence of bloc support for Gizenga--Communist China has installed a chargé d'affaires in Stanleyville.
- C. Sudanese Premier Abboud, just returned from a visit to Moscow, was impressed with Khrushchev and with Soviet industrialization but criticized the living standard of Soviet Moslems and felt that Soviet attempts to convince him that religious freedom existed in the USSR were staged. He invited Khrushchev and President Brezhnev to visit the Sudan, with date to be set later.
- D. A Brazilian mission is prepared to go to Cuba to begin trade negotiations around 7 August.

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5 AUGUST 1961 CHECKLIST (COPY)

1. ULRICHT POSITION LOOKS SHAKY. HIS PRESENCE IN MOSCOW FOR THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS IS NOW CONFIRMED. IN VIEW OF EAST GERMANY'S ECONOMIC PREDICAMENT AND ULRICHT'S FAILURE TO STEM THE REFUGEE FLOW, HE SHAPES UP MORE AS A BURDEN THAN AN ASSET TO THE KREMLIN. THE REFUGEES CONTINUE TO LEAVE AT A RATE WELL ABOVE A THOUSAND A DAY DESPITE STIFFENED EAST GERMAN POLICE CONTROLS.

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2. CONGO. UN OFFICIALS IN THE CONGO HAVE AGAINN STATED THAT THE UN WILL NOT OPPOSE ANY MOVES BY THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TO REINTEGRATE KATANGA, AND HAMMARSKJOLD, [REDACTED], HAS 50X1 INDICATED THAT THE UN IS MAKING PLANS TO DISARM THE KATANGAN ARMY.

[REDACTED] MEANWHILE, IN

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STANLEYVILLE, GIZENGA IS MAINTAINING HIS PUBLIC SILENCE, BUT HE HAS APPEALED URGENTLY TO CAIRO FOR HELP IN SHORING UP HIS MILITARY POSITION.

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3. TUNISIA: AS OF 0900 TODAY NO SIGNIFICANT NEW DEVELOPMENTS SINCE YESTERDAY HAD BEEN REPORTED.

4. CUBA. [REDACTED] ALL CUBAN PORTS WERE CLOS[REDACTED]50X1 AND ALL AIRCRAFT DEPARTURES FORBIDDEN, EFFECTIVE LAST MIDNIGHT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY, THE POLICE COMMANDS IN SANTIAGO DE CUBA AND CAMAGUEY WERE PLACED ON ALERT. THE OPERATION HAS THE EARMARKS OF AN INTERNAL SECURITY FREEZE, BUT WE ARE SEEKING CLARIFICATION.

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5. NOTES:

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B. KHRUSHCHEV HAS SCHEDULED ANOTHER RADIO-TV APPEARANCE:
8 o'CLOCK, MOSCOW TIME, MONDAY EVENING. (1 PM EASTERN DAYLIGHT
SAVING)

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Cuban security measures attributable to currency
Exchange announced in Havana this morning. All paper
money outside the island has been declared void and Cubans
ordered to exchange money today and tomorrow, with travel
to and from Cuba prohibited in meantime.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

OUTGOING MESSAGE



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PRESIDENTS INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. SOVIET SPACE VEHICLE. _____

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THE RECOVERY ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE ON THE 17TH ORBIT AT ABOUT 3:45 TOMORROW MORNING. MOSCOW HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE ASTRONAUT AND KHRUSHCHEV HAVE EXCHANGED MESSAGES. _____

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2. CONGO. GIZENGA, OBVIOUSLY UNHAPPY WITH THE NEW LEOPOLDVILLE GOVERNMENT, IS PLANNING HIS NEXT MOVE. HIS TERMS--CLEARLY UNACCEPTABLE--FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE GOVERNMENT, STATED _____

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ON 3 AUGUST, ARE: TRANSFER OF THE CAPITAL FROM LEOPOLDVILLE, PREFERABLY TO STANLEYVILLE, AND AWARD OF THE DEFENSE AND FOREIGN MINISTRIES TO HIS FACTION. ON THE SAME DAY, HE TOLD THE GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED IN STANLEYVILLE THAT HE INTENDS TO TAKE MILITARY ACTION AGAINST MOBUTU'S FORCES. _____

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3. WARSAW PACT MEETING. THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED YESTERDAY AT THE END OF THE 3-DAY MEETING IN MOSCOW MERELY PUTS THE BLOC ON A PUBLIC RECORD IN CONCERT IN SUPPORT OF THE SOVIET POSITION

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**THE GATHERING WAS HASTILY CONVENED, PROBABLY AS A COUNTER TO
THE PARIS CONFERENCE AND AS A BACKDROP FOR KHRUSHCHEV'S MONDAY
SPEECH.** _____

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**WILL MAKE A 4-DAY VISIT TO MOSCOW IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, AFTER THE
NEUTRALIST CONFERENCE IN BELGRADE.**

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1. Soviet space vehicle

The ship was brought back from space at approximately 3:30 this morning. We have only the word of Moscow that the astronaut landed in "excellent condition."

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Our latest information indicates that the landing place was in the same general area as Gagarin's.

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2. Congo developments

- a) A nervous Tshombé has now agreed to send representatives to Parliament, provided the UN guarantees their safety;
- b) The Adoula government is getting ready to try to expel foreign diplomatic representatives, including Soviets and Chinese Communists, from Stanleyville, where they no longer have the figment of a legal basis;
- c) Gizenga is apparently still receiving military supplies from the UAR.

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3. Thais may be nearing acceptance of Soviet aid

[redacted] acceptance of Soviet aid 50X1
offers in the near future is likely.

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growing Thai proclivity toward neutralism and of Soviet moves to exploit such an attitude.

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4. Cuban currency reform

The move will strengthen the regime's financial position in the short run, and, by giving it control of savings, will also provide an effective new political lever. The Cubans who will be hardest hit are already pretty thoroughly disaffected, but some opposition may be aroused among certain groups of urban workers whose modest savings are threatened.

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- A. Taipei has expressed general satisfaction with Chen's Washington talks to our chargé. Chiang Kai-shek is said to be especially impressed by the President's assurances of continued US support. [REDACTED] 50X1
- B. Nkrumah has decided to attend the neutralist conference after learning that Nehru will be there. Many other neutralist chiefs can be expected to follow suit, thus adding to the conference's impact. [REDACTED] 50X1
- D. Moroccan security officials remain braced for an outbreak of demonstrations but are fuzzy about the dates. The US-French base at Kenitra is described as in a state of "quiet alert." [REDACTED] 50X1

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1. Laos

Ambassador Brown, commenting on Phoumi's account of the recent Phnom Penh talks between rival Laotian factions, states that it is evident no real effort to reach agreement on a new government or exchange ideas in any detail was made by either side. Souvanna's failure to be more specific may have resulted in part from his subservience to Souphanouvong and his desire to get prior acceptance of himself as prime minister. Phoumi's strategy, Brown states, is now emerging more clearly. In Brown's opinion, Phoumi believes that a peaceful solution is impossible and does not intend to press negotiations. Phoumi probably hopes, according to Brown, that Souvanna's actions, or a resurgence of military activity following the rainy season, will bring the US to see that its only course is to abandon hope of Souvanna and support Phoumi by force if necessary.

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2. Cuban-Brazilian trade negotiations

Talks were scheduled to begin yesterday in Havana. Che Guevara told the Brazilians beforehand that any agreement reached would have to be modest because of Cuba's economic troubles. He said that Cuba's ability to make payment in strong currency is limited and there would be difficulties in furnishing Cuban exports to balance imports from Brazil. The Brazilians were also told not to expect Cuban copper or nickel in 1961 or 1962, since all stocks were already committed to the Sino-Soviet bloc.

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- A. East German border police were given a deadline of 1 September to bring their ranks up to full strength. This is to be done by intensified recruiting. [redacted] 50X1
1,308 East German refugees registered in West Berlin on Sunday. 9,624 registered during the preceding seven days--the highest weekly total since 1953. [redacted] 50X1
- B. The South Korean military regime is expected to announce a program soon for the reestablishment of civilian authority. Pak Chong-hui may be paving the way to assume the presidency when civil government is restored. [redacted] 50X1
- C. Southern Cameroon is scheduled to be federated with the adjoining Cameroun Republic on 1 October and British forces are to be withdrawn. There are signs that the terrorist National Army of Liberation of the Cameroun Republic is preparing to try to seize control of Southern Cameroons [redacted] (MAP) 50X1
- D. The probable landing point of the Soviet manned space vehicle has been fixed. (MAP) [redacted] 50X1

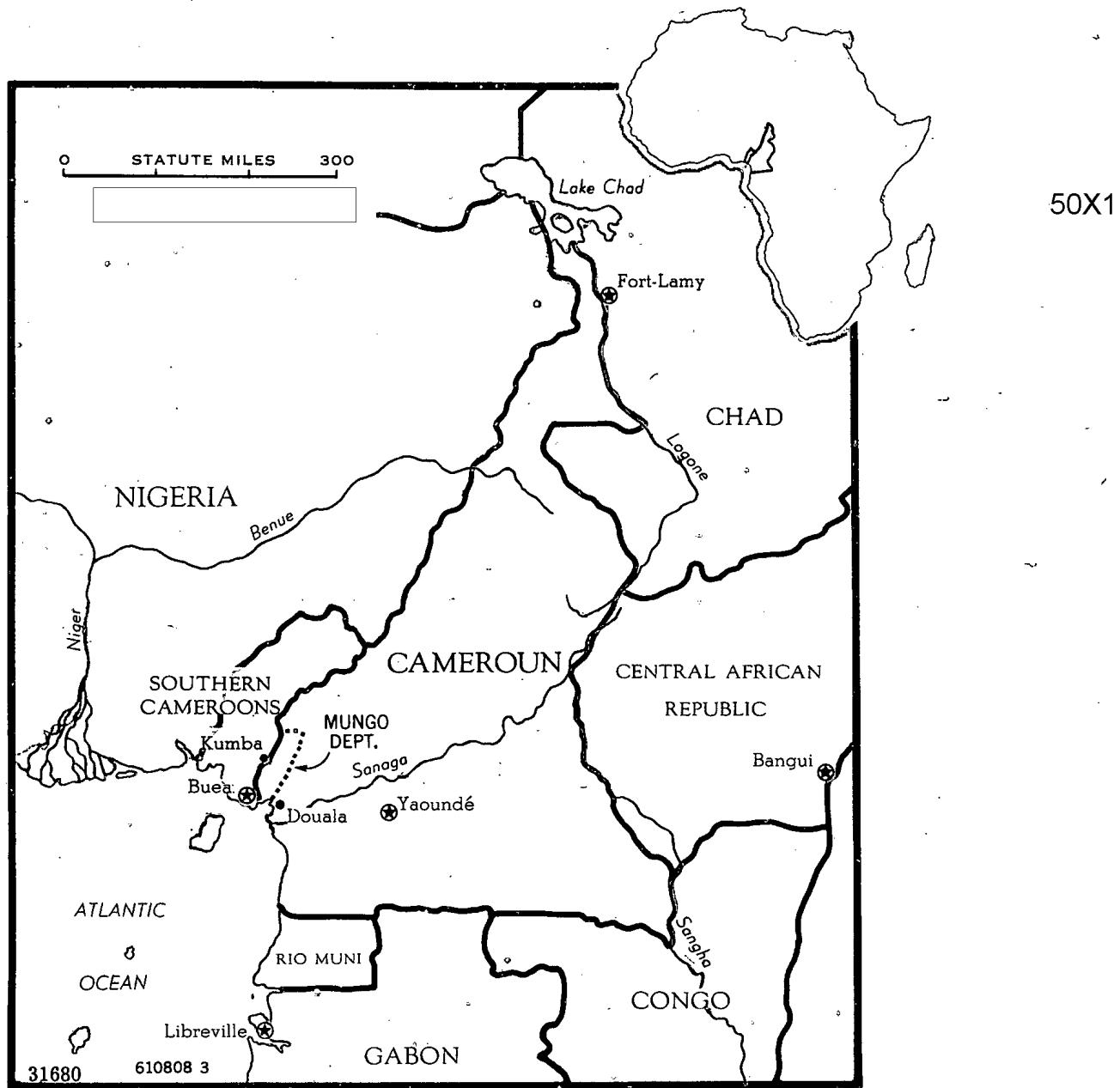
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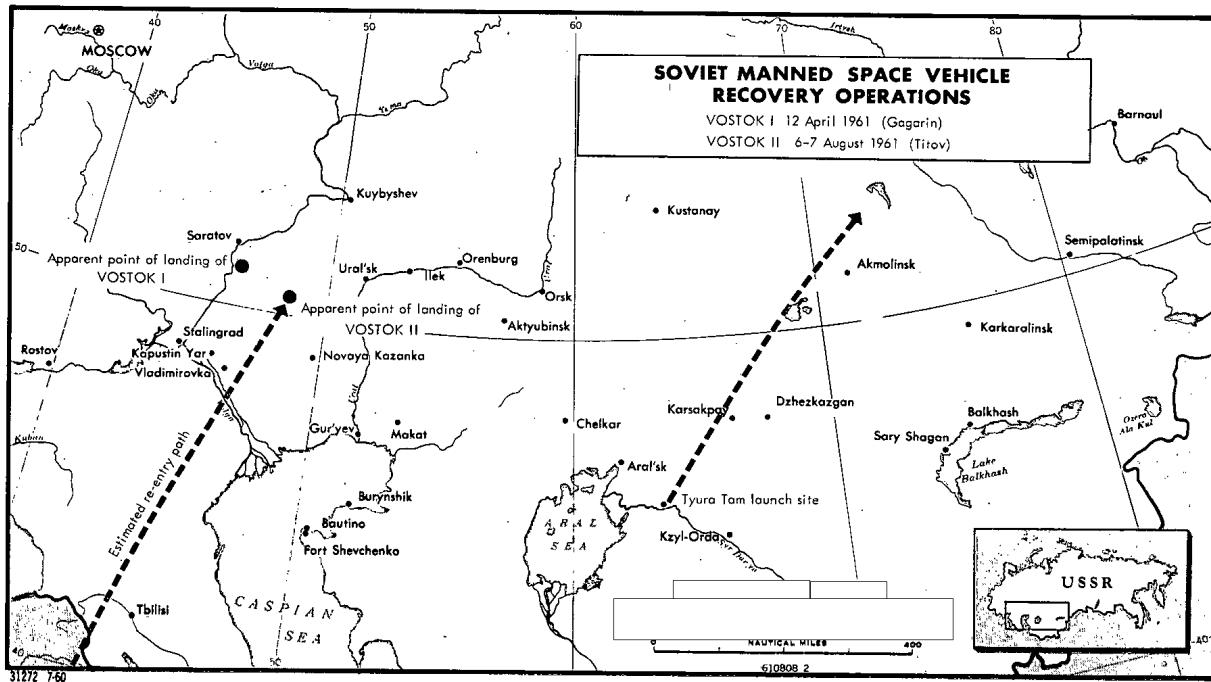
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9 AUGUST 1961
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1. Congo developments

The moderates have made some headway in their efforts to nail down their parliamentary gains, but the situation remains fragile amidst continued factional maneuvering. Despite press reports of his accession to the central government, Gizenga's position remains equivocal. Although his fear of political isolation may force a tactical retreat, the bulk of our evidence indicates that he still hopes either to capture or undermine the central government. In Brussels, meanwhile, Spaak, has once again expressed anxiety over the possible inflammatory consequences of any attempt to reintegrate Katanga by force.

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2. Tunisia

The Tunisians, who seem to be in a genuine policy quandary, are being urged by some of the Afro-Asians at the UN to reheat the situation at Bizerte in order to put some steam into the drive for General Assembly debate. There is also a move afoot to include them in the Belgrade conference of neutrals, probably as a means of encouraging their drift toward non-alignment.

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At the UN, meanwhile, the latest head-count gave the Afro-Asians 49 votes toward their resolution.

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3. Dominican Republic

Our Consul reports that after the bad
fright they suffered in last week's 50X1
crackdown the opposition is beginning
to regain its composure. On the govern-
ment side,

[redacted] both Ramfis and Balaguer
are having trouble with old-guard
members of the Trujillo family and
the armed forces and appealed for
token US support.

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B. The US Task Force in South Vietnam estimates current Viet Cong strength as follows: 7800-8150 full-time guerillas; 5500-6200 part-time guerillas. The South Vietnamese government has organized a maritime patrol in an attempt to check the supply of weapons, half of which are believed to arrive by sea.

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D. Saudi Arabia is showing interest in the purchase of arms from the Bloc. The Soviet and Czech ministers to Turkey have recently arranged visits with King Saud.

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E. Evidence of some curtailment of foreign travel by the Chinese Communists could be another symptom of the embarrassment caused by economic ills.

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1. East Germans consider sealing West Berlin -
East Zone border

The SED (Communist party) Central Committee is to discuss a plan today, already approved by the party politburo, to have customs police turn back all East Germans at the border south and southeast of West Berlin and to close the main bridge from Potsdam.

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2. Violence in Northern Rhodesia

Acts of arson and sabotage have been blamed on the United National Independence Party which apparently has resorted to violence to protest a proposed constitution which it feels would preserve European political hegemony in Rhodesia. The British governor of the protectorate has banned the party and has also moved troops into the northern area to reinforce the local police.

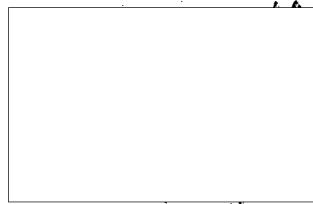
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3. Congo developments

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- A. Venezuela has accepted a Soviet invitation to send a parliamentary delegation to Moscow and seven members of Congress are scheduled to depart next Tuesday. Moscow has previously extended similar invitations to various Latin American nations and several have accepted and sent missions to the USSR in the past year or so.

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- B. Indonesia has prepared a draft resolution on US-Cuban relations which it may present to the non-aligned nations conference in September. The resolution, which notes that Cuba is pursuing an "independent foreign policy of non-alignment," proposes that the non-aligned nations offer their good offices to find a peaceful solution to the dispute. Cuba, of course, will be a full participant in the conference.

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- C. Some Cuban anti-aircraft units are now equipped with Chinese Communist weapons, probably machine guns. Earlier this year Raul Castro announced that China had sent Cuba "hundreds of machine guns" as a gift.

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- D. A high level Soviet trade delegation arrived in Peiping Tuesday. They may be there to discuss export shortfalls and payment problems. The 1961 trade protocol between the two countries was signed only last April after protracted negotiations.

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- E. Part of group of Soviet instrumentation ships which participated in the manned orbit shot last Sunday have remained on station in the mid-Pacific, suggesting that another vehicle launching may be attempted.

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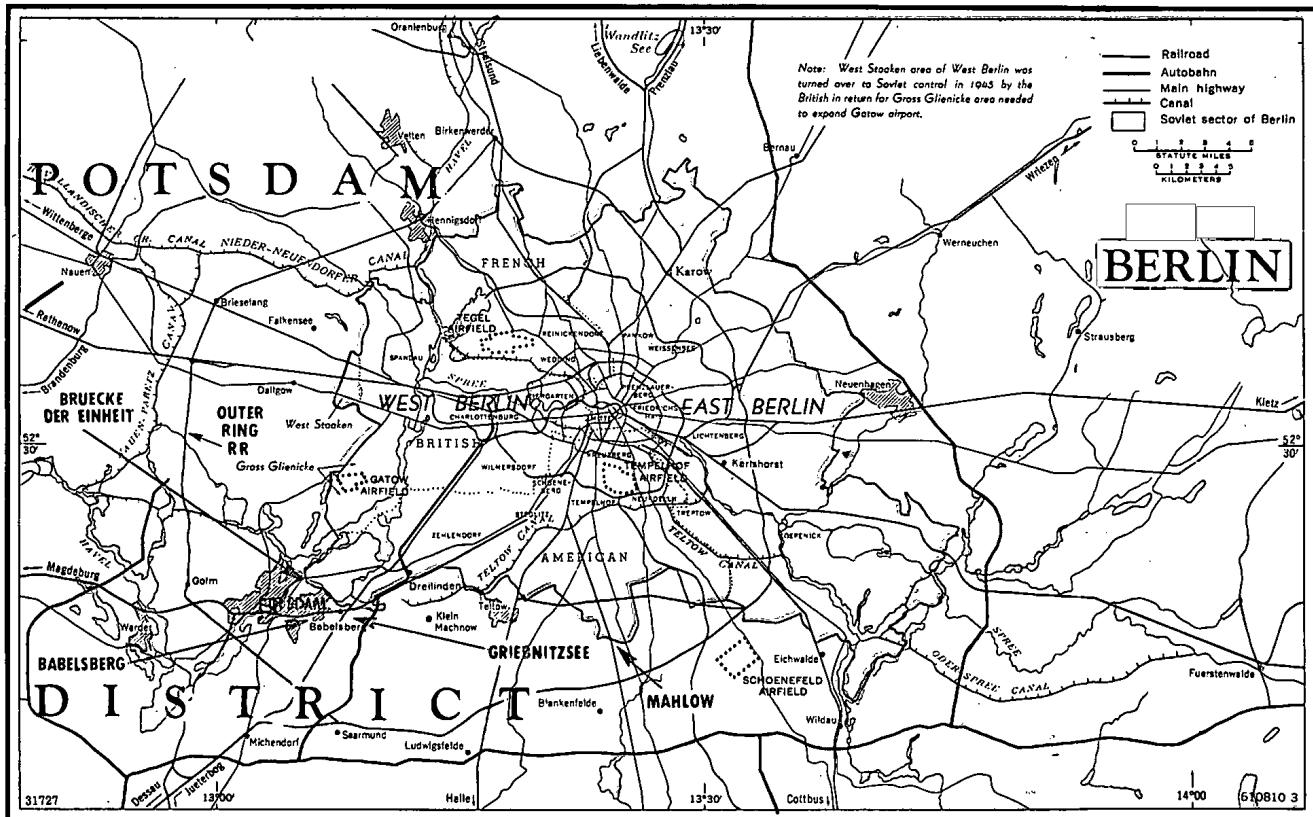
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WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--9 August 1961

No Sino-Soviet Bloc country intends to initiate direct military action in the immediate future.

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11 AUGUST 1961
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1. Communist Chinese agricultural difficulties

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They have suffered a serious shortfall in their first major wheat harvest of the year at a time when they are plagued by severe food shortages and widespread malnutrition. The winter wheat crop, which usually accounts for 11 percent of grain production, may be off from 1960, itself a poor year, by as much as 20 percent.

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the Chinese are saying that Moscow has fallen down in helping them with their agricultural and industrial problems.

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2. Laotian developments

[Redacted]

Both Phoumi and Boun Oum have informed Ambassador Brown that the Phnom Penh meetings left them convinced that Souvanna is not a free agent. Meanwhile, at Xieng Khouang, Kong Le headquarters, the town and airfield are under artillery and mortar fire from Meo units of the Royal Army. A strong Kong Le Pathet Lao counter-action can be expected.

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3. Algerian rebels troubled
by internal dissension

Pressure on the present rebel leaders from more extreme military commanders may have been a key factor in their break-off of negotiations with the French.

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4. South Korea to delay
return to civil rule

Under Pak's present plan, which he is scheduled to make public on Monday, civilian government will not be restored before mid-1963. This and other provisions, which appear to reflect pressure from the young colonels' clique, are not likely to go down well with educated South Koreans who hope for an early return to civil rule. Our Ambassador, who has been consulted on the plan by Pak, has suggested the desirability of revision.

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NOTES

- A. Japanese [redacted] officials are concerned about rightist threats 50X1 to the security of Soviet leader Mikoyan, who will open the Soviet Trade Fair in Tokyo on August 14. Some 1000 Japanese who tried to demonstrate before the Soviet Embassy this morning were turned back by police. [redacted] 50X1
- B. The UN representative in Leopoldville says that Gizenga has told foreign diplomats in Stanleyville that the Adoula government is now the legal government of the Congo and they must apply to it for accreditation. Gizenga, however, has still made no public commitment to Leopoldville. [redacted] 50X1
- C. Two more Soviet TU-16's (roughly equivalent to our B-47) are en route to Indonesia. Delivery will bring the total to four. [redacted] 50X1
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- E. Titov told a press conference that he did not land his space ship, he parachuted. In Gagarin's case, after some conflicts in the story, the official claim was that the ship landed with him. [redacted] 50X1

LATE NOTE

The East German foreign minister has just declared that an Eastern Bloc foreign ministers conference will be convened in "the late fall" to draw up a peace treaty for both East and West Germany. [redacted]

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1. UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO KERMIT REVOLUTION IN ARGENTINA. BUENOS AIRES RADIO SAYS LAST NIGHT'S REBEL ACTION WAS UNDERTAKEN BY A SMALL GROUP OF AIRMEN UNDER ORDERS OF A FORMER COMMANDER OF A TRAINING DETACHMENT. THE GROUP OF ABOUT 60-65 LITTLE-KNOWN REBELS HAD NO IMPORTANT BACKING AND WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY WITHOUT BLOODSHED DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS. THE GROUP HAD SEIZED A DOWNTOWN TELEPHONE EXCHANGE CONTROLLING RADIO LINES AND A STATION OF "RADIO NACIONAL" IN THE CAPITAL AND BROADCAST A REVOLUTIONARY MANIFESTO BEFORE GOING OFF THE AIR AT MIDNIGHT. A MARINE DETACHMENT SURROUNDED THE TELEPHONE BUILDING FORCING ITS REBEL OCCUPANTS TO SURRENDER. THE SAME WAS DONE BY AN ARMY UNIT AT THE "RADIO NACIONAL" BUILDING. ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN SPORADIC SHOOTING BY SMALL GROUPS OF REBEL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL, NO CASUALTIES ARE REPORTED AND ORDER HAS BEEN RESTORED. IMMEDIATE LABOR AND MILITARY REACTION TO THE INCIDENT WAS IN SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT.

2. FRANCE-ALGERIA-TUNISIA. FRANCE'S ANNOUNCEMENT YESTERDAY THAT IT

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WAS TERMINATING THE UNILATERAL CEASE-FIRE IT HAD PUT INTO EFFECT IN ALGERIA ON 20 MAY WAS PROBABLY TIMED TO COUNTER AN ADVERSE FRENCH ARMY REACTION TO THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION, ALSO ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY, TO WITHDRAW FROM ONE OF REGIMENTS BIZERTE/THE PARATROOP/REGIMENT THERE LAST MONTH. ALGERIAN REBELS WILL PROBABLY BE RELIEVED AT THE CEASE-FIRE TERMINATION. THEIR LEADERS HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO CALL A CEASE-FIRE THEMSELVES FOR FEAR OF DISINTEGRATING THEIR FORCES OR LOSING CONTROL OVER THEM AND HAVE CALLED THE FRENCH UNILATERAL CEASE-FIRE A PROPAGANDA GESTURE. [REDACTED]

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3. MILITARY ACTION IN LAOS. THE SHELLING OF XIENG KHOUANG TOWN BY MEDEVAC FORCES ON 9-10 AUGUST IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN TRIGGERED BY A KONG LE ARTILLERY UNIT FIRING ON MEDEVAC POSITIONS IN THE HILLS OUTSIDE THE TOWN. BY LATE AFTERNOON ON 10 AUGUST THE FIRING HAD SUBSIDED AND YESTERDAY THE MEDEVACS WERE REPORTED DRAWING BACK UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO HOLD THEIR FIRE EVEN IF FIRED UPON. THERE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN NO GROUND ATTACK AND FEW IF ANY CASUALTIES. [REDACTED]

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4. UNREST IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ARMED FORCES. RAMFIS TRUJILLO HAS A PLAN TO REPLACE PRESIDENT BALAGUER WITH A MILITARY JUNTA WHICH WOULD

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CONTINUE THE CURRENT "LIBERALIZATION PROGRAM" BUT AT A SLOWER PACE. RAMPIS TOLD THE US CONSUL THAT UNREST IN THE ARMED FORCES IS EXTENSIVE, THE OFFICER CORPS FEELS THREATENED BY THE PRESENT DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS WHICH HAS BROUGHT ON OPPOSITION EXPRESSIONS OF HOSTILITY TO THE MILITARY, AND THE ARMED FORCES ARE DETERMINED TO RESIST ANY THREAT TO THEIR POSITION. BALAGUER, ACCORDING TO TRUJILLO, DOES NOT UNDERSTAND OR COMMAND THE RESPECT OF THE ARMED FORCES AND THE PRESENT "TRANSITIONAL PERIOD" IS MADE MORE DIFFICULT THAN NEED BE SINCE IT IS BEING CARRIED OUT THROUGH BALAGUER.

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A. THE POLISH FOREIGN MINISTRY CALLED IN AMBASSADOR HEAM YESTERDAY AND URGED THAT THE WEST MOVE TOWARD NEGOTIATIONS ON BERLIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY BEFORE THE WEST GERMAN ELECTIONS NEXT MONTH. CITED REFERENCES IN KHRUSHCHEV'S 7 AUGUST SPEECH AS PROVIDING AN OPENING FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

B. SOVIET MISSILE TEST RANGE INSTRUMENTATION SHIPS IN PACIFIC HAVE LEFT ~~MANNED~~ STATIONS EN ROUTE HOME PORT. NO ~~MANNED~~ SPACE SHOTS EXPECTED IN NEAR FUTURE.

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THE SITUATION IN BERLIN - As of 0800 This Morning

The new restrictions on the travel of East Berliners and East Germans to West Berlin were announced by the Ulbricht regime as having been introduced in response to a proposal by the Warsaw Pact nations. This is the first time the Warsaw Pact organization has urged action on a specific domestic problem of a member nation.

The decrees which formally impose the travel limitations are very specific in making clear that there are no changes in the existing regulations regarding the transit rights of the three Western powers between West Germany and West Berlin or of West Germans travelling between West Germany and West Berlin.

Yesterday 670 refugees registered at Marienfelde but of these only about 40 or 50 had crossed into Berlin on that day, the remainder having entered the West sector earlier.

East German security forces--Peoples' Police, Customs, Border and Transport Police and armed workers militia--are stationed in strength at all crossing-points and only 13 of the former 87 inter-sector crossing points in the city remain open (see MAP). At these 13 open crossing points only those East Germans and East Berliners with special permits will be allowed to enter the West sector.

[redacted] the Ulbricht regime, in view of the possibility of spontaneous demonstrations as the control measures are enforced, has--with Soviet backing--sought to forestall widespread violence by a public display of armed police, troops and armor.

Some minor incidents occurred in East Berlin yesterday, but as of now, no major incidents have been reported. [redacted]

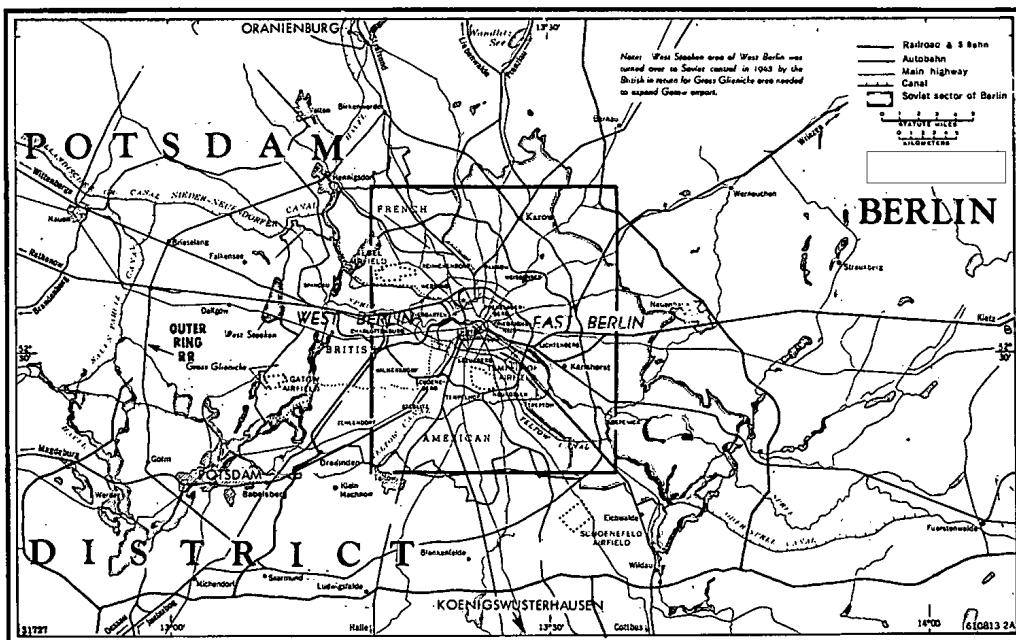
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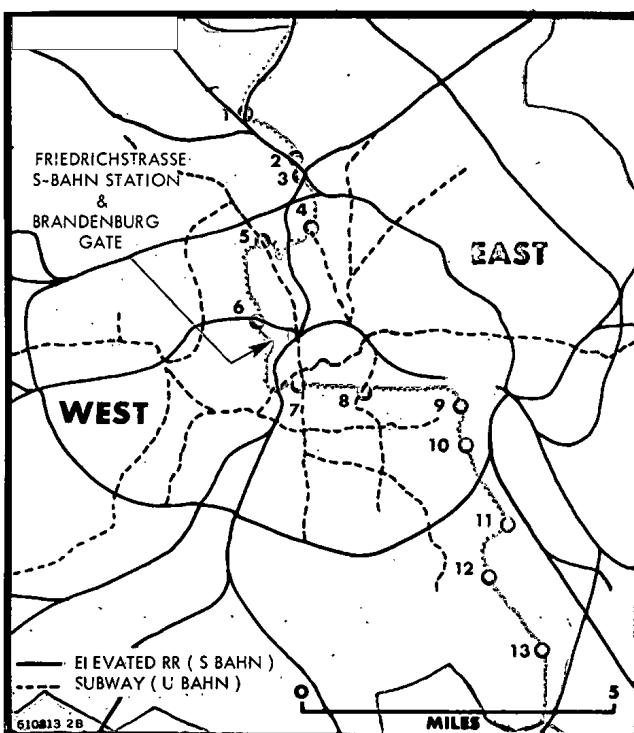
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AUTHORIZED
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- 1 Kopenhagenerstrasse
- 2 Wollankstrasse
- 3 Bornholmerstrasse
- 4 Brunnenstrasse
- 5 Chauseestrasse
- 6 Brandenburger Toer
- 7 Friedrichstrasse
- 8 Heinrich Heine ~~Platz~~ Platz
- 9 Oberbaumbruecke
- 10 Puschkin Allee
- 11 Elsenstrasse
- 12 Sonnen Allee
- 13 Rudowerstrasse

1. French overture to Tunisia on bilateral talks



Paris sent a note to Tunis on 11 August (not yet published) stating a willingness to start talks on arranging return to "a more normal situation" in Bizerte. The acting Tunisian Foreign Minister, however, privately told Ambassador Walmsley that he sees "no progress" in the note. This reaction, plus Tunis' failure to comment on the French withdrawal of a paratroop regiment from Bizerte, suggests Bourguiba may want to see what comes out of the UN General Assembly before undertaking bilateral negotiations.

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2. Tshombé may accept position in new Congolese government

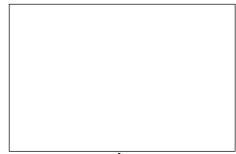


Urged by the Belgians, Tshombé is now willing to come to terms with Adoula, and a Katanga spokesman announced he would go to Leopoldville shortly. He probably will try to drive a hard bargain with the Adoula government, however, and early agreement on his participation in the regime is unlikely. The US Embassy in Leopoldville notes that in its first ten days, the Adoula government has shown at least outward indications of stability and previously quarrelling factions are now proclaiming a desire to collaborate.

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3. Albania's growing isolation from the bloc



Although there has been no formal announcement that Albania's membership status in the Warsaw Pact organization has changed, there are signs that Tirana is no longer participating in all Pact activities. Party boss Hoxha attended neither last week's Pact meeting in Moscow nor the one held last March. All other European Satellite party leaders attended both. Albania was represented at last week's meeting by a junior embassy officer as an observer in the same manner as Far East Communist countries.

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4. Moroccan-Spanish friction may soon take a "serious turn"



Ambassador Bonsal in Rabat thinks either side could foment an incident which would further weaken the Western position in Morocco and the Mahgreb. The Spanish ambassador told Bonsal that many Berber tribes in northern Morocco, where there was a small rebellion in 1959, could be covertly encouraged to revolt and implied that Spanish military leaders might be preparing to offer such encouragement. In Morocco, Bonsal thinks the King himself might instigate an anti-Spanish incident to strengthen his domestic position.

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- B. South Korean armed forces have been put on a special alert from 13-17 August as a precaution against possible disturbances in connection with independence day (15 August) observances. [redacted] 50X1
- C. Soviet Baltic Fleet units have been conducting a series of exercises, most recently on 9 August. Such training is usually carried out in the spring and fall. The exercises appear to be genuine readiness training but may also be staged at this time to impress the West. [redacted] 50X1
- D. The US Embassy in Moscow believes that Moscow and Peiping have divergent interests in Southeast Asia and that if large-scale hostilities were resumed, the USSR would try to keep Chinese forces out of Laos. The Embassy notes, however, that if military action developed into a serious threat to Pathet Lao forces, Moscow and Peiping would have the mutual interest of trying to prevent loss of prestige by the Communist bloc as a whole. [redacted] 50X1

- E. An Air Jordan official (American) told a US Embassy officer in Amman that he had been unable to stop the fourth chartered flight^{50X1} to the Congo (8 August from Cairo) but that further flights had been cancelled. Air Jordan, he said, was being sued for the cancellation of the balance of 80 flights contracted for with the UAR.
- F. Some 1200 junior officers and non-coms of the Ethiopian Imperial Army are plotting to overthrow the Emperor and the present^{50X1}
they are strong enough to take action if they have the determination. Action may be taken in the very near future.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

**15 AUGUST 1961
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1. Berlin situation

Our latest information is that:

a) the East German and East Berlin populations are generally reacting with caution.

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[redacted] reported some scattered 50X1 expressions of open criticism and a few instances of antiregime incidents; b) East German Army elements comprising at least one rifle and one tank regiment may now be in the city. Elements of two and possibly three Soviet divisions moved out of their stations near Berlin on the 13th and are now deployed in small groups at outposts two or three miles outside the city and apparently encircling it; c) a new East German decree, issued this morning, requires permits for West Berlin cars and motorcycles entering East Berlin--West German and Allied vehicles are apparently exempt; d) reports of a discontinuation of communications--telephone, telegraph and postal--between East and West Germany appear to be premature; e) from 350 to 500 refugees are believed to have escaped since the border was closed Sunday.

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2. West Europe Socialist position on German problem

Western Europe's top socialists refused to give their full backing to the Berlin position of the West German socialist party at a conclave in late July attended by such leaders as Spaak, Gaitskell, Mollet and Erlander. There was much criticism of the Germans for their closeness to Adenauer on the Berlin issue and their failure to indicate what they consider negotiable.

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3. Brazil-Argentina pushing plan for Berlin moratorium

They are seeking US acceptance of a scheme for a one-year freeze on the Berlin issue under the UN's aegis. The proposal would be brought up by Brazil alone at the September General Assembly. Quadros and Frondizi are contemplating attendance at the session if the proposal looks promising.

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A. Khrushchev has left Moscow for his vacation villa on the Black Sea.

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B. Earlier this month Peiping asked Moscow to reduce its August jet fuel shipment in favor of more gasoline for civilian use. There is no indication, however, that Chinese Communist military flights have been cut.

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C. Northern Rhodesia

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tensified violence, even "chaos similar to the Congo."

D. Castro may not attend the Belgrade neutralist conference after all. Present plans call for President Dorticos and Foreign Minister Roa to attend

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E. Quadros has given the go-ahead to Hungary to send in the equipment and technicians to drill 2,200 water wells in Brazil's depressed northeast.

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THE SITUATION IN BERLIN

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[redacted] the population in general remained cowed in the face of Soviet- 50X1
East German force. In one district, however--Potsdam--party officials are confronted by a more recalcitrant population, particularly in areas adjacent to Berlin, while in Schwerin party officials are attempting to overcome "softness" in some of their border guard units. No change in the previously reported disposition of Soviet troops around Berlin or in East Germany has been noted. Yesterday afternoon, US officials noted a reduction in security forces at all crossing points into West Berlin and in East Berlin itself.

The East German regime yesterday introduced new measures designed to give it better control over the entry of West Berliners and West Germans into East Berlin. West Berliners will be required to secure permits for their vehicles, while West Germans now may secure permits at only two sector border crossing points, instead of the four originally specified in the 13 August decree. Although these restrictions apparently are not applicable to the three Western occupying Powers in West Berlin, they nevertheless violate--as do the 13 August decrees--the freedom of movement guaranteed in the Four Power agreements related to Berlin. In an apparent effort to discourage Bonn from taking economic countermeasures, the East Germans have threatened to cut off West German freight traffic to West Berlin, if Bonn interrupts interzonal trade. 50X1

There are signs that the calm of the West Berlin population may be giving way to considerable nervous tension. The people are not afraid but appear to be excited and uncertain about the future. The public rally scheduled for today in West Berlin is designed to permit the population to let off steam and also to exert a psychological effect on Berliners in bolstering their confidence in the leadership. Police are making full preparations to control the crowds. 50X1
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For The President Only—Top Secret

1. Political deterioration
in Singapore

Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, whose political position has eroded greatly in recent weeks, has blamed the UK Commissioner for breaking up the ruling political party and leaving the government with a one vote majority in the national assembly. Lee apparently is using British-baiting as a strategem to regain his anti-Colonial image for the electorate. The British High Commissioner in Malaya has told London the only way to halt the dangerous drift toward a Communist-dominated government is to arrest several high ranking Communists in Singapore. The UK Commissioner in Singapore is reluctant for the British to take responsibility for the arrests. The Malayan Prime Minister is in a hostile mood over the present political situation in Singapore

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2. Laotian developments

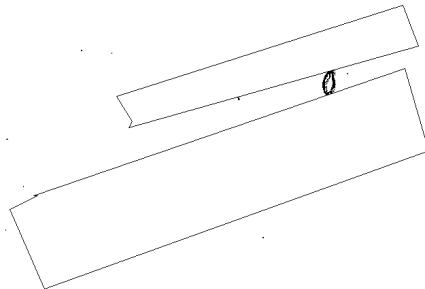


a) Talks between Laotian factions resumed Monday at Namone. The Pathet Lao attacked the government's proposal that several names be submitted to the King for the premiership and held to the position that only a government under Souvanna would be acceptable. 50X1 The Souvanna delegate proposed a cabinet of eight neutralists and three or four each from the Pathet Lao and the Boun Oum - Phoumi group. He hinted, however, that not all the neutralists need be from the Xieng Khouang group, thus leaving open the door for moderates now nominally supporting the Boun Oum government. 50X1

b) The pro-Souvanna military commander in Phong Saly Province asked his headquarters' OK to bring back two battalions of his troops which are in Communist China. Earlier we had information that about 1500 of his troops were training "abroad." 50X1



3. Brazil urges other Latin American countries to send observers to non-aligned nations conference



Brazil, which attended the preparatory meeting for the conference (to be held in September in Belgrade) as an observer, is planning to go to the conference itself in the same capacity. Rio is now pressing Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, and Mexico to follow suit, arguing that "the interests defended by" Cuba (a full participant) "may be presented by misinformed propaganda as those espoused by all Latin America." Observers from other Latin American countries would, Brazil points out, clarify their "true positions" to the neutralist countries. We have information that Ecuador and Bolivia may send observers but that Mexico is not planning to do so.

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4. Mikoyan's interview with
Japanese Foreign Affairs
Minister

14 Aug 61

The Soviet First Deputy Premier, visiting Japan "unofficially" until next Tuesday, paid a courtesy call Monday on Foreign Minister Kosaka.

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- A. One of the Air Jordan planes chartered by the UAR for cargo flights to Stanleyville returned to Cairo 10 August with five Congolese aboard who were slated to go on to the USSR for military training. [redacted] 50X1
- B. Marshal Konev, assigned last week as commander of Soviet forces in Germany, is reported to have assumed command of a new grouping called the "Western Front of Warsaw Pact Forces" comprised of Soviet forces in Germany, the East German Army, and Czech forces. [redacted]

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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

Berlin Subcommittee Report--25 July to 14 August

1. The situation in East Berlin and East Germany has reached a critical stage. If the recently introduced control measures remain in effect and are vigorously enforced, increasingly severe local demonstrations cannot be discounted. On the other hand the regime's extensive display of force and determination together with its initial success in preventing a violent reaction probably will deter any such popular outbursts and prevent a large-scale uprising. In contrast to the situation in June 1953, the regime has taken the initiative and the East Germans and the Soviets are making an all out effort to intimidate the populace from starting any kind of uprising.

2. We believe that barring developments in East Germany which could force a change in Soviet tactics, Khrushchev will adhere to his previous position and timetable and continue to seek negotiations prior to a separate treaty. However, Soviet willingness to endorse and support the new control measures may reflect a greater willingness to conclude a separate peace treaty with East Germany without prior negotiations with the West. Should events in East Germany and Berlin reach the point where direct Soviet military intervention is required, the USSR might consider a separate peace treaty as one way of salvaging some vestige of East German sovereignty and authority.

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17 AUGUST 1961
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The Situation in Berlin

The East Germans yesterday took steps which give the East-West Berlin sector border the character of an international frontier: a) floodlights are being installed, and mazes of concrete stanchions and permanent fences are replacing the temporary barriers erected on the night of 12-13 August; b) at some crossing points currency controls, of the type usually associated with international borders, were set up; c) on the zonal borders between West Berlin and East Germany, East German Communist youths are clearing away trees and underbrush.

A trickle of refugees continues--yesterday 30 were registered in West Berlin.

Within East Germany, [redacted] there continues to be a good deal of outspoken criticism of the regime. Some critics are comparing East Germany to a concentration camp, while others are berating party functionaries with the charge that the new restrictions are, in fact, aimed at the East German population, not at West Berlin.

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In West Berlin, the US Mission reports, there is a feeling in government circles that the traditional calm of the West Berliners has given way to nervous tension and deepening depression. At the big rally held there yesterday, the prevailing crowd sentiment was "cynical and pessimistic" and our observers left with the feeling "that the Berliners had lost part of their faith in the ability of the free world to help preserve their freedom."

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1. Adoula-Gizenga meeting

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Adoula left for the meeting in Stanleyville prepared to take a tough line in bringing Gizenga around to joining the central government. Key members of the Stanleyville faction who have already joined the Adoula government have [redacted]

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[redacted] decided to deliver [redacted] an ultimatum to Gizenga: cooperate with Adoula or we break. Meanwhile, there are indications that both Ghana and Guinea may be getting ready to recognize Adoula, moves which would severely undercut Gizenga's bargaining position.

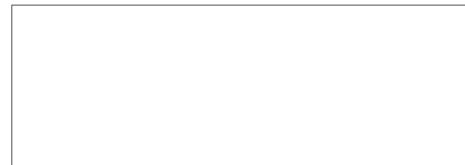
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2. Souvanna lieutenant planning military action

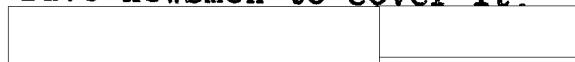
[redacted] yesterday [redacted] the military commander in Phong Saly had asked for permission to recall two battalions [redacted] troops from Communist China. Later messages reveal that he has Souvanna's go-ahead and that he plans to use the troops, apparently in a limited offensive against government forces in the Na Mo region of northwestern Luang Prabang Province. ([redacted]) (MAP) 50X1

3. Neutralist conference



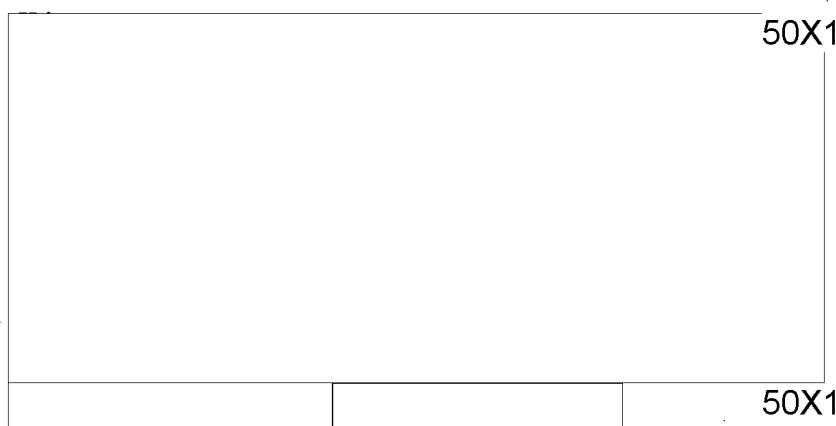
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Nehru continues to have little taste for the conference. An Indian diplomat quotes him as saying: "I look forward to attending the Belgrade conference with the same enthusiasm as I used to anticipate recurring visits to a British jail." However, the Chinese Communists, hitherto lukewarm about the meeting because of its Yugoslav setting, are now showing interest to the extent that they plan to send five newsmen to cover it.



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A. Preparations for an extended range firing of a Soviet ICBM appear to be underway. Two of the missile range instrumentation ships, which took part in the recent man-in-space operation, are near Midway and the other two are apparently now also headed for the Central Pacific. The attempt could come as soon as Saturday. The last similar shot, [redacted] occurred in July 1960. [redacted]

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C. In a rare display of indiscipline which could be symptomatic of growing distemper, 2,000 Chinese rioted in Shanghai last week. They were angered by their inability to get river boat transport because of disruption caused by floods. [redacted]

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E. Anti-Gaullists are hoping to stir up new trouble in Algeria this week. They expect a Moslem demonstration in support of Tunisia [redacted] which they would use to provoke police and army intervention. [redacted]

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- F. In British Guiana yesterday, Cheddi Jagan was injured, evidently not seriously, when attacked by followers of an opposition party. Elections are scheduled for next Monday.

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WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--16 August 1961

No Sino-Soviet bloc country intends to initiate direct military action in the immediate future.

We have no evidence of any significant or abrupt change in the Soviet military posture in the direction of increased readiness for general hostilities, but the USSR is continuing its efforts to improve its military capability. We have no evidence of a redirection of the civil sectors of the USSR toward mobilization.

The Communists have, by their actions in East Berlin and East Germany, effectively stopped the refugee flow while maintaining control over popular reaction. There are no indications that a large-scale uprising in East Berlin and East Germany is likely. Current alerts and redeployments of certain Soviet ground and air units in the Berlin area appear directed primarily at providing backup for East German military and security units now blocking the refugee flow into West Berlin.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

18 AUGUST 1961

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THE BERLIN SITUATION

East German officials, party members and police are jubilant over the success of their moves to seal off West Berlin.

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West Berliners, whose morale has sagged, feel that failure by the Western powers to counter the recent East German actions will only invite more drastic measures.

Although East German security forces along the sector border have been reduced, probably to give the impression that the situation is normal, riot trucks with water cannon and light armed vehicles are still on duty near the Brandenburg Gate and reserves of two tank platoons and five armored troop carriers remain in the city. Only 386 registered refugees escaped to West Berlin in the first three days following the imposition of controls on 13 August.

two of East Germany's 14 districts show a continuing defiant attitude among some elements of the population, scare buying of commodities, and withdrawals from banks.

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The regime's appeal to the 1,700,000 member Free German Youth organization to report this morning to receive a "fighting assignment" is the first step in what appears to be a vigorous campaign to produce "volunteers" for the East German armed forces. Ulbricht is to deliver an address this afternoon (Washington time) over all East Berlin radio and TV stations.

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1. French-Algerian relations

Paris may create--possibly in mid-September--a Moslem dominated "provisional Algerian executive" or "interim government" in an effort to break the stalemate over Algeria. De Gaulle must move gingerly on this because of a possible adverse reaction by the French military. The French have reason to believe that such an arrangement would be accepted by the Provisional Algerian Government (PAG). If the composition of the group were not worked out with the PAG, or if its authority did not encompass the Sahara, however, the PAG would be likely to oppose it and to mount terrorist attacks against its members.

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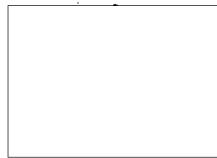
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2. Cuba's plans for the forthcoming UN General Assembly

We expect that charges of US aggressive intentions will include a bitter attack on US base rights at Guantanamo. Cuba is planning to submit an explanatory memo stating that "acts of provocation are being undertaken and prepared" 50X1 at Guantanamo and that such bases are not defensive but rather for "offense against the independence of those countries in which they are located." Cuba probably hopes to capitalize on the emotions aroused in the UN during the discussions on Bizerte.

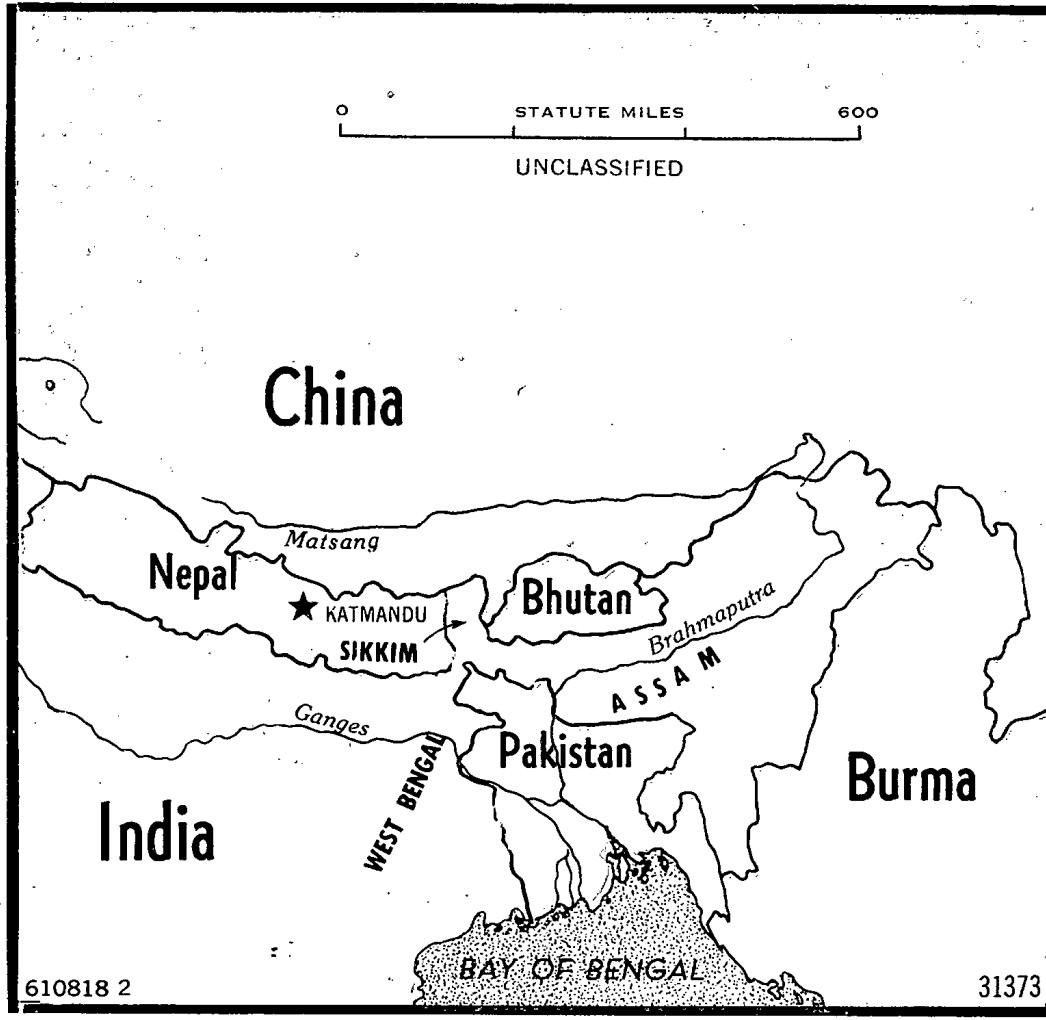
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3. Somali Republic's quest
for arms



Premier Abdirascid claimed he refused bloc arms during his visit to Moscow and Prague last May but Western diplomats in Mogadiscio think he may soon turn to the bloc for arms aid. 50X1
Abdirascid apparently feels he needs arms from any source to strengthen his defenses against alleged Ethiopian threats as well as to bolster his own regime at home. 50X1

COMMUNIST CHINA - INDIA BORDER AREA



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A. India, spurred by continuing reports (probably exaggerated) of Chinese Communist military activities in the border areas, has established a divisional headquarters just south of Sikkim to improve operational control over units charged with Sikkim's defense. This fall is apparently New Delhi's deadline for plugging holes in the northeastern defenses. [REDACTED] (MAP)

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B. Chile's two major copper companies (American owned) may be asked by the government to agree to sell the USSR 60,000 tons of copper annually for the next four years--about ten percent of Chile's total production. The government expects Moscow to pay one half cent per pound above world copper prices. [REDACTED]

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C. The Cuban currency conversion of 5 August has rendered penniless the 700 or more Cubans who have sought asylum in Latin American diplomatic missions in Havana. Many of them were paying for their food and saving for their passage out of Cuba when granted safe conduct. Their maintenance costs are now being paid by the hard-pressed missions which granted them asylum. [REDACTED]

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D. Iraq is planning to send a delegation to Moscow soon to negotiate a new armaments agreement. [REDACTED]

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19 AUGUST 1961

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THE BERLIN SITUATION

Soviet propaganda reaction to the Western measures announced yesterday has not yet set in. Moscow Radio has so far reported the Vice President's visit without comment.

The East Germans are continuing to solidify physical controls at the sector and zonal borders, and are engaging in sporadic harassment of Western visitors to East Berlin. 50X1

Ulbricht's speech yesterday, largely a display of bombastic self-assurance, also betrayed underlying concern about his subjects' reaction, saying: "For some time there will continue to exist in the GDR capital and its environs people who have allowed themselves to be influenced and depraved by West Berlin." 50X1

[redacted] 350 doctors from East Berlin and Potsdam 50X1 have fled to the West in the past few days. Total refugee registration since 13 August is 492.

[redacted] Communist military planning 50X1 calls for the addition of three elite divisions, to be stationed in the western part of East Germany, to Soviet forces by the end of October, and the bringing of East German divisions to full strength in the next eight weeks. [redacted] 50X1

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1. Congo

[Redacted]

Adoula has returned to Leopoldville apparently having secured Gizenga's support for the central government without making major concessions. On Thursday, Gizenga, in Adoula's presence, told foreign diplomats in Stanleyville that the two had reached agreement, that he would take up his post as vice premier, and that the diplomats would be accredited to Leopoldville. Adoula said, however, that the establishment of relations would depend on the "behavior" of the governments concerned. The focus will probably now turn to Tshombé.

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2. Mikoyan Angers Japanese

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Both the government and press have been provoked by his pressure tactics, and he appears to have succeeded in lessening the prospects for better Soviet-Japanese relations. The ruling Liberal-Democratic party has formally denounced him, while the major dailies have branded his comments on the US-Japanese security treaty interference in Japan's internal affairs. However, Mikoyan may have made some points with the business community with his pitch for increased trade.

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A. French troops clashed with Tunisian demonstrators in Bizerte last night, but there was no gunfire. Bourguiba had called for a three-day protest leading up to the UN special session on Monday and had warned that the French will be "answered by force" if they interfere.

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B. [redacted] South Vietnam

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Communists are planning a spate of terrorist acts to begin today. They would include attacks on Americans in Saigon.

C. Among the French units to be returned from Algeria,

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[redacted], will be some armored units, headed by trustworthy officers, earmarked for the personal protection of De Gaulle.

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D. Our ambassador in Panama City reports that President Chiari has a two-fold aim in seeking a White House invitation for September: a) to discuss treaty revision in general terms, and b) to cover himself politically prior to the October meeting of his legislature.

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E. Frondizi's meeting with Guevara yesterday has stirred up the Argentine military. The service secretaries have offered their resignation in protest, according to widespread rumors.

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21 AUGUST 1961 CHECKLIST (COPY)

1. BERLIN. AS OF THIS MORNING, TRAFFIC ON THE AUTOBAHN INTO BERLIN REMAINED NORMAL, DESPITE THE WIDE CURRENCY YESTERDAY OF RUMORS THAT CLOSURE BY THE EAST GERMANS WAS IMMINENT. WE BELIEVE THE RUMORS CAN BE TRACED TO A REMARK CREDITED TO AN EAST GERMAN POLICEMAN THAT THE "BORDER CROSSING IS TO BE CLOSED IN THE NEAR FUTURE." IF SUCH A STEP WERE, IN FACT, TAKEN THE EAST GERMANS WOULD MOST LIKELY ALLEGE THE NEED FOR REPAIRS [REDACTED]

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BOTH MAYOR BRANDT AND THE WEST BERLIN PRESS HAVE REGISTERED THEIR SATISFACTION WITH THE STEPS TAKEN BY THE US. AMBASSADOR DOWLING DESCRIBES THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT AS AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS--THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENT IN BERLIN HISTORY SINCE LIFTING OF THE BLOCKADE. MOSCOW HAS REACTED WITH PREDICTABLE INDIGNATION, BUT THE EAST GERMANS HAVE ASSUMED A STUDIED DISDAIN.

THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE CHANGE IN THE SITUATION IN EAST BERLIN. US MISSION OFFICERS ON 18 AUGUST NOTED TWO LARGE TANK PARKS IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY, BUT OBSERVED FEWER UNIFORMED PERSONNEL THAN EARLIER LAST WEEK. THERE HAVE BEEN INDICATIONS, HOWEVER, THAT THE REGIME IS PLANNING AN EARLY CURRENCY REFORM.

ON THE MILITARY SIDE, THERE HAS BEEN SOME INCREASE IN SOVIET TRANSPORT ACTIVITY, AND THE GRADUAL AUGMENTATION OF EAST GERMAN FIGHTER STRENGTH, UNDERWAY FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, CONTINUES. [REDACTED] 50X1

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ARE ALSO NUMEROUS REPORTS OF THE MOVEMENT OF SMALL UNITS OF SOVIET AND EAST GERMAN GROUND FORCES. AT PRESENT, HOWEVER, BEST INDICATIONS ARE THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS CONNECTED WITH IMPENDING FIELD EXERCISES, REGULARLY STAGED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR.

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2. MOSCOW'S DISPLAY OF "CENTO DOCUMENTS" OUR EMBASSY SEES THE PROPAGANDA SHOW STAGED LAST FRIDAY AROUND THE PURPORTED EVIDENCE OF CENTO AGGRESSIVENESS AS SERVING SEVERAL PURPOSES: (A) EXTENSION OF THE DRAMATIC THREATS OF NUCLEAR ATTACK MADE EARLIER AGAINST ITALY AND GREECE TO US MIDDLE EASTERN ALLIES; (B) BOOSTING OF THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST FOREIGN BASES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE UPCOMING NEUTRALIST CONFERENCE, AND, (C) DISTRACTION FOR THE SOVIET PUBLIC FROM THE BERLIN BORDER CLOSING.

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A. FRONDIZI, STILL UNDER FIRE FOR HIS MEETING WITH GUEVARA LAST FRIDAY, IS NOW PLANNING A RADIO REPORT TO THE NATION TONIGHT TO EXPLAIN HIMSELF. QUADROS, WHO AWARDED THE CUBAN A HIGH DECORATION ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, IS ALSO GETTING SOME STATIC, ESPECIALLY FROM THE BRAZILIAN MILITARY.

B. OUR MILITARY MISSION IN SOUTH VIETNAM MARKS UP THE 13-16 AUGUST OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE VIET CONG AS A WELL-MANAGED SUCCESS.

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C. THE NORWEGIAN PRIME MINISTER'S NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER TOLD OUR EMBASSY LAST FRIDAY THAT KHRUSHCHEV IS SEEKING SOME ACCEPTANCE OF A DIVIDED GERMANY AND THAT SOME SORT OF DE FACTO RECOGNITION IS UNAVOIDABLE. NORWEGIANS, HE SAID, DO NOT WANT TO BE BLOWN UP FOR "THE ADENAUER LINE."

D. LAST MINUTE OPINION STILL GIVES CHEDDI JAGAN THE EDGE IN TODAY'S BRITISH GUIANA ELECTIONS.

E. THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS ARE DOING CONSIDERABLE DIPLOMATIC LOBBYING AMONG THE NEUTRALISTS HOPING TO BLUNT ANTICIPATED INDIAN AND YUGOSLAV CRITICISM AT THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE.

F. A LONDON OBSERVER CORRESPONDENT HAS REPORTED THAT BOMB FRAGMENTS FOUND IN AN ANGOLAN VILLAGE BOMBED BY THE PORTUGUESE ON 29 JULY ARE STAMPED "PROPERTY OF THE US AIR FORCE."

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

22 AUGUST 1961
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1. Berlin developments

- a) East Germany continues efforts to seal off the East-West Berlin sector border and to reduce contacts between West and East Berliners;
- b) No significant development in status of Soviet or East German forces in and around the city;
- c) The East German people are still irritated and depressed by the seal-off; 50X1
- d) The party youth organization's drive for army recruits in at least one important district has been unsuccessful; 50X1
- e) French measures to strengthen military forces in Germany and eastern France include increasing the Berlin garrison, bringing the six brigades in West Germany to full strength 50X1
- f) The US Mission in Berlin reports that there are no disturbing developments in the West Berlin economy; consumer buying has by no means approached panic proportions and there have been no abnormalities in bank deposits or transfer of funds. 50X1

2. Recent irregularities
in Soviet petroleum
deliveries abroad

[redacted] Communist China, 50X1
Afghanistan, Guinea and the UAR are
having trouble with deliveries of
Soviet petroleum. Deliveries to
other recipients are proceeding on
schedule [redacted]

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We believe the USSR has sufficient
petroleum resources to meet both
domestic and export requirements.
An increase in deliveries to Soviet
military forces or to national stock-
piles may be behind these abnormalitie50X1
but we have no direct evidence that
this is the case.

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3. Argentine-Cuban
relations

Che Guevara's talk with Frondizi last
week, which evoked sharp protests from
the Argentine military, apparently was
another gambit in Havana's campaign to
show its "reasonable" position and to
head off proposals for collective inter-50X1
American action on the Cuban problem.
Guevara's line closely paralleled
that taken by Fidel Castro in his
earlier conversation with Colombian
Foreign Minister Turbay (who was
aboard the hijacked Pan-Am airliner).
Frondizi and Turbay have been active
in discussions on collective action
against the Castro regime.
Frondizi seems to have weathered the
crisis with the military brought on by
his meeting with Guevara. (State cable)

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- A. President Quadros was sufficiently concerned over the protests arising from his award of the medal to Guevara that he returned to Rio from Brasilia for a series of meetings with the leaders of the protest movement. [redacted] 50X1
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- B. We have just learned that Yugoslavia signed an agreement with Brazil on 27 July to deliver \$51,000,000 worth of goods for the depressed northeast area of Brazil. Thus far we have no details on the types of goods or the financing arrangements. [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] 50X1
- C. Shelepin, chief of the Soviet Committee for State Security, may be quietly visiting East Berlin to survey methods of closing escape routes to the West. [redacted] 50X1
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- D. In the British Guiana elections votes have been counted in 27 of the 35 constituencies. Cheddi Jagan's party has won 16 seats, Burnham's party 9 and the United Force 2. Jagan is virtually certain of winning a majority in the new legislature. [redacted] 50X1

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SPECIAL ITEM

Early today, the third anniversary of the large-scale Communist shelling of the Kinmen group, [redacted] artillery crews on the mainland opposite the island had removed gun covers and had moved some batteries into firing positions. No firing had been reported up to 0830 EDT this morning. [redacted]

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A sequence of developments during the past week had suggested that Communist Chinese military forces may have been placed on an alert status, particularly in the Taiwan Strait area. These developments included:

- (1) the establishment of listening watches on the radio nets of senior ground force commands;
- (2) an increase in the number of fighter pilots kept on the alert at various airfields;
- (3) high levels of activity among East China Fleet units, and
- (4) a concentration of naval auxiliary units in the Wenchow area.

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[redacted] it is believed that some of the TDCSD, 3/647, 894 Chinese Communist Activity could stem from anticipation of Nationalist operations. At the same time, the possibility of aggressive Communist action exists, and the Chinese Communists have the capability of initiating air, naval, artillery and minor amphibious operations against the Nationalists with little or no further warning. [redacted]

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1. Moscow pressing for early Laos agreement

In recent days [REDACTED]

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Soviet [REDACTED] 50X1

diplomats have been working overtime to convince Western officials that an early solution can be reached. The core of the Soviet argument, being expressed in unusually affable terms, is: of the many East-West trouble spots--Bizerte, the Congo, Cuba, Algeria and Laos--the latter is the easiest to solve. If a Souvanna-led government is set up the situation in Laos will fall into place and tensions elsewhere might be eased as well. [REDACTED]

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2. Berlin

The East German regime seems to feel that the first danger of a popular eruption has passed. Provincial leaders have now been ordered to report once daily, instead of at six-hour intervals, on the state of morale. Reports of grumbling and discontent persist, however. No significant change in the deployment of Soviet or East German military forces in and around Berlin has been reported. [REDACTED]

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3. Dominican President losing ground

Balaguer has indicated to our Consul that he may have to resign because of growing pressures from the military 50X1 who are determined to halt his cautious liberalizing policy. At least two opposition leaders were killed last Sunday in clashes with the military and police. There was another encounter Monday. Ramfis Trujillo, who fears loss of his control of the military forces, is apparently wavering in his support of Balaguer. 50X1
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4. Gizenga claims Adoula Concession

His conditions for participation in the government, 50X1 were: 50X1
a) control of the defense ministry, and 50X1
b) the acceptance by Leopoldville of the foreign diplomats now accredited to Stanleyville. He is insisting on written confirmation of these terms before going to Leopoldville. Adoula, however, appears not to have made any binding commitments as yet, and his foreign minister says flatly that the defense ministry will not be given to a Gizenga supporter. 50X1
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- B. Violence has recurred in the Bolivian troublespot of Santa Cruz between followers of the local political chieftain and the forces of President Paz. High ranking Bolivian army men, increasingly dubious of Paz' effectiveness, are beginning to make military junta plans. [redacted] 50X1
- C. The four Soviet Missile instrumentation ships are on a southeasterly course south of Midway. They are expected to reach their destination about Friday. An extended range ICBM test seems likely, but a space shot is not entirely out of the question. [redacted] 50X1
- D. On the heels of his victory in Monday's election (20 out of 35 legislative seats), Jagan is expected to demand immediate independence and to embark on an aid-seeking world tour. [redacted] 50X1
- E. Our Embassy in Paris observes that De Gaulle is risking military opposition by his decision to strengthen French continental forces, but may find it a convenient means to thin out army in Algeria and focus attention elsewhere. [redacted] 50X1

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

24 AUGUST 1961

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1. East German officials
are concerned with
attitudes of populace



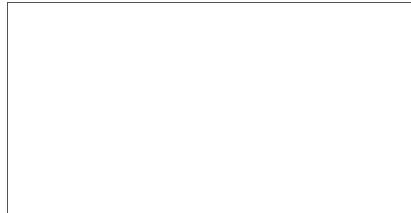
[redacted] SED (Communist) 50X1
party District and County officials [redacted] talk of "hostile" 50X1
activity, rumors, slander against the state, and provocations" and refer to small-scale riots, brawls, and a work slowdown. More vigorous measures to obtain "volunteers" for the East German army are to be tried, apparently because of the failure of the Free German Youth organization's recruiting drive. A new law is under consideration "under which all youths between 18 and 23 are to be forced to enter the army." Party officials are under instruction not to publicize the new law yet. East Germany at present has no universal conscription law. [redacted] 50X1

2. India is attempting to build up its fighter aircraft capabilities



New Delhi has turned down a Soviet offer to sell India MIG-21 jets but is interested in whether Soviet jet engines are suitable for use in the H-24, an Indian-built high performance jet. (Only a prototype H-24 with a British engine has flown to date). India wants to match Pakistan's recently acquired supersonic F-104's with the H-24 if possible. New Delhi is also looking into the chances of acquiring advanced fighters from Britain and France. [redacted] 50X1

3. Brazil and Communist China sign economic agreement



China has extended credits totalling \$56,000,000. The accord calls for an exchange of Brazilian agricultural products for Chinese chemicals, minerals and manufactured goods. This is the only trade agreement between Communist China and a Latin American country other than Cuba. [REDACTED] 50X1

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A. The East German SED (Communist) party's central committee has criticized a public statement made yesterday by politburo member Albert Norden to the effect that the peace treaty would be signed in December.

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B. East Germany reportedly asked Yugoslavia if an East German mission could attend the forthcoming non-aligned nations conference as an observer in order to explain the East German position on the Berlin problem. The request was turned down.

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D. The Chinese Communist shipbuilding industry has cut production well below 1959 and 1960 levels and the aircraft industry apparently has also suffered since the withdrawal of Soviet technicians a year ago. The absence of Soviet technicians would severely affect production of complex items such as advanced aircraft, but the decline in building relatively simple naval and merchant vessels is attributable to general economic difficulties which are affecting many industrial activities.

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E. Congolese Foreign Minister Bomboko has inquired as to whether the US or the UN could provide financial help to help the Congo government establish diplomatic missions abroad.

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WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSION--23 August 1961

No Sino-Soviet Bloc country intends to initiate direct military action in the immediate future.

BERLIN

There continue to be no indications that a large-scale uprising in East Berlin and East Germany is likely. However, East German forces remain deployed.

There are indications that Czechoslovakia and possibly Poland are making preparations to increase the strength of their armed forces.

LAOS

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[REDACTED] the USSR will press even more strongly for the formation of a government under Souvanna Phouma during the next few weeks. However, we see no clear indications that the USSR will make significant concessions toward this end. There are indications of preparations by both the Communist and Phoumi forces for increased military operations.

TAIWAN STRAIT

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[REDACTED] activity of Chinese Communist forces in the general Taiwan Strait area indicates they are in a state of alert. They [REDACTED] have moved

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some naval units into the area and may be making preparations for air movements. While some demonstration of force or limited attack against the Offshore Islands cannot be discounted, the measures thus far noted appear largely defensive in nature and could reflect some knowledge of Chinese Nationalist preparations for operations against the mainland. These preparations continue and may be completed for small-scale operations but Chinese Nationalist planning may now be on a contingency basis. [REDACTED]

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

25 August 1961

FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM ON QUADROS' RESIGNATION; PREPARED BY CIA:

1. Quadros' attentions to the Che Guevara and Gagarin, and more generally his manifest tendencies to draw closer to the Bloc, have aroused strong expressions of disapproval from the Army and from conservative elements in Brazil. We think it likely that he resigned in the expectation of provoking a strong manifestation of popular support, in response to which he would return to office in a better position against his opponents. (Fidel Castro resigned once for this purpose, and Peron ~~more~~ than once.) Although the higher ranks of the Army dislike Quadros, they would probably not block his return in such circumstances.

2. If Quadros does not come back, we believe that the next government will follow conservative though nationalist policies, because the Army will not tolerate anything else.

3. Vice President Goulart, the constitutional successor, had just left by sea from Communist China, and will not be on hand for at least a few days. He is strongly leftist, and the Army would be unlikely to allow him to exert real control of Brazilian policy.

4. The possibility of trouble in Brazil, due to Quadros' flirtation with the Bloc and his tendency to hasty and dramatic action, has been recognized for some time;

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25 AUGUST 1961
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1. West Berlin
Tag der Heimat

[Redacted]

The East Germans may seize on the 1-3 September meeting in Berlin of refugees and expellees as an excuse for new restrictions on West German access to the city and as a pretext for demanding control over Western civil air traffic. The East Germans interfered with travel to last year's meeting but subsequently conceded the right of free movement to and within Berlin after the West Germans threatened to break off interzonal trade.

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Moscow's propaganda on Berlin is, for the moment, concentrating its fire on the West Germans, claiming that they are trying to force the West into "rash" action.

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2. Peiping alleges US military plotting

[Redacted]

The Communist Chinese continue to charge that the US is planning to provoke military clashes in the Far East designed to demonstrate Chinese belligerence prior to the UN vote on the representation issue. Military forces in East China continue on an alert status.

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An unusually high level of air defense exercises in the North Korean air force has also been noted.

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3. Brazil

Brazilian political and military circles are still agitated by the Guevara incident, but Quadros seems to have gained as much on the left as he lost on the right.

Further information on the Communist Chinese-Brazilian trade agreement [redacted] 50X1

indicates: a) it does not include a long-term Chinese credit; b) it calls for an exchange of goods worth about \$28,000,000 each way during the next year.

Meanwhile,

[redacted] 50X1
the lack of suitable Cuban exports and foreign exchange makes a broad long-term arrangement unfeasible

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4. Factions in South Korean junta may be headed for a showdown

Pak does not see eye-to-eye with the radical young colonels in the junta who favor harsh measures against officials of the ousted regime and an indefinite continuation of military control. Our ambassador believes that Pak can bring the colonels around "only up to a point." [redacted] 50X1

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A. A Peking press report on Nehru's speech to parliament has picked up his statement that "the present US government is not only friendly to us but more friendly than any other government in the past ten years or so." [redacted]

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B. Some sort of Soviet-East German meeting in Berlin has apparently been set up. The East German ambassador has left Moscow for Pankow hard on the heels of a top-level Soviet propaganda team. There are also rumors in Moscow that Khrushchev, still at his Black Sea vacation place, will visit Berlin. [redacted]

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C. As a further step in their campaign to get quick designation of Souvanna as premier, Soviet representatives in Laos are now hinting that failure to get an agreement will bring the Communist Chinese more fully into the picture. Perhaps coincidentally, a US observer at the Geneva meeting reports that some signs of Sino-Soviet differences have shown in the past few days. [redacted]

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D. The Stanleyville faction is pushing Adoula to seek an invitation to the non-aligned conference. [redacted]

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26 AUGUST 1961 CHECKLIST (COPY)

1. BERLIN DEVELOPMENTS: A) ULRICHT'S SPEECH YESTERDAY DID NOT CLARIFY BLOC INTENTIONS ON SIGNING OF A PEACE TREATY, MERELY STATING "IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DELAY A PEACE TREATY ANY FURTHER." ULRICHT SAID HE WOULD HONOR EXISTING ALLIED MILITARY ACCESS TO WEST BERLIN UNTIL THERE WAS A TREATY BUT INSISTED THAT THE WEST MUST NEGOTIATE WITH HIM IF IT HOPES TO MAINTAIN ACCESS ONCE A TREATY IS SIGNED.

B) YESTERDAY SOVIET AMBASSADOR SMIRNOV TOLD AN AMERICAN AUDIENCE IN BONN THAT THE "BEST SOLUTION" FOR THE BERLIN AIR CORRIDOR PROBLEM WOULD BE TO TRANSFER ALL CIVILIAN FLIGHTS FROM TEMPELHOP AND TEGEL AIRFIELDS (WEST BERLIN) TO SCHOENEFELD (EAST BERLIN). IF THIS IS NOT DONE, SMIRNOV SAID, THE SAME CONTROLS MUST BE ESTABLISHED FOR CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT AS EXIST NOW FOR RAILWAYS, AUTOBAHNS, AND WATERWAYS.

C) THE NUMBER OF UNIFORMED EAST GERMAN PERSONNEL ALONG THE BERLIN SECTOR BORDER HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED. EAST GERMANY HAD ANNOUNCED WEDNESDAY THAT ABOUT 5,000 MEMBERS OF THE ARMED WORKERS MILITIA WERE BEING RETURNED TO THE FACTORIES.

D) THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE SINCE 14 AUGUST IN THE NUMBER OF ASSAULTS BY EAST GERMAN CIVILIANS ON EAST GERMAN MILITARY AND PAR-

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MILITARY PERSONNEL.
WE HAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS AT THIS TIME.

E) EAST GERMAN ARMY UNITS INVOLVED IN THE BERLIN ALERT ARE NOW RECEIVING RECRUITS ONLY PARTIALLY TRAINED. THE REGIME REPORTEDLY IS PREPARED TO RESORT TO CONSCRIPTION IF IT FALLS SHORT OF THE 30,000

"VOLUNTEERS" IN WANTS FROM THE YOUTH ORGANIZATION.

F) WEST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER BRENTANO HAS SENT A LETTER TO LOCAL WEST GERMAN POLITICIANS TO URGE NONATTENDANCE OR AT LEAST REDUCED ATTENDANCE AT THE TAG DER HEIMAT RALLY SCHEDULED FOR 1 SEPTEMBER IN WEST BERLIN. HOPE IS TO CONFINE ATTENDANCE TO THE WEST BERLIN ORGANIZATION OF THE SPONSORING REFUGEE GROUP. [REDACTED] 50X1

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2. BRAZIL: [REDACTED] 50X1

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QUADROS AND ANTI-US DEMONSTRATIONS WERE REPORTED IN SEVERAL BRAZILIAN CITIES, INCLUDING RIOTING AT THE US EMBASSY AND THE USIA INSTALLATION IN RIO AND FURTHER DISORDERS CAN BE EXPECTED. BRAZILIAN COMMUNISTS HAVE APPARENTLY NOT BEEN PLAYING A LEADING ROLE IN THE DEMONSTRATIONS. THEY REPORTEDLY ARE "DISORGANIZED" AND ENGAGED IN "INTERNAL RECRIMINATIONS" BECAUSE THEY WERE TOO SLOW IN SUPPORTING QUADROS, WHOSE ELECTION THEY OPPOSED LAST OCTOBER. COMMUNIST POLICY MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR TODAY. [REDACTED]

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A. RUMANIAN PRESIDENT GHEORGHE GHEORGHIU-DEJ CASUALLY TOLD THE US CHARGE IN BUCHAREST THAT HE PLANS TO "VISIT NEW YORK" THIS FALL. SINCE HE PROBABLY WOULD NOT ATTEND THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNLESS OTHER BLOC LEADERS PARTICIPATED ALSO, HIS REMARK MAY BE A TRIAL BALLOON TO DETERMINE US REACTION TO A POSSIBLE VISIT BY KHRUSHCHEV FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRYING TO ARRANGE FOUR POWER NEGOTIATIONS OVER BERLIN. [REDACTED]

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B. NORTH KOREAN MILITARY AIR ACTIVITY HAS RETURNED TO NORMAL FOLLOWING THE EXTENSIVE EXERCISE CONDUCTED THURSDAY (REPORTED IN

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YESTERDAY'S CHECKLIST). THE CHINESE COMMUNIST MILITARY ALERT
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1. Brazil developments

a) Tension remains high over whether Vice President Goulart should assume the presidency. The armed forces are split within their own ranks (the leader of the faction supporting Goulart--former presidential candidate Marshal Lott--is under arrest) and civilian officials throughout Brazil as well as labor and student leaders are expressing varying opinions as to how the presidential succession should be handled. It is not possible to predict what might develop in the next 48 hours or so. The situation could even deteriorate into civil war.

b) Provisions in the Brazilian constitution for succession to the presidency are rather complicated. A legal solution by congress--and acceptable to military leaders--could consist of amending the constitution to bar Goulart from office and provide for a suitable successor. Goulart's Labor Party would be unable by itself to block such an amendment even if it stayed united.

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c) [redacted] War Minister Denys--confronted with lack of support outside the armed forces for his "stop Goulart" movement--has agreed to permit Goulart to assume the presidency provided he submits his cabinet nominations to the military for prior approval and severs all ties with the Communists.

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2. Berlin

Pending Moscow's reply to the Western protests over threats to the air access routes to the city, the East Germans and the Soviet military commander in Berlin have attempted to maintain the impression of moderation which first appeared in Ulbricht's speech last Friday. The East Germans, in commenting on the closing by West Berlin of their "permit" offices which were to be set up to issue permits to West Berliners to enter East Berlin, have tried to pin the blame on West Berlin authorities for closing travel to the east sector. The Soviet commandant in Berlin, rejecting in mild terms the US commandant's protest over East German restrictions on freedom of movement in Berlin, termed them "an entirely East German decision" and pointed out that US personnel continue to enjoy free access to East Berlin.

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3. Algerian Provisional Government reorganized

Pro-Western, moderate Ferhat Abbas' replacement as premier by Ben Youssef Ben Khedda--who has favored a more vigorous prosecution of the Algerian war-- reflects rebel dissatisfaction, chiefly among military elements, over failure of negotiations with the French. The new rebel government will be even less compromising than its predecessor in any future negotiations with France and more willing to accept aid from the bloc.

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4. French defense chief
may be replaced

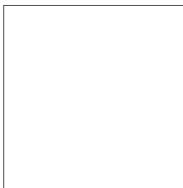


General Jean Olié, who succeeded General Ely as Chief of the National Defense Staff in March, is rumored to be at odds with De Gaulle over Algerian policy. Olié's departure would have an adverse effect on De Gaulle's relationship with the military. One of the key elements in the armed services' acquiescence in De Gaulle's policies--particularly on Algeria--is the prestige of the Defense Staff chief.

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5. Cholera in Communist
China



The outbreak has reached epidemic proportions in the southern provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi. Although Peiping has not admitted to the epidemic, we know that large amounts of cholera vaccine have been air shipped to several major southern cities, and supplies of vaccine are being drawn from as far away as Manchuria. Food shortages during the last two years have caused widespread poor health, making the people unusually susceptible to the disease; it is almost certain that the death toll will be high.

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6. Congo developments

- a) UN representatives, in collaboration with Adoula, are stepping up pressure on Tshombé to reintegrate Katanga with the rest of the Congo;
- b) UN military authorities now see as their primary mission support of the central government in its efforts to re-integrate both Katanga and Orientale Provinces; 50X1
- c) UN soldiers early this morning occupied key posts in Elizabethville in a move to enforce a central government decree requiring immediate removal of all foreign military personnel who had not signed contracts with the Leopoldville regime;
- d) UN authorities are beginning to discuss with Congolese officials in Leopoldville the progressive reduction of the UN force in the coming months. Hammarskjold's military advisor on the Congo has indicated that if the political climate continues to improve, the UN force, now numbering about 17,000, would be cut to 14,000 by 1 November and to 8,000 by 1 April 1962;
- e) Adoula has announced he hopes to attend the non-aligned nations conference as an observer and that Gizenga would accompany him.

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7. Chinese Nationalist
plans for operations on
the mainland

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Taipei continues preparations for sup-
porting any resistance which might
occur on the mainland, whether spon-
taneous or triggered by Nationalist
unconventional warfare teams.

[redacted] the Nationalists consider such
support their own responsibility,
but realized that use of large
military forces would call for high
level discussion with the US within
the provisions of the bilateral
military pact. (CIA Taipei)

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- A. The unusually vague communique issued by the USSR and Communist China Saturday after three weeks of trade talks in Peiping suggests 50X1 that little was accomplished toward improving economic relations between the two countries. The communique implicitly referred to the serious shortfalls in Chinese exports to the USSR, [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] 50X1^
- B. A meeting of the Prime Ministers of Malaya and Singapore produced a communique Saturday in which it was noted that the question of a merger was frankly discussed and agreement in principle reached on what Malaya's responsibilities would be vis-a-vis Singapore and how much autonomy would be retained by Singapore within a greater Malaya including the present British colonies on Borneo. A working party is to examine other aspects of a possible merger.
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1. Situation in Brazil



The threat of widespread violence has come closer with the possibility of a-head-on clash between forces favoring Goulart's succession and those opposed. The military chiefs, headed by War Minister Denys, are maintaining their refusal to allow Goulart's return to Brazil, and have ordered regional commands to arrest him if he attempts to enter the country.

In Congress a move to amend the constitution to bar a Goulart succession has been blocked, and sentiment there and among the public for a "legal" solution appears to have gained ground. The Denys forces have arrested a number of military officers in an attempt to forestall a military split, but the loyalty of the armed forces does not appear certain. Late reports indicate that Denys' control of the military forces in southern Brazil, especially in Goulart's home state of Rio Grande do Sul, is in doubt. Barricades were reportedly going up in the provincial capital of Porto Alegre and clashes may be imminent. Meanwhile, Goulart, in Paris continues to insist on his claim to the presidency. He is scheduled to meet there today with a group of Brazilian political leaders, and he is quoted as saying he will "make a decision quickly" after the meeting.

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2. Berlin

The US Mission in Berlin has evidence that some form of conscription, hitherto only in the planning stage, may already have been instituted in East Germany. It sees this, plus the increasing public beligerency of the regime, as a sign that it expects a further worsening of the Berlin crisis and that it may be planning steps against Western access to Berlin even before conclusion of a peace treaty.

The East German press continues to claim success in its "voluntary" recruitment campaign, the last claim citing 47,000 enlistees

[redacted] only 2,775 youths had been recruited as of 21 August, nine days after the campaign began.

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3. Congo

The UN yesterday began "phasing out" its Katanga operation, and Tshombé has publicly agreed to eliminate foreign military personnel from the Katanga army. Despite UN assurances that it will not attempt the complete disarmament of the army, the Katangans remain edgy on this score.

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4. Phoumi resistance to Souvanna stiffening

He told our embassy that at a recent meeting with South Vietnamese military leaders he had intimated that he and his followers would not accept Souvanna. Ambassador Brown believes that Phoumi's plan is to stall negotiations until the rainy season ends, hoping that enemy belligerency then will justify counteraction on his part, bringing, in turn, US, Thai, and South Vietnamese support.

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- A. Sukarno has made tentative plans to visit New York September 17-22 in hopes that the Belgrade conference will decide he should represent the non-aligned nations at the UN. [REDACTED] 50X1
- B. TASS announced yesterday that foreign submarines have recently been carrying out reconnaissance in Soviet waters, and that orders have been issued for "the annihilation of the violator" [REDACTED] 50X1
- C. Argentine Foreign Minister Mugica, who publicly attributed the Frondizi-Guevara meeting to US prompting, has resigned, saying that he was doing so to avoid the "slightest trouble" between Argentina and the US. [REDACTED] 50X1

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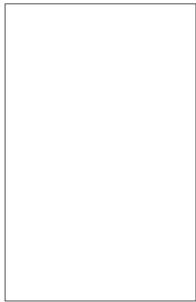
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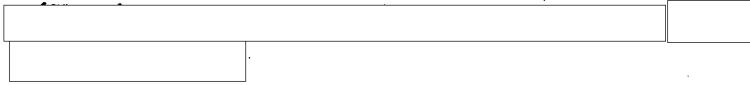


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1. Brazil developments



- a) Political leaders, with some military support, are seeking a compromise to curtail the powers of the presidency and allow Goulart to take office. The top military leaders have rejected this tack and may be considering imposing a military dictatorship if congress refuses to cooperate in barring Goulart from the presidency;
- b) General Machado Lopes, the commander of the Third Army in southern Brazil (which comprises almost half of Brazil's army) and some Third Army divisional commanders have given their support to Goulart;
- c) Early today Acting President Mazilli issued a decree firing Machado Lopes and two Third Army division commanders but it is doubtful that they will abide by the decree. 50X1
- d) Goulart may fly from Paris to Uruguay and then go to Rio Grande do Sul, his home state where the Third Army is based. The governor of the state, Goulart's brother-in-law, has pledged his support to Goulart. 50X1



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3. Moscow military buildup

The Moscow announcement of the retention in service of personnel due to be released in 1961 indicates that not only have the original reductions in the armed forces been suspended but that there will be a substantial buildup this fall as the new class of conscripts is inducted. The emphasis on the time of signing the Peace Treaty further indicates Soviet purpose to picture Western Policy as opposing by force execution of the treaty per se and the Soviet intention to claim a big victory if this treaty is signed and ratified without effective Western interference.

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4. Indonesian views on issues to be discussed at the conference of non-aligned nations



Foreign Minister Subandrio told our ambassador that he believes the major issues to be discussed will be Berlin, the UN and disarmament and that "sore spots" such as Bizerte, Angola and Algeria will be raised as well. Subandrio said the conference should exert "moral suasion" for a negotiated settlement on Berlin and express a "pious hope" for progress toward disarmament. On the structure of the UN, Subandrio said Indonesia was opposed to the troika concept but would seek acceptance at Belgrade of proposals that ad hoc commissions appointed by the General Assembly handle crises such as the Congo and that UN Under-secretaries report directly to the Assembly rather than to the Secretary General.

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5. Communist China and Nepal sign draft boundary treaty



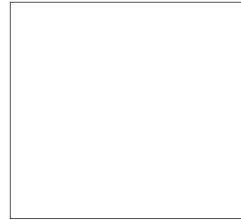
No mention is made in the draft of the ownership of Mt. Everest or to several other issues which have been sticking points in the negotiations and which are to be discussed when King Mahendra visits Peiping next month. Peiping may ply Mahendra with an offer of more economic aid to secure final agreement to a treaty. Although a final treaty has not yet been signed, the Chinese will probably herald the draft as evidence of their reasonableness in settling border issues in order to pin the blame on New Delhi for deadlocking the Sino-Indian border conference.

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6. Congo developments



a) "Neutralist" diplomats in Stanleyville are concerned over the uncertain relationship between Gizenga and Adoula and are impatient with Gizenga's attitude concerning the non-aligned nations conference. Representatives of Mali, Ghana, and Yugoslavia have criticized Gizenga's apparent unwillingness to accompany Adoula to Belgrade after having initially made Congolese attendance a condition for his support of Adoula.

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b) The cabinet has [redacted] 50X1 decided that if Gizenga fails to come to Leopoldville by 15 September, he will be declared a rebel.

c) Gizenga's reluctance appears to stem from concern for his personal safety should he leave his Stanleyville stronghold.

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- A. Communist China has admitted for the first time that there have been outbreaks of paracholera in some coastal areas of Kwangtung Province and has denied the incidence of true cholera. (The effects of paracholera are as severe as those of true cholera). Peiping says that there have been 284 cases to date and 28 deaths but that the outbreak is under control. The Communists have donated anticholera vaccine to Hong Kong and Macau. [redacted] 50X1
- B. The Algerian Provisional Government expects to receive 12,000 tons of wheat and 250 tons of dried vegetables from food-short Communist China between now and the end of September. [redacted] 50X1 50X1 50X1
- C. Top Ghanaian military officers are opposed to Nkrumah's decision to send 400 Ghanaian cadets to the USSR for training and the cabinet is split on the President's decision. If Nkrumah persists with his plan [redacted] opposition by army officers might well reach the point of revolt or a coup attempt. [redacted] 50X1 50X1 50X1

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SOVIET NUCLEAR TEST ANNOUNCEMENT

The Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee, at its meeting yesterday, made the following statement:

In connection with the 30 August 1961 Soviet announcement of their decision to resume nuclear weapon testing there has been increasing evidence since the middle of August suggesting that preparations have been under way for nuclear tests at Novaya Zemlya (in the eastern Barents Sea). The pattern of activity has been similar in many, but not all, respects to that preceding earlier Soviet high yield test series in this area. The buildup of both ship and air logistical support required for testing [redacted]

has continued and appears to be sufficient for the conduct of a nuclear test at any time in the future. Although the delivery aircraft of the unit previously used to drop large nuclear test devices have not yet been identified in the area, suitable bomber-aircraft are available there. A large number of aircraft and ships believed to be connected with the Soviet air-to-surface missile development and testing have been identified in the area near Novaya Zemlya. This latter activity closely resembles the pattern followed last year when three Cherub air-to-surface missiles were fired in operational exercises in Novaya Zemlya area. It is possible that the nuclear test and air-to-surface missile exercises are independent.

The Soviet statement also mentioned "creating a series of super-powerful nuclear bombs with yields equivalent to 20, 30, 50, and 100 million tons of TNT" and stated that they could be launched to any point in the world with the same rockets used for the Soviet man-in-space flights. It is estimated that by testing the Soviets could achieve the 100 MT yield, but the warhead weight would be considerably in excess of the intercontinental payload capacity available to the Soviets with their present ICBM or space boosters. Development of weapons in all these high yield categories could be accomplished with tests in the lower megaton range. [redacted]

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These were among the early international reactions:

a) Tokyo: the press reported dismay on the part of conservatives and leftists alike. The leftist Japan Council Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs termed the step "regrettable";

b) Belgrade: Various unidentified Asians called the move "shocking" and a "slap in the face" to the conference; [redacted] 50X1

c) London: the Foreign Office expressed astonishment "at such a retrograde step";

d) Geneva: Western diplomats were reported to be stunned." Ormsby-Gore, recording his shock. said that the world's verdict "will no doubt be clear." [redacted] 50X1

1. Brazil

Late press reports assert that the Brazilian armed forces have been ordered into action against Rio Grande do Sul where Goulart's brother-in-law, Governor Brizola, with the support of the local military, threatens armed resistance against any anti-Goulart solution and continues highly inflammatory and anti-American propaganda. The step may indicate that the military chiefs have taken over the government. Earlier this morning, in a joint session, the Brazilian congress had given overwhelming approval to a constitutional amendment which would permit Goulart to be installed as ceremonial president, with a prime minister (possibly Kubitschek) to be named by congress. As yet undetermined is the question of presidential powers, with some favoring substantial powers akin to those of De Gaulle and others a mere figurehead like Gronchi. Goulart, meanwhile, has reached Panama. His destination appears to be Buenos Aires or Montevideo, where he would have a jumping-off place into Southern Brazil.

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2. Berlin

- a) The US Mission in Berlin reports that West Berliners' nerves have been further frayed by recent Communist statements about air access. Our mission believes that, if the Communists succeed in establishing any kind of control over civilian traffic in the corridors, the West Berliners' 50X1 feeling of entrapment is likely to reach panic proportions;
- b) [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] West Berlin musicians and actors 50X1 as well as doctors working in East Berlin have recently been urged by East Berlin authorities to move there permanently before 31 August, could presage further restrictive measures on the East-West German zonal border and the sector borders of Berlin.
- c) further study of Moscow's 29 August announcement, holding up the release of servicemen due to end their tours in 1961, suggests that an increase of as much as 750,000 in the Soviet armed forces (the present total is about 3,000,000) could result. We believe, however, that this would happen only in the unlikely event that there were no discharges from the 1961 group as well as a full call-up of eligible new conscripts. A considerably smaller addition, possibly in the neighborhood of 350,000, is therefore probable.

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- B. Rumors of plotting against the Ethiopian Emperor are on the increase in Addis Ababa on the eve of his departure for the Belgrade Conference. Our Embassy believes that the lessons of last December's abortive revolt might give any plotters pause, but nevertheless views the situation as fragile.

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WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--30 August 1961

No Sino-Soviet bloc country intends to initiate direct military action in the immediate future.

The pattern of current activity in the Novaya Zemlya area (western Arctic) shows similarities to that which preceded previous Soviet nuclear tests in the area.

Berlin: There are indications of recent intensification of East German Air Force training for interception of high-performance aircraft. The Soviet note of 23 August and bloc propaganda on air access to Berlin appear designed to buttress East German claims to control of all West German travel to West Berlin. The Communists may now undertake harassment of Western civil air access to West Berlin.

Laos: Nothing significant has occurred to warrant changing last week's conclusion [redacted]

[redacted] the USSR will press even more strongly for the formation of a government under Souvanna Phouma during the next few weeks. However, we see no clear indications that the USSR will make significant concessions toward this end. There are indications of preparations by both the Communist and Phoumi forces for increased military operations.")

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