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1 FEBRUARY 1964

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1. France-China

a. De Gaulle's widely heralded press conference took the form of a lofty and nebulous ninety minute dissertation.

b. He treated the China issue more or less in passing, but apparently did set the stage for telling Chiang that his representative in Paris cannot claim to represent China.

c. De Gaulle praised Chiang, but noted that the Peiping regime had, for the past fifteen years, been in de facto control over "almost the whole of China"--a neat way of saying what both parties contend anyway: that Taiwan is part of China.

e. De Gaulle discounted the possibility of early economic returns from closer French-China relations, but he did see great opportunities for extending French technological assistance.

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2. South Vietnam

a. Information on post coup developments is sparse.

b. Saigon is quiet, with apparent tacit acceptance of the coup, but there has been no show of popular enthusiasm.

c. In the north, there are some signs of popular disapproval, particularly among Buddhists and students, some of whom consider the new regime a throwback to Diem days.

d. Most people are taking a passive, wait-and-see attitude.

e. There is no known counter-coup activity afoot

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3. Cyprus

a. The press reports that Athens and Ankara have both accepted the interallied peacekeeping force proposal.

b. Although Makarios had only relatively minor reservations, other

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Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots are muttering about the plan being "totally unacceptable." An official Cypriot government position is promised early next week, probably Tuesday.

c. Meanwhile Moscow seems to have decided that the best way to muddy the waters is to claim on a technicality that the Security Council is already seized with the problem and therefore Council approval is needed before any action can be taken.

e. Greek Cypriots would prefer to have the UN get in the act and the Soviets will be working hard on them to stick by this solution.

4. Egypt-USSR-US

a. Egypt now has more MIG-21s than any other country except the USSR.

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c. Other Soviet military shipments are continuing as well [redacted]

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5. USSR-US

a. The Soviets at the disarmament talks at Geneva are letting it be known to our delegates there that they do not foresee any real progress, at least until after the US elections.

b. They say that until November, they would be content simply with "symbolic resolutions" which would help foster a good atmosphere for US-Soviet relations.

6. Hong Kong - China

a. The Chinese have come through with an offer which would solve Hong Kong's chronic water shortage problem.

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c. We are not certain of Chinese motives. They may simply be after the \$750,000 per year which would be gained from the sale of additional water.

d. They may wish to make a deal to get consular representation in Hong Kong or they may have the additional and broader objective of increasing their political and economic contacts in the free world.

e. Recent Chinese statements and activities suggest a major effort in this direction.

7. Indonesia-Malaysia:

a. Djakarta is gloating to itself over what it considers the success thus far of its confrontation campaign against Malaysia.

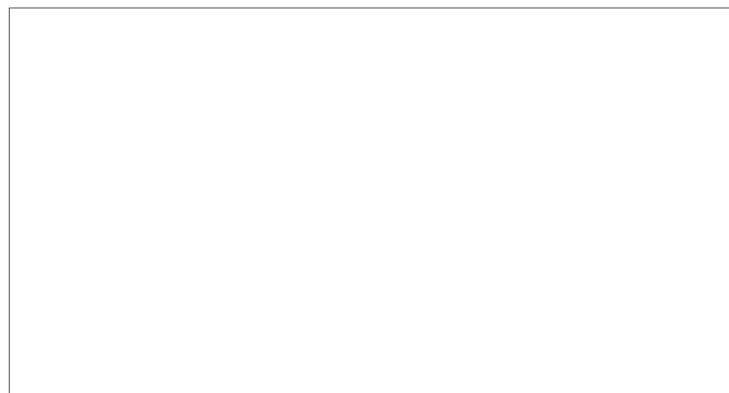
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NOTES

- A. Laos Souvanna says that the Pathet Lao, by their offensive in central Laos which has resulted in the capture of Na Kay, have wrecked his efforts to pull the three government factions together. He has suspended preparation for further meetings in the Plaine des Jarres.
- B. Rwandi-Burundi An armed clash between Rwanda and Burundi is again threatening as renewed agitation grows among the 150,000 Tutsi tribe exiles in neighboring countries who want to recover their traditional power in Rwanda. The Tutsi exile leader, the former "King" of Rwanda, has visited Peiping and is currently in Dar-es-Salaam.
- C. Cyprus-Egypt [redacted] Cairo 50X1
has recently been sending small arms and ammunition to the Greek Cypriots in response to a request from Makarios. [redacted] 50X1
- D. OAS-Venezuela President Betancourt is worried that US support for strong OAS action on Venezuela's charges against Cuba may be weakening because of the opposition of Brazil, Mexico, and Chile to firm measures. He has urged that the US do everything possible to obtain a majority for new measures against Cuba, regardless of the desires of the "soft-line" group. Prior to the Panama affair, such a majority seemed probable.
- E. Ecuador Thursday's student demonstration was squelched by police and mounted cavalry before it could really catch fire. Clashes have continued since, however, and the situation is still very unstable. Arosemena is still waiting his chance to stage a comeback.

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F. Panama

[REDACTED] Student groups intend to begin intimidating Panamanian canal workers as they enter and leave the Canal Zone.

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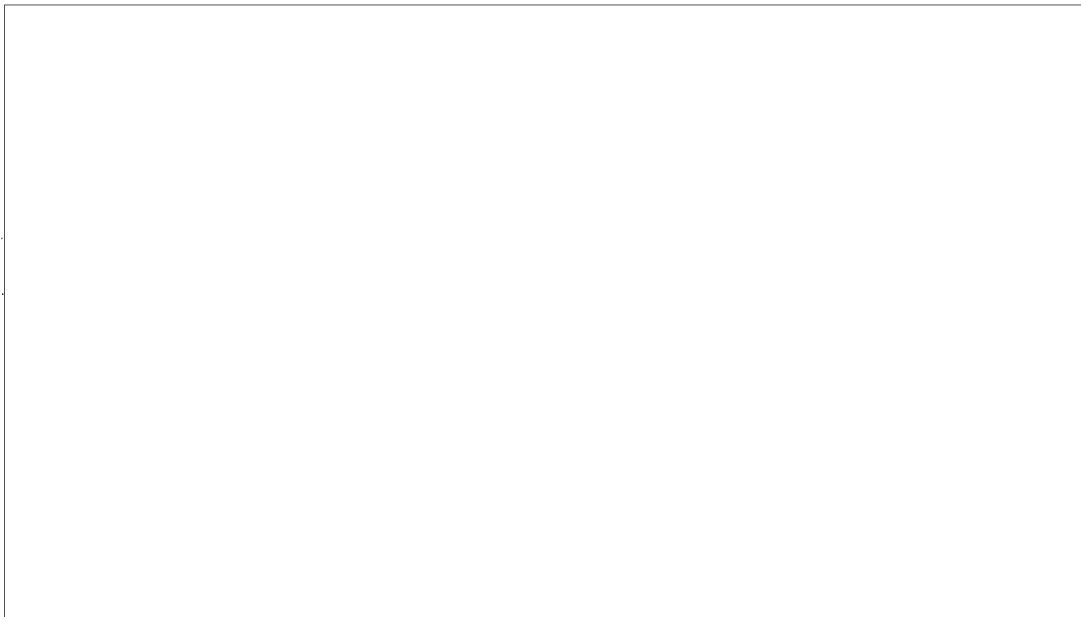
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1. Cyprus

- a. The Cypriot Government will let us know, probably today, how it feels about the interallied force idea.
- b. We expect the reply will be largely if not wholly negative.
- c. Makarios wants UN assistance and is under strong pressure from both the Cypriot left and right to reject the interallied force idea.
- d. In the UN, Cyprus would get substantial Afro-Asian as well as Communist support, and the temptation to seek it may prove too great.
- e. For their part, Greek Government leaders have become bitterly disillusioned with Makarios. They feel he is heading for disaster.
- f. Foreign Minister Palamas calls him another Castro and those around him lunatics.



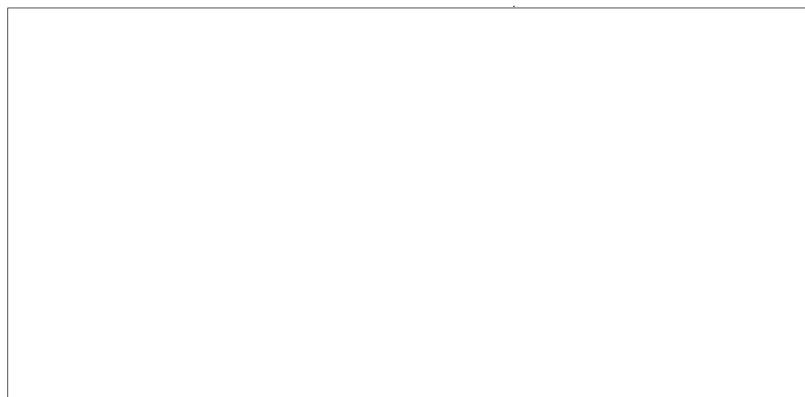
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2. South Vietnam

a. General Khanh is working hard to build up a good public image. He spent much of Sunday visiting troops and villagers outside of Saigon, taking General Minh along in his new role of "adviser."

b. He is retaining ex-Prime Minister Tho's cabinet on a caretaker basis and has told both General Harkins and Ambassador Lodge that he intends to keep to a minimum the number of personnel changes.

c. Khanh says that, had he not moved when he did, he would have been arrested the next day at a scheduled meeting of Corps commanders.

d. His information is that Minh would have been arrested, too, and that General Kim would then have gone on the air to proclaim a policy of neutralism.

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e. He intends to put Generals
Don, Kim and some others on trial
and then exile them.

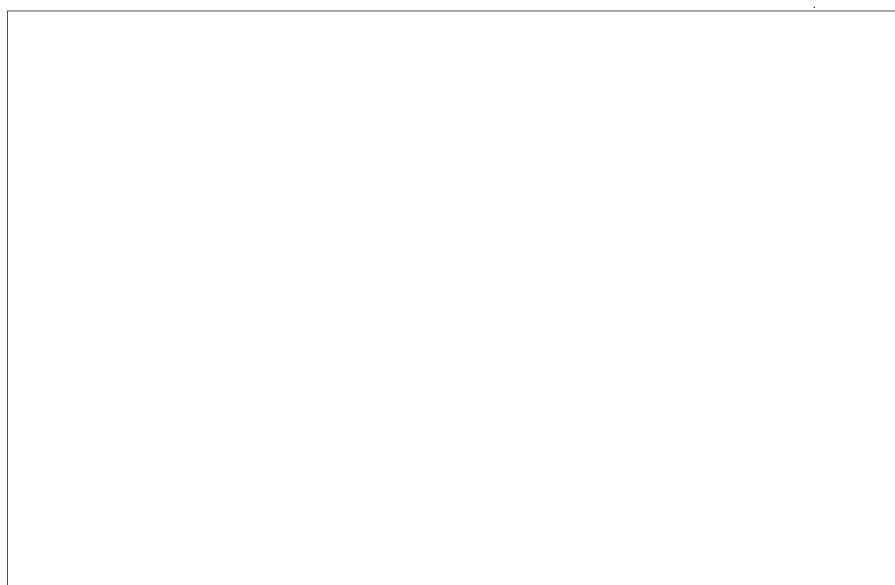
f. Whatever he does, Khanh
seems determined not to allow the French
to expand their influence. Though
he says he will not break relations,
he apparently feels some strong anti-
French measures will have to be taken
soon. We are urging him to be very
careful about this.

g. Both Harkins and Lodge are
coming around to the view that maybe
General Khanh's advent was a bless-
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3. Berlin

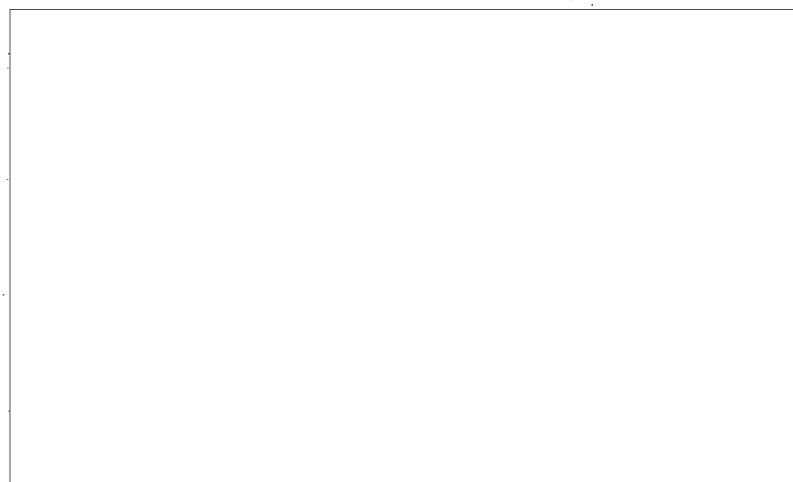


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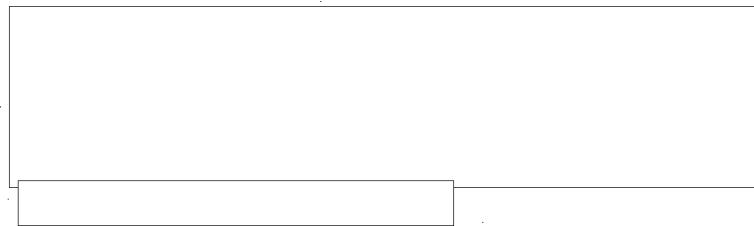
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4. Cuba-US

a. The four Cuban fishing vessels rounded up yesterday while fishing in our territorial waters off Florida have been taken into Key West.

b. The captain of one said he knew he was inside the 3-mile limit.

c. The Coast Guard reports nothing extraordinary about the craft, their catch, or the crew.



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5. Panama

a. Leftist agitators are now trying to organize a giant student-worker demonstration for next Monday in Panama City. Attempts to intimidate Canal workers have so far not amounted to much.

b. Former President Arnulfo Arias is busy drumming up support for himself as the Panamanian leader most likely to succeed.

c. He would prefer to be voted into office in May's elections, but probably will try a coup if it becomes clear that he cannot make it otherwise.

d. Arnulfo Arias already has the support of the masses who twice before voted him into office only to have him ousted--the last time by the National Guard.

e. The Panamanian elite resent him, but some [redacted] seem sufficiently impressed with his chances for winning a third election that they are discussing deals with him.

f. Several Communist leaders were reported in recent months to have solicited Arias' help with their plans, but they appear to distrust him now.

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g. His apparently moderate stand on the Canal issue does not seem to have hurt him politically, probably because of his strongly nationalistic record.

6. Honduras

a. [redacted] a group of Liberal Party diehards now has everything in readiness to overthrow the Lopez military regime. [redacted]

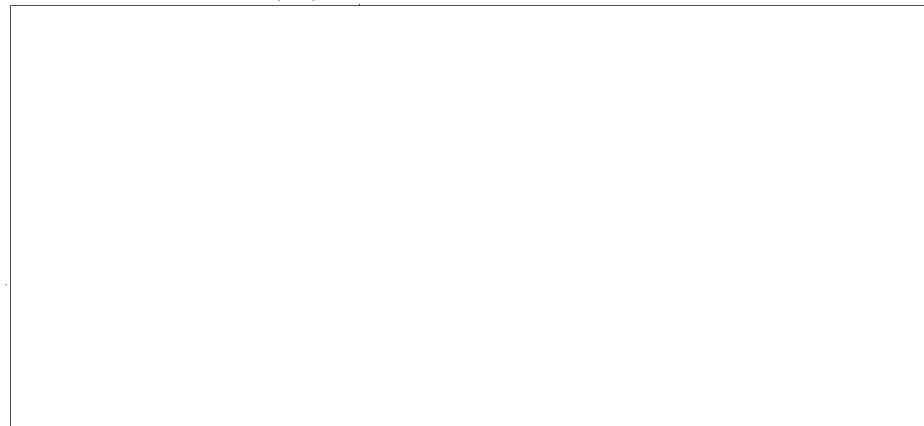
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b. This is not the same group as the military officers [redacted] also planning a coup.

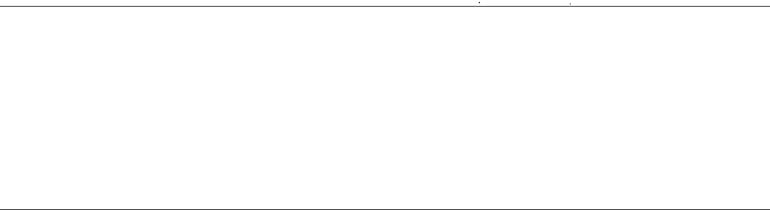
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c. Neither group has Communist inspiration, but the country is so ripe for the Communists, that any further coup will help hasten the day of their move to take over.

7. SEATO-China-France



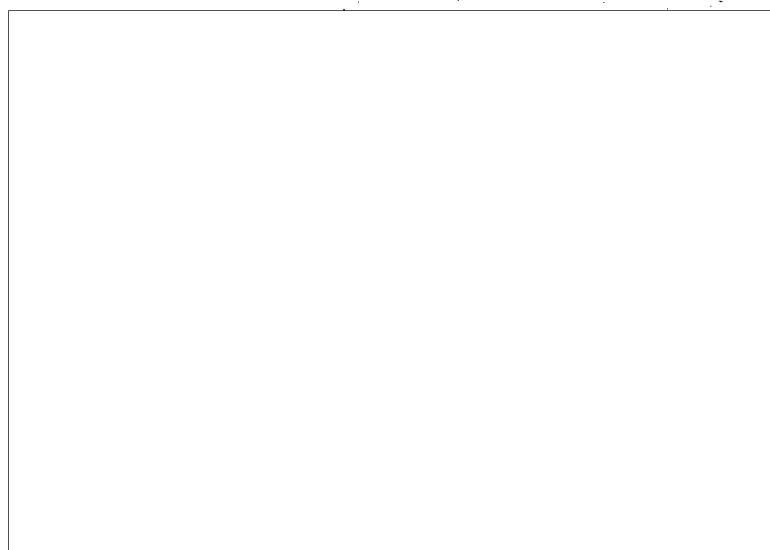
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8. Algeria-Morocco

a. Although the border dispute remains unresolved, there are signs of a slackening in the military posture of both Morocco and Algeria.

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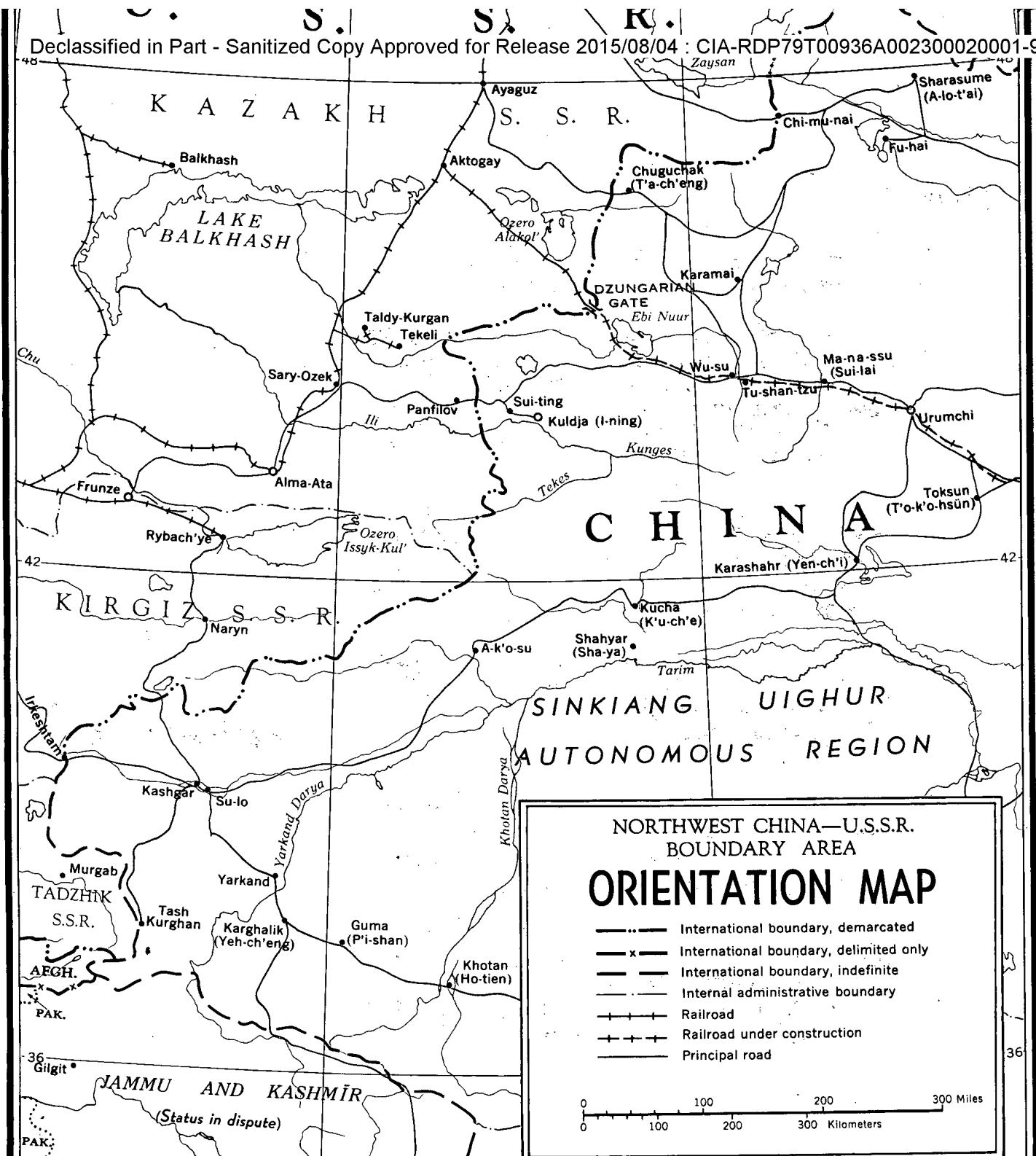


9. Kenya

a. Prime Minister Kenyatta's position is being seriously eroded by his wily, ambitious Minister of Home Affairs, Oginga Odinga, who has long had financial ties with Moscow and Peiping.

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b. Odinga has already made alarming inroads into Kenyatta's Kikuyu tribe, into the Kamba tribe, among ex-Mau Mau fighters, and among youth groups.

c. If he is to preserve his leadership, Kenyatta will have to move soon even at the risk of causing a split in his party.

10. USSR-China

a. We have further evidence that Soviet military units were transferred to the Sinkiang border area late last year.

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KGB Border
Guard troop reinforcements in the
Sinkiang area.

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f. For their part, the Chinese
have been showing some nervousness
about frontier security in Sinkiang
where they have been constructing
additional border control facilities.

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A. Egypt-Yemen [redacted] Egypt [redacted] brought [redacted] troops

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B. Venezuela The Venezuelans say they have caught a Cuban national carrying supplies to pro-Castro guerrillas. They are probably saving the details to help bolster their campaign for stronger OAS action against Castro.

C. Tanganyika [redacted] evidence of connivance between trade union leaders and the army mutineers.

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D. Chou En-lai trip Chou En-lai has interrupted his trip, apparently to return to Peiping for some unexplained reason. He is in Somalia at the moment, but with the cancellation of visits in East Africa, some slack has been introduced into his schedule. His next scheduled state visit is Pakistan on 17 February, and he probably feels the intervening time better be spent in Peiping.

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**1 - 4 FEBRUARY 1964
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4 February 1964

1. Cyprus: Just prior to the attack on the US Embassy in Nicosia, British senior representative Pickard passed Makarios' reply on the interallied force proposal to Ambassador Wilkins.

In it, Makarios made these points:
--The principle that an international force should be created and stationed in Cyprus is accepted;
--Such force should be under the Security Council (its composition should be agreed upon in advance);
--In such force there should be no participation of Greek or Turkish forces;
--The terms of reference of the force should include the protection of the territorial integrity of the republic and assist in restoring normal conditions.

Pickard said he thought the problems Makarios raises can be worked out through careful--and time-consuming--negotiation in London if the situation does not get out of hand on the island first.

The bombing of our Embassy may make this all out of date. Makarios, by encouraging street demonstrations Monday and today against our proposals, may now find himself riding the tiger.

2. South Vietnam: General Khanh is working hard to build up a good public image. He spent much of Sunday visiting troops and villagers outside of Saigon, taking General Minh along in his new role of "adviser."

He is retaining ex-Prime Minister Tho's cabinet on a caretaker basis and has told both General Harkins and Ambassador Lodge that he hopes to keep to a minimum the number of personnel changes. He has asked our advice and recommendations for new appointments.

Khanh claims that, had he not moved when he did, he would have been arrested the next day at a scheduled meeting of Corps commanders. He says Minh would have been arrested, too, and General Kim would then have gone on the air to proclaim a policy of neutrality.

We are not convinced the situation was as dangerous as Khanh claims.

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Both Harkins and Lodge are coming around to the view that perhaps General Khanh's advent was a blessing in disguise.

3. Communist China - USSR: The Chinese premier is returning today to Peiping (via Karachi and Rangoon) without having practiced his French on General De Gaulle.

With his itinerary cut short by cancellations in East Africa, he may have thought it best to return to Peiping in order to help call signals in the recognition game.

His next scheduled stop is a state visit to Pakistan on 17 February.

In his interview with Edgar Snow published in Monday's New York Times, Chou acknowledged for the first time the existence of border trouble with the Soviets. He said agreement had been reached to negotiate the problem.

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4. France-China: Paris and Peiping took a further step last weekend when each named a chargé to represent it in the other's capital.

In neither case was mention made of timing. The arrival of a Chinese Communist chargé in Paris will have a further unsettling effect on Taipei, which is uncertain how far it should go in trying to outlast Peiping.

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5. Panama: President Chiari remains caught between the necessity for breaking the diplomatic deadlock with the US and the demands of Panamanian popular opinion. He can probably get an OAS meeting, but this will accomplish little.

A break in the situation may come through former President Arnulfo Arias, who is preparing to make a bid for power.

His main hurdle is Panama's elite, who resent his appeal to the masses but see their interests threatened by the way things are going. Some may be willing to make a deal.

Arias would like to be voted into office in May's elections and, at the moment, his chances look fairly good.

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His broad popular appeal brought him into the presidency twice before, but each time he was ousted by the National Guard.

Leftist agitators also continue busy. A big student-worker demonstration is slated for next Monday in Panama City.

6. Maphilindo Meeting: Thai Foreign Minister Thanat, who has been in charge of the arrangements, says the foreign ministers of Malaysia, the Philippines, and Indonesia will gather Wednesday in Bangkok for a brief welcoming ceremony. Their first working session is scheduled for Thursday.

Thanat, like Macapagal, does not expect much from these talks. The Philippines take the position that Malaysia will have to grant Sukarno "face-saving" concessions.

For their part, the Indonesians seem happy with what they consider the success so far of their confrontation policy.

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7. Zanzibar - East Africa: Neither the new regime nor the imported Tanganyikan police have yet succeeded in disarming the guntoting followers of "Marshal" Okello.

The Tanganyikan police are spending most of their time in their barracks, and the government itself has shown little stomach for the task.

The only remaining US official on the island says that it is getting more difficult to protect American property. He reports that last week Okello's thugs made off with a US Government car, and the authorities have been unable to recover it.

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8. Ghana: Something peculiar is going on in Accra,

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A large body of army troops was drawn up briefly around Nkrumah's residence last Friday night. Since that time, the army security guard there has been quadrupled. This has awakened rumors, conflicting and unconfirmed, that Nkrumah is under some sort of army constraint.

The Ghanaian Army is generally apolitical, but we know its leaders are unhappy with Nkrumah's leftward course and his preparations to build up a palace elite to serve as a counterweight.

9. Thailand: There are signs that a palace coup in Thailand, which we have been expecting virtually since Sarit's death, may not be much longer coming.

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The able, ambitious General Praphat, who has been pretty much running things in Thanom's "caretaker" government, is moving further to neutralize his two main rivals, Generals Chitti and Krit.

We would not expect a government turnover to have any substantial effect on Thai-US relations.

10. USSR-Cuba: The Soviet ship Sergei Kirov has arrived in Cuba with [redacted] military cargo.

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11. Congo: The leftist-inspired uprising in Kwilu Province east of Leopoldville has now grown to the point where it is interrupting mineral shipments (on the Kasai River) out of Katanga. Government reinforcements have arrived but the trouble continues to spread.

12. Ecuador: Clashes with students have continued sporadically since last Thursday's demonstration, and military authorities have been forced to move into and close Quito's university.

This is just what the agitators wanted. Universities are generally considered sacred ground in Latin America. The boast is going about that no Ecuadorean government has ever taken on the students and survived.

The ruling junta is already divided within and threatened by ex-President Arosemena's plotting from without.

13. Honduras:

a group of Liberal Party diehards now has everything in readiness to overthrow the Lopez military regime. They could make their move any day now.

They are not Castro-Communist backed, but the far left would be likely eventually to benefit most from this coup or from one also being plotted by a disgruntled group within the military.

14. Egypt - Saudi Arabia: The Saudis and Egyptians have moved nearer rapprochement. Jidda has announced that it will restore diplomatic relations with Cairo provided the two countries' representatives meet with Iraqi and Algerian mediators to settle "all their outstanding problems."

15. Laos: Neutralist Premier Souvanna Phouma says the Pathet Lao offensive in central Laos has wrecked his efforts to pull the three government factions together. As a result he has suspended preparation for further meetings in the Plaine des Jarres.

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1. Cyprus

a. Makarios told Ambassador Wilkins this morning that the US-UK peacekeeping proposals were not acceptable, even as amended. A formal statement to this effect will be made later today.

b. Makarios told Wilkins he is thinking of going to the UN Security Council since any forces stationed in Cyprus should be under the council and answerable to it.

c. He added that he did not yet know when Cyprus would be taking its case to New York but promised to give the US and the UK "reasonable notice."

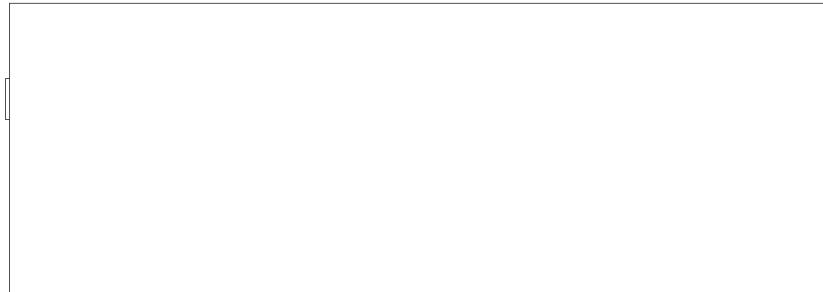
d. The rejection is not unexpected since the Makarios forces organized demonstrations yesterday against a NATO force and then told Wilkins it would be unwise to send such a force in view of Cypriot public opinion.

e. The Greek Government is nervous about where Makarios may be heading.

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f. There is also the possibility of trouble within the Turkish Government. Foreign Minister Erkin, who apparently advised Ankara to reject the US-UK proposals, may now resign.



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2. Britain in
East Africa

a. British officials in this area are now eyeing the prospect of remaining indefinitely.

b. These officials recognize the political drawbacks involved, but feel that the threat of external subversion from Zanzibar and internal power grabs by the likes of Oginga Odinga and Kambona will in the end persuade East African leaders to ask the British to stay.

c. The officials emphasize that London has as yet taken no decision on this, but Sandys is expected to visit the area soon to discuss the matter.

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d. As in Cyprus, the British may try to "internationalize" their peacekeeping role, perhaps by ringing in the Commonwealth or by urging the US to help with money and training.

e. At least one East African politician, Kenya's ambitious Home Minister Odinga, is already lambasting the British in public in an effort to improve his image as the true defender of African nationalism.

3. Zanzibar

a. Neither the new regime nor the imported Tanganyikan police have yet succeeded in disarming the gun-toting followers of free-wheeling "Marshall" Okello.

b. The Tanganyikan police, we hear, are spending most of their time in their barracks, and the government itself has shown little stomach for the task.

c. [redacted]

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is getting more difficult to protect American property. [redacted]
last week Okello's thugs made off with a US government car, and the authorities have been unable to recover it.

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4. USSR-Cuba

a. The Soviet ship Sergei Kirov was in Cuban ports

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b. [redacted] photography at Bahia Honda on Friday and Saturday showed the Kirov, with hatches open, booms active, and 35-40 trucks working its cargo. The ship was due in Havana Sunday.

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5. France-China

a. Paris and Peiping took a further step this weekend toward consummating the diplomatic ties they agreed on last month. Each named a chargé to represent it in the other's capital.

b. In neither case was any mention made of timing. The arrival of a Chinese Communist chargé in Paris will have an unsettling effect on Taipei, which is uncertain how far it should go in trying to outlast Peiping.

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c. The Chinese Communists, though somewhat shaken by Chiang's refusal to bolt so far, seem determined to play their hand out.

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6. Maphilindo Meeting

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c. Indonesia and Malaysia are embroiled in yet another slanging match. The Malaysians are charging the Indonesians with illegal over-flights of Sabah while the Indonesians are denouncing the surrender appeals which they claim the Malaysians have air-dropped.

d. The Philippines, not surprisingly, are taking the position that Malaysia will have to grant Sukarno "face-saving" concessions.

7. Indonesia-UK

a. Djakarta inched closer to a complete takeover of British firms in Indonesia Sunday when it placed Shell Oil and at least 44 other British-owned companies and agricultural estates under "government supervision."

b. These enterprises, representing a significant part of the remaining British investment in Indonesia, have been harassed by labor unions, mostly Communist-led, for several weeks.

c. The present move may have been accelerated by this Communist activity.

8. Ghana

a. We are still not sure where Nkrumah stands in relation to the army.

b. A large body of troops was drawn up briefly around his residence on the night of 31 January. Since then the army security guard there has been quadrupled.

c. Rumors are still floating about Accra that the Ghanaian leader is under some sort of army constraint.

d. These lack confirmation, and we note that Nkrumah made a live 20-minute broadcast to the nation last evening.

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NOTES

- A. Panama All indications are that Panama has the necessary support to convoke the OAS as an Organ of Consultation under the Rio Treaty.

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- B. Ecuador Authorities have closed the university in Quito following student clashes with security forces late last week. This will create further difficulties for the ruling junta. Already there is talk in Quito that no Ecuadorean Government has ever taken on the students and survived.

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- C. Cuba-UK Leyland Motors, which recently sold 400 buses to Cuba, has announced that Castro has signed an option to buy an additional 1,000 in the future. Two company representatives have arrived in Havana to set up a permanent office there.

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E. USSR Khrushchev seems to be taking a working vacation in the Kiev area. He accompanied Castro there on 21 January and was still there at month's end.

F. Afghanistan Progressive Prime Minister Yusuf may have to step down [redacted] because of ill health. If this happens the problem of finding a successor willing and able to continue the King's reform program would be seriously complicated [redacted]

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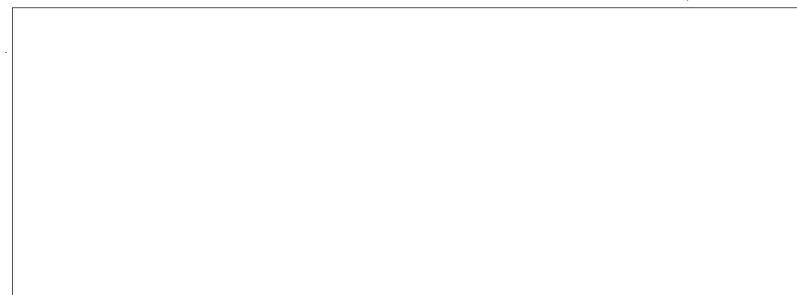
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1. Cyprus

- a. Though the British are still clinging to the hope that Makarios has kept the door open on the joint US-UK plan for Cyprus, we are inclined to think otherwise.
- b. Ambassador Wilkins has noted that the Greek Cypriots have come to believe, in spite of all that has been said by the US, that our proposal will lead to a NATO supervised partition of Cyprus.
- c. Thus whatever Makarios' own views on the matter might be, he is probably not in a position to go against the will of the majority of his supporters egged on by the Communists.
- d. There is now a very real danger that the island will explode into more violence before the cumbersome UN machinery can grind out its own peacekeeping force.
- e. If this happens, then the Turks and Greeks will be led inexorably into intervention in full knowledge of the catastrophic consequences.

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g. The evacuation of American dependents has begun following yesterday's bombing incidents.

h. There are reports this morning that several American automobiles have been set on fire.

2. South Vietnam

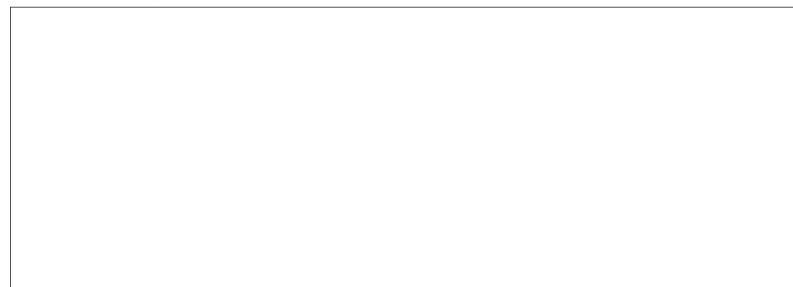
a. Viet Cong activity is again on the upswing.

b. Their tactics suggest greater self-confidence. In the past few weeks, they have stepped up the number of ambushes of regular army units, cut numerous telephone and electric power lines, and shelled or raided sections close to provincial and district capitals.

c. In government-held areas of the central and northern coast, they have also entered a number of strategic hamlets, terrorized inhabitants and kidnapped hamlet officials.

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d. The Communists have apparently not yet begun to exploit dislocations or confusions resulting from the latest government change-over but they are expected to do so.



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f. Khanh has also again pressed Ambassador Lodge to recommend members of his cabinet.

3. USSR-Cuba

a. The Soviets have established an "Astrophysics Center" in Havana for tracking space vehicles.



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c. The type of tracking involved is not known. If it is electronic, it would substantially assist Soviet space operations. An optical tracking capability, although not as crucial to Soviet needs, would still be useful.

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4. Ghana

a. Nkrumah still seems to be
in the saddle.

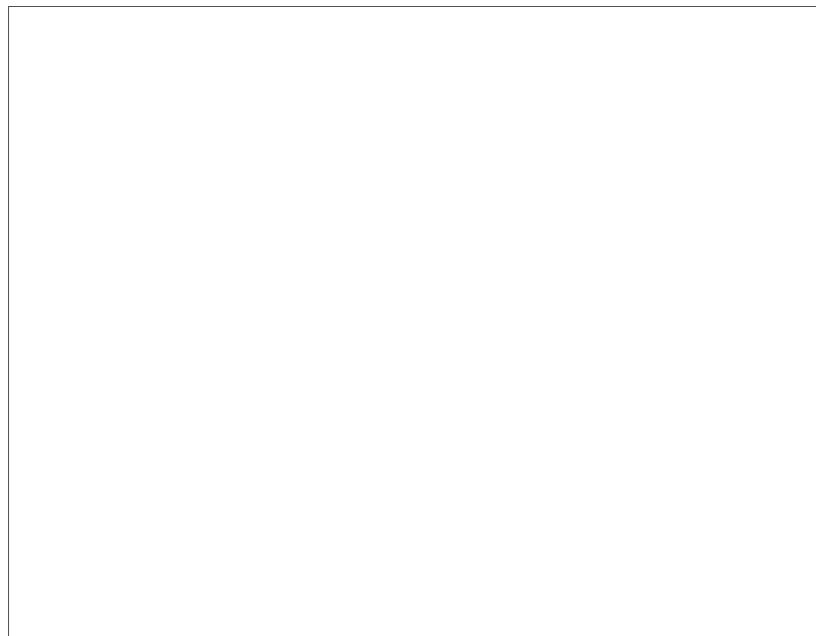
b. His regime staged an anti-American demonstration outside our embassy in Accra yesterday, which is probably the forerunner of new action against Americans.

c. Our embassy thinks there is a good possibility that the Army Chief, General Ankrah, could bring off a coup against Nkrumah, but it has no information that he is planning to do so.

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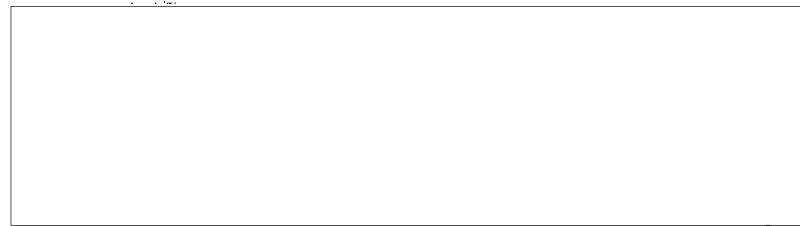


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6. USSR - US wheat

a. The Russians say the 1.7 million tons of US wheat contracted for so far are all they will be buying.

b. The contracts are for cash, but the USSR has changed its mind about short-term credit and may try for Export-Import Bank financing.



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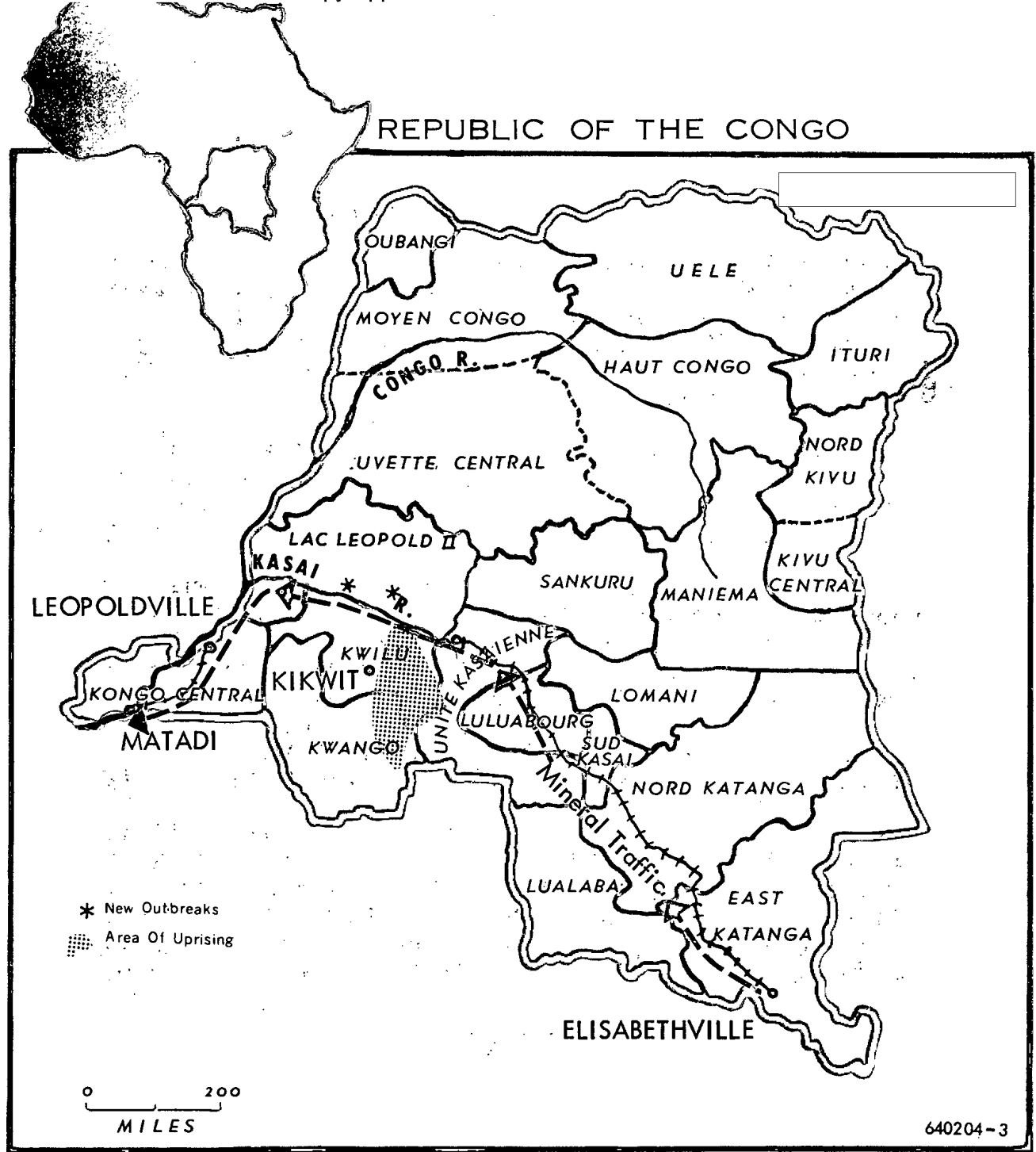
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7. Ceylon

- a. The Bandaranaike government is threatened by the deteriorating economic situation.
- b. Foreign exchange reserves are reported to have dwindled to less than a month's requirement--an all time low. Urban unemployment continues to rise.
- c. Opposition parties are increasing their efforts to bring down the government.

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NOTES

- A. Congo The uprising in Kwilu Province continues to grow and has interrupted mineral traffic from Katanga. [redacted] an outbreak of dissidence in Lac Leopold II Province north of Kwilu. Congo Army reinforcements have arrived in the main area of the uprising. 50X1
- B. Syria Factionalism within the Syrian Baath Party is endangering Baath control of the government. Former Premier Bitar, a long-time party leader, has been ousted from the party for indiscipline and a move appears to be under way to remove party founder Aflaq. A similar situation prevailed in Iraq last November when the Baath split into warring factions and the army took over.
- C. Berlin There has been unusual Soviet activity in the Berlin air corridors in the last few days, but we are not yet ready to conclude that this represents another pattern of deliberate Soviet harassment.
- D. Zanzibar Babu has authorized the return to Zanzibar of two NASA officials to look after the tracking station, pending a decision on its future. The station itself has been untouched, though a number of houses of NASA and MERCURY personnel were looted to some extent.

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- F. The Balkans The winter wheat harvest in Bulgaria, Rumania, and Yugoslavia may be reduced this year because of a drought during the fall planting season and a subsequent lack of adequate snow cover. These countries have planned large increases in agricultural production for 1964. Any setback to these plans may necessitate more purchases of Western wheat.
- G. Spain - Soviet Bloc Spain may soon establish relations with Czechoslovakia. This could be the prelude to improved trade and closer diplomatic ties with the Soviet bloc.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST, 6 FEBRUARY 1964

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LATE ITEM

SOUTH VIETNAM

a. LATE PRESS REPORTS SAY TWO OF THE HEAVIEST VIET CONG ATTACKS IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS WERE LAUNCHED EARLY TODAY AT SEPARATE POINTS 30 AND 49 MILES SOUTH AND WEST OF SAIGON. BOTH WERE APPARENTLY BATTALION-SIZE EFFORTS.

b. THE VIET CONG CLEARLY INTEND TO MAKE A MAJOR ATTEMPT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF KHANH'S COUP TO FOSTER CONFUSION AND FURTHER DISRUPTION. THE SIZE AND BOLDNESS OF THEIR ATTACKS HAVE BEEN STEPPING UP.

c. IN TODAY'S ACTION, GOVERNMENT COUNTERATTACKS ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN REPULSED.

d. ONE OF THE TARGETS INVOLVED, PHU LY, IS GEN. MINH'S HOME TOWN, A PLACE WHERE, UNDER THE EARLIER REGIME, A SPECIAL REPORT HAD BEEN MADE TO IMPROVE ~~THE~~ SECURITY.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--6 FEBRUARY 1964

1. CYPRUS

A. AS HE DEPARTED TUNIS TODAY TO RETURN TO NEW YORK, U THANT SAID THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL LEAVE TO TAKE UP THE CYPRUS QUESTION, AS ALL OTHER EFFORTS "HAVE FAILED."

B. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING SHOULD ONLY COME AFTER A SERIES OF INFORMAL TALKS.

C. CYPRIOT DELEGATE ROSSIDES TOLD AMBASSADOR STEVENSON YESTERDAY THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ASKING FOR A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING "SOON."

D. HE DID NOT SAY WHEN, ONLY THAT MAKARIOS WOULD PROBABLY ATTEND AND THAT HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS YET TO CALL FOR A MEETING.

E. HE BELIEVED HIS GOVERNMENT WANTED FIRST TO ALLOW SOME TIME FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

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DETERMINED TO SOLVE THIS MATTER BY NEGOTIATION. HE FEELS THE TIME FOR INTERVENTION HAS PASSED, [REDACTED]

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G. IN GREECE, AMBASSADOR LABOUISSSE SAYS IT IS HARD TO CONVEY THE DEPTH OF GREEK POPULAR FEELING THAT HAS BUILT UP AGAINST THE TURKS, AND FEAR THAT THE US WILL

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SIDE WITH THE TURKS HAS EVOKED A BITTER ANTI-US PRESS
CAMPAIGN IN VIRTUALLY ALL GREEK PAPERS.

H. ON THE ISLAND, VIOLENCE IS STILL CONFINED TO
ISOLATED INCIDENTS.

2. GHANA:

A. WHILE HIS CONTROLLED PRESS REACHES FOR NEW HEIGHTS IN ANTI-AMERICAN INVECTIVE, NKRUMAH IS KEEPING HIS DOOR CLOSED TO AMBASSADOR MAHONEY.

B. MAHONEY FEELS WE SHOULD PUT UP WITH NO MORE INDIGNITIES, AND HE IS BEING CALLED HOME FOR CONSULTATION.

C. EVENTS ARE MOVING VERY FAST, MAHONEY REPORTS, AND MORE DEMONSTRATIONS ARE IN PROSPECT. HE SAYS THE POPULATION AT LARGE SEEMS GENERALLY UNIMPRESSED AND AWARE IT IS ALL BEING STAGEMANAGED BY NKRUMAH'S PARTY AGITATORS.

D. THE US EMBASSY FEELS THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EARLY COUP ATTEMPT BY THE ARMY HAS INCREASED OVER THE PAST MONTH. HOWEVER, THEY STILL NOTE THE CHANCES OF SUCH AN ATTEMPT TAKING PLACE SOON AS LESS THAN EVEN.

3. USSR:

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4. CONGO:

A. THE LEFTIST-LED REBELLION IN KWILU CONTINUES UN-CHECKED, SPREADING OVER A WIDER AREA AND ACQUIRING MORE TRANSPORT AND RESOURCES AS IT GOES.

B. IN ADDITION TO CUTTING OFF MINERAL TRAFFIC OUT OF KATANGA, IT IS FORCING UNILEVER TO CLOSE DOWN PLANTATIONS IN THE PROVINCE WHICH COULD MEAN A LOSS OF MILLIONS IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

C. CONGOLESE LEADERS, AMBASSADOR GULLION SAYS, SHOW EITHER A DEFEATIST ATTITUDE TOWARD IT OR LITTLE CONCERN.

D. THEY ARE, HOWEVER, NOW BEGINNING TO SEE MORE CLEARLY THE NEED FOR FOREIGN MILITARY HELP IN TRAINING AND ADVICE, BUT THE PROGRAM FOR HELP FROM THE BELGIANS IS STILL MIRED DOWN.

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5. THAILAND:

A. COUP RUMORS ARE RIFE IN BANGKOK DESPITE THE RELATIVELY SMOOTH TRANSFER OF POWER TO GENERAL THANOM FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF SARIT.

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6. OAS-CUBA:

A. THE PROSPECT OF STRONG OAS ACTION AGAINST CUBA OVER THE VENEZUELAN ARMS CACHE ISSUE IS WANING.

B. A VENEZUELAN BRIEFING TEAM HAS BEEN MAKING THE ROUNDS IN HOPES OF DRUMMING UP SUPPORT BY LAYING OUT THE FACTS. THEY DID MANAGE TO IMPRESS CHILE; EVEN SO, THE CHILEANS WILL PROBABLY NOT VOTE FOR STRONG ACTION.

C. THE TEAM DID NOT SEEM TO GET VERY FAR WITH THE ARGENTINES

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D. BRAZIL HAS BEEN WORKING HARD TO COUNTER BETANCOURT'S EFFORT.

7. NOTES:

A. BRAZIL: NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OVER NATIONALIZATION OF THE US-OWNED AMERICAN AND FOREIGN POWER COMPANY FACILITIES IN THE STATE OF RIO GRANDE DE NORTE HAVE BEEN HUNG UP FOR MONTHS WHILE THE BRAZILIANS DELAY

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TAKING AN INVENTORY OF COMPANY ASSETS. MEANWHILE THE PROPERTIES ARE THE FOCUS OF NATIONALISTS AND LEFTIST AGITATORS WHO THREATEN TO TAKE THE MATTER INTO THEIR OWN HANDS UNLESS SOMETHING IS DONE ABOUT IT RIGHT AWAY. COMPANY OFFICIALS FEAR THAT THE STATE GOVERNOR WILL MOVE TO EXPROPRIATE THE PROPERTIES WITHOUT FURTHER ADO.

B. ZANZIBAR: ZANZIBAR'S PRESIDENT KARUME, HERETOFORE A RELATIVE MODERATE, HAD SOME UNKIND WORDS FOR US IN A WELL-PUBLICIZED INTERVIEW WITH PEIPING'S CHARGE IN WHICH HE DESCRIBED THE US AND THE BRITISH AS THE ENEMIES OF ZANZIBAR. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE MORE MODERATE AFRO-SHIRAZI LEADERS HAVE MADE SUCH STATEMENTS.

C. BERLIN: FLIGHTS HAVE BEEN RESUMED IN THE SOUTHERN CORRIDOR TO BERLIN.

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D. CUBA-US: A CREWMAN ON ONE OF THE CUBAN FISHING BOATS NOW BEING HELD IN FLORIDA CLAIMS THAT CREW MEMBERS OF THE FOUR VESSELS WERE ASSEMBLED FOR A BRIEFING BEFORE DEPARTURE AND TOLD THEIR MISSION WAS CONSIDERED A PROBE OF US RESPONSE TO CUBAN FISHING IN US TERRITORIAL WATERS. HE SAYS EACH VESSEL WAS ASSIGNED AN AREA TO FISH WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL WATERS.

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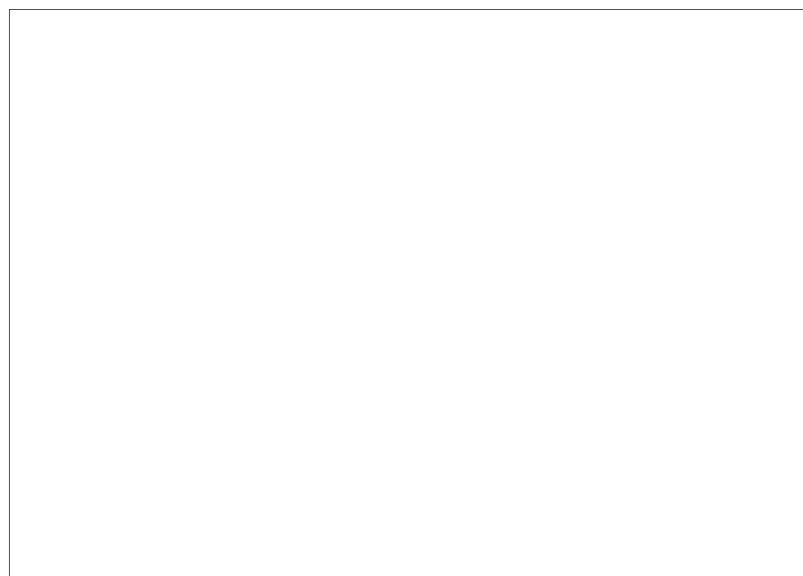
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**7 FEBRUARY 1964
~~TOP SECRET~~**

1. Cuba

a. Castro seems to us to have embarked on a campaign to pressure the US into withdrawing from Guantánamo.

b. There is little doubt that he deliberately sent the fishing boats into US waters, and a good chance that this was done to provide him with a pretext for cutting off Guantánamo's water.

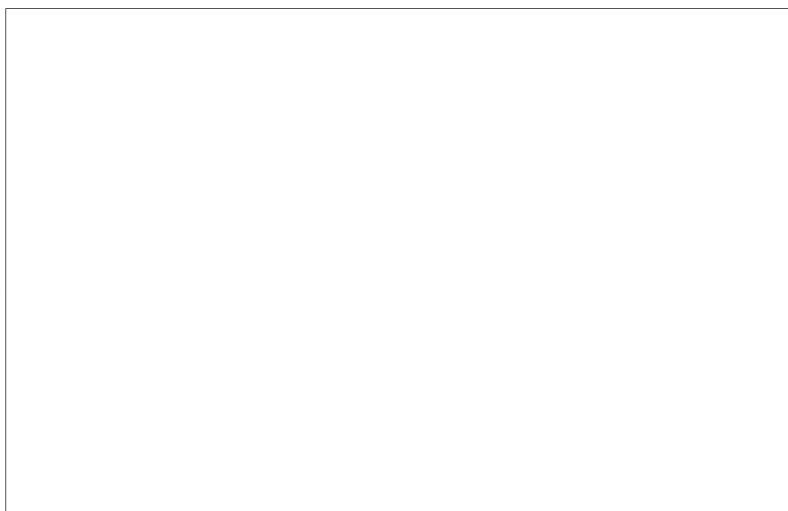


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e. On Sunday, before the boats were taken to Key West, Havana radio launched a new program series, "Cuba and the Guantánamo Base." The first broadcast declared developments in Panama had raised again the question of US rights to the base.

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f. The alacrity with which Moscow has picked up the issue suggests to us the possibility of fore-knowledge.



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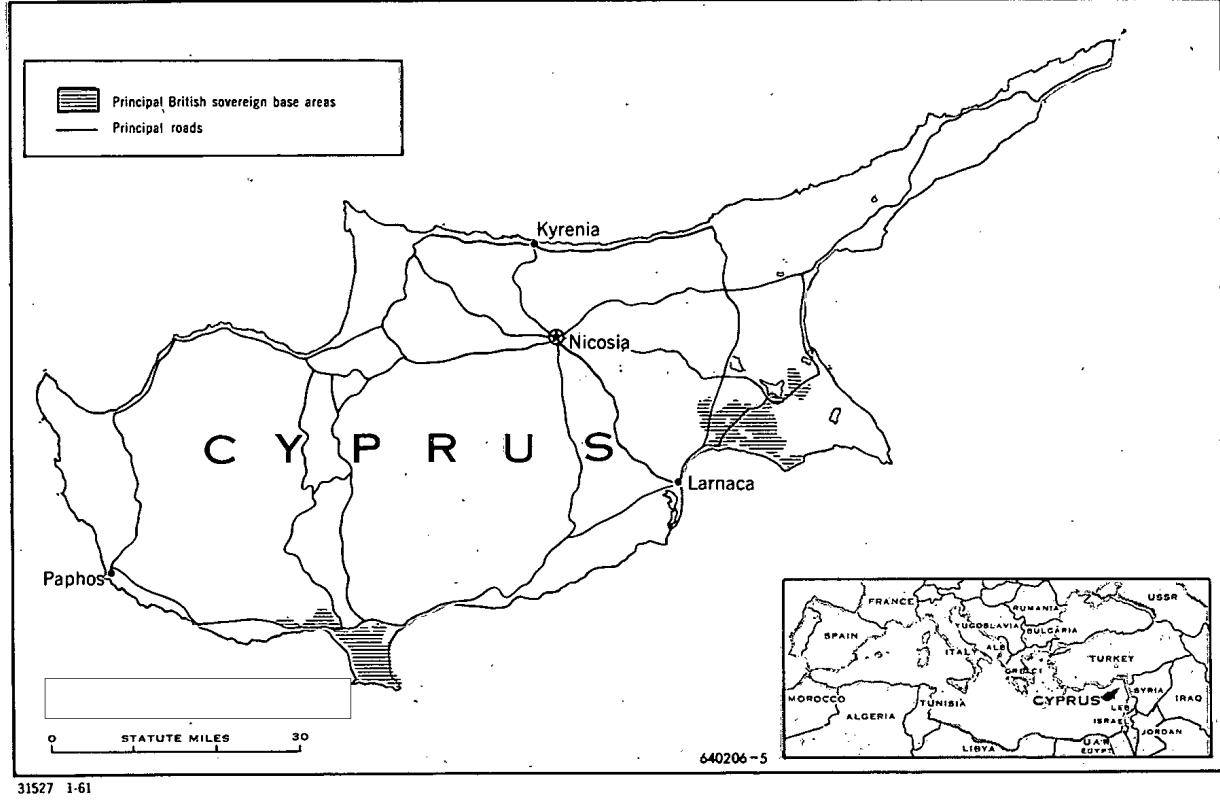
2. Cyprus

a. The Greek and Turkish Cypriots are at each other's throat again.

b. Greek Cypriot police burned a village southeast of Nicosia yesterday, in retaliation, they say, for an earlier ambush of a police car. The Turkish Cypriots responded to this "massacre" by ambushing a party of Greek Cypriots this morning near Kyrenia.

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c. Shops were closed early in Nicosia yesterday as armed irregulars began appearing on the city streets. Americans were advised to stay indoors.



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e. Meantime, the search for a mutually acceptable formula on a force goes on. The problem is to go as far as possible to meet Makarios' demands without losing the Turks.

f. Makarios, with some support from the Greeks, is sticking to his demand for Security Council approval. The Turks are telling us in so many words that they will make no further concessions.

g. Inonu, however, is said to believe that the time for Turkish military intervention is past. We are convinced that this view is not accepted throughout the Turkish armed forces, nor could it be sustained by the government if the Turkish Cypriots begin to get the worst of it.

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h. Before these latest incidents, Ambassador Wilkins had expressed his concern over the charged, anti-American atmosphere among the Greek Cypriots and again recommended against putting US troops ashore.

3. Greece

a. With the national elections coming up a week from Sunday, coup talk is again being heard in Greek military circles.

b. This sort of thing accompanies nearly every election campaign, but is more urgent just now since this is the first election in more than a decade which the military's long-standing political partner, the right-of-center National Radical Union, is not expected to win.

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4. Panama

a. The upcoming carnival weekend could bring a renewal of anti-American violence.

b. The main student leaders have scheduled a mass meeting Sunday in Panama City to pay tribute to last month's "martyrs" and "defeat the Yankees." Many radio stations and newspapers are pumping out inflammatory material.

c. Agitators should find rich pickings amongst the crowds of idlers which will be larger than usual since the government banned a number of traditional carnival events.

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5. Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines

a. The first day of substantive talks among the foreign ministers of Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines went well enough.

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c. The thorny issues, however, lie ahead. One of these will be the Malaysian demand that Indonesian "volunteers" be withdrawn from Malaysian Borneo.

d. Subandrio has declined so far to give any assurances to the Malaysians along these lines, and we doubt that he has the authority to do so. [REDACTED]

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6. Ghana

a. Nkrumah's pathological concern for his safety has, it seems, led him once again to seek Soviet help in shoring up security arrangements. [REDACTED]

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b. Up to 40 Soviets, whose presence has not been accounted for, were brought into Accra on the two latest weekly Aeroflot flights.

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[redacted] the palace where Nkrumah has been holed up since last month's attempt on his life.

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d. Nkrumah, apparently convinced by his leftist advisors that the US is out to get him, has said, "these Americans are devils, and I am going to put them in their place."

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7. Congo

a. Congolese security forces still hold the main towns in the Kwilu area, but have done little to root out the Mulele terrorist bands or cut off their sources of supply and money.

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b. Efforts in this direction are being hampered by the usual bickering among Leopoldville politicians elbowing each other for advantage.

c. Adoula's problem is that, if the Mulele movement can keep its momentum, it will probably be able to attract support from among diverse anti-Adoula elements and perhaps from the Congolese Army itself.

NOTES

A. USSR-Cyprus Gromyko this morning handed Ambassador Kohler a letter from Khrushchev to the President. It calls for western restraint toward Cyprus, opposes NATO "occupation" and suggests the Security Council as a proper forum in which to debate the issue. Similar messages have been sent to British, French, Turkish, and Greek heads of government.

B. Spain-USSR [redacted] Spain and the USSR will resume diplomatic relations by 1 April. 50X1
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C. UAR - Yemen - Saudi Arabia Nasir continues to send troops to Yemen. 5050X1

D. Cuba-USSR Cuban trainees, now active at all SAM sites on the island 5050X1

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These are further indications of a Soviet intent to transfer the system to Cuban control, possibly as early as April. 50X1
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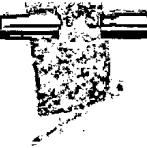
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G. British Guiana The week-long trek through the Guiana hinterland by a tiny band of youthful supporters failed to drum up much enthusiasm for Jagan's cause. Jagan may be tempted to use their return tomorrow to provoke violence in volatile Georgetown.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE REVIEW

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4 - 7 FEBRUARY 1964
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7 February 1964

1. **Cuba-US:** There is little doubt in our minds that Castro deliberately sent his fishing boats into our territorial waters.

Although it is by no means certain that the provocation was designed to provide a pretext for shutting off the water supply to Guantanamo, circumstances suggest this may have been Castro's intention.

In addition to testimony of the two defected fishermen who said they were being sent on "a historic mission," Havana radio on Sunday, before the boats were taken to Key West, launched a new program series called "Cuba and the Guantanamo Base."

The first broadcast declared developments in Panama had raised again the question of US rights to the base.

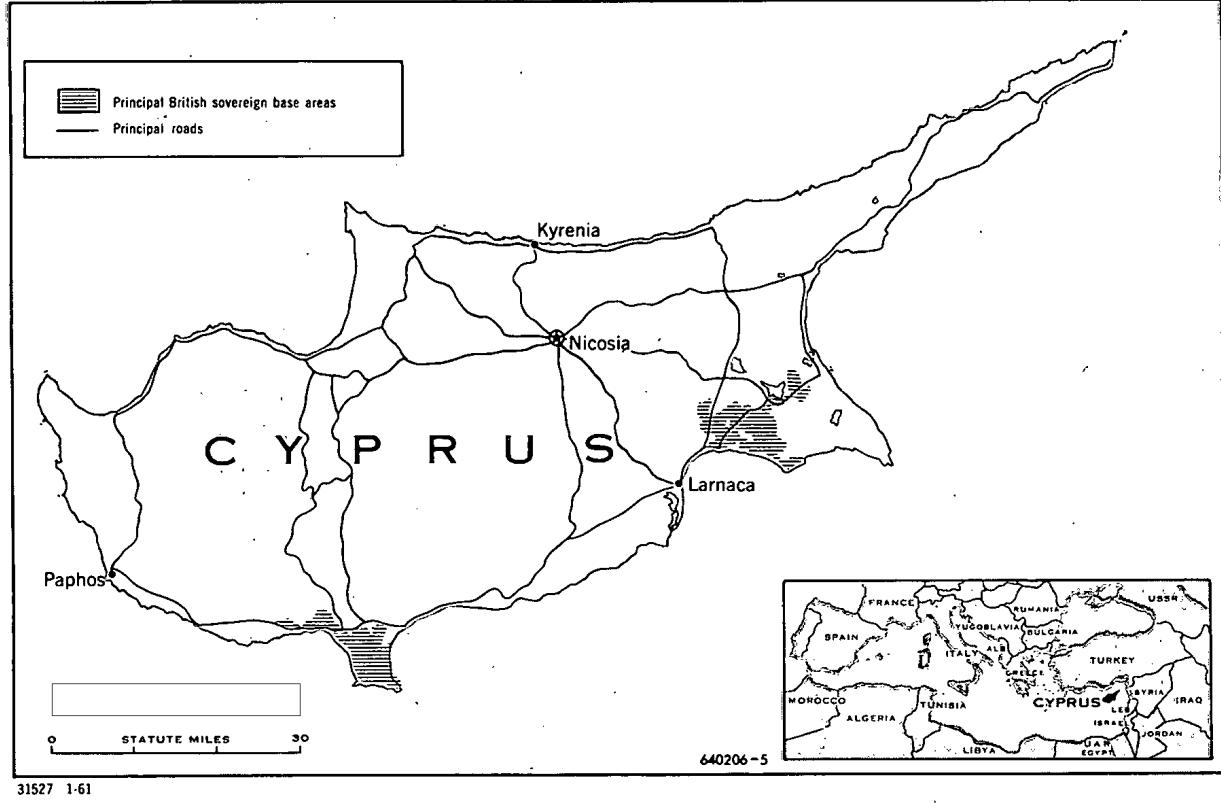
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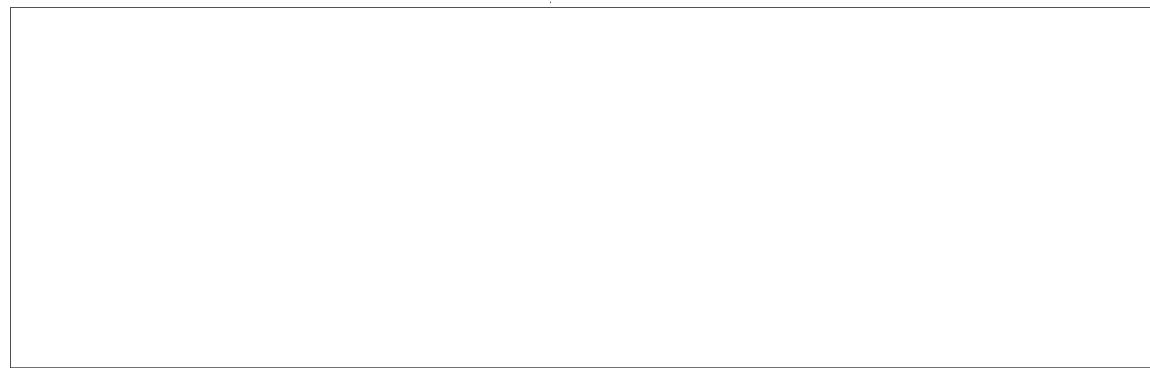


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2. Cyprus: The Greek and Turkish Cypriots are at each other's throat again.

Instances of violence are growing in number and severity.

Armed irregulars have begun appearing on the streets in Nicosia, and Americans are advised to stay indoors.



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Meantime, the search for a mutually acceptable formula on a force goes on. It is difficult to find common ground between Makarios' demands and the minimum Turkish position.

Makarios, with some support from the Greeks, is sticking to his demand for Security Council approval.

Press reports have it that he will come to New York next week if negotiations in London do not get anywhere by then.

The Turks are telling us in so many words that they will make no further concessions.

Inonu, however, is said to believe that the time for Turkish military intervention is past and he is determined to stick to the negotiations route as long as possible. We are convinced that this view is not accepted throughout the Turkish armed forces, nor could it be sustained by the government if the Turkish Cypriots begin to get the worst of it.

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Ambassador Wilkins has expressed his concern over the charged, anti-American atmosphere among the Greek Cypriots and has again recommended against including US troops in a peacekeeping force.

3. South Vietnam: By the strength and boldness of their recent attacks, the Viet Cong appear to be making a major effort to discredit the new regime in Saigon.

The tempo of Viet Cong activity had been rising gradually during the three weeks prior to the coup, but it has accelerated notably since 30 January in nearly all regions of the country.

The delta provinces south of Saigon are so far bearing the brunt of this.

Major General Khanh, meanwhile, has been moving rapidly to consolidate his control.

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He intends momentarily to announce a "government of national union" to succeed the civilian cabinet of Prime Minister Tho which has continued in a caretaker status.

According to Ambassador Lodge, General "Big" Minh will become titular Chief of State. Khanh will be Prime Minister and Chairman of the Revolutionary Military Council.

There will be three deputy prime ministers in charge of all of the working ministries.

Khanh is fully confident of broad military support, but there is still some talk of a coup and there remains some disquiet among Buddhists and students.

The appointment of "Big" Minh as Chief of State may ease this situation somewhat.

4. Greece: With the national elections coming up a week from Sunday, coup talk is again being heard in Greek military circles.

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This sort of thing accompanies nearly every election campaign, but is more urgent just now since this is the first election in more than a decade in which the military's long-standing political partner, the right-of-center National Radical Union, is not expected to win.

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5. Panama: The upcoming carnival weekend could bring a renewal of anti-American violence.

The main student leaders have scheduled a mass meeting Sunday in Panama City to pay tribute to last month's "martyrs" and "defeat the Yankees." Many radio stations and newspapers are pumping out inflammatory material.

Agitators should find rich pickings amongst the crowds of idlers which will be larger than usual since the government banned a number of traditional carnival events.

Chiari is getting worried about the political repercussions of a deteriorating economy.

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After voting itself into an organ of consultation on Tuesday, the OAS turned to trying to set up an investigative peace commission. As nobody wanted to serve on it, it was finally decided on Thursday that everybody would.

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6. OAS-Cuba: The prospect of strong OAS action against Cuba over the Venezuelan arms cache issue is waning.

A Venezuelan briefing team has been making the rounds in hopes of drumming up support by laying out the facts. They did manage to impress Chile; even so, the Chileans will probably not vote for strong action.

The team did not seem to get very far with the Argentines, and will not even try Mexico which Caracas feels is a lost cause.

Brazil has been working hard to counter Betancourt's effort.

7. Ghana: Anti-American propaganda has been intensified as Nkrumah, seeing enemies behind every bush, lashes out against us in the hope of diverting the populace from the inadequacies of his own regime.

Events are moving very fast, Ambassador Mahoney reports, and more demonstrations are in prospect. He says the population at large seems generally unimpressed and aware it is all being stage-managed by Nkrumah's party agitators.

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at the heavily guarded castle where he has holed up since the assassination attempt last month. [redacted]

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The officer corps is more disturbed than ever over Nkrumah's recent behavior.

Mahoney, who returned here yesterday for consultation after Nkrumah refused to see him, feels the possibility of an early coup attempt by the army has increased.

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8. Congo: The Congo seems destined for another extended crisis.

Expanding terrorist excesses in Kwilu are bringing the unstable country close to anarchy.

The Congolese Army is undisciplined, its loyalties transitory, and the authority of the Leopoldville government still extends little beyond the city's limits.

Despite this, U Thant remains determined to close out the UN's costly military operations by 1 July.

Meanwhile, efforts to form a government party and devise an acceptable constitution are faltering. Elections set for mid-year will probably have to be delayed.

Time is running out on the drifting Adoula regime. It commands scant backing

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9. China Recognition:

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Paris is now telling the world that if the Nationalists do not get the hint soon and pull out, France will go ahead and break relations.

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12. Sino-Soviet Relations: Peiping and Moscow in the last week were back to exchanging unpleasantries. This time most of the thunder came from the Chinese side.

They charged that Khrushchev has all but joined with the imperialist leaders and was no fit man to lead the Communist revolution.

The intemperance of their language suggests to us that they are not only willing to see the world Communist movement split wide-open, but they may be trying to provoke the Soviets into doing just that.

13. USSR-India: Moscow has told the Indians it is willing to sell them the equipment for 14 additional SAM sites.

This will boost Indian SAM purchases to 22 sites.

Some equipment has arrived, and the first training site will be set up within three months; the first operational site has been delayed until late in the year.

14. Syria: Factionalism within the Syrian Baath Party is endangering Baath control of the government. Former Premier Bitar, a long-time party leader, has been ousted from the party for indiscipline and a move appears to be under way to remove party founder Aflaq.

A similar situation prevailed in Iraq last November when the Baath split into warring factions and the army took over.

15. UAR - Yemen - Saudi Arabia: Nasir continues to send troops to Yemen.

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16. Spain-USSR:

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Spain and the USSR will resume diplomatic relations by 1 April.

17. Cuba-USSR: Cuban trainees, now active at all SAM sites on the island,

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These are further indications of a Soviet intent to transfer the system to Cuban control, possibly as early as April.

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19. **British Guiana:** The week-long trek through
the Guiana hinterland by a tiny band of youthful
supporters failed to drum up much enthusiasm for
Jagan's cause.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--8 FEBRUARY 1964

1. GUANTANAMO:

A. THE CURRENT POSTURE OF CUBAN FORCES NEAR THE NAVAL BASE IS ESSENTIALLY PRECAUTIONARY AND DEFENSIVE. PHOTOGRAPHY OF 6 FEBRUARY SHOWS NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE SIZE AND DEPLOYMENT OF MILITARY FORCES IN ORIENTE PROVINCE OR AROUND GUANTANAMO ITSELF.

B. CUBAN PRESIDENT DORTICOS DENIED ON TV LAST NIGHT THAT HAVANA HAD SET UP THE FISHING BOAT INCIDENT AS THE FIRST STEP IN A CAMPAIGN AGAINST GUANTANAMO.

C. SAID DORTICOS: "THE REINCORPORATION OF THE TERRITORY OF THE BASE TO OUR COUNTRY WILL BE CLAIMED AT SUCH A TIME AS WE CONSIDER CONVENIENT AND OPPORTUNE, THROUGH INTERNATIONAL CHANNELS AND ORGANS WHICH WE CONSIDER ADEQUATE FOR SUCH A CLAIM."

2. CYPRUS:

A. SPORADIC FIGHTING BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS CONTINUED YESTERDAY.

B. THE GREEK CYPRIOT POLICE CHIEF IS CONCERNED THAT POLICE AND PARAMILITARY GROUPS ARE COMING UNDER THE CONTROL OF MORE RADICAL ELEMENTS. HE ALSO SAYS THAT THE BOMBING OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY WAS TRIGGERED BY REPORTS IN THE LOCAL PRESS THAT THE US DID NOT FAVOR MAJORITY RULE ON CYPRUS. THIS WAS INTERPRETED AS MEANING THAT THE US IS BACKING PARTITION.

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E. THE APPROVAL OF THE GREEK AND TURKISH GOVERNMENTS FOR THE REVISED ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS IS STILL BEING SOUGHT.

F. THERE ARE SIGNS THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE PREPARING TO GO IMMEDIATELY TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL IF NEGOTIATIONS COLLAPSE.

H. KHRUSHCHEV'S PERSONAL INTERVENTION YESTERDAY APPEARS AIMED AT STIFFENING MAKARIOS' OPPOSITION TO THE US-UK PROPOSALS AND AT PROLONGING THE IMPASSE.

3. SOMALIA-ETHIOPIA:

A. THE FIGHTING BETWEEN ETHIOPIAN SECURITY FORCES AND DISSIDENT SOMALI TRIBESMEN IN THE OGADEN REGION OF ETHIOPIA HAS REACHED THE POINT WHERE BOTH SIDES ARE COMMITTING REGULAR ARMY UNITS.

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C. APPARENTLY ETHIOPIAN GROUND FORCES STRUCK INTO SOMALIA YESTERDAY FOR THE FIRST TIME. THEIR SIZE AND MISSION ARE UNKNOWN.

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4. CHINESE RECOGNITION:

A. NATIONALIST VICE PRESIDENT CHEN CHENG TOLD AMBASSADOR WRIGHT YESTERDAY HE WAS IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH THE NEED FOR STANDING FAST IN PARIS AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.

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B. THE FRENCH, THROUGH THE PARIS PRESS, NOW SEEM TO BE LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR A DIRECT BREAK WITH THE NATIONALISTS.

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5. INDIA:

A. THE COMMUNISTS' CHANCES OF RETURNING TO POWER IN THE SOUTH INDIAN STATE OF KERALA APPEAR CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED AS A RESULT OF FACTIONALISM AND A SERIES OF SCANDALS BESETTING THE RULING CONGRESS PARTY THERE.

B. THE COMMUNISTS ARE CURRENTLY PRESSING FOR THE RESIGNATION OF THE CONGRESS DEPUTY LEADER, CHARGING HIM WITH IMMORALITY AND MISUSE OF HIS CABINET POST.

C. THEY GOVERNED THE STATE FROM 1957 TO 1959.

6. RWANDA:

A. THE RWANDESE AMBASSADOR IN LEOPOLDSVILLE HAS SAID THAT HIS COUNTRY PLANS TO ASK FOR UN TROOPS TO PROTECT ITS BORDERS.

B. THE COUNTRY IS THE SCENE OF A BLOODY INTERTRIBAL FIGHT AS ABOUT 150,000 RWANDESE REFUGEES IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES ATTEMPT TO ENTER RWANDA AND RESTORE THEIR TRIBAL KING.

C. RWANDESE AUTHORITIES HAVE REACTED HARSHLY, WITH WHOLESALE KILLING OF THE INVADERS AND THEIR FELLOW TRIBESMEN IN RWANDA. AS MANY AS 10,000 TRIBESMEN MAY HAVE BEEN WIPE OUT SO FAR.

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7. NOTES:

A. SOUTH VIETNAM: GENERAL KHANH HAS ANNOUNCED THE NEW GOVERNMENT WITH HIMSELF AS PRIME MINISTER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND GENERAL MINH AS CHIEF OF STATE. HE TOLD AMBASSADOR LODGE THAT MINH WOULD BE "EXACTLY LIKE THE KING OF ENGLAND" AND WOULD CONTINUE HIS PUBLIC APPEARANCES AROUND THE COUNTRY.

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B. COMMUNIST CHINA - NORTH VIETNAM:

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NORTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE BEING TRANSFERRED TO CHINA FOR TRAINING.

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C. EAST AFRICA: DUNCAN SANDYS WILL VISIT KENYA IN EARLY MARCH TO REVIEW THE SECURITY SITUATION IN EAST AFRICA AND BRITAIN'S ROLE IN CONTINUING TO PROVIDE MILITARY TRAINING.

D. BOLIVIA: LECHIN HAS ANNOUNCED HE WILL RUN AGAINST PAZ IN THE JUNE ELECTIONS.

E. BRITISH GUIANA: SECURITY OFFICIALS IN GEORGETOWN DO NOT EXPECT ANY VIOLENCE WHEN JAGAN'S FREEDOM MARCHERS COME LIMPING IN ON MONDAY. THEY HAVE TAKEN FULL PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES JUST IN CASE.

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F. COLOMBIA: COMMUNIST-INSTIGATED TERRORISM IN THE CITIES, A MAJOR PROBLEM FOR THE NATIONAL FRONT GOVERNMENT IN 1963, IS LIKELY TO PICK UP IN THE PERIOD BEFORE THE CONGRESSIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR 15 MARCH. THE SECURITY FORCES ARE CURRENTLY CONCENTRATING ON BANDITRY IN THE RURAL AREAS AND WILL BE SPREAD PRETTY THIN IF THE TERRORISTS STRIKE AGAIN IN THE CITIES.

G. PANAMA:

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CARNIVAL WEEKEND HAS BEGUN, AND THERE IS A GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT AGITATORS MAY BE ABLE TO STIR UP SOME MORE ANTI-AMERICAN VIOLENCE AMONG THE WOULD BE REVELERS WHOSE TRADITIONAL CARNIVAL EVENTS HAVE BEEN BANNED BY THE CHIARI GOVERNMENT.

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1. Cyprus

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b. In Athens, our ambassador reports the emotional fervor over Cyprus is growing and affecting all Greeks whatever their political or social position.

c. The Communist-dominated United Democratic Left (EDA) is using Cyprus as its major campaign issue for the national elections next Sunday. The non-Communist Center Union (expected winner in the election) has come out strongly for Makarios' demand that any international police force be under the UN.

d. At the UN, Cyprus delegate Rossides told Stevenson his government believes there has to be a Security Council resolution on a peacekeeping force. He said Cyprus would not buy the "consensus" procedure designed to avoid Soviet hamstringing tactics.

e. Rossides also said Soviet delegate Fedorenko expected to be consulted fully on the establishment of a peacekeeping force and arrangements for the Security Council meeting.

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f. In Nicosia, Turkish Cypriot leader Kuchuk has reiterated that all hope of Greeks and Turks coexisting in Cyprus is gone and the only solution is partition.

g. Such statements do not help in London. The Greek Cypriot delegate returning to Nicosia yesterday said the talks were at a standstill. He accused the conference of subordinating the island's political problem to the question of an international force.

2. Somalia-Ethiopia

a. Fighting continues on the border. [REDACTED]

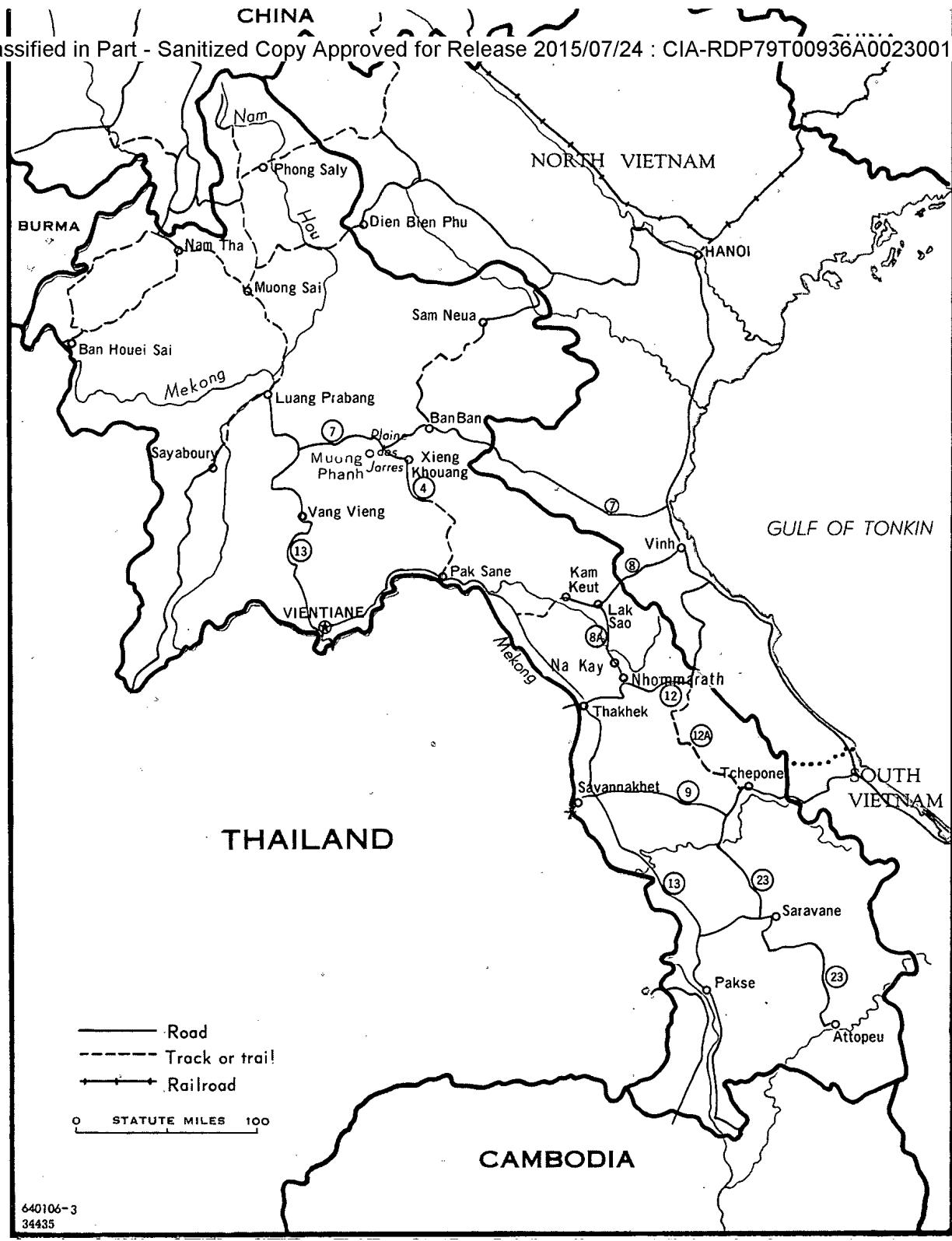
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3. South Vietnam

- a. The new government, announced Saturday, gives some promise of firmer leadership than its predecessor.
- b. As premier, Khanh should be able to centralize governmental authority, although he says he intends to devote his primary attention to the military effort.
- c. Minh's agreement to serve as nominal chief of state should help rally public support.
- d. Khanh has broadened the base of government by including in the cabinet Vietnamese from all regions as well as representatives of the army, sects, labor, and the country's leading nationalist parties.
- e. The leading civilian member in the cabinet seems likely to be Nguyen Ton Hoan, vice premier in charge of "pacification." He returned last week from ten years' exile in Paris.
- f. The prospects for harmony within the cabinet, which includes capable but ambitious politicians from rival factions, are uncertain.

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4. Laos

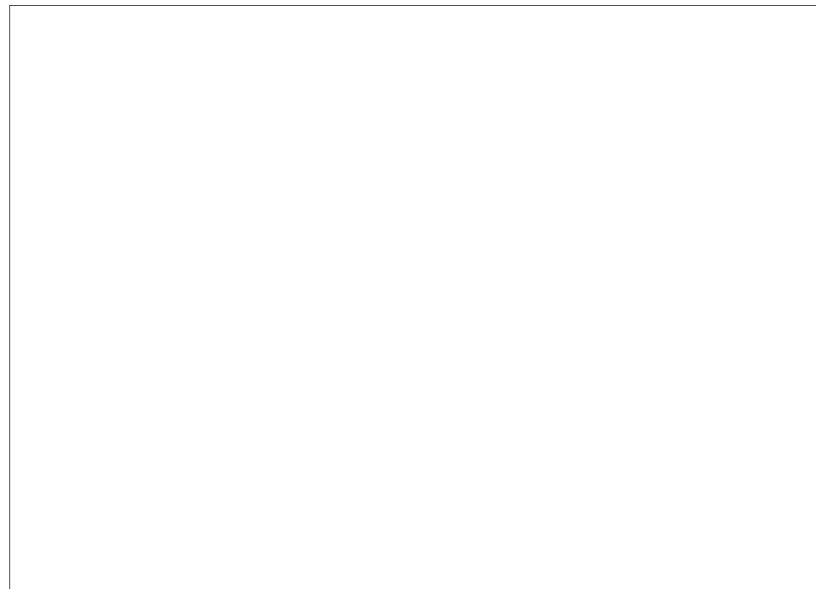
- a. Communist forces have taken a more threatening stance.
- b. There has been sharp skirmishing in recent days around Xieng Khouang town in the Plaine des Jarres. Pathet Lao garrison troops have moved against Lao army and neutralist forces occupying nearby ridge positions. They have also shelled Kong Le's nearby headquarters at Muong Phanh.
- c. In central Laos, the Communist advance toward Route 13 has halted since last week, but the enemy forces, which we think include at least three North Vietnamese battalions, can seize Thakhek any time they want to.
- d. The use of North Vietnamese on this scale suggests the weight Hanoi is currently putting on keeping the supply routes to South Vietnam open.
- e. The Pathet Lao continue to oppose International Control Commission investigation of the recent fighting east of Thakhek.

5. Congo
(Brazzaville)

- a. The rioting in Brazzaville last Friday by tribal supporters of former President Youlou has shaken up President Massamba-Debat's regime.
- b. These tribesmen were upset by rumors that Youlou had been killed. The latter has been detained at gendarmerie headquarters since his ouster by the army last August.
- c. The armed forces suppressed the outbreak quickly and inflicted a number of casualties, which will further alienate the tribesmen.
- d. Massamba-Debat charged immediately after the rioting that "certain embassies" were supporting "counterrevolutionary" activities. Several incidents since then suggest that US representatives have been marked as a particular target of hostility.
- e. The whole affair has probably improved the power position of army commander Mountsaka. It is also likely to strengthen the regime's leftist labor and youth leaders.

6. Guantanamo

a. The Cuban military alert continues but no build up near the US naval base has been observed.



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e. Statements by Castro and Dorticos, as well as the general tone of Cuban propaganda, suggest a desire not to bring the issue to an immediate head.

f. There have been some demonstrations, however, and the commander at Guantanamo is alive to the possibility of disorders near the base area.

NOTES

- A. USSR A central committee plenum on agriculture opened today with a speech by Khrushchev. The plenum will probably discuss the Soviet premier's chemical fertilizer program again and may go into long range plans for irrigation--a program that will take plenty of rubles. Ambassador Kohler notes signs that economic czar Ustinov may be named to the party presidium at the plenum.
- B. Tanganyika Nyerere is going to get his special meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Defense of the Organization of African Union. The meeting starts Wednesday and will discuss the "special emergency in east Africa." With 250-300 delegates on hand, a fine free-for-all can be expected.
- C. Panama Carnival Sunday has come and gone without serious anti-American incident. Panamanian national guardsmen quite efficiently broke up a small student march on the Canal Zone.
- D. British Guiana Jagan's "Freedom March" also ended without major incident.
- E. Cambodia Sihanouk is making a major issue of the accidental strafing of a Cambodian village by South Vietnamese planes on 4 February, and has referred the incident to the Geneva co-chairmen, again calling for a conference on Cambodian neutrality.

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11 FEBRUARY 1964
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1. Cyprus

- a. The temperature is rising on the island as a result of some of the most serious clashes since the cease-fire was arranged last December.
- b. Much of the trouble is in outlying areas where Turkish Cypriots, gripped by stark fear of the Greek Cypriots surrounding them, continue to group together in more preponderantly Turkish populated sectors.
- c. The Greek Cypriots see this movement as an effort to achieve de facto partition. They feel it must be stopped. Hence the harassment.
- d. Passions in Turkey are being inflamed by lurid dispatches telling of the plight of the Cypriot Turks.



- f. A Greek Cypriot cabinet member has told us that his government is now drafting a resolution to be presented to the Security Council. It will call on all parties to abstain from aggressive action while the composition of a peace-keeping force is discussed.

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g. The Greeks are agreed with Under Secretary Ball that it would be a bad idea for Makarios to go to the UN before the composition of a peacekeeping force was decided.

h. They say they have so advised Makarios and have his agreement to do nothing until after Sunday's elections in Greece.

2. France-China

- a. The French, as they said they would, provoked a break in relations with Taipei.
- b. They told the Nationalists that the arrival in Paris of Peiping's charge would mean Taipei's representation in France had "lost its raison d'etre" as the new charge would be treated as the representative of the government of China.
- c. Peiping has clearly insisted that the break with Taipei be accomplished before relations were established, and France has just as clearly given in.
- d. The French made it plain they do not consider the Nationalists to represent anybody.
- e. Taipei's communiqué on the break states that France's decision to exchange charges d'affaires with Peiping "damaged beyond repair the existing relations between the Republic of China and France."
- f. Taipei says it finds such action "no longer tolerable and has therefore decided to cease diplomatic relations with the French Government as of 10 February 1964."

3. South Vietnam

a. The Viet Cong continued on the offensive through the weekend and into yesterday, not only with major attacks against two district capitals at opposite ends of the country, but with widespread terrorist bombings and sabotage elsewhere.

b. The Viet Cong will probably use the unilateral cease-fire which they set for the lunar new year's holiday (11-17 Feb.) to re-equip and get set for further onslaughts.

c. Indications are that the northern provinces may then get the worst of it as a result of improved Communist logistic capabilities in south-central Laos.

4. Cuba-US

a.

[redacted] the possibility of military preparedness measures in Oriente Province.

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5. Maphilindo
Talks

a. The three-way ministerial talks in Bangkok adjourned yesterday with Indonesia still refusing to pull its guerrillas out of Malaysian territory.

b. Sukarno has told Ambassador Jones they will stay where they are until the whole Indonesian-Malaysian problem is resolved.

c. The ministers did agree to continue the cease-fire and to meet again, probably later this month.

d. Meanwhile, Malaysia's Tunku Rahman is in Phnom Penh for talks with Macapagal, who afterward will go to Djakarta for talks with Sukarno.

e. The Indonesians are hot after a plebiscite or some other means to ascertain desire of the people of North Borneo to adhere to Malaysia. They will be bargaining hard to get it.

6. Cuba-USSR

a. [redacted] Soviet ship to bring arms to Cuba this year [redacted]

b. It apparently is carrying some MIG-15s and a couple of MIG-21s in crates on deck.

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7. Israel -
Arab States

a. The Israelis are reported ready to begin testing at least one of three pumps they will use to divert Jordan River water from Lake Tiberias.

b. When they do, the Arabs will be faced for the first time with actual diversion of water rather than with the preliminary construction that has gone on so far.

c. We have had no indication of extraordinary activity on the Syrian side so far, although the Israelis say Syria attempted to shoot down one of their aircraft over Israeli territory yesterday.

8. Iraq-Kurds

a. Baghdad radio is saying President Arif and Iraqi insurgent leader Barzani have come to an agreement by which the Kurds will stop fighting and the government will recognize Kurdish rights "within the unity of the Iraqi people."

b. Evidently this means some form of autonomy, but we are not sure yet just what.

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c. Nor are we sure that this deal, if it is anything at all, will prove any more lasting than earlier ones.

d. For one thing, Barzani has been at odds with some of the more radical Kurdish political leaders.

e. He probably could not keep them in line if the agreement, as seems likely, falls short of their demands. They may well suspect the government is only buying time.

9. Vatican-Czecho-slovakia

a. The Vatican and Czechoslovakia have worked out an agreement on Church-state relations according to which Archbishop Beran, (imprisoned for 14 years until last fall for refusing to sign an oath of allegiance) will be coming to Rome in early March.

b. Beran may be elevated to Cardinal, and might remain in Rome, although he will still be Primate of Czechoslovakia.

c. Prague, according to a press release from Vatican City, will grant liberty for Vatican-appointed Bishops to exercise jurisdiction in their dioceses, but there seems to be some understanding that the Vatican will not "insist" that previously imprisoned Bishops (originally there were ten) return to their dioceses.

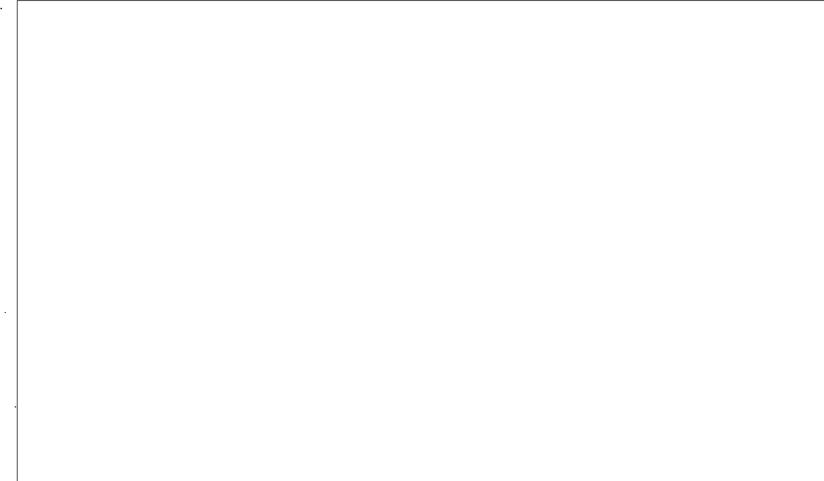
10. Arab Rap-
proachement

a. King Husayn announced yes-
terday, according to the press, that
he will soon extend recognition to
the Yemen Republic government.

b. This is an important step
in the building of closer relations
between Jordan and Egypt which grew
out of last month's Arab summit
meeting.

c. Ben Bella, meanwhile, is
saying from Algiers that his inter-
mediaries have "solved" all the
problems between Saudi Arabia and
Egypt.

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NOTES

A. Berlin The West Berlin Senat has decided to let the East Germans reopen and staff pass-issuing offices in West Berlin for three weeks next month. They will process applications for weekend visits in East Berlin during Easter (29 March) and Whitsunday (17 May). Erhard has yet to approve, and probably will.



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C. Nordic nuclear free zone Finnish officials think Khrushchev, during his round of Scandinavian capitals in June, will push hard for Kekkonen's Nordic nuclear-free zone proposal. They are not happy at the prospect, according to what the foreign minister told departing Ambassador Rowan, as they feel the proposal should not be taken seriously.

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1. **Guantanamo:**

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Cuba-USSR: [redacted] Soviet ship to bring arms to Cuba this year [redacted]. It is carrying some MIG-15s and a couple of MIG-21s in crates on deck.

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South Vietnam: Khanh's new government has inherited a bad situation. Viet Cong activity continues to grow.

Throughout the entire country, they are mounting small-scale attacks and acts of sabotage. Strategic hamlets are still falling to them with little or no resistance.

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There has also been a marked step-up in terrorist bombing, much of it aimed specifically against US personnel.

The Communist drive, coupled with uncertainty generated by the latest changeover in Saigon, is undoubtedly affecting the morale of the people, the paramilitary forces, and possibly regular troops as well.

Reports from several critical provinces near Saigon indicate little real government progress and some further deterioration since the last Viet Cong offensive in late 1963.

[redacted] military officials in these provinces [redacted] regard the coup as merely a continuing power struggle in Saigon, [redacted]

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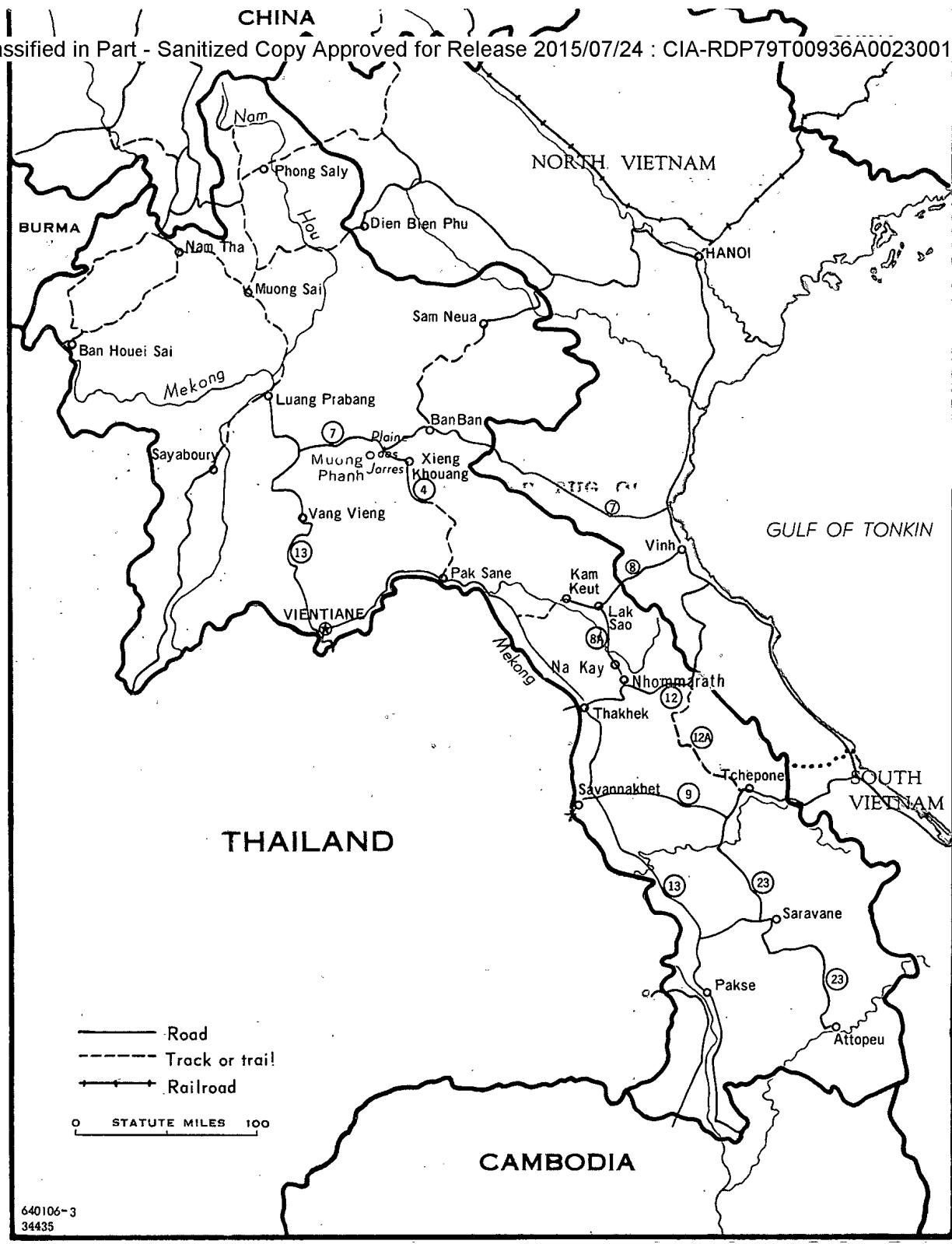
Thus, Khanh has his hands full. A spark plug himself, he has also put together a more broadly based government, but [redacted] is still far from clear that he will be able to rally the populace and halt the Viet Cong momentum.

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4. Laos: Communist forces are taking a more threatening stance. In skirmishes around Xieng Khouang town in the Plaine des Jarres, Pathet Lao garrison troops have moved against Lao Army and neutralist forces occupying nearby ridge positions. They have also shelled Kong Le's headquarters at Muong Phanh.

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The use of North Vietnamese on this scale suggests the weight Hanoi is currently putting on keeping the supply routes to South Vietnam open.

The Pathet Lao, as might be expected, continue to oppose International Control Commission investigation of the recent fighting east of Thakhek.

5. Cyprus: There has been no improvement in the situation on the island itself; if anything it is getting worse. The clashes which took place yesterday were as bad as any since the cease-fire came into effect in December.

Much of the trouble is in the outlying areas where Turkish Cypriots, fearful of the Greek Cypriots surrounding them, continue to group together in more preponderantly Turkish sectors.

The Greek Cypriots see this movement as an effort to achieve de facto partition, and some of their attacks are designed to stop this trend. The situation is made worse by the fact that the police and paramilitary groups are coming under the control of radical elements who spare no effort to get at the Turks. Their activity is quickly and luridly reported in the Turkish press, further arousing passions there.

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At the same time our embassy in Athens reports the emotional fervor also growing in Greece and affecting people in all walks of life.

The Greek Cypriots seem bent on taking their case to the Security Council where the Soviets can play the situation to their best possible advantage. The Greek Government agrees that it would be a bad idea for Makarios to do this before the composition of a peacekeeping force is decided. Athens claims to have Makarios' agreement not to make his move until after Sunday's election in Greece.

The Turks are against putting the dispute to the Security Council. They see this action as a Makarios ploy to predjudice Turkish treaty rights to intervene on Cyprus.

We have, in the meantime, seen no change in the alert status or the deployment of either Greek or Turkish forces.

6. Israel - Arab States: The Israelis are reported ready to begin testing at least one of three pumps they will use to divert Jordan River water from Lake Tiberias.

When they do, the Arabs will be faced for the first time with actual diversion of water rather than with the preliminary construction that has gone on so far.

We have had no indication of extraordinary activity on the Syrian side to date, although the Israelis say Syria attempted to shoot down one of their aircraft over Israeli territory Monday.

7. India: The Communists' chances of returning to power in the South Indian State of Kerala have improved lately as a result of growing factionalism in the anti-Communist forces and scandal in the ruling Congress Party.

The Communists ran Kerala from 1957 to 1959, their first and as yet only taste of power in India.

Nehru maneuvered them out when they tried to force through a Communist-style education system.

8. Maphilindo Talks: The three-way ministerial talks in Bangkok adjourned yesterday having made no discernible progress.

The ministers did agree to continue the cease-fire and to meet again, probably later this month. But Indonesia has refused to pull its guerrillas out of Malaysian territory.

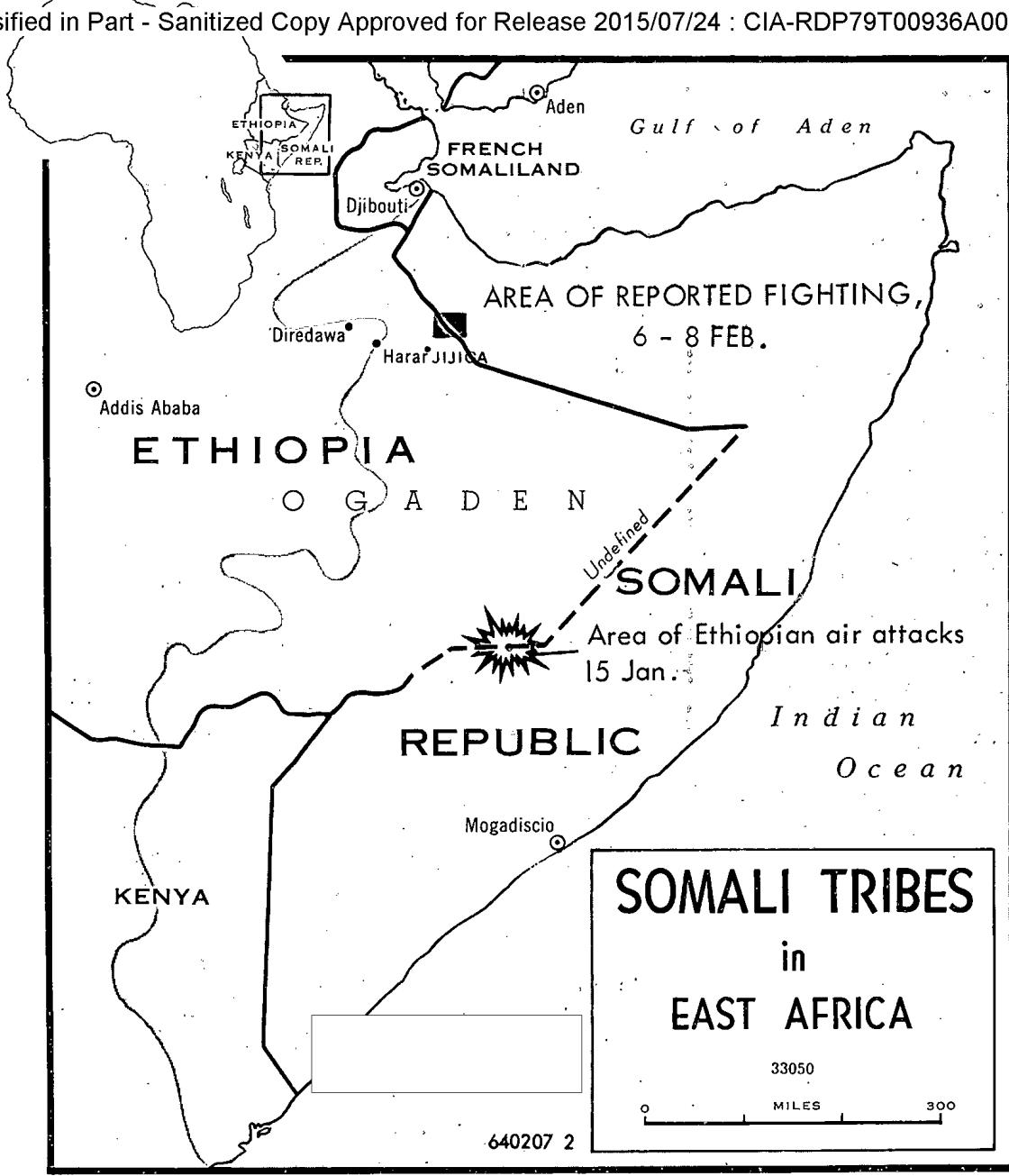
Meanwhile, Malaysia's Tunku Rahman is in Phnom Penh for talks with Macapagal, who afterward will go to Djakarta for talks with Sukarno.

The Malaysian-Indonesian border area and Malaysian Borneo have been relatively quiet during the past week. Neither side has reported any serious clashes or cease-fire violations.

9. France-China: The French, as they said they would, have provoked a break in relations with Taipei.

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They chose to deliver the news orally rather than in writing, but in so doing betrayed their embarrassment at having been forced to submit to Peiping's will.

Taipei's response took the form of a formal note making it clear that in Taipei's view France had taken the initiative. The Nationalist's public statement failed to get this message across clearly.

10. Somalia-Ethiopia: There has been another flare-up between Somali and Ethiopian troops in the troubled Ogaden region.

[REDACTED] it looks like local Ethiopian forces, which have felt frustrated by their inability to deal with Somali guerrillas, struck sharply at a Somali police post and let the Somalis see an Ethiopian jet or two.

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The fighting has died down, but armed forces are still face to face and the situation could get out of hand.

Both Mogadiscio and Addis Ababa would like to hold the temperature down. The problem is on the agenda of the Organization for African Unity meeting, which is opening in Dar-es-Salaam on Wednesday.

The Somalis had been talking about appealing to the UN, but will be under pressure from other Africans at Dar-es-Salaam to keep the matter in African hands.

Khrushchev has issued a moderate appeal to both sides to settle the dispute peacefully.

11. Congo (Brazzaville): The rioting in Brazzaville last Friday by tribal supporters of former President Youlou was suppressed fairly quickly by the armed forces.

President Massamba-Debat charged immediately afterward that "certain embassies" were supporting "counterrevolutionary" activities. Several incidents since then suggest that US representatives have been marked as a particular target of hostility.

The whole affair has probably improved the power position of army commander Mountsaka. It is also likely to strengthen the regime's leftist labor and youth leaders.

12. Panama: Carnival weekend passed without serious anti-American incident. The Panamanian guard easily deflected the small student march into the Zone.

Capital is still leaving the country

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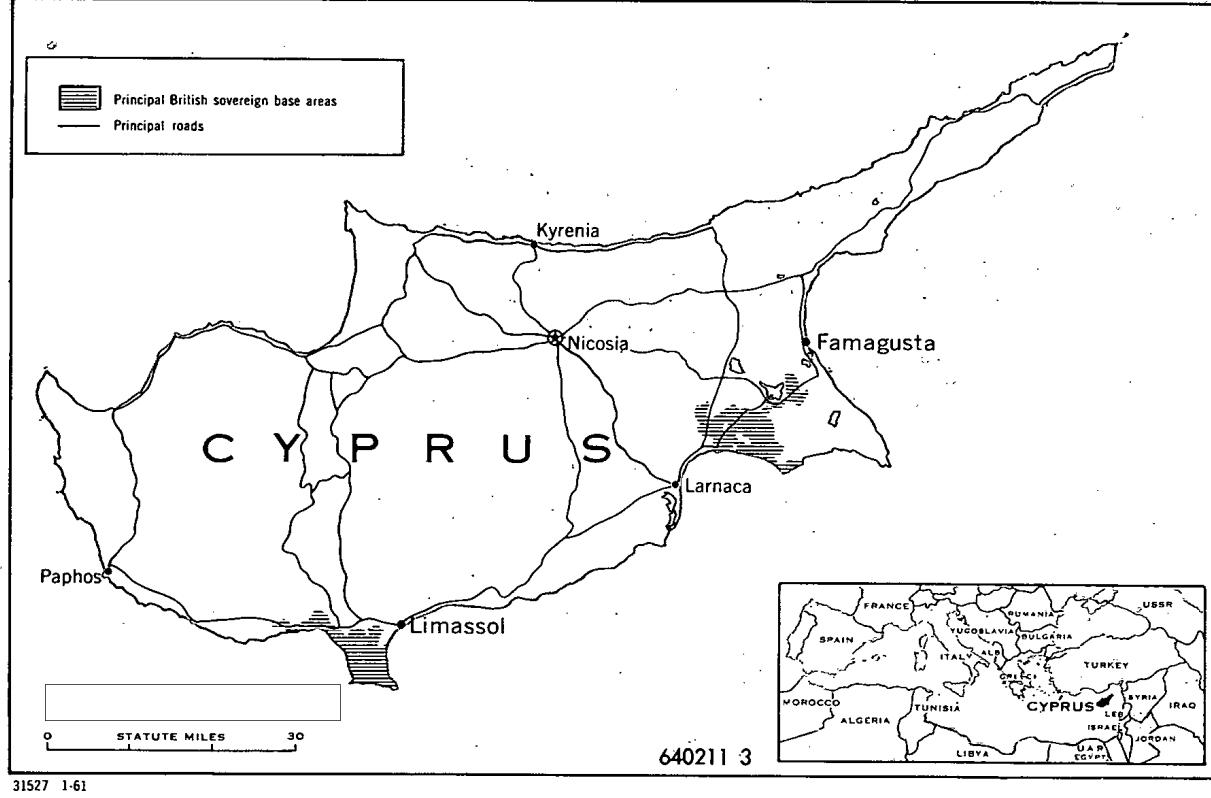
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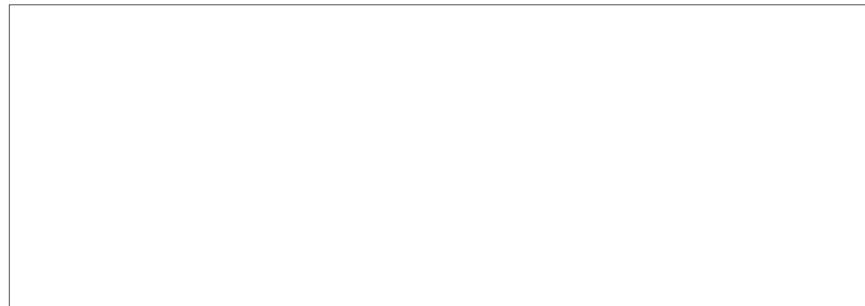
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1. Cyprus

a. Bullets were flying yesterday and again this morning as Greek and Turkish Cypriots clashed at Limassol, near one of the British bases, and in the suburbs of Nicosia.

b. Both sides are digging in for further trouble.

c. Greek Cypriot irregulars are being familiarized with bazookas and other small arms; women and school-girls are being taught the use of hand grenades. The Turkish Cypriots believe that time is running out and that outside help is vital.



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e. Turkish Prime Minister Inonu told Ball yesterday that he is more convinced than ever that the Turkish Cypriots cannot be left to the "mercies of Makarios."

f. Greek leader Papandreou, the expected victor in the Sunday election, favors the amended US-UK proposal and sees a UN appeal only as a last resort.

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g. The Greek Cypriot foreign minister was noncommittal when handed the reworked proposals in London yesterday.

h. Ball arrived in Nicosia this morning to try to talk Makarios into accepting them. The going is apt to be tough. The Archbishop is reported to have found the proposals "unconstructive" and to hanker still after UN involvement.

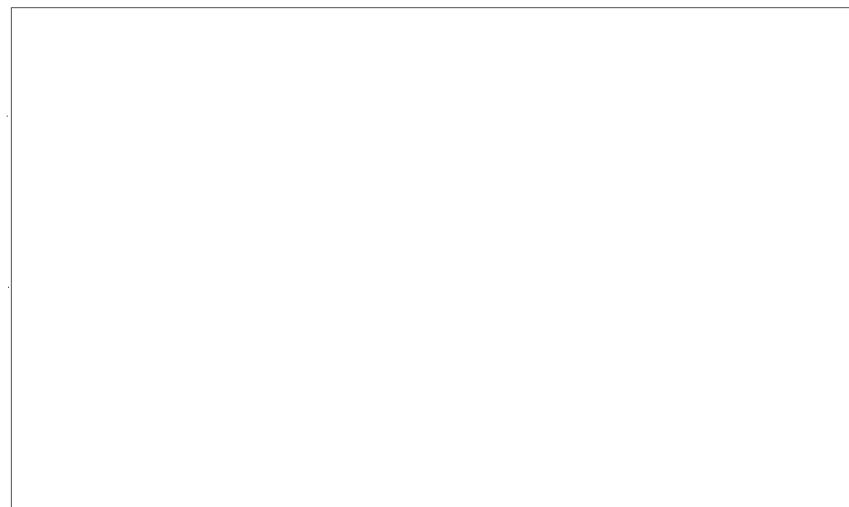
i. Another complicating factor was introduced yesterday when U Thant asserted he wants either complete control or no responsibility.

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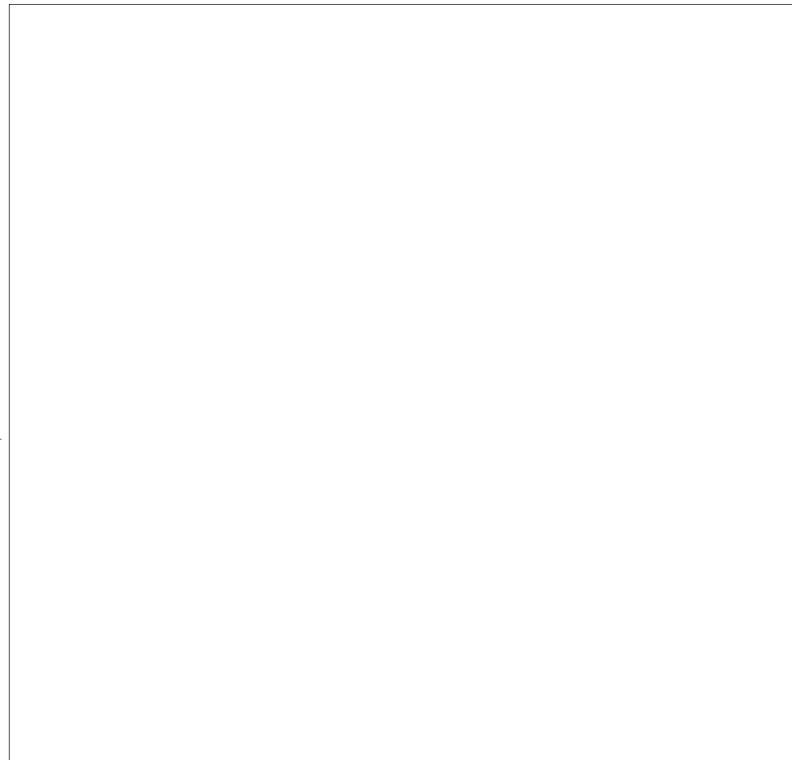
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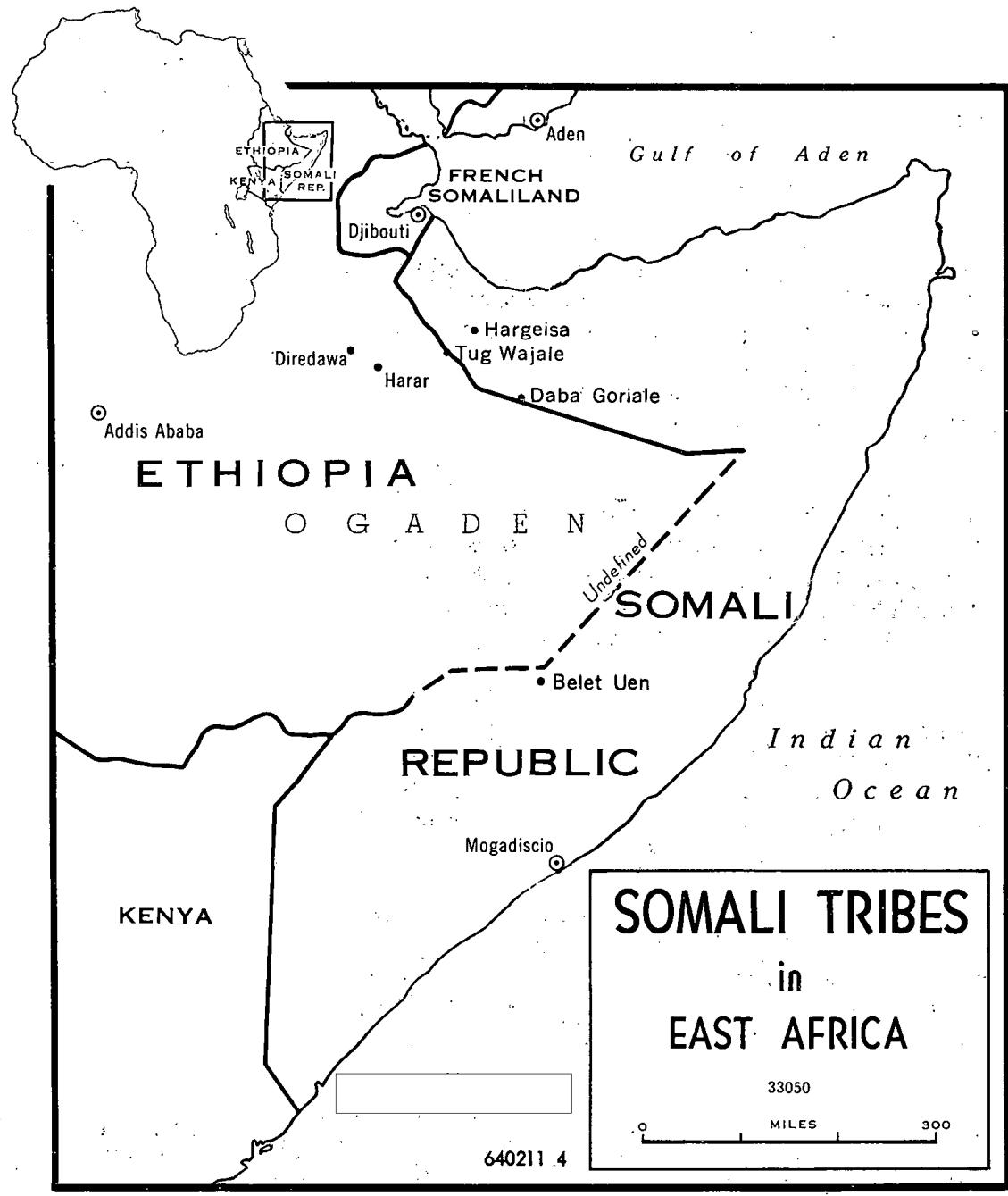
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4. Somalia-
Ethiopia

a. There was further fighting
last night at several points along
the frontier.

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b. [redacted] the
situation in the Daba Goriale area
"explosive" in view of the fact that
the Ethiopians have occupied this
disputed post.

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c. [redacted]

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there is good reason to believe that
the situation in the area is indeed
touchy.

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f. In addition, the Somali radio continues to pour out venom directed at Haile Selassie personally--"an immigrant Jew who drinks babies blood for breakfast"--and to call for his overthrow.

g. In the face of all this, both capitals say they want a peaceful settlement.

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h. There is a good chance that the dispute will get on the agenda of the Organization for African Unity, which meets today in Dar-es-Salaam.

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5. Peru

a. With rural unrest already widespread, the Belaunde Terry government may shortly face a sharper challenge from a group of pro-Castro leftists whose leaders are talking up a campaign of terrorism and guerrilla activity.

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d. It is possible that the organization may anticipate a move by the government and is trying in this way to head it off.

6. Trade with
Cuba

a. The French finance minister says the Cubans are "current" in their debts to French firms and are consequently no longer considered a bad credit risk by the ministry.

b. He sees no reason why Havana should not get normal commercial credits.

c. Across the world the Japanese Foreign Ministry is saying that Tokyo finds it very difficult to effect reductions in the current level of Japan-Cuba trade.

d. In fact recent British and French deals are stimulating pressures for an expansion from Japanese business.

7. Cuba

a. Describing his action as an effort to relieve tensions between the US and Cuba, Foreign Minister Roa told the Swiss ambassador in Havana that a US aircraft would be permitted to land in Cuba with a crew to repatriate the hijacked shrimp boat "Johnny Reb."

b. Roa did say he thought the main US concern was a repeal of the Guantanamo water ban, but he had nothing further to say on this.

c. [redacted]

[redacted] a moderate Cuban buildup in the vicinity of the base.

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8. South Vietnam

a. As might be expected, the Viet Cong finds the current talk about a negotiated settlement of the war in South Vietnam both congenial and exploitable.

b. They are telling all who will listen that, if the US would withdraw its men and material, all

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"parties and forces in South Vietnam" could sit down at the negotiating table and quickly and easily find a basis for "peace, independence, and neutrality in the south."

c. The Viet Cong's seven day cease-fire in honor of the lunar new year should begin today.

d. One of its main purposes is probably to feed the yearnings of the peasants for an end to violence, fear, and death and to place the onus for the war on the "US controlled cliques" in Saigon.

NOTES

- A. Tanganyika Nyerere, who finds himself in somewhat of a box after firing most of his own army and permitting a number of police to be sent to Zanzibar, seems to be trying to ease away from complete dependence on British arms.

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Nyerere
may ask for help from additional African states at the OAU meeting which begins today.

- B. Zanzibar President Karume, whose staying power we have questioned, seems to be hanging on in good style.

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Karume appears fully in control.

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- C. Congo (Brazzaville)

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expect new demonstrations, perhaps extending to violence, sparked by the leftwing Congo youth, or, perhaps, another and larger upheaval by Youlou's fellow Lari tribesmen.

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- D. France-China Having been freed of restraints by Taipei's move on Monday, the Chinese Communists are quickly dispatching a charge to Paris. The French expect him to arrive on Saturday. The French will try to keep some representation in Taipei but will not permit this to be a sticking point in the exchange of ambassadors with Peiping.

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- F. Greece Ambassador Labouisse points out that the death last week of former Deputy Prime Minister Venizelos removes a moderating influence from Greek politics and gives Papandreu uncontested sway over the Center Union Party. This, he notes, will make the expected Papandreu victory at the polls Sunday even less palatable to the palace and the military.
- G. Panama Panama's ambassador to the OAS, Miguel Moreno has returned from Washington a hero for his strongly nationalistic performance. He may be tapped to run for president on the ticket of the present government coalition. Coalition luminaries reportedly see Moreno as a "national unity" candidate who can beat presently favored Arnulfo Arias.

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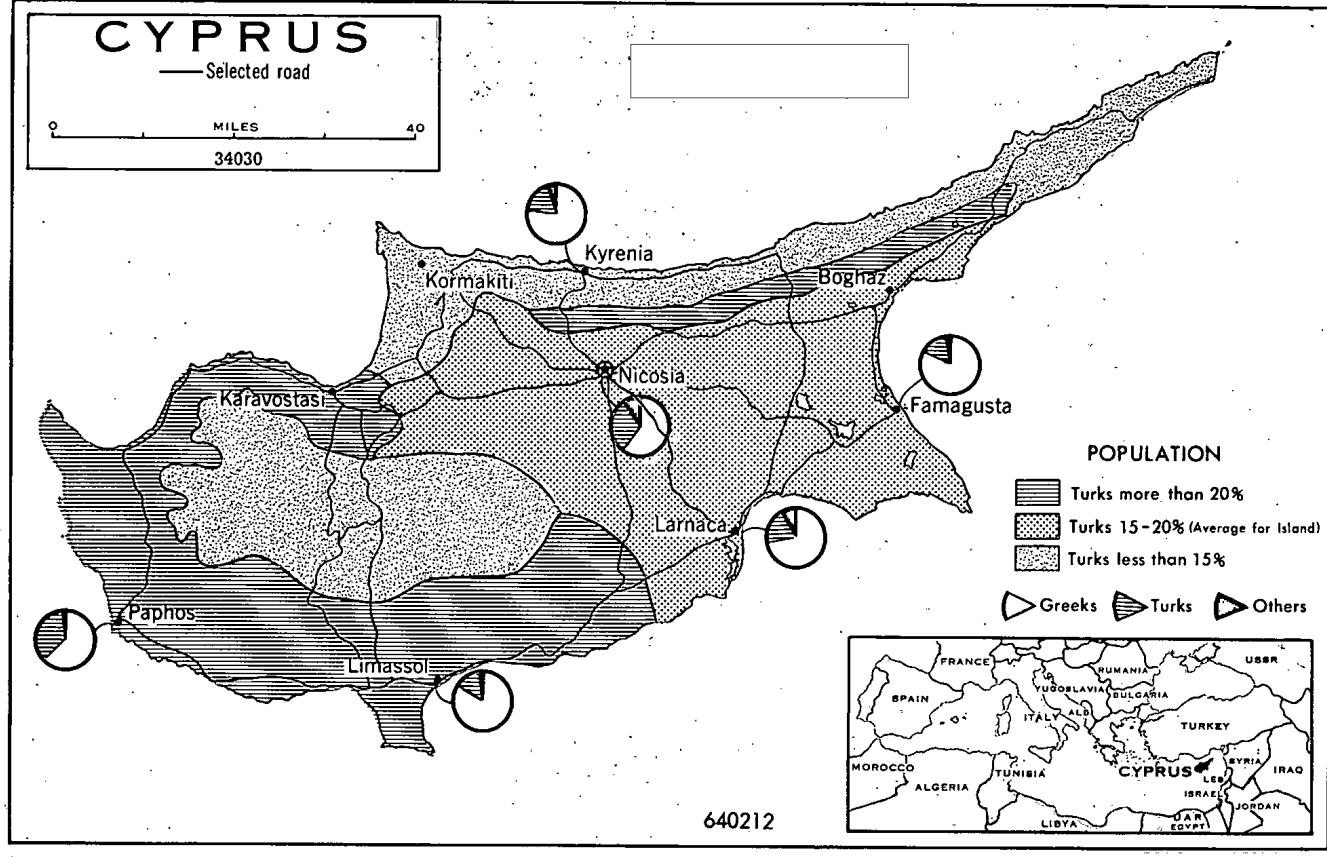
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LATE ITEM

Cyprus

a. In two meetings with Under Secretary Ball, Makarios has remained adamantly opposed to the basic provisions of the revised British-American plan. The two men are meeting again this morning, but Ball, despite his laying it on the line to Makarios, has little hope of any give in the Greek Cypriot position.

b. Pickard, the British representative, thinks Makarios no longer has any effective control at all, and Ball describes the two ministers who led the discussion on the Greek Cypriot side as fanatical and over the edge. "They reflect the death wish that seems endemic in this wretched island."

c. Civil order deteriorated further overnight; there have been 150 casualties at the south coast port of Limassol.

d. If the discussions break down this morning, the Cypriot government will probably spread the news; this could trigger widespread fighting.

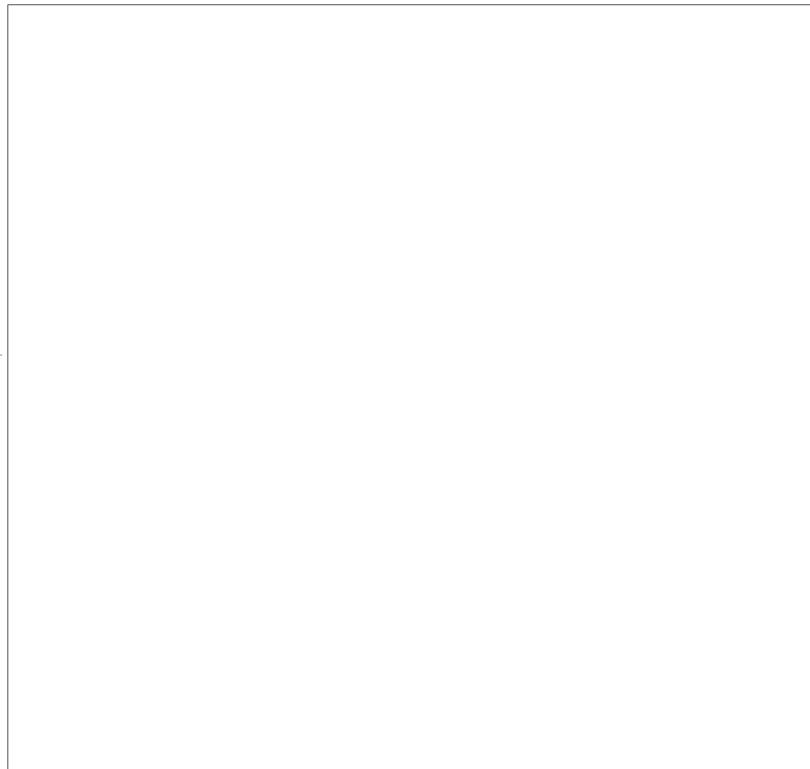
e. Ball says the principal problems we now face are to prevent the situation from degenerating into general civil war and to restrain Turkey from intervention under mounting provocation.

1. USSR

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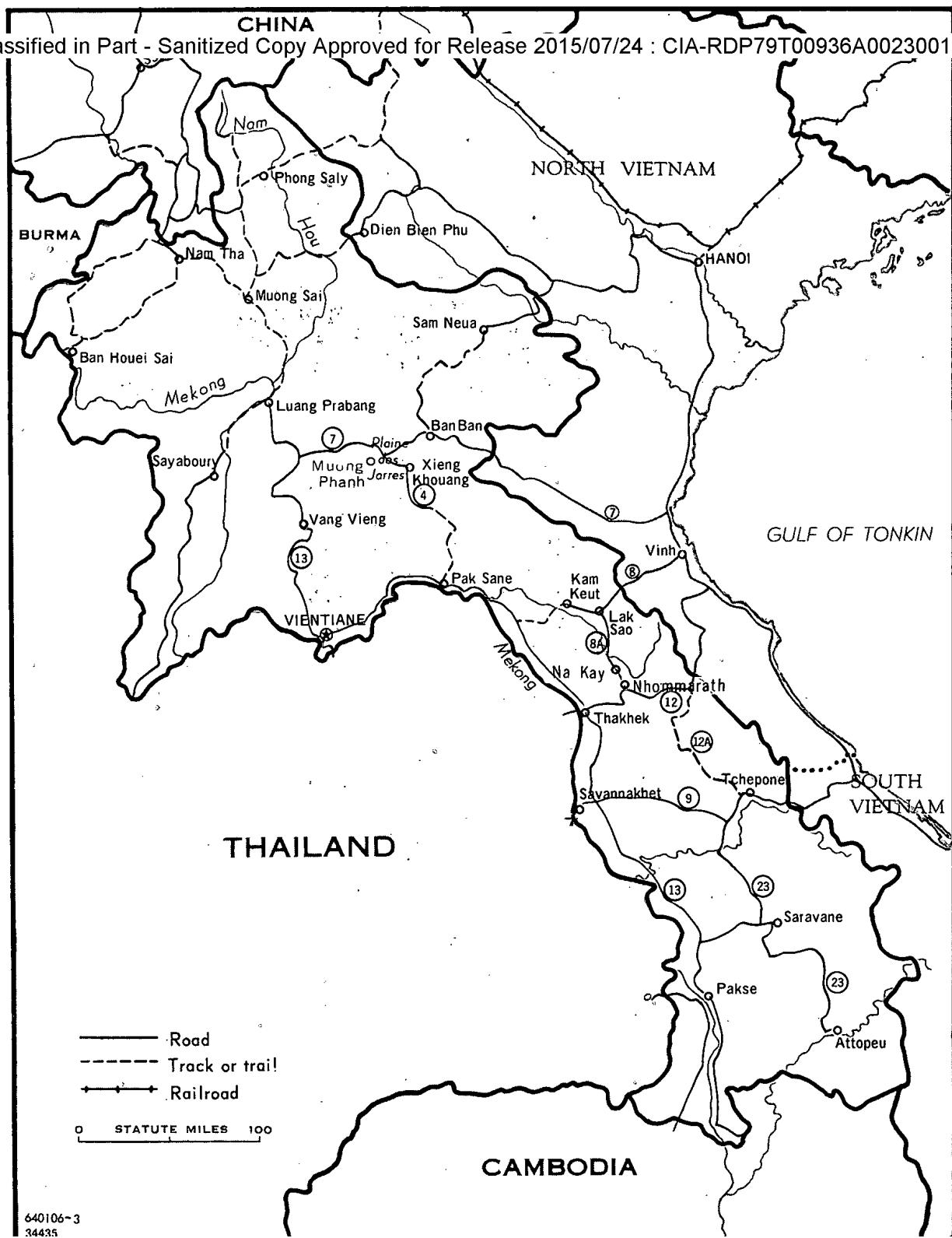
2. Laos

a. Communist military pressure
is causing concern in Vientiane.

b. Premier Souvanna wants the
International Control Commission to
send a team to central Laos, where
Communist forces still seem to be
sweeping toward the Mekong valley.

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He is also looking for ways to arrange a cease-fire and a pullback to previous positions to permit resumption of preparations for tripartite talks.

c. General Phoumi is opposed to sitting down with the Pathet Lao under the present circumstances. To bolster his case and to cover the recent rout of his forces east of Thakhek, Phoumi is exaggerating the extent of North Vietnamese military intervention.

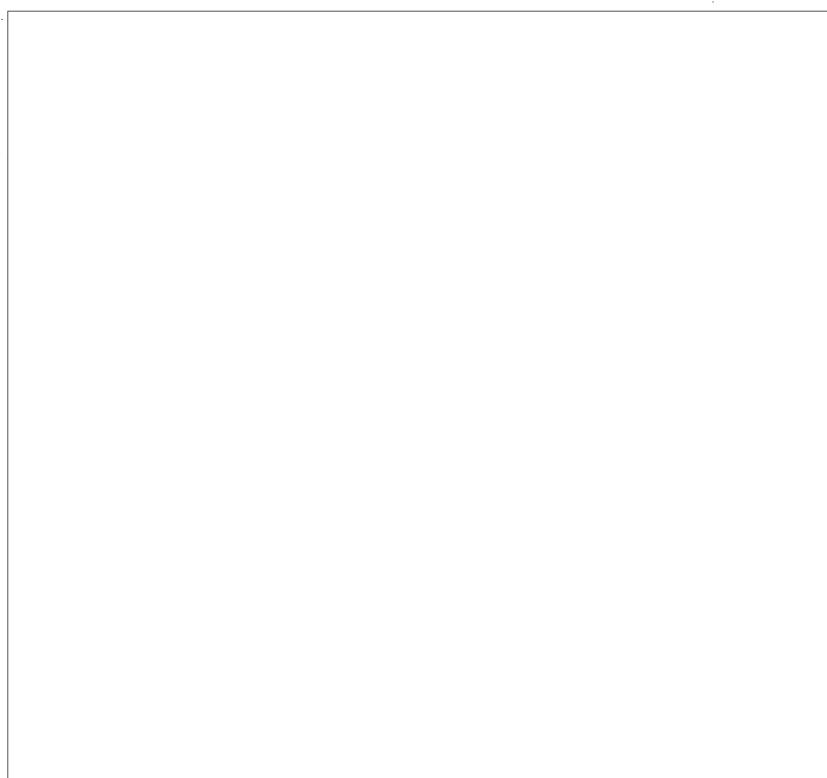
d. Phoumi has also been hinting at possible "spontaneous" popular demonstrations in Vientiane against the North Vietnamese Embassy and Pathet Lao mission. Some conservative elements remain dissatisfied with the leadership of both Souvanna and Phoumi.

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3. US-Cuba

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4. Somalia-
Ethiopia

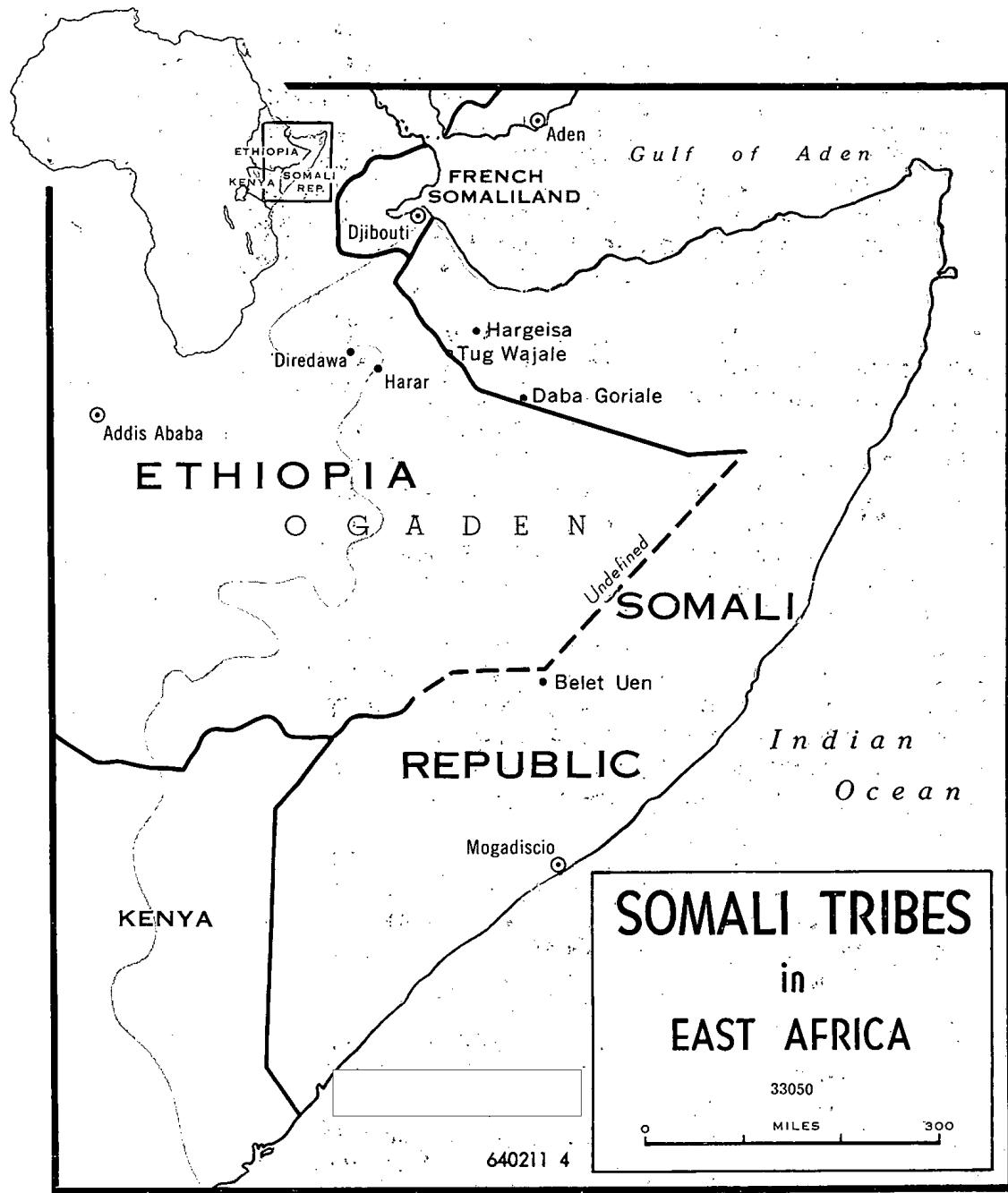
a. Fighting continues despite moves to halt it, and both sides are reinforcing their positions along the border.

b. Three battalions of Ethiopian Army troops crossed briefly into Somali territory at Tug Wajale, a village which straddles the border, but now appear to be occupying prepared positions in the Ethiopian sector of the village.

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c. A sizable Ethiopian force has also assembled at the border village of Daba Goriale some 120 miles southeast of Tug Wajale. All told the Ethiopians have one of their four infantry divisions in the Ogaden region plus one brigade.

d. The Somali Army has only two of its seven battalions in the northern sector of the country, and appears to be arming large numbers of "volunteers" to assist them.

e. This sort of guerrilla activity, which the Ethiopians know is encouraged and even directed by Mogadiscio, has particularly infuriated them and probably precipitated the current fighting.

f. Haile Selassie has told our ambassador "in confidence" that "foreigners" were involved in the recent Somali attacks on Ethiopia.

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Somali president is obsessed with the idea the US is stimulating the Ethiopian attacks in retaliation for his government's turning to the East for arms.

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B. Cambodia

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C. Belgium Foreign Minister Spaak believes Belgium should take immediate steps to make its training assistance to the Congolese National Army more effective in the time remaining before the UN withdrawal on 1 July. He told the US ambassador, however, that the idea of placing Belgian officers in Congolese field units raises sensitive issues and will require cabinet consideration.

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1. CYPRUS:

THE SITUATION IS MOVING TOO FAST TO SUMMARIZE AND STILL BE UP TO DATE. SECURITY ON THE ISLAND THREATENS TO COME APART MOMENTARILY AND TURKISH INTERVENTION COULD OCCUR AT ANY TIME.

IN THE CURRENT SITUATION WE ALSO DO NOT RULE OUT SOME SOVIET MILITARY PRESSURE ON TURKEY'S NORTHERN BORDER DESIGNED TO DETER THE TURKS THOUGH WE HAVE SEEN NOTHING OF THIS SORT TO DATE.

IN ANY EVENT WE DOUBT THAT THIS ACTIVITY WOULD DISSUADE THE TURKS ONCE THEY MAKE THEIR MINDS UP. THEY ARE CERTAINLY AT THE READY.

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2. CUBA:

3. USSR:

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SIGNS POINT TO ANOTHER SOVIET SPACE EVENT SOON. WE ARE INCLINED TO RULE OUT A MANNED ORBIT AND SPECULATE THAT A VENUS OR MARS PROBE MAY BE IN THE WORKS. CONDITIONS WOULD BE RIGHT FOR A VENUS PROBE ON SATURDAY. PREVIOUS SOVIET ATTEMPTS TO REACH THESE PLANETS HAVE NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL

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4. SOUTH VIETNAM:

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ARMY MORALE HAS FURTHER

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DETERIORATED AS A RESULT OF THE LATEST COUP.

MIDDLE-GRADE OFFICERS, SEEING PRO-

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MOTIONS AND PRESTIGE ACCRUE TO COUP PARTICIPANTS, MAY BE
THE NEXT GROUP TO TRY TO SEIZE POWER.

OUR EMBASSY BELIEVES THE RECENT TERRORIST BOMBINGS
IN SAIGON WERE MADE EASIER BY A DECLINE IN THE QUALITY OF
THE POLICE FORCE. EXTENSIVE RESHUFFLING AND PURGES HAVE
OCCURRED IN THE FORCE WHOSE COMMAND HAS CHANGED THREE
TIMES SINCE THE NOVEMBER COUP.

5. MAPHILINDO TALKS:

TUNKU RAHMAN'S TALKS IN PHNOM PENH WITH MACAPAGAL
ENDED WEDNESDAY WITH THE STATEMENT BY BOTH THAT THE "AIR
HAD BEEN CLEARED OF MISUNDERSTANDING." HOWEVER, THE
TUNKU HAD NO SUCCESS IN MOVING MACAPAGAL IN HIS DIRECTION.

IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER MALAYSIA AND THE PHILIPPINES WILL
PROCEED NOW TO SET UP CONSULAR RELATIONS OR MERELY BEGIN TO
CONSIDER DOING SO.

6. CAMBODIA:

THE CAMBODIAN DEFENSE MINISTER,

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ACCOMPANIED BY SEVERAL SENIOR OFFICERS AND SEVERAL MEMBERS
OF THE FRENCH MILITARY MISSION, WILL BE OFF FOR PEEPING SOON

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TO TALK MILITARY AID.

THE WORD IN PHNOM PENH IS THAT THE DELEGATION HAS SIHANOUK'S BLESSING TO CONCLUDE A MILITARY AID AGREEMENT AND THAT THE CHINESE WILL FURNISH WHATEVER IS NEEDED. HOWEVER, THE WORD IN PEIPING MAY BE DIFFERENT.

SIHANOUK, MEANWHILE, CONTINUES TO MAKE ANTI-AMERICAN REMARKS AT THE DROP OF A HAT.

7. FRANCE:

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8. TANGANYIKA:

NYERERE, HAVING FIRED HIS ARMY AND PURGED HIS POLICE, IS TRYING TO EDGE AWAY FROM COMPLETE DEPENDENCE ON BRITISH ARMS.

HE HAS ASKED NIGERIA, ALGERIA, AND ETHIOPIA TO CONTRIBUTE TO A FORCE TO KEEP THE PEACE IN TANGANYIKA. NIGERIA SAYS IT COULD PROVIDE A BATTALION. NYERERE'S PLAN HAS BEEN INDORSED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNION MEETING IN DAR-ES-SALAAM.

9. CONGO:

THERE IS A LULL IN THE FIGHTING BETWEEN CONGOLESE GOVERNMENT TROOPS AND LEFTIST INSURGENTS IN KWILU PROVINCE, BUT WE EXPECT THE REBELS TO EXPAND THEIR AREA OF ACTIVITY SOON.

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OF THE NEIGHBORING PROVINCE SYMPATHIZES WITH THE REBELLION.

THE ARMY GARRISON AT LULUABOURG, FARTHER EAST, IS SAID TO BE "IN FAVOR OF MULELE," THE LEFT-WING RADICAL WHO HEADS THE UPRISING.

IN LEOPOLDVILLE, [REDACTED] DISCONTENT 50X1

IN THE ARMY WITH A GROUP OF OFFICERS AGAIN TALKING ABOUT A COUP AGAINST PRIME MINISTER ADOULA.

10. GHANA:

PARLIAMENT MEETS NEXT WEEK TO ENACT THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS APPROVED IN LAST MONTH'S REFERENDUM. IN THIS MANIPULATED VOTE, GHANAIANS ENDORSED A ONE-PARTY STATE.

NKRUMAH WILL SOON HAVE DISCRETION TO FIRE AT WILL TOP-ECHelon MEMBERS OF THE FORMERLY INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY. REPLACEMENT OF SEVERAL BRITISH-TRAINED JUDGES WILL PROBABLY SOON FOLLOW.

11. ETHIOPIA-SOMALIA:

THE AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS CURRENTLY MEETING IN DAR-ES-SALAAM WILL PROBABLY HANDLE THIS BORDER DISPUTE IN THE SAME WAY THAT THE ONE BETWEEN ALGERIA AND MOROCCO WAS RESOLVED, I.E., A CEASE-FIRE FOLLOWED BY A COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT BACK. HAILE SELASSIE MAY DRAG HIS FEET HOWEVER.

12. YEMEN

DESPITE THE PRESENCE IN THE COUNTRY OF 35,000 EGYPTIAN TROOPS, YEMENI ROYALIST ACTIVITY HAS PICKED UP A BIT RECENTLY. DISSIDENT TRIBESMEN, SOUTH OF THE CAPITAL AT SANA, ARE HARASSING ROAD TRAFFIC. THIS SECTOR HAS BEEN QUIET FOR SOMETIME.

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13. BOLIVIA

LECHIN'S DECISION TO CHALLENGE PRESIDENT PAZ IN BOLIVIA'S JUNE ELECTIONS WILL PROBABLY USHER IN ANOTHER PERIOD OF TENSION AND SPORADIC VIOLENCE.

BOTH THE LECHIN AND PAZ FACTIONS HAVE SUBSTANTIAL PARAMILITARY FORCES WHICH ARE RELATIVELY UNDISCIPLINED. THE BOLIVIAN COMMUNIST PARTY HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED ITS SUPPORT OF THE LECHINISTS.

14. PANAMA

THE COMMUNIST-GUIDED "COMMITTEE FOR THE RESCUE OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY" HAS SCHEDULED A RALLY FOR TOMORROW TO MAINTAIN POPULAR PRESSURE ON THE CHIARI GOVERNMENT TO STAND FAST ON THE CANAL DISPUTE. THEY PROBABLY ALSO WANT TO IMPRESS THE OAS INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE CURRENTLY IN

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PANAMA.

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THE VANGUARD OF NATIONAL ACTION (VAN), THE CASTRO CONTROLLED REVOLUTIONARY GROUP, ARE GOING AHEAD WITH PLANS FOR TERRORIST ACTION IN RURAL AREAS. THEY HOPE TO BEGIN TRAINING GUERRILLA UNITS SOON.

15. PERU:

THE GOVERNMENT, ALREADY FACED WITH CONSIDERABLE UNREST IN RURAL AREAS, MAY SHORTLY BE CONFRONTED WITH AN ORGANIZED PROGRAM OF TERRORISM AND GUERRILLA ACTIVITY.

[REDACTED] GROUPS OF PRO-CASTRO

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LEFTISTS HAVE DECIDED TO BEGIN "REVOLUTIONARY ACTION"

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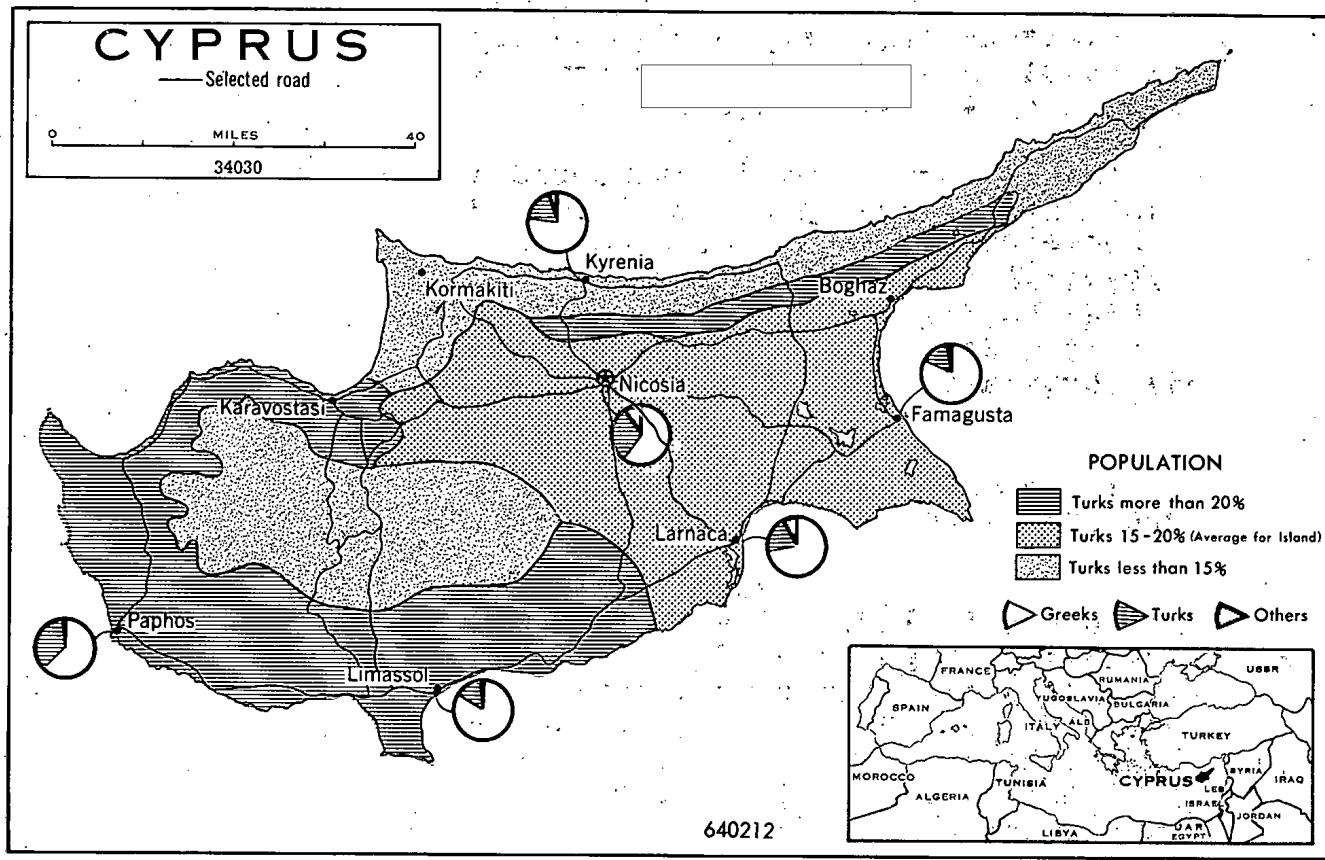
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1. Cyprus

a. The island is reported quiet this morning following the recent violence at Limassol, though [redacted] the cease-fire arranged there is extremely precarious.

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b. It is now established that this incident, in which at least 16 were killed and nearly 50 wounded--mostly Turks--was a pre-planned and coordinated attack by Greek Cypriots who evidently believed the Turkish Cypriots were planning to seize the port facilities.

c. They used automatic weapons, mortars, and armored bulldozers in the assault.

d. Although we are without the results of Under Secretary Ball's final meeting with Makarios this morning, it is clear that Makarios has been unmoved, still insisting on going to the UN and working out a peacekeeping force from there.

e. He obviously has an exaggerated impression of his prospects for quick and favorable treatment at the UN.

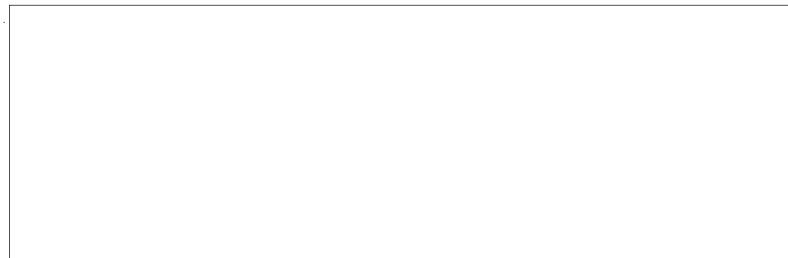
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g. The Turkish National Security Council was called into session yesterday, with top military commanders present. There are no indications yet of any decisions taken, but the government has publicly warned that "urgent measures must be taken to establish security on Cyprus."

h. In southern Turkey, troops continue amphibious assault training.

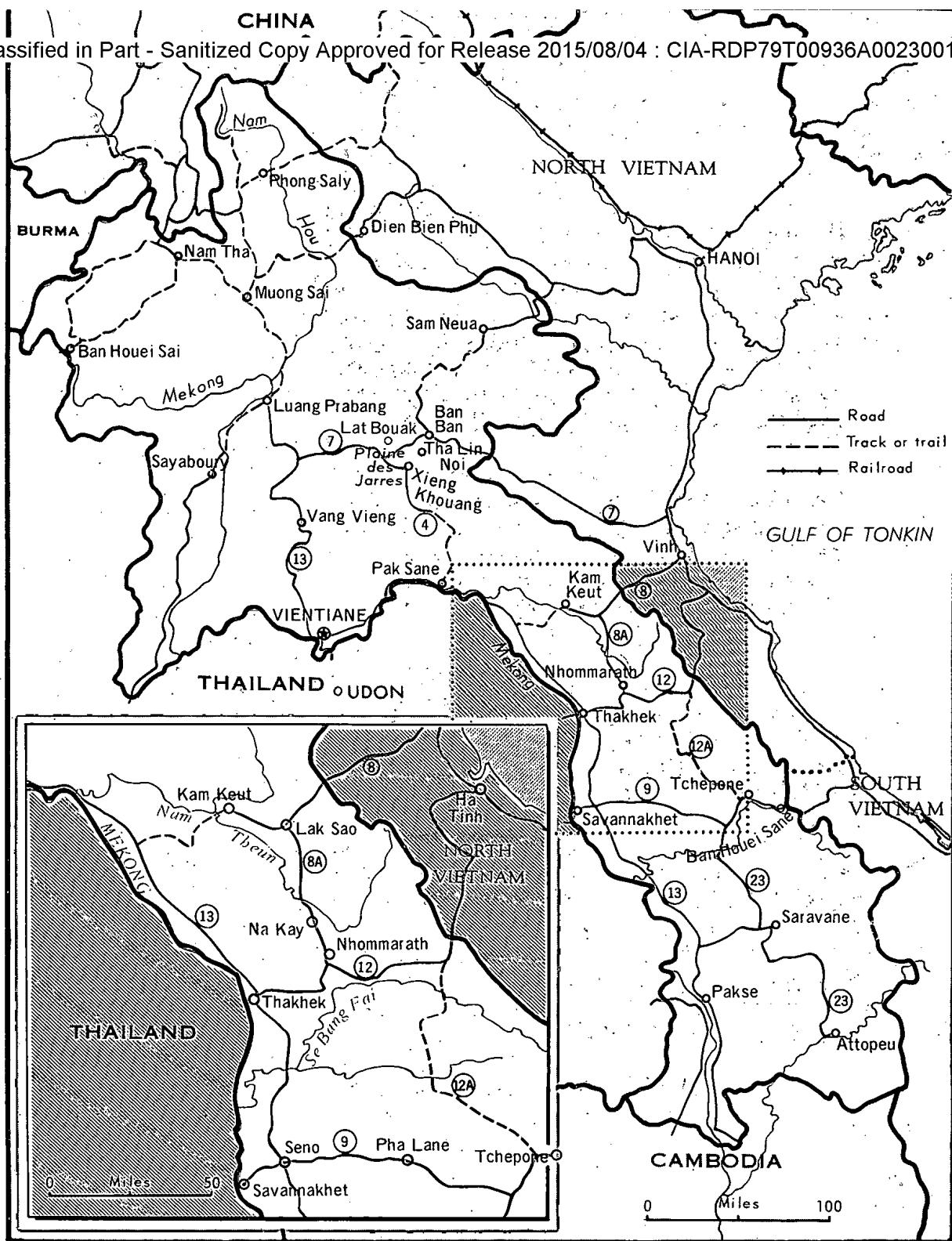
i. Press reports this morning say that the port of Iskenderun has been cleared of civilian shipping and the main quay taken over by the navy.



k. Because of the tense situation, Ankara has decided not to participate in the NATO exercise scheduled to take place off Malta beginning on 24 February.

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2. Laos

a. Communist military pressure continues on several fronts in Laos.

b. That the Communists mean business is indicated by the presence of regular North Vietnamese (PAVN) battalions in several areas. Since the Geneva Accords of 1962, the maintenance of the Communist position had been left mostly in the weaker hands of the Pathet Lao brethren.

c. In south and central Laos, two or three PAVN battalions have stiffened a Pathet Lao push which now threatens the Mekong valley, Route 13, and the towns of Thakhek and Savannakhet.

d. In the Plaine des Jarres, the Pathet Lao

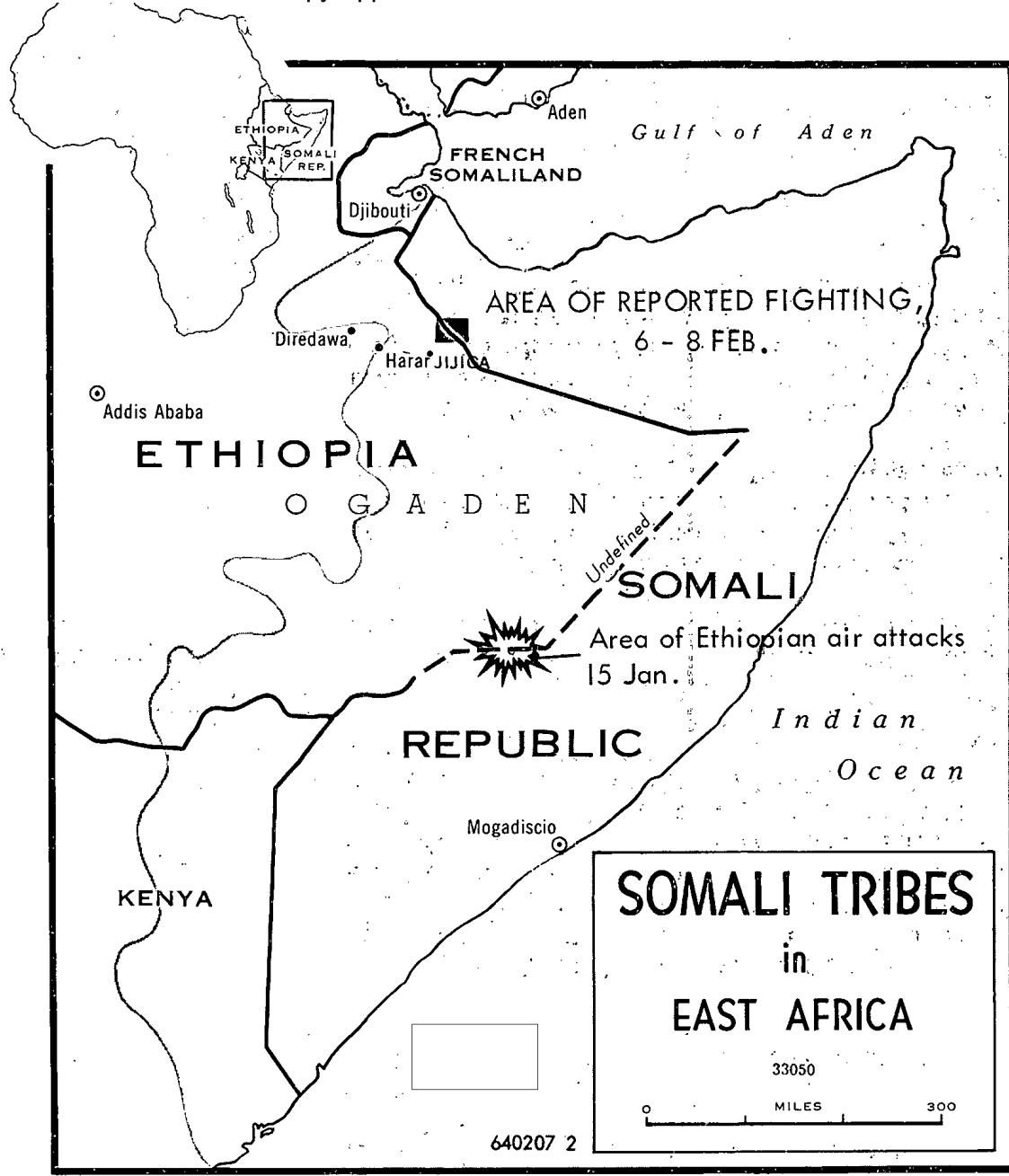
have displaced Lao Army elements from positions near Communist-held Xieng Khouang town.

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f. Talk, meanwhile, of ICC investigations, even in those areas accessible to them, remains just talk.

g. The situation clearly has the Thais on edge.

h. They have asked for a special SEATO meeting

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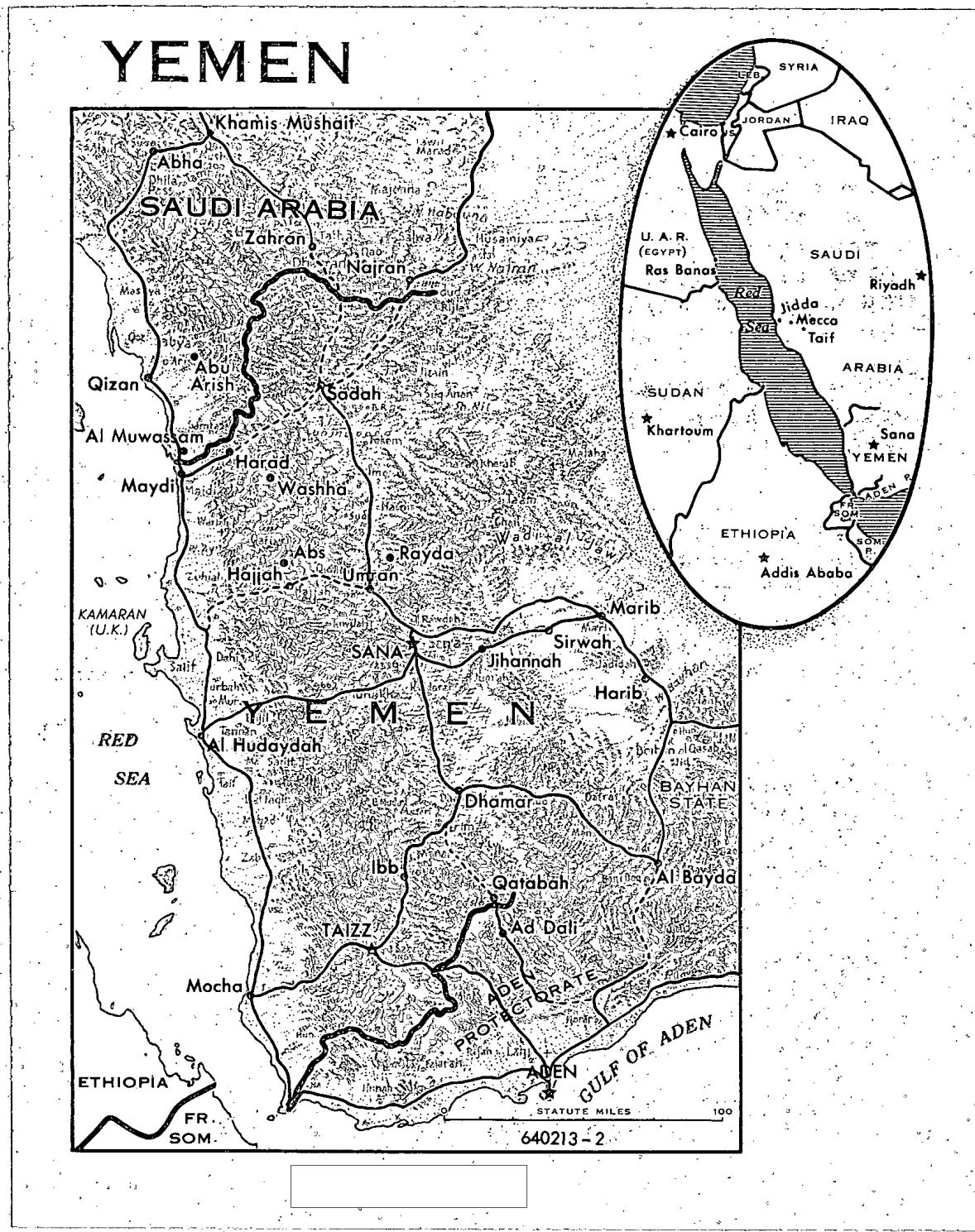
3. Ethiopia-Somalia

a. Sporadic fighting continued into yesterday along the border.

b. The dispute has been inscribed in the agenda of the OAU African Foreign Ministers' meeting currently under way in Dar-es-Salaam.

c. The prospect is that something similar to the decision in the Algerian-Moroccan dispute will emerge, with a cease-fire order and a commission appointed to investigate and report back.

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d. Haile Selassie will not like this idea much. On the spot investigation will show up Ethiopian inability to control tribesmen in the Ogaden area, and it will do nothing, the Ethiopians think, to stop inflammatory Somali radiobroadcasts.

e. The Somali position does not have wide African support, however, and Haile Selassie, founding father of the OAU, will probably wind up cooperating with the organization.

4. Yemen

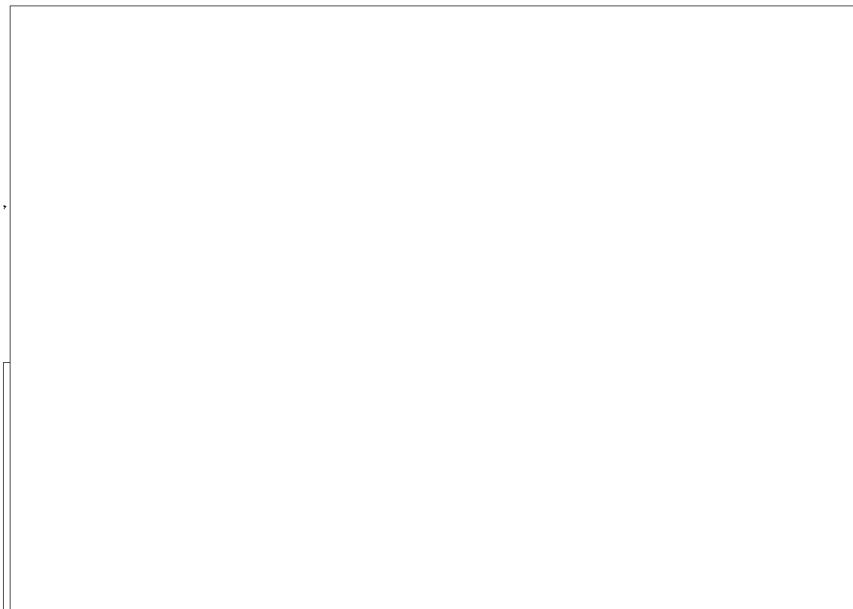
a. Yemeni royalist activity has picked up somewhat recently. Dissident tribesmen, south of the capital at Sana, managed temporarily to cut the Sana-Taiz road and are still harassing traffic in this previously quiet sector.

b. This is despite the presence in the country of the largest number yet (35,000) of Egyptian troops.

c. The Egyptian-Yemeni government position has been weakened somewhat by desertions of dissatisfied tribal elements.

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5. Tanganyika

a. President Nyerere has been putting heavy pressure on Tanganyika's security police, such as they are, to uncover a major plot which he believes exists to overthrow the government.

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these troops seem to be making indis-
criminate arrests [Redacted]
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and trade unionists.

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c. [redacted] the OAU emergency meeting in Dar-es-Salaam has endorsed Nyerere's plan to replace British troops in Tanganyika with an all African force totalling three battalions and an air unit. They will probably be largely Algerian, Nigerian, and Ethiopian troops.

d. No details are available on how soon this scheme will go into operation.

6. Maphilindo Talks

a. Tunku Rahman's talks in Phnom Penh with Macapagal ended Wednesday with statements by both that the "air had been cleared of misunderstanding."

b. In fact, the talks were amicable, but the Tunku had no success in moving Macapagal in his direction.

c. It is not even clear whether Malaysia and the Philippines will proceed now to set up consular relations or merely begin now to consider doing so. Probably the latter.

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d. There is talk that the three-way ministerial meetings will resume under Thai aegis next week, but the Tunku has indicated that Malaysian elections are coming up in April or May--a hint that if anyone is looking for concessions, they should not expect them before that time, if ever.

e. The meeting may be put off, despite Indonesian eagerness to keep the ball rolling.



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- B. South Vietnam Dissatisfaction persists with South Vietnam's military and security forces. Morale is declining [redacted]

[redacted] The feeling is that all the promotions and prestigious positions accrue to those associated with the coup. Many in the military see Khanh's coup as nothing more than a continuing power struggle among generals.

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- D. Panama A "civic demonstration of solidarity" is scheduled for eleven o'clock this morning in Panama City. It will involve a 15-minute work stoppage, halting of all traffic, and playing of the Panamanian national anthem.

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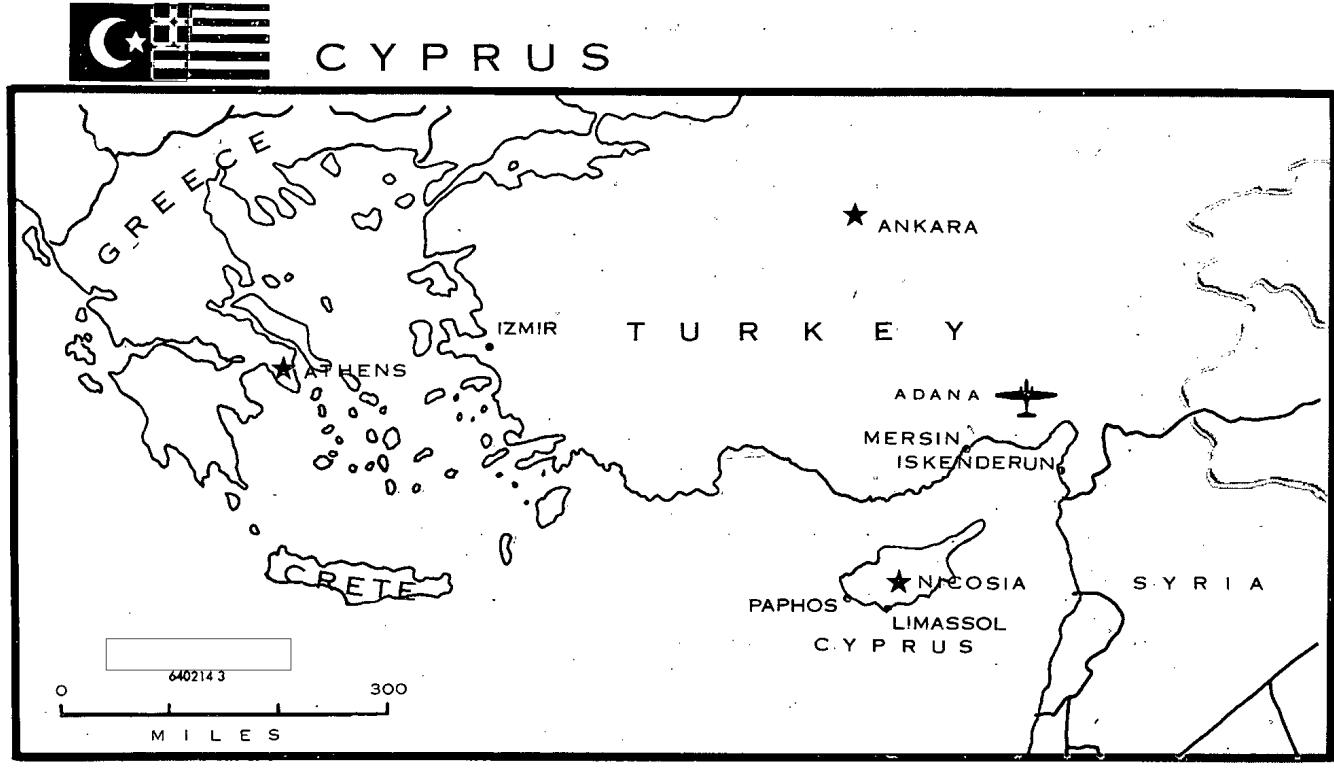
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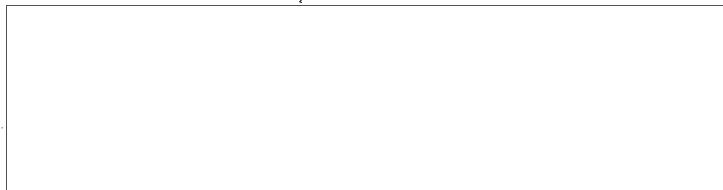


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1. Cyprus

- a. The heavy fighting which broke out in the Paphos area yesterday was resumed this morning.
- b. British troops are supervising a flimsy ceasefire in Limassol, the scene of four days of bitter clashes earlier in the week.
- c. It seems evident that Makarios no longer has much control over Greek Cypriot action groups. He himself is apparently being manipulated by his extremist-minded ministers, at least one of whom is now publicly packing a pistol. Makarios impressed Ball as fearing both for his job and his life.
- d. The suspicion is growing that Greek Cypriot security authorities are more interested in liquidating Turks than in restoring law and order.

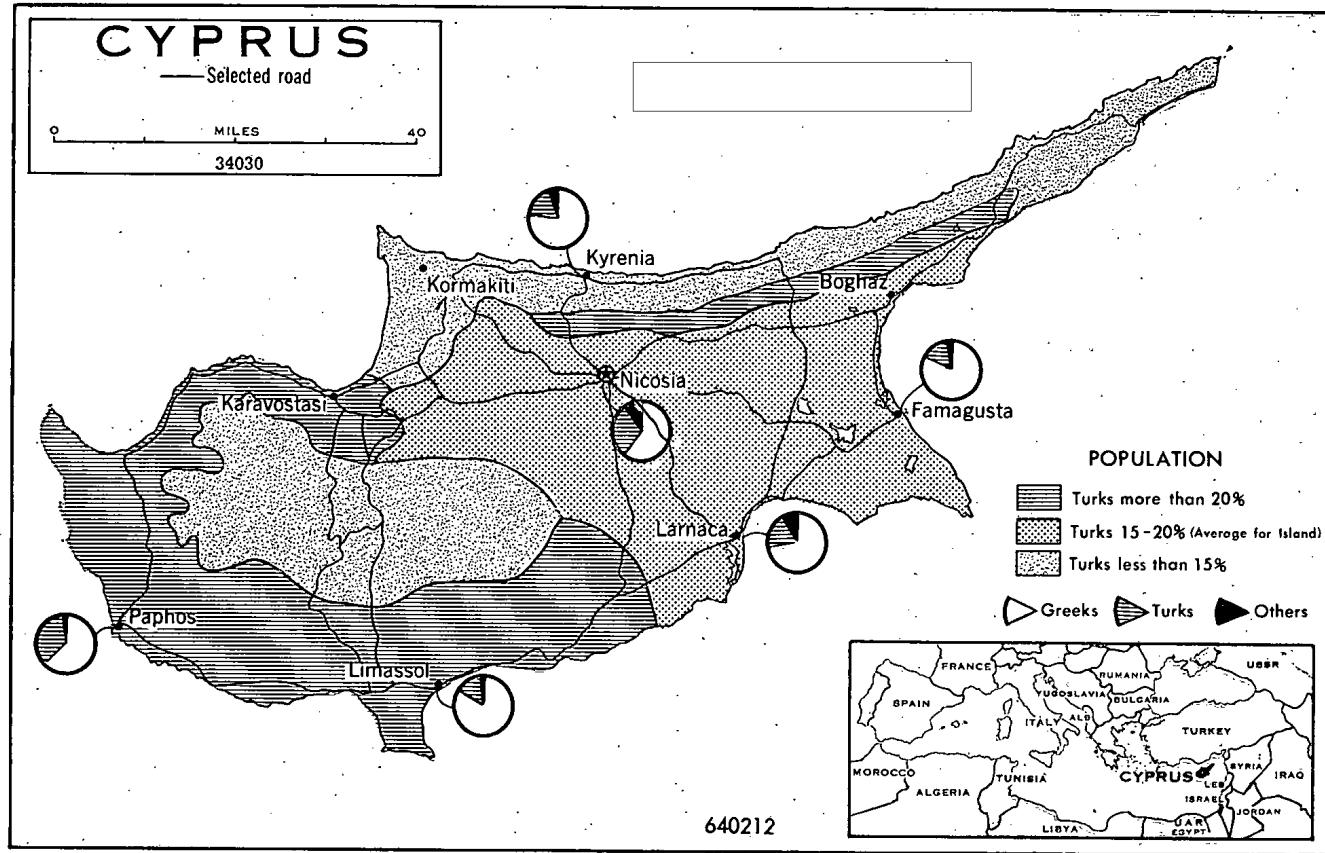


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f. Rumors breed easily in the
tense atmosphere, and one of these [redacted]

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is that a Turkish village south of Nicosia is surrounded and will get the same treatment as the Turkish quarter of Limassol.

g. This, we fear, could bring in Turkish armed forces. The leaders of the Turkish community, for the first time, are urging such intervention as the only solution.

h. Makarios still has his eye on the UN. His representative in New York has alerted U Thant to the possibility that he may call for an emergency meeting if the Turks move. If not, he wants an ordinary meeting next week.

i. Foreign Minister Kyprianou is scheduled to fly to New York tonight to present Makarios' case.

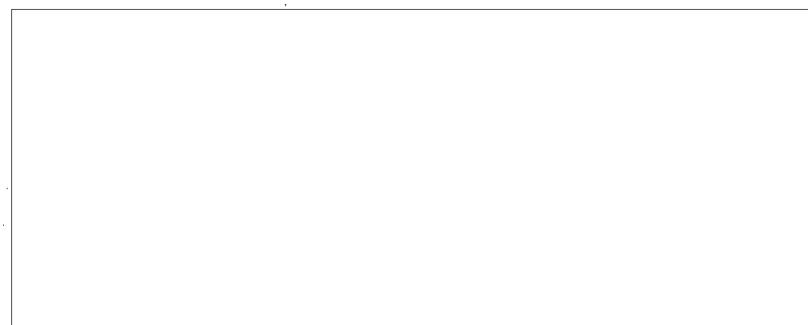
2. Turkey-Cyprus

a. Turkish armed forces have been honed to a high state of readiness. They could move at any time.
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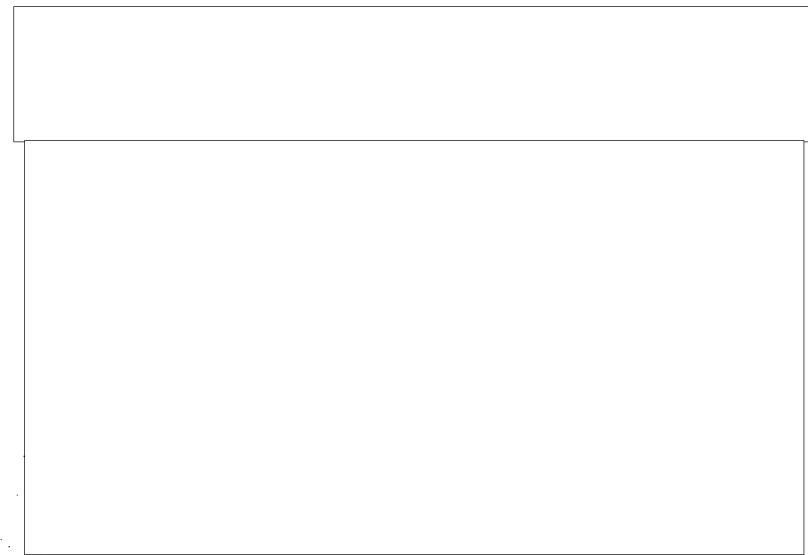
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h. Inonu told Ball yesterday that Turkey would do nothing to "create difficulties" as long as the lid stays on in Cyprus. He would in any case inform us before acting.

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3. USSR-Cyprus

a. A Soviet UN delegate is spreading the word that the USSR would respond favorably to a Greek Cypriot request for aid if attacked by Turkey.

b. The official implied that military assistance would be included. We consider direct Soviet military action against either Cyprus or Turkey to be a remote possibility.

c. In this connection,

the USSR would contribute financially to a peacekeeping operation

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d. We are not certain how to evaluate these remarks. We have assumed that the Soviet aim was to keep the Cyprus pot boiling with the hope of weakening NATO's eastern flank and eventually seeing a pro-Soviet group installed in Nicosia.

4. Ethiopia-Somalia

a. Sporadic fighting persisted in the troubled Ogaden yesterday.

b. [redacted]

[redacted] Ethiopian raids across the frontier. Ethiopian posts along the border [redacted] attacked by the Somalis.

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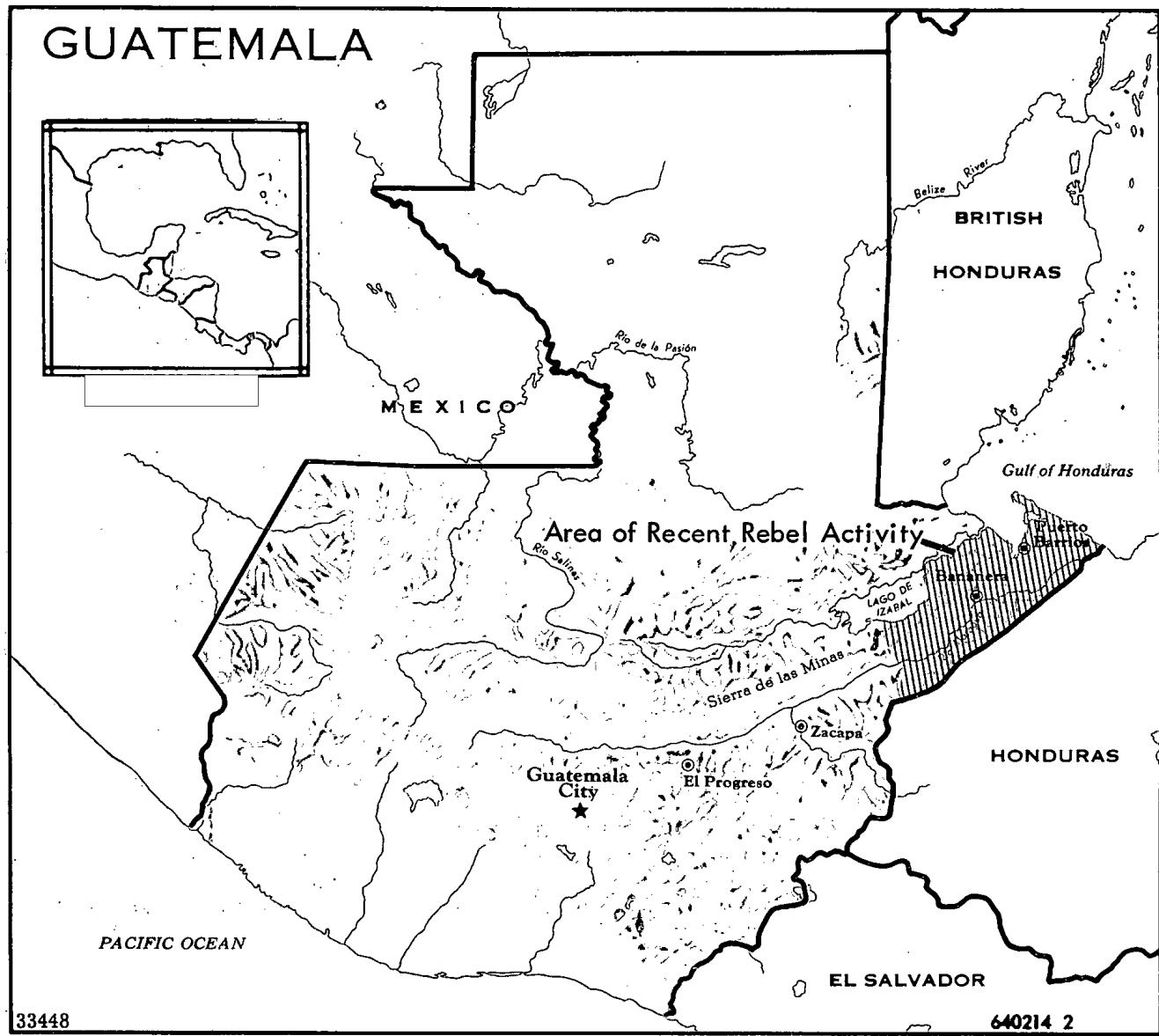
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c. The crisis seems, however, to be subsiding. The Organization for African Unity, which called for a ceasefire yesterday, resolved to send a five-nation commission to the frontier area to see that the ceasefire is effective.

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- A. Guatemala Guerrilla forces are planning a major effort to overthrow the Peralta government [redacted] 50X1K1
- B. Honduras [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] planning a coup. This sort of talk is hardly new, but unrest in the military is widespread. It is always possible that one or another group will make common cause with discontented Liberal Party elements to throw out the Lopez government.
- C. Algeria-Tanganyika The Ben Bella regime will accede to Nyerere's request for troops to help keep order in Tanganyika. Nigeria has also agreed, but Ethiopia, the third nation asked, may find it hard to spring any forces at this time.

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E. France-China Paris has now ordered the Chinese Nationalist diplomats to depart by next Thursday.

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F. Communist China Chou En-lai arrived in Rangoon yesterday, the first stop on a two-week tour that will take him to Pakistan and Ceylon. He will be returning to China at the end of the month, and apparently is not planning to return to Africa to pick up the several East African states he missed earlier.

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17 FEBRUARY 1964
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1. Cyprus

a. With the Cyprus issue about to go before the Security Council, the situation has eased a bit for the moment.

b. There were scattered skirmishes yesterday and this morning, but no major clashes. Nevertheless, British forces on the island are battening down for further trouble. Added reinforcements have been brought in and some 1,200 dependents are being evacuated.

c. At least three Turkish villages are encircled by menacing Greeks. 50X1 This morning a British force was reported en route to aid one of these.

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h. Inonu was personally concerned, but he reiterated his pledge that Turkey will not intervene while Cyprus is being discussed at the Security Council, always provided that no new massacres take place.

i. The next act will be performed before the Security Council today. The Greek Cypriots, who felt that the British appeal to the UN on Saturday was not sporting, say they will go to the General Assembly if they get no satisfaction from the Council.

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2. Greece-Cyprus

a. Virtually complete returns give Papandreou's Center Union Party a substantial 52.7% of the vote and a thumping majority of 174 seats in a 300-seat parliament. Both right and left lost ground.

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b. This should give Greece a more stable government than it has had and one which can deal with greater confidence with the Cyprus problem.

c. We are not sure how Papandreou will play this issue. While he will support Makarios' position at the UN this week, he may be more of a restraining factor on Greek Cypriot extremism than his immediate predecessor.

3. Zanzibar

a. The Karume government, divided and fearful, has never really grasped the nettle and tried to restore law and order on the island.

b. As a result, a new round of violence remains a distinct possibility. Large quantities of weapons are still on the loose and at least six different groups of armed men are at large.

c. These range from the Tanganjikan police, apathetic in their barracks, through a potentially dangerous band of "security police" just organized by a leading Communist, to the gun-brandishing followers of "Field Marshal" Okello.

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d. Few of these are responsive to government control and even Karume's leftist ministers are getting worried.

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4. Somalia-Ethiopia

a. The cease-fire has not yet taken effect in the remote Ogaden region.

b. Both Addis Ababa and Mogadiscio had agreed that firing would stop along the frontier at noon yesterday.

c. The word does not seem to have reached troops on the line, and there were exchanges of fire yesterday afternoon.

d. We note, however, that it was several days before the cease-fire between Algeria and Morocco was fully effective.

5. USSR-US

a. In contrast to their usual low-key treatment of defections, the Soviets have presented us with a formal governmental protest on the Nosenko case and are hinting that it could lead to their withdrawal from the Geneva disarmament talks.

b. We see no other signs that they plan such a step and are inclined to doubt they would find the Nosenko affair a prudent or credible pretext for breaking off.

6. East Europe

a. Old Stalinist Ulbricht, who has been unhappy with Czechoslovakia's liberalizing tendencies for many months, has now taken the almost unprecedented step of publicly and officially criticizing a "fraternal" East European party.

b. This sort of thing has generally been reserved for the heretic Chinese.

c. [redacted]

[redacted] denounced the infection which is "reaching us from Prague." [redacted]

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deplore the actions of three East European regimes in signing trade agreements with Bonn, which, in effect, accept West Berlin's inclusion in West Germany.

e. Implicit in these complaints is criticism of the USSR for letting this sort of degeneration go on.

7. Cambodia

a. We now have the text of Sihanouk's latest ultimata.

b. He says that if the "US and its friends" refuse to call a neutrality conference by the end of April, he will recognize Hanoi as the government of "all Vietnam." If we still refuse at the end of May, he will personally go to Hanoi and Peiping to sign mutual defense pacts.

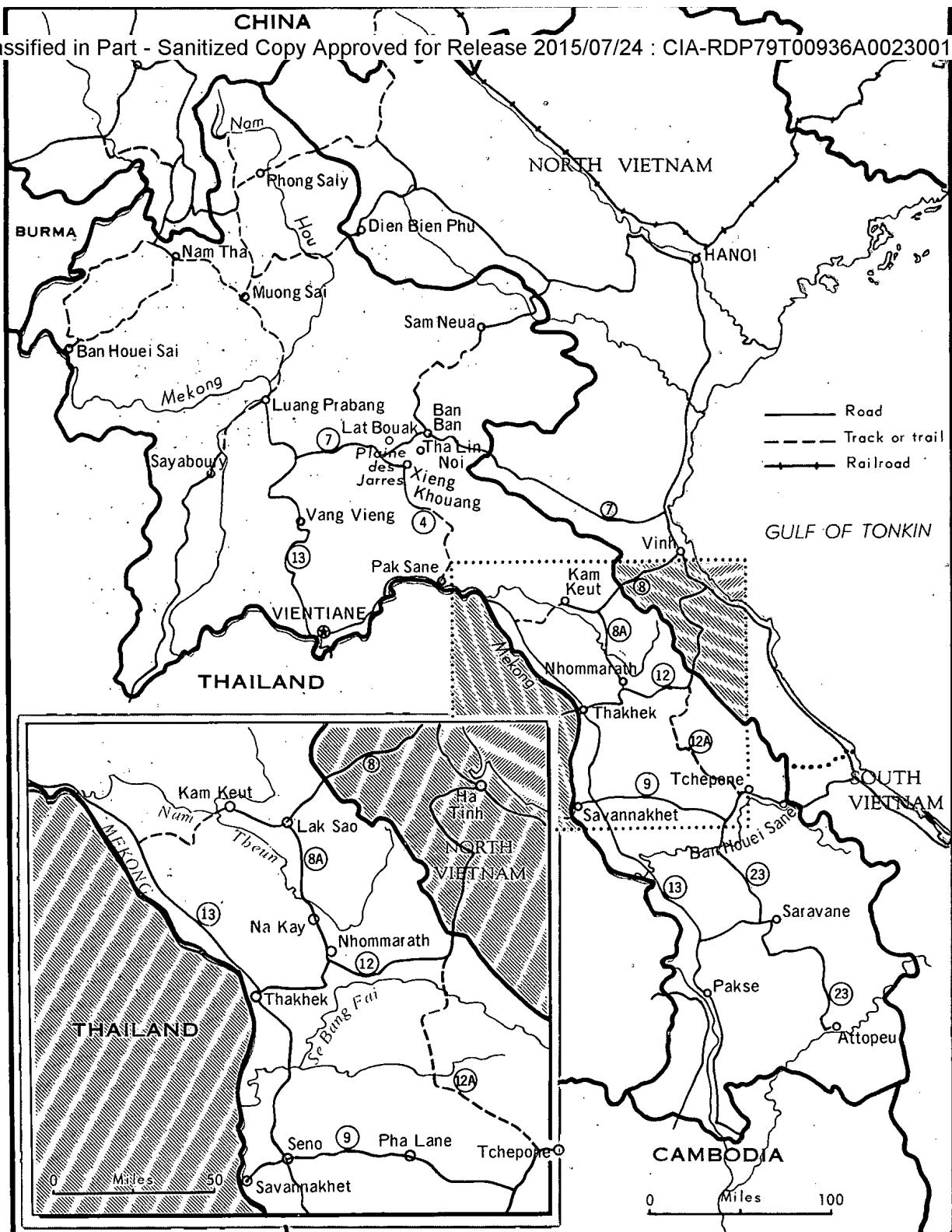
c. Meantime, he will build two new jet air bases "with Chinese help," and buy new jet aircraft from the USSR and France.

e. Thus, the prince says, if the US does not give Cambodia "the elementary satisfaction we ask... the balance of forces in Southeast Asia will be completely upset."

8. South Vietnam

- a. General Khanh is considering several moves to make his regime more attractive and effective at the local level.
- b. One of these is a scheme to increase rural participation in the central government. Another is a broad new training program for rural administrators.
- c. The week-long cease-fire which the Communists proclaimed for New Year's expires tonight.
- d. Ambassador Lodge this morning registered with Khanh our serious concern over the rising rate of Viet Cong terrorism against Americans. Khanh promised to bring every security asset he has to bear on the problem.
- e. Lodge cautions, however, that we must expect further incidents and casualties.

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- A. USSR Nothing startling emerged from the central committee plenum which closed on Saturday. Nevertheless, there could have been a closed session on the last day, dealing with such issues as top-level personnel changes and China.
- B. Belgium-Congo Brussels has agreed to send 100 additional Belgian officers to help train the Congolese Army. The Belgians are quite prepared to permit their officers to take part in training activity at the line battalion level so long as the units are not engaged in combat or "pacification" missions.
- C. Thailand-Laos Bangkok has put its forces along the Laotian frontier on the alert and sent reinforcements to the area opposite Thakhek. The Thais are nervous about the slow seepage of the Pathet Lao toward the Mekong valley [redacted]
[redacted] We doubt that the Communists see any need to attack major Mekong valley centers at present.
- D. Berlin Passes West Germany and West Berlin have rejected East German proposals for new pass arrangements to cover Easter and Whitsun. The East Germans are keeping the door open, hoping to exploit differences in attitude between Brandt and his supporters and the Erhard government.
- E. USSR-Cuba [redacted] Cuba [redacted]
[redacted] will be
getting [redacted] Soviet submarines [redacted]
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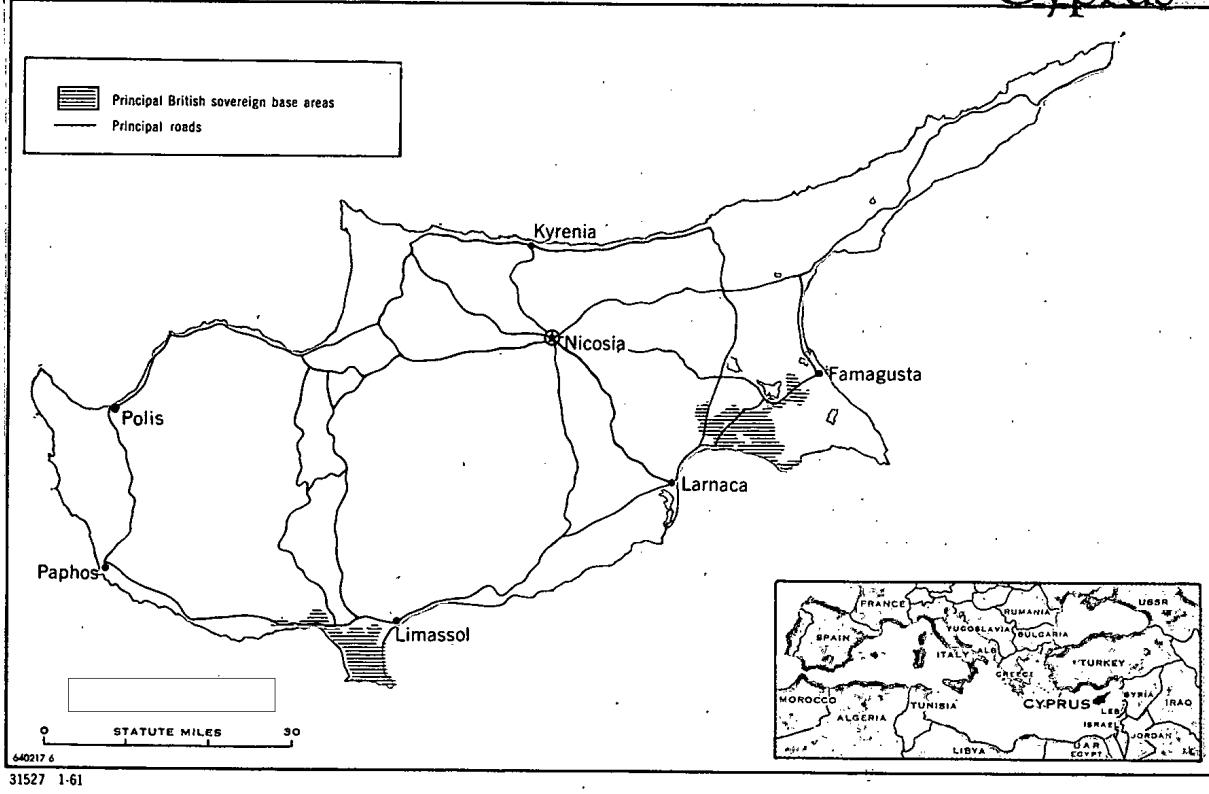
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Cyprus



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1. Cyprus

- a. Although U Thant's proposals for easing the Cypriot crisis appear acceptable to Greece and Britain, Turkey may oppose them.
- b. There is also no assurance that the Greek Cypriots will buy the Secretary General's plan.
- c. Makarios has repeatedly insisted that the Security Council must pass a resolution condemning aggression against his country and reaffirming Cyprus' territorial integrity before he will discuss the question of an international peace-keeping force.
- d. Newest trouble spot on the island is the town of Polis in the extreme west. British troops had been shifted from Polis to Limassol during the height of fighting in the latter city last week.
- e. Although press reports indicate that another 300 troops are being sent from Britain to augment the present 5,000-man force, British forces are still insufficient to police the entire island.

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f. Nicosia is quiet at the moment.

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g. Turkish correspondents in Cyprus continue to send home inflammatory reports. A 17 February dispatch to an Istanbul newspaper reported that a Greek militia force of 700 men had disembarked at Limassol, even though the British truce force commander had already denied this story.

h. The press report also warned of an "imminent mass offensive" by the Greek Cypriot irregulars against Turks on the island.

2. Bulgaria-USSR-Cyprus

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3. USSR - Canadian Wheat

a. The head of the Canadian wheat board is now in Moscow, probably for preliminary talks about future Soviet wheat purchases.

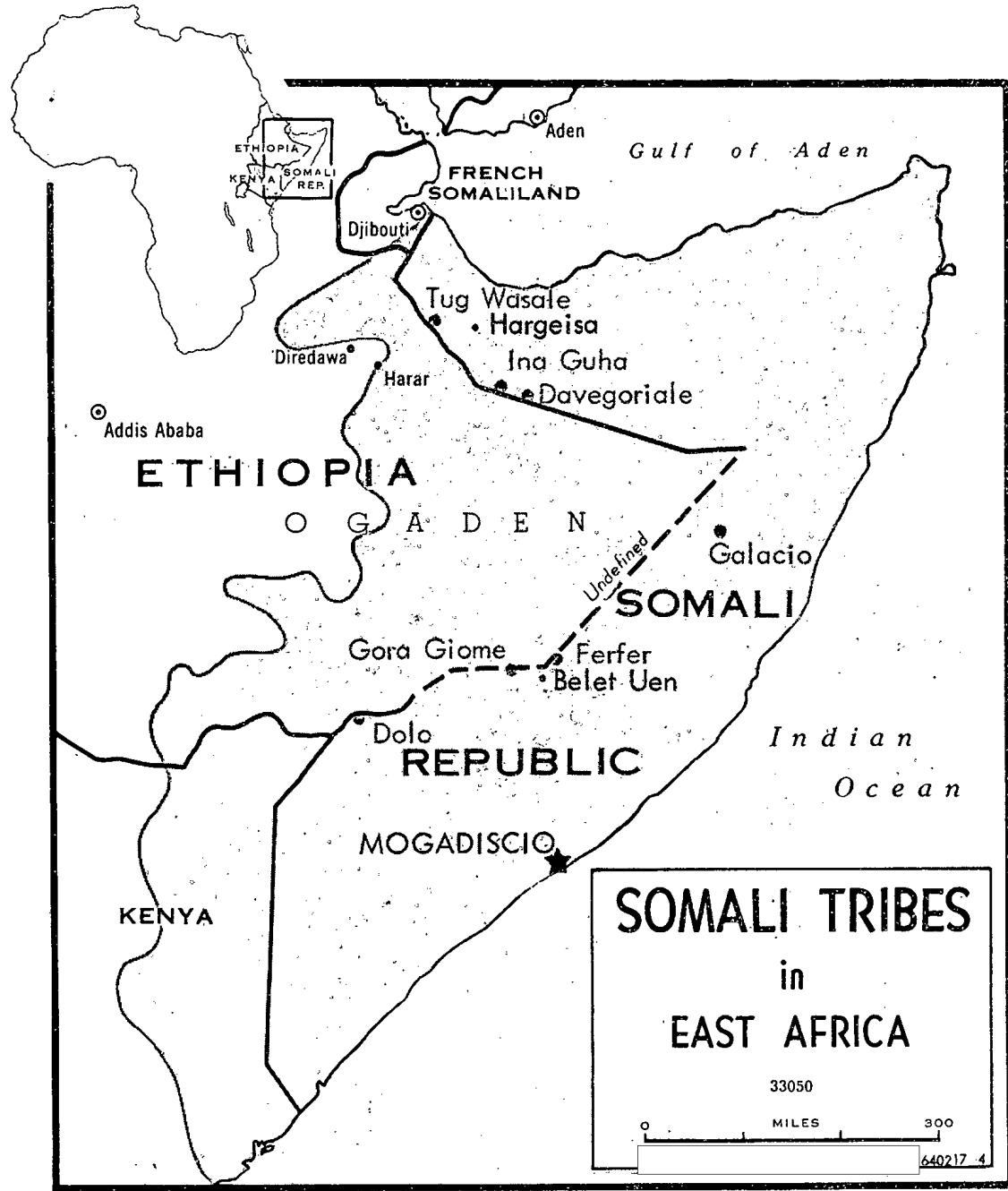
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c. It is quite likely that the Canadians are being sounded out on more wheat deliveries later in 1964. (The Soviets have bought all the wheat that Canada feels it is able to ship until July 1964--6.8 million tons.)

d. Weather has been poor in some of the Soviet winter wheat areas, and this spring's crop may be no better than last year's. Though Khrushchev is sounding optimistic, it is too early to tell about the later and more important summer crop.

e. Thus, it is only prudent for Moscow to make at least contingency arrangements.

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4. Somalia-
Ethiopia

a. Incidents are still occurring along the border, and each side has charged the other with new aggression.

b. It may be that everyone does not yet have the cease-fire word issued by both governments on Sunday. It is also quite possible that the troops out on the firing line are not too responsive.

c. There is, for example, no reason to believe that the Somali tribesmen within Ethiopia have been or can be restrained.

d. Embassy Mogadiscio reports that unrest, partly directed against foreigners, is growing in the city. Mogadiscio had been calm during last week's fighting.

5. North Vietnam -
USSR

a. Hanoi appears less than satisfied with the results of the 31 January-10 February visit of its representatives to Moscow.

b. In an editorial on Saturday, Hanoi welcomed the renewed pledge of Soviet support mentioned in the communique following the visit, but declared the pledge must be translated into "practical deeds" to form a "valuable contribution" to the war.

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c. We do not know what "practical deeds" Hanoi may have requested; Moscow could have been asked to adopt a more threatening and active posture to assist in deterring any US action against North Vietnam.

6. Communist
China - Japan

a. Chinese Communist spokesmen continue to talk up trade possibilities with the Japanese.

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A. UK The latest Gallup poll shows Labor maintaining a lead of 10.5 percentage points over the Conservatives. According to Gallup, the number of people expecting Labor to win at the next general election has risen in the last month from 45 to 57 percent of the electorate.

B. South Vietnam Yesterday's grenade incident, in which a US Army officer was slightly wounded, marks the fourteenth attack against Americans since the end of January and the fifth in a week. Viet Cong terrorist bombing seems to be shifting from a pattern of scattered attacks throughout Saigon to one of zeroing in on the American community.

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D. Eastern Europe The Ford Foundation has established an exchange program with Hungary for the first time. A Foundation team is soon to go to Budapest in the hope of selecting 25-30 Hungarians. Polish authorities, whose resistance over selection procedures forced suspension of the program for the past two years, have also finally come around; about 60 Poles will come to the US this year.

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E. Ecuador

rumors of an impending shakeup in the ruling junta.
If and when it comes, it could touch off a violent
inter-service struggle for power.

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G. Gabon A military coup took place last night in Libreville. Radio Libreville claims President Mba has been arrested. The coup seems to have been led by an Army lieutenant. Mba has been considered pro-West and especially pro-French.

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15 - 18 FEBRUARY 1964

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18 February 1964

1. Cyprus: With the UN in the act, conditions on the island have simmered down for the time being.

There are still occasional outbreaks of fighting but no major clashes like the four-day affair at Limassol last week.

Inter-communal tensions, of course, have not abated. Greek and Turkish Cypriot fighters face one another over the barriers at many points throughout the island. A complicating factor is that Greek Cypriot police seem to us to be more interested in killing Turks than in restoring order.

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Prime Minister Inonu has promised us that Turkey will not intervene while the matter is being considered in New York, always provided that there is no new massacre of Turkish Cypriots.

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The Turkish military embarked a combined service task force last Saturday. It never got very far from the Turkish coast, but the Turks were happy with the demonstration of their ability to mount such an operation with discipline and dispatch. They probably felt it was edifying to the Greek Cypriots.

The Greeks, following the resounding victory by Papandreou in Sunday's elections (some 175 seats in a 300-seat assembly), will probably be taking a somewhat stronger line on Cyprus. Papandreou is something of an enigma, but we are hopeful that he may be more of a restraining factor on Greek Cypriot extremists than his predecessor.

The Soviets have been passing the word that they would respond favorably to a Greek Cypriot request for military assistance in the event of an attack by Turkey.

We do not feel that the Soviets would, at the outset anyway, involve themselves in direct military action in either Cyprus or Turkey, but would probably confine themselves to pressure along Turkey's border

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2. Ethiopia-Somali: The Organization for African Unity, as expected, called for a cease-fire in the fighting along the frontier and impaneled a commission to investigate the causes.

Addis Ababa and Mogadiscio agreed to stop firing at noon, Sunday.

The fighting, however, continued on past the deadline. We are not sure whether this is the result of poor communications or an inability to control the troops on the line.

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While the OAU Commission may be able to effect a ceasefire, we doubt that it will be able to deal with the root cause--dissidence by Somali tribesmen in the Ethiopian Ogaden.

3. Zanzibar: The Karume government, divided and fearful, has never really been able to restore the island to tranquility.

Since the Karume revolt last month, large quantities of weapons have remained on the loose and at least six different groups of armed men are at large.

Few of these are in any way responsive to the government. The citizenry lives in daily fear of new violence.

Even the leftist government ministry are getting worried.

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4. Tanganyika: Nigeria has agreed to Nyerere's request for security forces to help him keep law and order. Algeria has the request under study and will probably agree.

Ethiopia, the third country asked, may find it hard to spring any forces just now.

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In any case, these African reinforcements will not be arriving for several months. The British will remain for the interim, helping keep things quiet and training the new Tanganyikan army.

5. Gabon: There has been yet another upheaval in a former French colony. All the returns are not yet in, but it appears to have been a revolt by younger army officers against what they considered the over-strict rule of President Mba.

There may be some loosening of Gabon's ties with France as a result.

6. South Vietnam: The Viet Cong's week-long ceasefire in connection with lunar New Year's ended Monday night.

If, as we suspect, the Viet Cong declare these annual ceasefires to demonstrate that they call the tune on the war, then there should be a quick resumption of guerrilla activity.

Khanh's government, which has seemed to us to offer the promise of stronger leadership than its predecessor, is still struggling to get its feet on firm ground.

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He has several plans, still on the drawing boards, to make his regime more attractive and effective at the local level. Failure to move in this direction was one of the real shortcomings of the Diem regime.

Communist terrorism against Americans, a sporadic problem over the past several years, has risen steeply in the last few weeks. This could be the signal for a new campaign to cause doubts about Saigon's security arrangements in the American community and weaken its resolve.

General Khanh has promised to bring every security asset he has to bear on the problem, but, even so, Lodge thinks we must expect further incidents.

7. Laos: The Pathet Lao, bolstered by North Vietnamese troops, have been keeping the pressure on neutralist and rightist positions in widely-separated parts of Laos.

In the Plaine des Jarres, there have been exchanges of artillery fire and non-Communist forces have lost some ground.

In South-Central Laos the Communists are seeping slowly toward the Mekong River. Communist movements in this area are making the Thais, just across the river, nervous.

Thailand has put its forces along the frontier and is moving up reinforcements.

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We give the Communists the ability to push
on to the river at any time, but are not con-
vinced that they intend to do so just now.
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8. Indonesia-Malaysia: Further talks among
the Indonesian, Malaysian and Philippine foreign
ministers now look pretty remote.

Malaysia's prime minister has just declared
that such talks would be pointless until Indonesian
forces are removed from Malaysian soil.

He charged Indonesia with running supplies
and reinforcements to these guerrillas
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9. North Vietnam - France: Hanoi's minister of
foreign affairs, noting with delight French recog-
nition of Communist China, suggested [redacted]
[redacted] that it was time
for normal diplomatic relations between Paris and
Hanoi.

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10. North Vietnam: Hanoi has seemed dissatisfied
with the proforma expressions of Soviet support
which followed the Moscow visit of several high-
ranking Vietnamese Communists.

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It says it would have liked to see Soviet pledges translated into "practical deeds." We do not know just what Hanoi has in mind; perhaps it would like to hear a little more rocket rattling out of Moscow on the theory that this deters the US.

11. USSR-US: Moscow has been kicking up an unusual fuss about the Nosenko defection and is even hinting that it could lead to its withdrawal from the Geneva disarmament talks.

We doubt Moscow would find the case a credible or prudent pretext for breaking off.

12. Canada-USSR: The head of the Canadian wheat board is in Moscow, probably for preliminary talks about further Soviet purchases.

Weather has been poor in Soviet winter wheat areas and the crop probably will be no better than last year's poor crop. Moscow may feel the need to prepare for such a contingency.

The Soviets know they have bought all the wheat--6.8 million tons--that Canada can ship before July. Current talks, therefore, would involve futures for the second half of the year.

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13. USSR: Although nothing happened over the weekend, signs still point to another Soviet space spectacular soon.

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We do not have any clear idea of what is in the works, but Friday would be a favorable day for a lunar probe.

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14. East Europe: Ulbricht, one of the few remaining relics of the Stalinist era, has been brooding for many months about the tendencies toward liberalization of some of his fraternal East European neighbors.

His displeasure burst into the open last week at an East German party meeting when these tendencies were publicly and officially criticized.

Intemperate criticism of this sort has generally been reserved for the heretic Chinese.

Such outbursts of course contain implicit criticism of the Soviets for allowing the seeds of post-Stalinist degeneration to spread, thus adding to Ulbricht's problems of keeping order in East Germany.

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15. Cuba: Cuba [redacted] to contest the jurisdiction
of Florida in the case of the Cuban fishermen.

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16. Mexico: We have heard that Lopez Mateos and
Nasir will be exchanging visits later in the year.

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**19 FEBRUARY 1964
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1. Cyprus

a. Sporadic clashes, though relatively minor, are reported again this morning.

b. While each side will probably try to avoid major outbreaks for the time being, in order not to prejudice its case in the UN, the Greek Cypriots are increasingly cocky. They are convinced they are winning and that Ankara is bluffing.

c. The director of the US-owned Cyprus (copper) Mining Company, the only large industry on the island, reports all the company's dynamite has been stolen. He plans to close down operations.

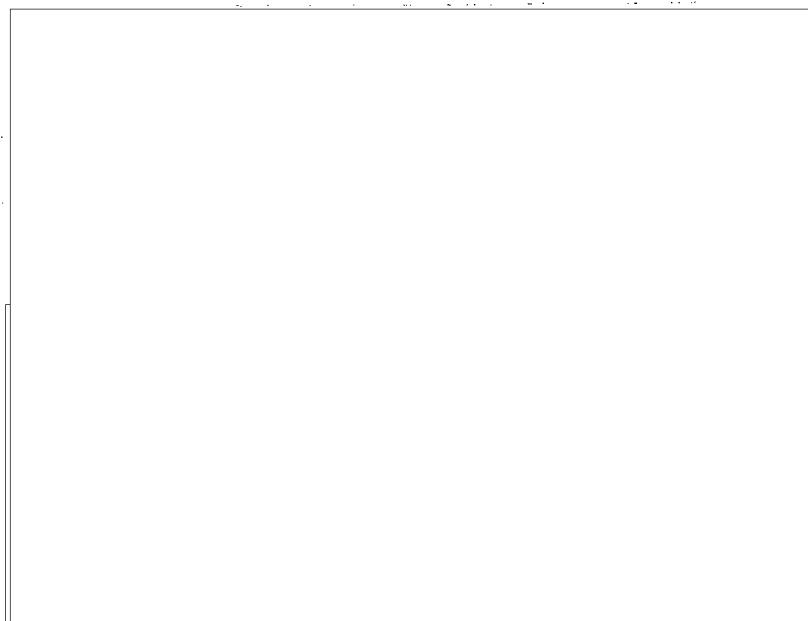
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d. Turkish reconnaissance flights over Crete and Rhodes, have prompted a warning from Greece that any foreign plane violating its air space will be shot down.

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2. Gabon

a. Unconfirmed reports this morning say President Mba is back in power. If so, it was presumably with the help of French paratroops who were flown into Gabon yesterday from neighboring Congo (Brazzaville) and the Central African Republic.

b. All Americans were reported safe as of late yesterday, the interior is reported calm, and there are no reports of fighting in Libreville.

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c. Yesterday's coup attempt was evidently the work of disgruntled junior army and gendarmerie officers in connivance with some of Mba's political opponents.

d. It was strictly an internal power grab with no apparent international overtones, although Gabon's close ties with France might have been loosened somewhat had it succeeded.

3. Indonesia-Malaysia

a. Prospects for the three foreign ministers to get together again are poor. The cease-fire is also threatened.

b. [] Indonesia [] to air-drop supplies to guerrillas in Malaysian Borneo, a move which the Malaysians claim is designed to create the impression that the guerrillas "occupy" well-established areas.

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c. Djakarta is also planning to send in more troops. []

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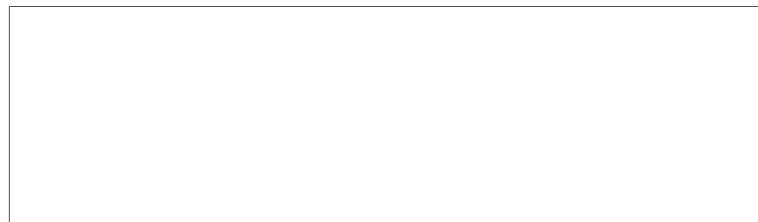
d. [] The Malaysian position that there will be no further talks while the guerrillas remain seems to be hardening.

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4. OAS-Panama

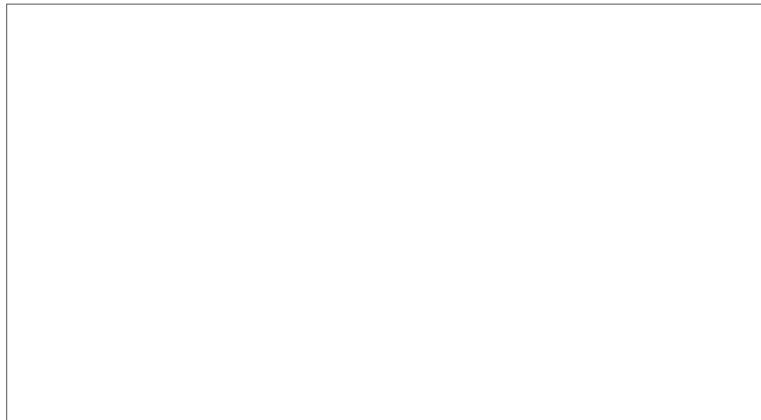
a. The members of the special OAS commission investigating Panamanian charges of aggression against the US feel that the Chiari government is still determined not to enter bilateral negotiations with the US unless it is assured that revision of the Canal treaties is a topic for consideration.

b. At least one member of the committee thinks that it may now be necessary to convene a foreign ministers' conference as a last ditch maneuver to prevent the matter from passing to the United Nations.



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5. Cuba-UK



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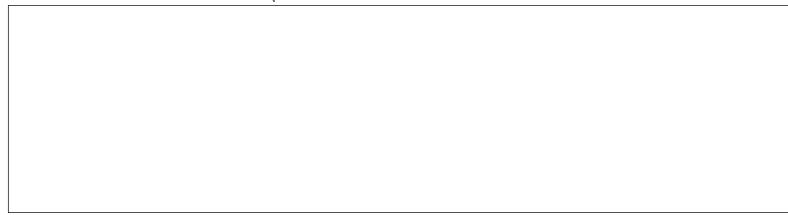


6. France-China

a. The Nationalists are sounding out the French to discover if Paris might be receptive to the idea of some sort of informal relationship.

b. The Nationalists, according to Vice Foreign Minister Yang, are not thinking of consular relations, but want to see if Paris has anything in mind.

c. The respective French and Nationalist chargés will be departing their posts this Thursday, two days before the French and Chinese Communist chargés arrive at their posts.



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e. The French have thus far failed to go along with other members of the EEC in accepting Taipei's request of mid-January for approval of its ambassador-designate to the EEC.

7. North Korea-US Pilots

a. The North Koreans are wringing all the propaganda exploitation they can out of the two US helicopter pilots forced down last May.

b. Yesterday they broadcast an interview which purported to be an abject confession by the pilots to espionage and crimes against the South Korean people. The pilots' own voices were not heard.

c. The broadcast coincided with a North Korean letter to the UN command saying they were prepared to be "lenient" with the pilots if the UN admitted to having violated the armistice agreement and promised not to do it again.

d. There was, however, no reference to release of the pilots.

NOTES

A. Cuba-US The two Cuban emigrés who hijacked the Piper Apache yesterday said at Havana airport, that they simply wanted to return home. Cuban plans for disposition of the US pilot [redacted] are not yet known.

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B. Chou En-lai trip [redacted] Chou En-lai, currently on a swing through Pakistan and Ceylon, will visit Indonesia before returning home in early March.

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C. Kenya-Zanzibar Kenyatta will not consider sending any security troops to Zanzibar unless he gets a written request from President Karume to do so. [redacted]

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[redacted] he is not really sure what is going on there. In this he is not alone.

D. Bolivia Another split has taken place in President Paz' party. In addition to Lechin and his left-wing followers, Paz now must cope with a separate group of disgruntled office-seekers drawn from both left and right.

E. USSR The long-expected Soviet space operation was attempted early this morning, but failed shortly after launch--too soon to determine what kind of operation was planned. A Venus probe seemed a likely possibility. [redacted]

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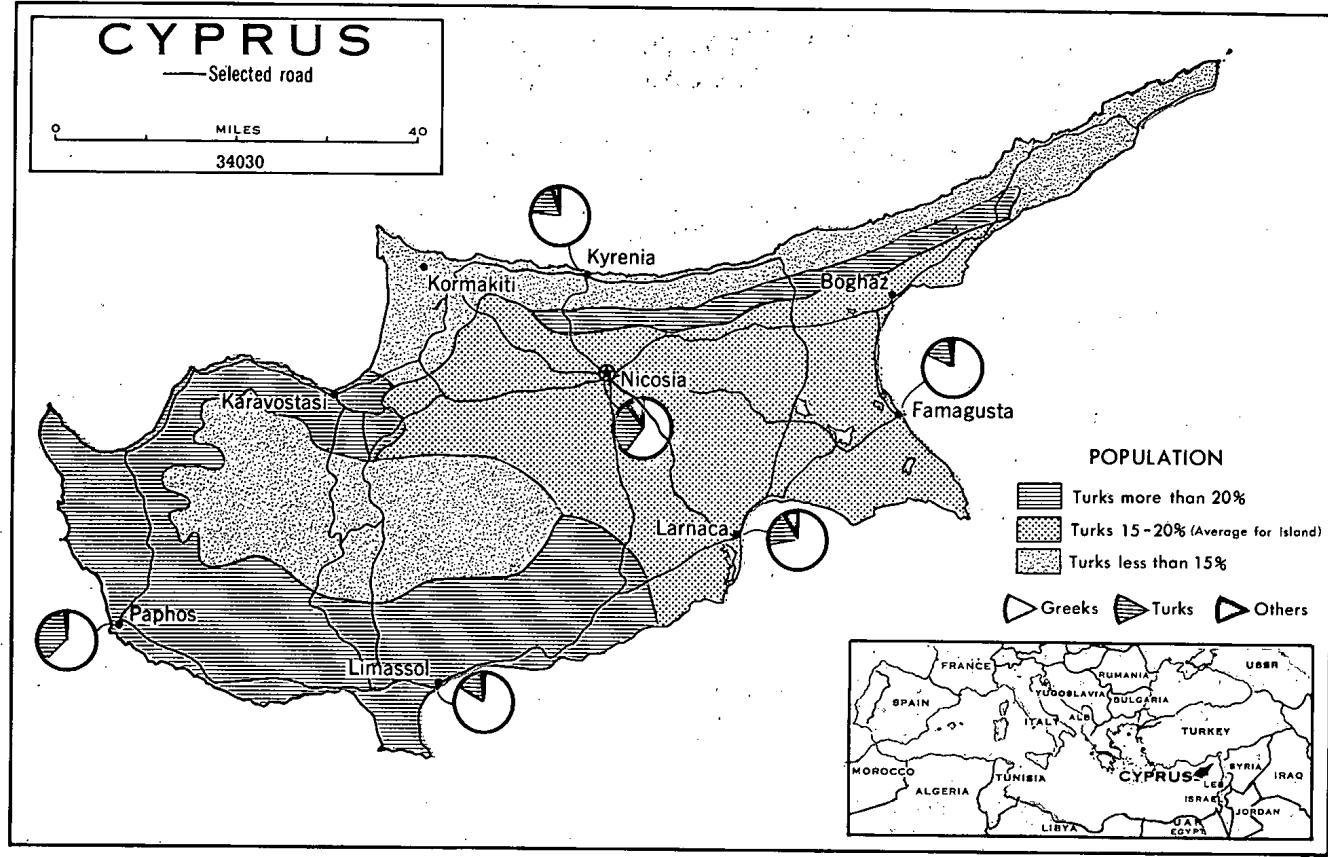
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1. Cyprus

a. The island has been relatively quiet, but scattered shooting goes on.

b. Though professing to believe that talk of Turkish intervention is all bluff, the Greek Cypriots are adopting defensive measures along the east and north coast.

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Britain starts today to fly in 1,500 reinforcements from England.

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f. Greek and Turkish military activity was normal yesterday. There is still no sign of Soviet military moves to bring pressure on the Turks.

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2. South Vietnam -
US

a. Viet Cong terrorism against Americans, on the rise since the Khanh coup, is continuing.

b. A Viet Cong statement on Tuesday warned foreign nationals and South Vietnamese, including government forces, to avoid contact with Americans. Restaurants, clubs, and other places frequented by US troops are especially to be avoided.

c. In two recent incidents, Vietnamese appear to have been forewarned and have stayed away from the areas involved without saying anything to their American neighbors.

d. In the north, Communist propaganda is concentrating on anti-American themes.

3. South Vietnam

a.

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[redacted] the Viet
Cong believe victory is near.

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b. Morale is high, [redacted]
and the food position much improved

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[redacted] the Viet Cong are
now well armed, have modern com-
munications gear, and can rapidly
form up into regimental units.

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[redacted]
South Vietnamese are so war weary
that a neutralist coup, which could
come at any time, would be genuinely
popular.

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that the US military presence should
be used for leverage to get an inter-
nationally guaranteed "peace"
arrangement.

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the area might then go Communist,
but claimed it would remain "Western-
oriented," especially toward France.

4. USSR

a. Yesterday's shot from Tyuratam to the Klyuchi impact area was the third successful firing in a new Soviet ICBM development program begun last December.

b. We still are not certain whether the new vehicle is a completely new missile or an extensively modified SS-7, the workhorse of the Soviet missile stable.

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a. The border fighting is dying down after [redacted]
[redacted] the Sunday cease-fire.

b. There is a good chance that large-scale clashes will be avoided at least until after the African foreign ministers' conference in Lagos next week.

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c. Prospects are not bright for long-term stability. Somali authorities show no ability to control Somali tribesmen whose deprivations in the Ogaden so infuriate the Ethiopians.

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6. Zanzibar

a. The sole remaining US official will be leaving Zanzibar today. He was ordered off the island, along with the British High Commissioner, because of the US-UK failure to recognize the Karume regime.

b. Ambassador Leonhart flew to Zanzibar early this morning. He found Karume pleasant but inflexible.

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c. On the heels of his declared intentions to expel these Western representatives, Foreign Minister Babu announced that Peiping had given Zanzibar some \$500,000. More aid would be coming, he said, and Zanzibar will become "not only the Cuba, but also the paradise of Africa."

7. Gabon

a. It now seems that Mba has indeed been put back in the presidential chair by French arms.

b. The government-controlled Libreville radio this morning carried a recorded speech by Mba in which he asserted that the self-styled provisional government had disappeared and its leaders were under detention.

c. The French decision to intervene in this case, after letting two similar upheavals go by last year, was probably based on economic interests in Gabon and on Mba's relationship with De Gaulle.

NOTES

- A. Congo There is a chance that the anti-Adoula infection, which is already seeping out of Mulele's Kwilu Province, may shortly erupt in the eastern Congo province of Kivu. Leftist tracts calling on Congolese troops to revolt have appeared on the streets of the capital. Some of these have an anti-American slant.
- B. Bolivia Paz, already buffeted from right and left, must now somehow mollify his cabinet which is in an ugly mood over the machinations of Minister of Government Julio. Although Paz still seems master of the situation, Julio is having some success in using his post to expand his influence in rural areas.
- C. Greece The palace has drafted a decree appointing 23-year-old Crown Prince Constantine regent. The reason given is that King Paul may need an operation for stomach ulcers.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

OUTGOING MESSAGE

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1. CYPRUS:

A. MINOR INCIDENTS ARE STILL OCCURRING ALL OVER THE ISLAND. AS SOON AS ONE IS EXTINGUISHED, ANOTHER LIGHTS UP.

B. HIGH COMMISSIONER PICKARD SAYS THE BRITISH ARE HAVING A "HELL OF A TIME" KEEPING THE LID ON. THEIR TROOPS WERE FIRED UPON FOR THE FIRST TIME YESTERDAY BY GREEK CYPRIOTS.

C. THE UK SEEMS TEMPORARILY TO HAVE REPLACED THE US AS THE CHIEF WHIPPING BOY OF THE CYPRIOT PRESS.

D. WHETHER THIS IS JUST PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURE ON THE BRITISH TO MAKE THEM MORE AMENABLE TO MAKARIOS' POSITION, OR WHETHER IT IS THE START OF A CAMPAIGN FOR THE REMOVAL OF BRITISH BASES, REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

E. THE EMBASSY HAD A REPORT YESTERDAY FROM A GOOD SOURCE THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS WERE WORKING IN GREAT SECRECY ON A PAPER ASSESSING THE ECONOMIC IMPACT IF THE UK WERE FORCED TO GIVE UP THE BASES.

F. IN ANY EVENT, AMBASSADOR WILKINS NOTES THAT CONTINUATION OF THE CRISIS IS BOUND TO LEAD TO ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES FOR GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS ALIKE AND MAY CAUSE THE GREEK CYPRIOTS TO TURN TO THE SOVIET BLOC FOR HELP.

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2. GREECE:

A. EMBASSY ATHENS REPORTS THE NEW CABINET TO BE A
MODERATE ONE.

B. PAPANDREOU HAS ALLAYED SUSPICION THAT HE WOULD
APPOINT EXTREMISTS TO KEY POSITIONS. IN SO DOING HE MAY
HAVE MOLLIFIED THE CONCERN OF THE ARMY AND PALACE OVER HIS
DECISIVE VICTORY.

C. WITH KING PAUL OUT OF ACTION, PAPANDREOU'S RELATIONS
WITH THE PALACE MAY BE ANOTHER STORY. THERE IS NO LOVE LOST
BETWEEN HIM AND THE QUEEN.

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3. GREECE-TURKEY:

A. EMBASSY ATHENS THINKS IT SIGNIFICANT THAT THE NEW
PREMIER PLANS TO DISCUSS CYPRUS WITH MAKARIOS' RIVAL GENERAL
GRIVAS. PAPANDREOU MAY BE TRYING TO MAKE GOOD ON HIS ASSUR-
ANCES THAT HE WOULD DO HIS BEST TO CALM DOWN THE GREEK EX-
TREMISTS ON THE ISLAND.

B. NOTHING CONCRETE HAS EMERGED FROM THE RUMORS OF A
"SUMMIT MEETING" BETWEEN PAPANDREOU AND INONU.

C. THE FEELING IN ANKARA SEEMS TO BE THAT SUCH A MEET-
ING WOULD REQUIRE A LOT OF PREPARATION IN ORDER TO HAVE ANY
CHANCE OF SUCCESS.

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D. THERE WAS AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE
INONU TODAY. THE MOTIVATION IS SO FAR UNKNOWN.

4. PANAMA:

A. CINCSOUTH HAS EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN ABOUT THE FAST DEVELOPING COMMUNIST POTENTIAL IN PANAMA.

B. HE REPORTS THAT, WHILE THE COMMUNISTS DO NOT NOW HAVE SUFFICIENT ARMS OR MONEY TO SEIZE CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT, THEY HAVE ADOPTED A COURSE OF ACTION WHICH COULD QUICKLY CORRECT THE ORGANIZATIONAL WEAKNESSES WHICH HAVE PLAGUED THEM IN THE PAST.

C. THE COMMUNISTS HAVE TAKEN OVER THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR RECOVERY OF SOVEREIGNTY AND HAVE BEGUN TO ESTABLISH SUB-COMMITTEES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

D. THEIR TASK HAS BEEN MADE EASIER BY THE FACT THAT ALMOST EVERY NEWSPAPER, RADIO, AND TELEVISION OUTLET HAS A COMMUNIST OR LEFTIST NATIONALIST ON ITS STAFF.

E. CINCSOUTH CONCLUDES THAT THE TIME IT WILL TAKE TO BUILD AN ORGANIZATION THAT CAN BRING OFF A COUP BY A COMMUNIST INFILTRATED AND CONTROLLED GROUP IS SHORTER THAN PREVIOUSLY ASSUMED.

5. COSTA RICA - PANAMA:

A. [REDACTED] CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMUNISTS MET IN COSTA RICA [REDACTED] TO PLAN FURTHER ACTIVITIES AGAINST US POLICY IN PANAMA.

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B.

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OF SABOTAGE THROUGHOUT CENTRAL AMERICA, INCLUDING ATTEMPTS
TO BURN US EMBASSIES AND BUSINESS FIRMS AND TO KIDNAP IM-
PORTANT AMERICANS.

C. PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES IN COSTA RICA ARE SUPPOSED
TO GET UNDERWAY

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6. LAOS:

A. NEW FRICTIONS ARE REPORTED AMONG THE NEUTRALIST
LEADERS.

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B. PREMIER SOUVANNA IS BACKING A PLAN OF GENERAL AMKHA,
THE CHIEF OF HIS MILITARY CABINET, TO ESTABLISH A UNIFIED
HEADQUARTERS TO COORDINATE RIGHTIST, MEO AND NEUTRALIST FORCES
IN THE PLAINE DES JARRES.

C. NEUTRALIST COMMANDER KONG LE SEES THE NEED FOR A
COORDINATED OPERATIONAL COMMAND BUT FEARS AMKHA IS OUT TO
GET HIM REMOVED FROM LEADERSHIP OF THE NEUTRALIST FORCES.

D. KONG LE, WHO THINKS AMKHA'S PLAN IS FRENCH INSPIRED,
IS GOING TO SET UP A JOINT BASE WEST OF THE PLAINE WITH MEO
COMMANDER VANG PAO.

E. THIS SORT OF MANEUVERING IS NOT GOING TO HELP MUCH
IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE PATHET LAO.

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7. CONGO:

A. THE ANTI-ADOULA COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION BASED IN BRAZZAVILLE, HAS ESTABLISHED A BRANCH COMMITTEE IN BURUNDI TO FOMENT DISORDERS IN THE EASTERN CONGO, PARTICULARLY IN THE KIVU AREA.

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B. [REDACTED] PAMPHLETS DESIGNED TO INCITE MUTINY ARE CIRCULATING IN ARMY CAMPS THERE.

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C. THE COMMITTEE HAS YET TO DEMONSTRATE ITS CAPABILITIES, BUT IF IT COULD WHIP UP AN UPRISING IN THE TURBULENT KUVU AREA THE CONGOLESE ARMY WOULD BE SPREAD PRETTY THIN.

D. THE ARMY IS CURRENTLY BEING USED IN AN ATTEMPT TO QUELL THE REBELLION IN THE KWILU REGION OF WESTERN CONGO.

8. NOTES:

A. ZANZIBAR: AMBASSADOR LEONHART, WHO FOUND KARUME MORE ARTICULATE AND INTELLIGENT THAN HE EXPECTED HIM TO BE, WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL IN PERSUADING HIM TO RECONSIDER PETTERSON'S OUSTER. KARUME CLAIMED HIS PEOPLE WERE AGITATED OVER THE FAILURE OF THE US AND UK TO RECOGNIZE THE NEW REGIME. "SOME PEOPLE HAVE GUNS, SOME HAVE SPEARS. THEY HAVE CONFLICTING VIEWS. WHICH GROUP SHOULD I TURN TO?"

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B. SOMALIA: THE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED RADIO IS STILL BROADCASTING CHARGES THAT THE US AND UK ARE GIVING MILITARY SUPPORT TO ETHIOPIA IN ITS BORDER WARFARE WITH SOMALIA. THESE ALLEGATIONS ARE BEGINNING TO SINK IN ON PUBLIC OPINION. OUR AMBASSADOR REPORTS HIS SERIOUS CONCERN WITH THIS TREND, WHICH IF UNCHECKED, COULD ULTIMATELY LEAD TO A BREAK IN SOMALI-US RELATIONS.

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C. MALAYSIA: DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER RAZAK HAS TOLD THE
BRITISH THAT THE WHOLE CABINET IS UP IN ARMS OVER INDONESIA'S
PLAN TO RESUPPLY ITS GUERRILLA FORCES BY AIR. THE CABINET
INSISTS THAT ACTION BE TAKEN TO PREVENT THIS AND HAS FORMALLY
REQUESTED THE BRITISH TO SHOOT DOWN ANY INDONESIAN AIRCRAFT
THAT ENTERS MALAYSIAN TERRITORY.

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D. VIETNAM:

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E. AUSTRIA: CHANCELLOR GORBACH MAY RESIGN NEXT WEEK,
THE LOSER IN AN INTER-PARTY STRUGGLE WITH JOSEPH KLAUS, WHO
REPLACED HIM AS PEOPLE'S PARTY CHAIRMAN LAST SEPTEMBER.
KLAUS WOULD HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME TRYING TO NEGOTIATE A NEW
COALITION AGREEMENT WITH THE SOCIALISTS, WHO HAVE BEEN PART-
NERS WITH THE PEOPLE'S PARTY IN GOVERNMENT FOR 18 YEARS.
HE HAS BEEN ACCUSING GORBACH OF BEING OVERLY SOLICITOUS OF
SOCIALIST PARTY VIEWS.

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1. CYPRUS:

A. WE HAVE NO REPORTS THIS MORNING OF MAJOR DISTURBANCES ON THE ISLAND, BUT TENSION IS STILL VERY HIGH.

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C. MAKARIOS IS TAKING THE POSITION THAT NO ADDITIONAL TROOPS ARE NEEDED ON THE ISLAND AND THAT WHEN A UN FORCE ARRIVES, BRITAIN WILL HAVE TO WITHDRAW AN EQUAL NUMBER.

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E. MEANWHILE, A "BRITISH GO HOME" CAMPAIGN IS GATHERING MOMENTUM ON THE ISLAND, POSSIBLY THE FORERUNNER OF AN ATTEMPT TO FORCE THE BRITISH OFF ALTOGETHER.

F. [REDACTED] GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE STUDYING THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE ISLAND IF BRITAIN WERE FORCED TO GIVE UP ITS TWO MILITARY BASES THERE.

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G. WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING NOW PUT OFF UNTIL MONDAY, [REDACTED] THANH IS MAKING SOME HEADWAY WITH HIS EFFORT TO GET ALL PARTIES TO AGREE ON HOW THE PROBLEM SHOULD BE HANDLED THERE.

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H. GREEK CYPRIOTS FOR THE FIRST TIME HAVE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS AN INTERNATIONAL FORCE, MEDIATORS, AND THE ISSUE OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS WITHOUT INSISTING THE LATTER BE GIVEN PRIORITY.

I. THIS MAY YET PROVE TO BE A STICKING POINT, HOWEVER,

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J. NATO SECRETARY GENERAL STIKKER TELLS US HE KNOWS FOR A FACT THAT DE GAULLE IS PLANNING, IN CASE THE UN GETS NOWHERE, TO PROPOSE THAT ALL TURKISH CYPRIOTS BE REMOVED TO TURKEY, WITH TURKEY TO BE CONCEDED A PART OF GREEK THRACE AS COMPENSATION.

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K. ONLY THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD BE LIKELY TO BUY THIS "IDEA."

L. IN ATHENS, AMBASSADOR LABOISSE HAS FOUND PREMIER PAPANDREOU CONFIDENT HE CAN GAIN CONTROL OF THE GREEK CYPRIOTS, INCLUDING MAKARIOS. THE PREMIER SAYS HE HAS ALREADY CONTACTED ALL GREEK CYPRIOT LEADERS AND WARNED THEM AGAINST TAKING ANY OFFENSIVE ACTION.

2. INDONESIA-MALAYSIA:

A. THE INDONESIAN-MALAYSIAN CEASE-FIRE IN BORNEO IS RUNNING PERILOUSLY CLOSE TO THE ROCKS.

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B. GUERRILLAS ATTACKED A MALAYSIAN-BRITISH BORDER PATROL IN SARAWAK THURSDAY, WITH CASUALTIES REPORTED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE MONTH THAT THE CEASE-FIRE HAS BEEN IN EFFECT.

C. FURTHER CLASHES AND TWO MORE DEATHS ARE REPORTED THIS MORNING.

D. MACAPAGAL, MEANWHILE, HAS ARRIVED IN DJAKARTA FOR TALKS WITH SUKARNO.

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3. DE GAULLE - ERHARD TALKS:

A. ERHARD TALKED BRIEFLY WITH AMBASSADOR MCGHEE ABOUT HIS MEETING LAST WEEKEND WITH DE GAULLE.

B. THE CHANCELLOR HAD BEEN APPREHENSIVE ABOUT THE MEETING BECAUSE OF THE SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCES WHICH EXIST, BUT HE FOUND DE GAULLE CANDID AND PLEASANT ENOUGH EVEN WHEN THESE DIFFERENCES WERE MADE APPARENT.

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C. DE GAULLE SAID HE HOPED RECOGNITION MIGHT INDUCE PEIPING TO AGREE TO THE NEUTRALITY OF FORMER FRENCH INDO-CHINA, BUT CONCEDED THERE WAS MUCH "SPECULATION" ABOUT WHAT ADVANTAGES MIGHT ACTUALLY ACCRUE. ERHARD MADE IT CLEAR HE SAW NONE.

D. DE GAULLE DID NOT ARGUE WITH ERHARD'S POINT THAT NEUTRALITY FOR FORMER INDOCHINA WOULD MEAN THE WHOLE AREA WOULD GO COMMUNIST.

E. DE GAULLE SAID HE HAD NO PLANS TO VISIT THE AREA.

F. ON THE MATTER OF "KENNEDY ROUND" TARIFF REDUCTIONS, ERHARD SAID HE FOUND DE GAULLE COMPLETELY NEGATIVE, HIS ARGUMENT BEING THAT THE WORLD WAS IN SUCH BAD SHAPE THAT 50X1 HE PREFERRED TO PURSUE HIS OWN POLICY.

H. THE ABSENCE OF A COMMUNIQUE AT THE END OF THE VISIT, ERHARD TOLD MCGHEE, WAS INTENTIONAL, AS IT WOULD ONLY HAVE SERVED TO EMPHASIZE THE GREAT DIFFERENCE IN VIEWPOINTS WHICH THE MEETING EXPOSED.

4. SOMALIA-ETHIOPIA:

A. THE SOMALIS AT ALL LEVELS OF THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVE THAT THE BRITISH AND OURSELVES ARE BACKING THE ETHIOPIANS IN THE BORDER DISPUTE.

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C. AMBASSADOR TORBERT IN MOGADISCIO IS WORRIED THAT THE SOMALIS WILL WORK THEMSELVES INTO SUCH A LATHER ABOUT IT THAT THEY WILL BREAK RELATIONS.

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5. GABON:

A. MOST OF THE FRENCH TROOPS WHICH RESTORED MBA TO POWER HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE STILL ENOUGH AROUND LIBREVILLE TO KEEP THE PLACE QUIET.

B. MEANWHILE, REACTION TO THE FRENCH INTERVENTION HAS BEGUN TO SET IN.

C. THERE ARE RUMORS OF UNREST IN THE HINTERLAND, AND GABONESE OPPOSITIONISTS IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING PRESIDENT MBA'S BROTHER, SEEM TO HAVE BEEN SPURRED INTO ACTION BY THE FRENCH INTERVENTION.

6. NOTES:

A. USSR-ZANZIBAR: THE RUSSIANS HAVE APPOINTED ONE OF THEIR RANKING DIPLOMATS AS AMBASSADOR TO ZANZIBAR. AMBASSADOR TO CANADA DURING THE MID-50'S, DMITRI CHUVAKHIN HAS BEEN MOST RECENTLY DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN DEPARTMENT IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

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B. TURKEY: THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF INONU
YESTERDAY WAS THE WORK OF A FANATIC WHOSE MOTIVE HAD LITTLE
RELEVANCE TO THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN TURKEY AND NOTHING
TO DO WITH THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

C. COSTA RICA: THE COSTA RICANS TELL US SOME 26,000
ACRES OF THEIR COFFEE CROP HAVE BEEN INFESTED WITH INSECTS
TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT PRODUCTION IN THE AREA AFFECTED MAY
BE CUT IN HALF. THEY ARE ASKING FOR ADVICE AND HELP WITH
SPRAY AND HELICOPTERS.

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1. Cyprus

- a. U Thant's round of talks this weekend seems to have done little more than to make clear what was already well known.
- b. The Cypriots will not allow any reference to the Treaty of Guarantee in a UN resolution. They would prefer no resolution to one which mentions it, and they can probably count on the Soviets to back them in this.
- c. The Turks, on the other hand, are equally determined that a resolution reaffirm the treaty which gives them the right to intervene.
- d. Mercifully, the situation on the island remains relatively calm, but both camps continue to recruit personnel and prepare for eventual civil war.

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2. Indonesia-Malaysia

- a. Malaysia has declared its Borneo territories an "air defense zone" effective early Tuesday morning.

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c. Sukarno, meanwhile, has told Ambassador Jones he must supply his guerrillas and will use any necessary means to do so. He refuses to withdraw them.

d. If anything, Sukarno moved backward in this conversation. He, in effect, told Jones he wanted a peaceful settlement on his own terms.

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g. Along with a determination to prevent any Indonesian resupply operations by air, the Malaysians probably intend to step-up operations to roundup remaining guerrillas.

h. Judging by the clashes reported this weekend, which apparently are continuing in Sarawak, the cease-fire already exists in name only.

i. Sukarno meets Macapagal formally on Tuesday in Bali

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3. Sino-Soviet dispute

a. Reports are circulating in Moscow that the Soviet press will today publish a speech given at last week's party central committee meeting by Presidium member Suslov.

b. Apparently it concerns another, possibly final, appeal for Chinese agreement to a moratorium on public attacks.

c. The last time the Soviets made such an appeal Khrushchev said the Chinese would meet with a "stern rebuff" if they failed to cooperate.

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d. This brought forth new venom from the Chinese Communists, and they have since reminded the Soviets they are still waiting for the "stern rebuff."

4. Syria

a. Syria is in a state of domestic confusion. Disturbances, some serious, are cropping out like the pox, and there are rumors of a general strike.

b. Nasir's maneuvers and the downfall of the Baathist regime in Iraq have left Damascus thoroughly isolated.

c. Such circumstances have caused coups in Syria before, and the Baathist military leaders in power show signs of nervousness. They are acting ruthlessly to forestall the day even they seem to think inevitable.

d. It would probably take a military coup to throw them out, but no opposition group appears at the moment to be that well organized.

5. Panama-US

a. Panamanian publishers are holding a meeting today, which President Chiari will attend, to consider possibilities for toning down the anti-US press campaign.

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b. Relatively moderate news treatment of the US-Panamanian problem by two papers on Saturday was intended as a trial balloon.

c. Chiari hopes to restore confidence in the business community without giving the extremists the opportunity of charging he has gone soft.

d. We have no information on what was discussed between Chiari and Costa Rican President Orlich late last week. Chiari does seem, however, to be seeking a way out of his deadlock with the US.

NOTES

- A. Cuba-UK Castro says he has offered to discuss with the British compensation for the Shell oil refinery and assets taken over in 1960. The indemnity offer, made shortly after the bus deal was concluded, is intended, Castro says, to strengthen Cuba's international credit position.
- B. Congo-China Brazzaville Congo has recognized Peiping as the "sole legal government representing all the Chinese people," according to a Peiping broadcast. Until now, Congo Brazzaville has recognized Taipei. It would be the first state to follow De Gaulle's lead.
- D. Bolivia President Paz has ordered his troublesome air force chief, General Barrientos, out of the country because of his oppositionist politicking and newly developed connections with Lechin. By way of emphasis, the general's home was bombed yesterday [redacted] Barrientos is believed to be in the US now.
- E. India For the third consecutive year, food grain output apparently will fail to keep pace with India's annual population increase of over ten million. A heavy drain on PL-480 buffer stocks now there seems inevitable, as does a request for more.

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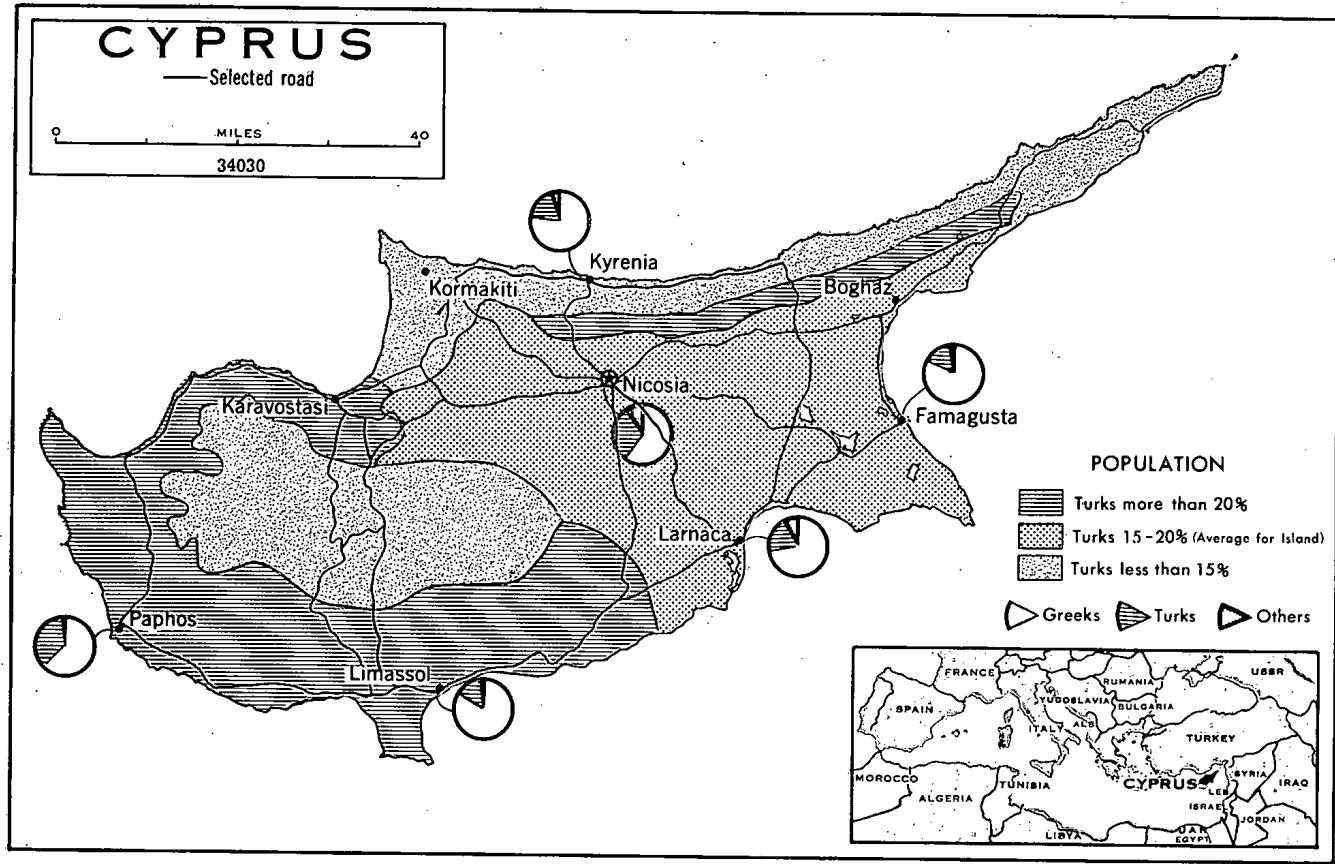
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1. Cyprus

a. There was some shooting yesterday in the Polis area and additional hostages were taken elsewhere, but it was generally a calm day.

b. The recruiting, arming, and training of fighters in both communities goes on. The British have seen Turk Cypriots bearing late-model rifles. The training of Greek Cypriot irregulars, under Greek regular army officers, is now focussed, we hear, on resisting a Turkish invasion.

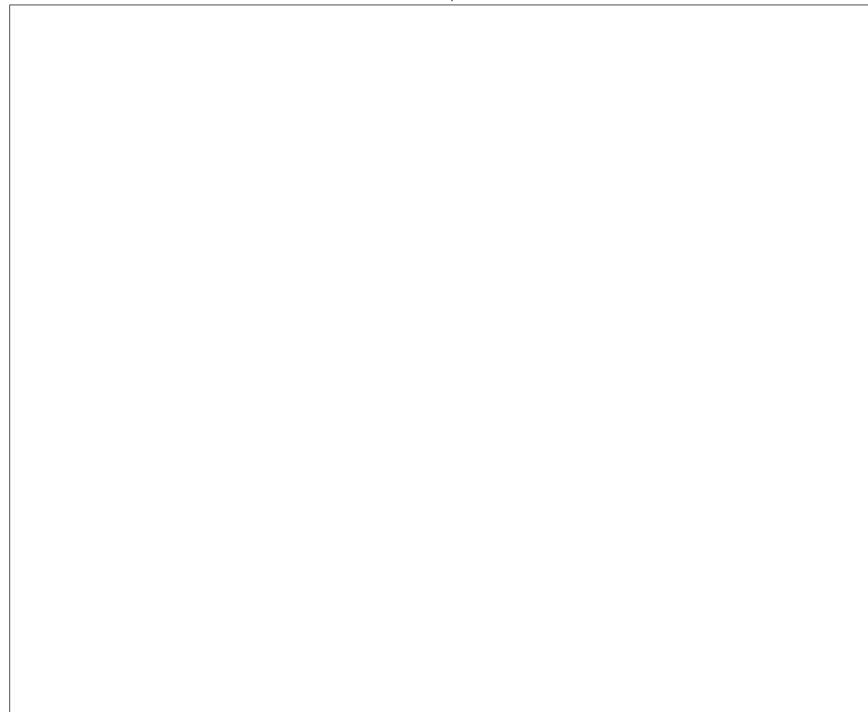
c. Turkish military preparations in the Iskenderun area opposite Cyprus continue. US officials in the area believe that another show of force similar to the one staged ten days ago may be forthcoming. This was designed to show the Greek Cypriots that the Turks were ready, willing, and able to help their compatriots.

d. The Greek Cypriot press yesterday asserted that the US and UK were conspiring to partition Cyprus and set up Polaris bases in the Turkish part. Interestingly, Moscow charged yesterday in Izvestia that the West was trying to turn Cyprus into an "atomic rocket spring-board."

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e. We consider the well-staged arrival in Nicosia of a team of Soviet aviation men as a calculated attempt to show how close Greek Cypriot ties with Moscow really are.

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2. Indonesia-
Malaysia

a. Kuala Lumpur has warned Djakarta that any planes sent to air drop supplies to guerrillas in Malaysian Borneo will be shot down.

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b. This is not an empty threat.

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c. If these moves do not deter the Indonesians, a major crisis could easily result.

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e. We are trying to persuade the Malaysians not to take this step, but they seem determined.

3. Indonesia

a. Although orders have gone out from Djakarta to Sumatran police to prevent the seizure of a US-owned rubber plantation in North Sumatra, we wonder whether the orders will be obeyed.

b. The Indonesian Communists have refused to honor government instructions to return British properties in the area to their owners.

c. The Communists seem quite willing to test the government's control in regions where Djakarta's authority is infirm.

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d. They may take advantage of the fact that Sukarno is tied up in his "crush Malaysia" campaign to step up their anti-American drive in the next few weeks.

e. This could include demonstrations against the embassy and other American property and, perhaps, some violence against Americans.

4. South Vietnam

a. A recent on-the-spot survey disclosed that less than 10% of the small arms captured from the Viet Cong last year were made in Communist China.

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d. Far fewer of the captured weapons were made by the Viet Cong themselves than was the case in previous years.

5. USSR-Cuba

a. The training of Cuban units, now going forward at all [redacted] surface-to-air missile sites in Cuba, should be completed by April.

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c. All of this points to the system's being turned over to Castro in late April or early May.

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6. Ethiopia-Somalia

a. Somali guerrillas are jeopardizing the paper-thin cease-fire.

b. In the past several days they have damaged several bridges in the Ogaden. The Ethiopians, from the Emperor on down, are convinced that Mogadiscio is behind this activity.

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d. Ambassador Korry suggests that Haile Selassie is no longer in absolute control of events and that there are junior officials who would like nothing better than to "teach the Somalis a lesson."

7. Bolivia

a. Bolivian politics have always been rough and tumble, but this year's presidential campaign promises to be an especially rugged one.

b. General Barrientos, a Paz foe who was told Sunday to get out of the country, was shot by an unknown assailant last night. [redacted]

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c. The headquarters of presidential hopeful Lechin were bombed late last week.

d. Organizations responsive to Lechin hint that the bombing was the work of the government. They promise that such "provocative acts" will be met by violence from their side.

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- A. France-Africa Not all of Africa has been heard from, but the tide so far is running strongly against the French intervention in Gabon. Both conservative and moderate African leaders have criticized it, and the younger, more nationalistically inclined second level officials have been especially shrill. In Dahomey, for example, these elements hope to use the issue to get the ball rolling toward a closing of French bases and a withdrawal of French troops.
- B. USSR-UAR The long-rumored Khrushchev visit to Egypt could take place in May. He has, we hear, agreed to attend the opening ceremonies for the Aswan Dam. He may use the opportunity to visit other African states.
- C. USSR-Brazil The Soviets are still casting about for an aid project which would catch Brazilian eyes but not involve Moscow in Brazil's larger economic problems. Ambassador Fomin was in the impoverished northeast last week talking aid in general terms and asking for suggestions.
- D. Congo [redacted] the anti-Adoula
bug [redacted] is going around in the Congo [redacted]
[redacted]
- E. South Vietnam - France Ambassador Lodge reports that there is again talk in Saigon of breaking relations with France. This time the reason advanced is that the French intend to recognize Hanoi, and Saigon wants to beat them to the punch. We know of no such French intent and are urging patience on Saigon.

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25 February 1964

1. Cyprus: Negotiations at the UN have so far done little more than to spell out what was already obvious.

The Cypriots will not allow any reference to the Treaty of Guarantee in a UN resolution, and the Turks are equally determined that any resolution reaffirm the treaty which gives them the right to intervene.

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Meanwhile, though the island has remained generally under control, training of fighters in both communities goes on.

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Greek Cypriot and Soviet media are now talking in terms designed to show an identity of views and interests.

At the same time, a "British go home" campaign is gathering momentum on the island, possibly as a forerunner of an attempt to force the British out altogether.

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2. Indonesia-Malaysia: The issue of Indonesian guerrillas in Malaysia's Borneo territory has all but wrecked the ceasefire and chances for a further three-power meeting.

Clashes are again occurring on the ground, for the first time in the month that the ceasefire has been in effect.

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Malaysia, having declared its Borneo territory an air defense zone, has warned Djakarta that any planes sent to air-drop supplies to the guerrillas will be shot down.

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The Malaysians will now probably step-up operations to roundup remaining guerrillas.

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3. USSR: Last Wednesday the Soviets conducted their third successful firing in a new ICBM development program begun last December.

We are still not certain whether the vehicle is a completely new missile or a much modified SS-7, currently the mainstay of the Soviet ICBM missile force.

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4. Ethiopia-Somalia: The fragile ceasefire arranged by the OAU conference in Dar-es-Salaam has managed at least to reduce the number and severity of incidents along the Ethiopian-Somali border.

The African Foreign Ministers convened again on Monday at their regularly scheduled meeting, this time in Lagos.

There they will take up the Somali-Ethiopian problem again. They will try to arrange some mechanism for policing the ceasefire and, possibly, for mediating the problem.

Anti-American sentiment which last week appeared on the rise in Magadiscio, has since abated somewhat.

5. USSR: [redacted]

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6. Sino-Soviet dispute: Some new Soviet initiative may be in the works on the Sino-Soviet problem.

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Reports now circulating in Moscow concerning discussions at the recent Soviet Party Plenum suggest another appeal, perhaps a final one, may be made to Peiping to call off the public polemics.

If the Chinese refuse, as is expected, an avalanche of new Soviet anti-Chinese material reportedly will be released.

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7. USSR-Cuba: The training of Cuban units, now going forward at all 24 surface-to-air missile sites in Cuba, should be completed by April.

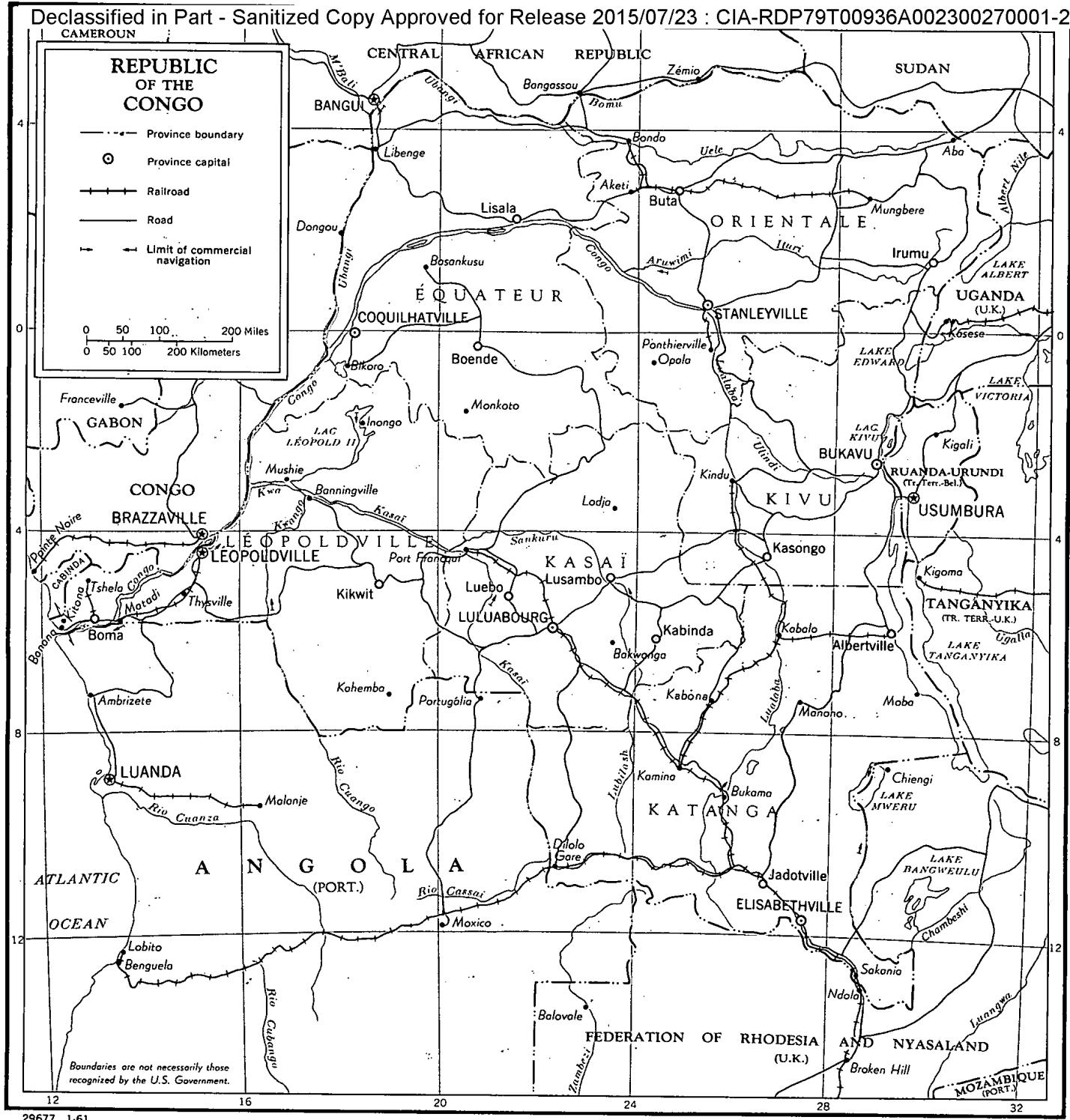
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8. Cuba-UK: [redacted]

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9. Gabon: There are still enough French troops around the capital to keep things quiet, but reaction to the French intervention to restore President Mba to power has begun to set in.

Gabonese oppositionists in neighboring countries, including Mba's brother, have been spurred to action and there are rumors of unrest in the hinterland.

The standing of several conservative pro-French African governments probably has been weakened by the French move.

Moderate and even conservative African leaders have found it necessary to speak out against the French action to prevent more radical nationalists from making too much hay out of the issue.

10. Congo: There is a possibility that the anti-Adoula uprising in Kwilu province, may shortly erupt in the eastern province of Kivu.

Leftists tracts calling on the people to revolt have appeared on the streets of the capital of Kivu.

We have learned that the Committee of National Liberation based in Brazzaville, has established a branch committee in Burundi to stir up trouble in the eastern Congo.

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Meanwhile, there are signs that officials within Adoula's government are plotting to overthrow him.

11. Syria: The country, as usual, is in a state of domestic confusion. Disturbances are cropping up all over, and rumors of a general strike are currently making the rounds.

The downfall of the Baathist regime in Iraq plus Nasir's maneuvering have left Damascus isolated.

Syria's Baathist military leaders are showing signs of nervousness, but it would probably take a military coup to throw them out. At the moment no opposition group seems strong enough to bring this off.

12. USSR-Zanzibar: The Russians have appointed one of their ranking diplomats ambassador to Zanzibar. He is Dmitri Chuvakin, ambassador to Canada during the mid-50's, and more recently, deputy chief of the Southeast Asian department in the Foreign Ministry.

13. Bolivia: Bolivian politics have always been rough and tumble, but this year's presidential campaign promises to be an especially rugged one.

General Barrientos, a Paz foe [redacted]
[redacted] was shot by an unknown
assailant Monday night. He survived [redacted]

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The headquarters of presidential hopeful Lechin were bombed late last week.

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further evidence that the Soviet construction program for soft SS-7 launch sites slowed down markedly in the second half of 1963 and may be ending.

There has been no let up in the construction of hard SS-7 sites. There are at least 90 hard SS-7 and SS-8 launchers now under construction or operational.

The overall count of all types of launchers completed or in various stages of construction now stands at 240; of these, 183 are believed to be operational.

Added construction was detected at four suspect anti-ballistic missile electronic sites around Moscow. Work at two of these has strengthened their similarity to those at Sary Shagan, the main Soviet ABM test center.

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1. Cyprus

a. The calm continued yesterday, but the island is still in the eye of the storm.

b. The Turks, both on Cyprus and the mainland, have reacted violently to Sunday's announcement that Makarios' government is negotiating with the USSR for the establishment of a civil air route.

c. Makarios' move in this case may involve nothing too serious. The USSR has been interested in landing rights in Nicosia for over two years. Before the crisis broke out negotiations had been scheduled for early this year.

d. Nevertheless, the Turks, in the current charged atmosphere, do not see it this way. Kuchuk claims this action is illegal and taken without Turkish Cypriot consent.

e. He sees it as a device to bring in Soviet arms and personnel. Cyprus, he says, is "being turned into another Cuba."

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g. There has, to say the least, been no diminution in Turkish readiness measures. Ankara may at minimum be ready for another show of force soon, similar to the one on 14-15 February.

h. We are still inclined to take Turkish leaders at their word that they would consult with the US prior to any attack. The "consultation" might, however, come very late in the game.

i. The Turks are also outraged by Makarios' plan to increase the police force from 2,000 to 5,000 men and his order that the police seize all "unlawful arms."

j. This comes on top of his refusal to admit Turkish Red Crescent supplies due to arrive in Famagusta--for refugees--today, on grounds that the supplies are being sent on naval, rather than merchant vessels.

k. Nothing fruitful has yet come out of the deliberations at the UN.

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2. South Vietnam

a. Coup plotting is getting under way again.

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e. Khanh has recently transferred some potentially disloyal officers and units from the Saigon area, but these actions seem only to have generated more discontent.

3. Panama

a. [redacted]

[redacted] the Communist Party leadership does not favor a coup attempt at present.

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b. The leadership has overruled some sectors of the party which have been attempting to promote such action, with little success.

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c. Rather, the party leaders would prefer to bide their time through the period of a transition government headed by someone like Miguel Moreno

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4. Bolivia

a. The unsuccessful attempt yesterday to assassinate Air Force General Barrientos could well set in motion a new wave of popular unrest.

b. His assailants are not yet known, but Bolivian opinion is leaping to the conclusion that Paz ordered the job done to get Barrientos out of the way because he opposed Paz' re-election.

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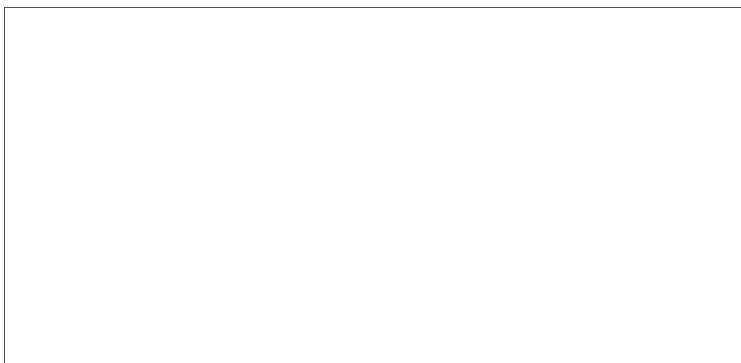
c. Both Lechin's following and the new anti-Paz faction in Paz' own party--which Barrientos helped organize--now have a new and burning issue to exploit.

d. Barrientos' support comes mainly from the peasants in the Cochabamba Valley. They are unorganized but many of them have rifles.

5. Ghana

a. Nkrumah's cancellation of most 1964 export-import licenses will disrupt commercial activity and aggravate shortages of certain consumer items.

b. There is already much dissatisfaction over depleted stocks and rising prices.



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6. Lebanon

- a. President Chehab is apparently going to bow to the inevitable and run again.
- b. He told our ambassador it has finally become clear to him that if he leaves the government to highly partisan politicians, Lebanon will come apart again.
- c. He is probably right. Chehab appears to be the only man capable of keeping the lid on Moslem-Christian antagonisms.
- d. Presidential elections occur every six years in Lebanon and under the constitution the President cannot succeed himself. Chehab will have to get parliamentary approval to stay on.

NOTES

- A. Malaysia The Tunku appears to have been talked out of going to the UN Security Council immediately. Barring more Indonesian cease-fire violations, he will probably not do so until another effort is made to bring the parties together at Bangkok. The press reports this morning that Sukarno and Macapagal are ready for another tripartite foreign minister's session this week, but there is no sign that Sukarno is willing to give an inch.

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- D. South Vietnam Vietnamese security officials in Saigon report that the Viet Cong are plotting the assassinations of prominent Americans in Saigon, in particular Ambassador Lodge.

- E. Brazil - Communist China Goulart's Communist press secretary says that the forthcoming opening of a Chinese Communist trade office in Rio is a prelude to establishment of diplomatic relations.

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1. Cyprus

a. Prospects for the direct involvement of the USSR or France in the deadlocked Cyprus situation appear to be growing.

b. The Turks

[redacted] are convinced the Soviets are becoming deeply involved on the side of the Greek Cypriots and are supplying them with arms.

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[redacted] Makarios feeds Turk apprehensions by saying he will turn to the USSR if he cannot get satisfaction elsewhere.

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d. Makarios yesterday suggested French mediation, and at the same time appointed an ambassador to France. In view of De Gaulle's recent criticisms of the 1959 Treaty of Guarantee, Makarios feels on safe ground.

e. The French say they have received no formal request and that it would be inappropriate for them to do anything while the problem is at the UN.

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g. The British chief representative in Cyprus told Ambassador Wilkins last night that he expects momentarily to be told by Makarios that British troops can now leave, that the "Government of Cyprus," i.e., the Greek Cypriots, is able to keep the peace.

h. He intends to reply that the British are there to assist both communities and have no intention of abandoning one to the other.

i. The British, he told Wilkins, will hold their positions in Cyprus "come hell or high water."

j. There has been no change in the state of readiness of Turkish forces standing by.

2. Indonesia-Malaysia

a. It now looks as though the Malaysian, Philippine and Indonesian Foreign Ministers will convene again in Bangkok next Tuesday.

b. Nobody is very eager, however.

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c. The Filipinos have said
that they could see no useful pur-
pose in it.

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the press indi-
cated Malaysia intended to confine
the talks to the cease-fire issue

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3. Communist China

a. The food situation in
China, always a problem and partic-
ularly so during the early months
of the year, is decidedly grim this
year.

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c. The regime is trying to redistribute grain so that few actually starve though the rations of most will be even shorter.

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4. Rumania - Communist China

a. The Rumanians are taking on an extraordinary role in the Sino-Soviet dispute.

b. At Peiping's invitation, they are sending a Politburo-level delegation to China next week to discuss party relations and problems of unity in the socialist camp.

c. To date, the Chinese have shown no disposition to reach an accommodation with the Soviets, and at first blush this invitation looks like another attempt to chip away further at Moscow's support. We find it hard to imagine that the Soviets look upon this well-publicized maneuver with enthusiasm.

5. Dominican Republic

a. Dominican ruling circles are in an uproar over an amnesty law which triumvirate President Reid is trying to put through.

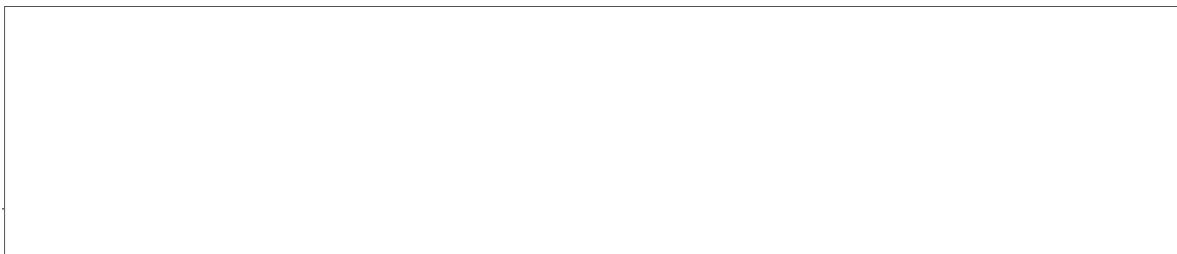
b. Under it, a large number of Castro-Communist militants currently in jail or exile would be freed.

c. So would many persons associated with the Trujillo regime. Among these are many military officers, as well as former President Balaguer who is now in exile.

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NOTES

- A. South Korea Students in Seoul are planning to demonstrate early next week against government corruption and police interference in student affairs. It may develop anti-US overtones, specifically on the status of forces issue.
- B. South Vietnam The conviction is growing in the large Chinese community in Saigon that the Viet Cong will win in South Vietnam. Lack of faith in the Vietnamese government's ability, uncertainty over US intentions, and accelerated Communist subversive activity are having a broad impact among the Chinese. Our Embassy points out that in this atmosphere, Chinese economic support of the Viet Cong could become significant.
- C. Bolivia The Barrientos affair has so stirred up Bolivia's armed forces that a state of alert has been declared. This is probably intended as much to keep junior officers from flying off the handle as anything.



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1. Cyprus

a. The Cyprus issue remained on dead center yesterday.

b. On the island the lid was still in place, despite the usual scattered gunfire. Both Greek and Turkish Cypriot representatives on the political committee are thoroughly dissatisfied and the committee may break up soon.

c. There was no discernible progress in diplomatic moves to find a way out. At the UN Security Council President Bernardes drafted yet another resolution, which, however, seems unacceptable to the Greek Cypriots.

d. The Cypriots in fact now realize that they probably will not get the resolution they want. Their next move may be to try to switch to the General Assembly.

e. Efforts by the UK to stimulate a meeting on Cyprus between Papandreou and Inonu have come to naught.

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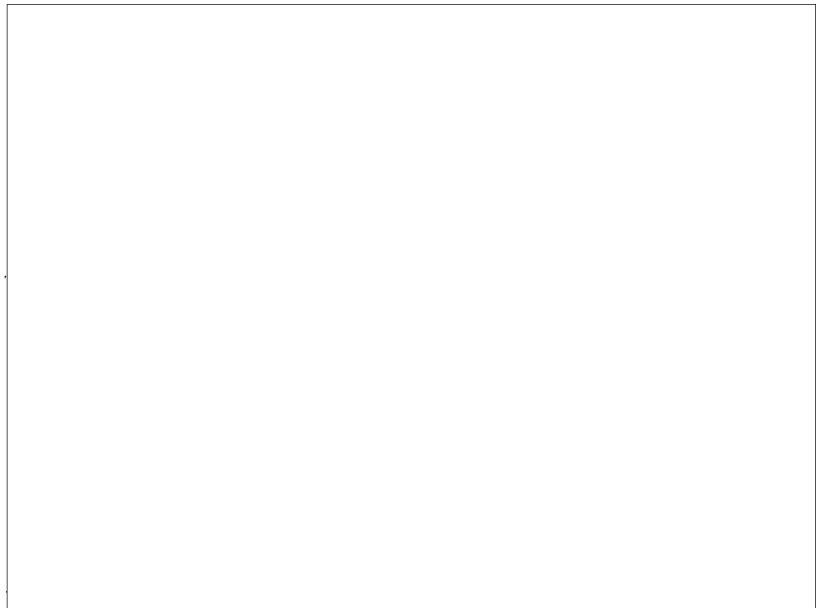
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g. Turkish officials, viewing with alarm recent Makarios moves to disarm the Turkish Cypriots and increased Soviet involvement, have asked for discussions with Ambassador Hare on what will happen after the UN reaches the end of its road and new violence explodes.

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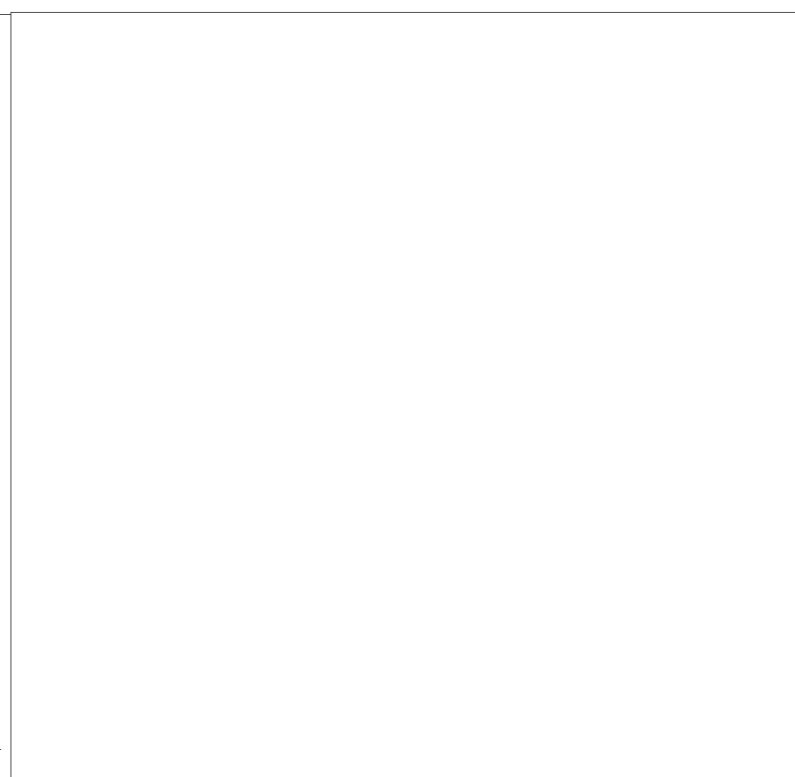


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3. Sino-Soviet
Dispute

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number of Communist parties are
appealing to the Chinese Communists
to halt their public attacks on the
Soviets.

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c. There is little chance,
we feel, that these appeals will
deflect the Chinese from a course
they have followed with such
unyielding pugnacity.

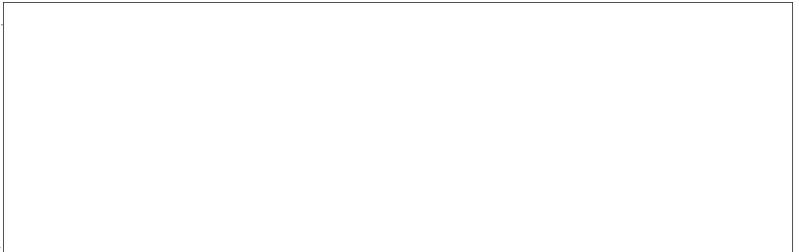


4. Libya-US

a. Nasir's recent fulminations against foreign bases in the eastern Mediterranean have found a mark in the Libyan Government, still shaken by last month's rioting.

b. On Tuesday Prime Minister Muntassir told Ambassador Lightner he doubted the recent government statement on nonrenewal of foreign base agreements, would satisfy the many Libyans who are infected with this Nasirist point of view.

c. The prime minister said it was his personal opinion that it may be necessary to terminate US and UK base rights within two years.



5. Indonesia-
Malaysia

a. We have been getting inklings,
as yet not very convincing, that the
Indonesians may be wearying of their
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6. India

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NOTES

- A. Venezuela Venezuelan terrorists, who have vowed to frustrate Betancourt's ambition to be the first president in his country's history to pass the mantle of office to a lawfully elected successor, are making plans to interfere with Leoni's inauguration next month. The government is aware of this and should be able to cope with the situation.
- B. Panama Chiari yesterday received word from Washington that Moreno was close to working out a formula on re-establishing diplomatic relations with the US. Chiari's reaction, we hear, was that he will go to the end of his term without relations unless the US agrees to renegotiate the 1903 treaty.

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- D. Berlin Passes Brandt [redacted] is in fundamental disagreement with Erhard on the pass question. The mayor would like to see the arrangement of last Christmas renewed, and he thinks that Erhard has been influenced to a contrary view by a "hard" group in Bonn, which includes Adenauer and Schroeder, who want to isolate the East Germans by setting up trade missions in East Europe. Even so, further talks on the pass problem are in the works.

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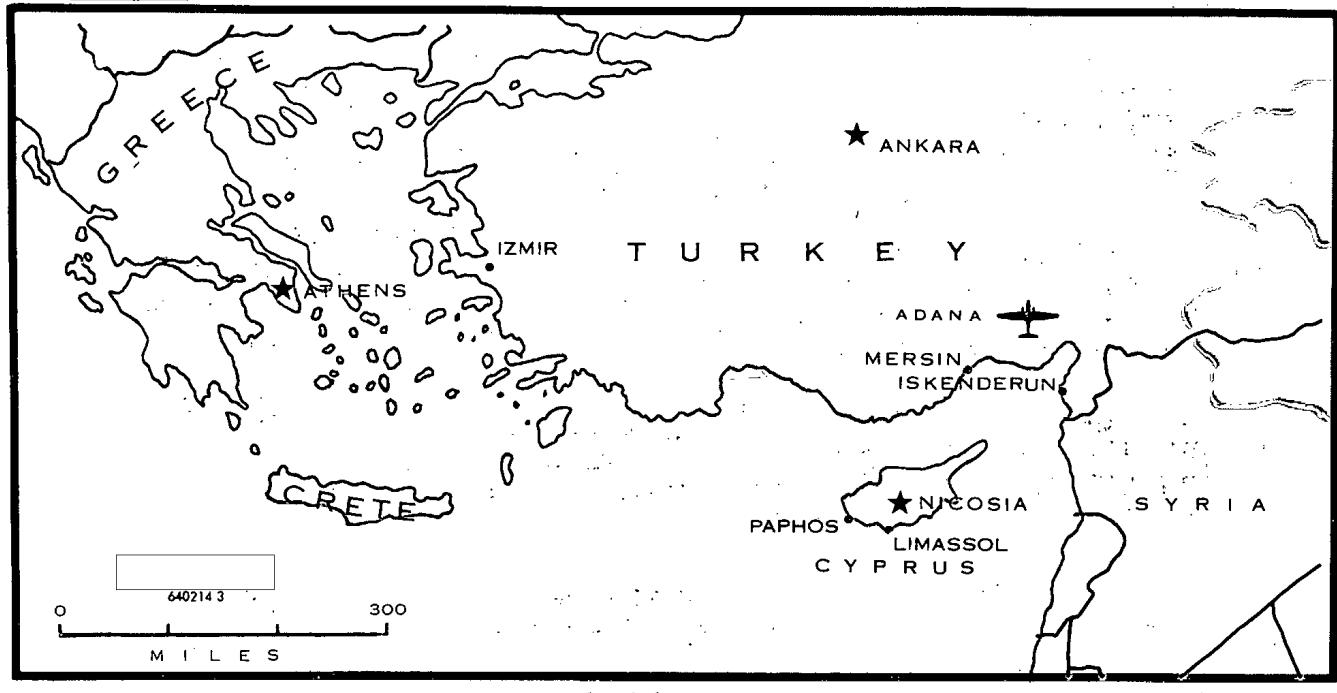
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28 February 1964

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Cyprus:

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The Turks are becoming more and more alarmed at the way things are going. Foreign Minister Erkin has told Ambassador Hare that "events are moving fast and a quick decision might have to be made."

They have been infuriated by Makarios' move earlier this week to expand his police force. Greek Cypriots are making no bones of the fact they plan to try to disarm the Turkish Cypriots.

The Turks are also becoming alarmed at increased Soviet involvement. They are convinced Soviet arms are being sent in by sea and air. We have no proof that this is true and doubt the Soviets would do this directly. Turkish concern has been fed by Makarios' statements that he would turn to the Soviets if he could not get satisfaction elsewhere.

The "British-go-home" campaign continues, and London expects Makarios to demand any day now that its forces leave. The British have told us, and will tell Makarios, that they have no intentions of abandoning the Turkish Cypriots to the mercy of the Greek Cypriots.

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At the same time, however, they are not willing to go it alone indefinitely on the island, and are so advising Ankara and Athens.

So far efforts to arrange a meeting between Papandreu and Inonu have been fruitless.

The Cypriot Government remains adamantly opposed to a summit meeting of Greek, Turkish, and British leaders. The appointment of a Cypriot ambassador to Paris suggests that Makarios may soon make a formal bid to De Gaulle to enter the Cyprus picture.

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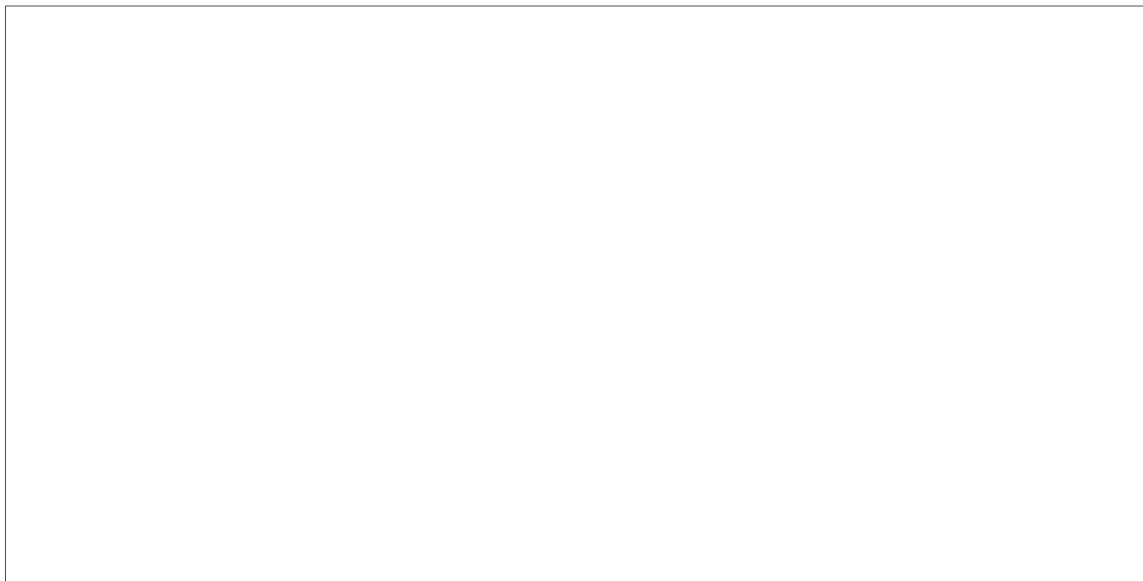
2. Indonesia-Malaysia: There have been further clashes involving Indonesian infiltrators in Malaysian Borneo this past week.

Meanwhile another three-power foreign ministers' meeting has been set for next Tuesday in Bangkok.

The Malaysians view the meeting as a final attempt to break the deadlock over the ceasefire before they take the issue to the UN.

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3. South Vietnam: Coup plotting is cropping up again. [redacted] several senior officers, including the commander of the corps area around Saigon, are involved.

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Though Khanh has recently transferred several suspect officers and units from the Saigon area, he may not be able to eradicate this endemic problem.

The large Chinese community in Saigon also appears to be losing faith in the government.

Uncertainty over US intentions, a growing conviction that the Viet Cong will win, and accelerated Communist subversive activity are having a broad impact among the Chinese there. Their economic support, should it be turned to the Viet Cong, could become significant.

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[redacted] North Vietnamese authorities are taking a progressively more optimistic view of developments in the south.

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[redacted] under these circumstances, [redacted] we are not likely to see any letup or shift in emphasis in Communist policy in the near future.

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4. Sino-Soviet Relations: [redacted]

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[redacted] the Soviet party has been pressing anew for a convocation of the world's Communist parties to repudiate the Chinese.

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Appeals have gone out from a number of Communist parties [redacted] urging the Chinese to call a halt to their public attacks. The Chinese have been unresponsive so far, and we feel this will continue to be the case.

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5. India: [redacted]

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6. Libya-US: Nasir's recent fulminations against foreign bases in the eastern Mediterranean have found a mark in the Libyan Government, still shaken by last month's rioting.

On Tuesday Prime Minister Muntassir told Ambassador Lightner he doubted the recent government statement on nonrenewal of foreign base agreements would satisfy the many Libyans who are infected with this Nasirist point of view.

The prime minister said it was his personal opinion that it may be necessary to terminate US and UK base rights within two years.

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7. Venezuela: Venezuelan terrorists, who have vowed to frustrate Betancourt's ambition to be the first president in his country's history to pass the mantle of office to a lawfully elected successor, are making plans to interfere with Leoni's inauguration next month.

The government is aware of this and should be able to cope with the situation.

8. Lebanon: President Chehab has just about made up his mind to run for president again, thereby removing a large question mark concerning Lebanon's political stability under any potential successor to him. He will have to get parliamentary approval, however, as the constitution says he cannot succeed himself.

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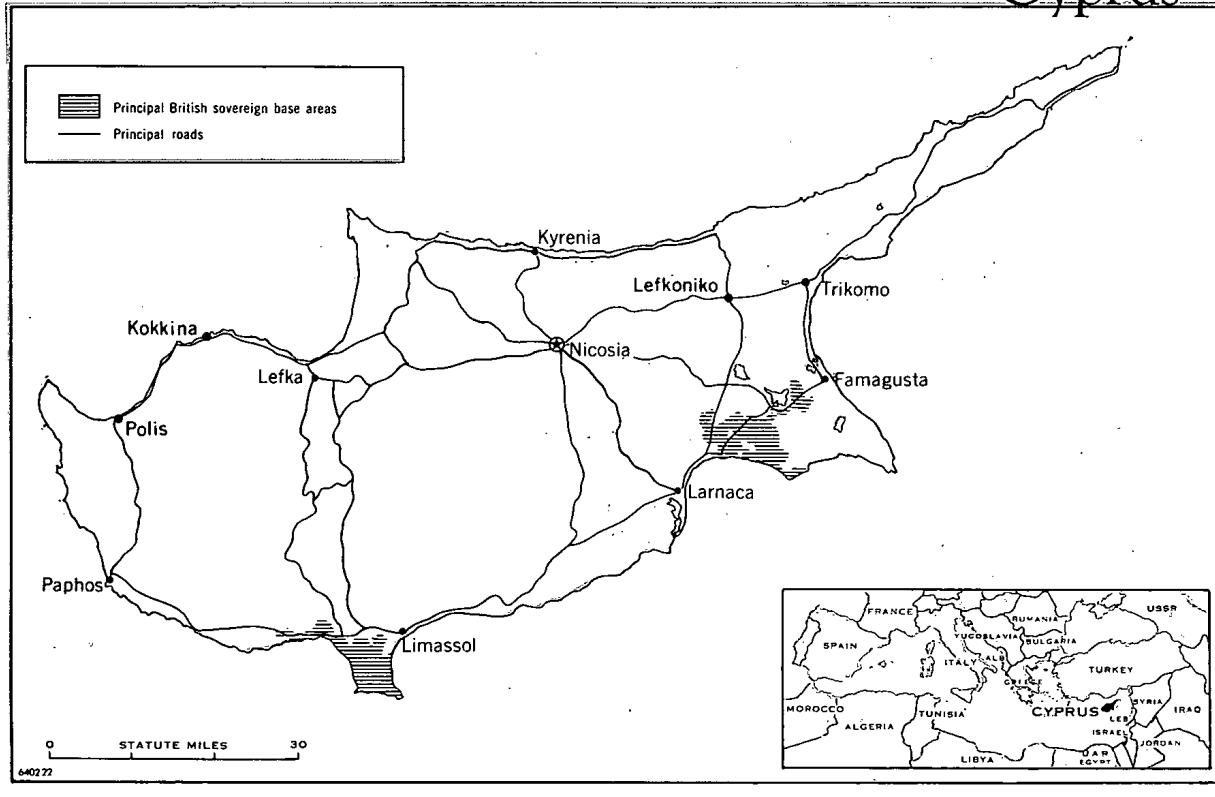
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1. Cyprus

a. On the island, both sides continue efforts to improve their position on the ground.

b. The Greek Cypriots are strengthening their positions in the Kyrenia area. If they are able to deny the Turkish Cypriots access to supply points along the north coast, they can put an economic stranglehold on them.

c. Foreign Minister Erkin has again likened Cyprus to Cuba and Makarios to Castro. He has told Ambassador Hare he hoped the US would approve unilateral Turk intervention, if that became necessary.

d. "Events are moving fast" said Erkin and "quick decisions might have to be made."

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3. Cuba - Western Europe

a. Spaak has again raised with Ambassador MacArthur the "appalling lack" of understanding of our Cuban policy in Europe.

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b. For example, Spaak recently had a discussion on Cuba with Belgian ambassadors who had been recalled for a policy conference. All except one (the ambassador to NATO) showed little understanding of US policy toward Cuba and were critical of it.

c. Spaak believes that unless we take more effective measures to get our story across added strains will be placed on our relations with Europe, particularly over the issue of trade with Cuba.

4. Honduras

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Escobar
has been plotting to remove Lopez
for some time.

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c. Lopez, whose illness is genuine, may be glad to use this as an excuse to get away and avoid a violent upheaval.

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- B. South Vietnam Coup rumors continue to circulate, an unhealthy sign in itself. The latest is that General Nguyen Van Thieu, chief of the joint general staff, is planning one [redacted]

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- D. Communist China Several Chinese Communist ambassadors in Europe and North Africa returned to Peiping for a conference in late February. The purpose of their recall is not clear, but they may be getting new instructions following the establishment of diplomatic relations with France.

E. Iraq-Iran Tehran is still supplying some aid to Kurdish rebel leader Barzani despite the cease-fire between Baghdad and the rebels.

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G. Belgium-Congo Relations between the two countries seem on the upswing. Adoula is reported agreeable to settling the Congo's debt to Belgium in accordance with a formula proposed by Spaak. The latter plans to visit Leopoldville in mid-March and hopes to conclude the arrangement then. This might also lead to some progress in the Belgian military training program.

H. Venezuela Betancourt has told the British ambassador that, if Shell sells any oil to Cuba, its Venezuelan holdings may be expropriated at a fair price. He has also told the French and Spanish ambassadors that Venezuelan workers may refuse to service their aircraft and ships because of their continued dealings with Cuba.

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USSR: Recent photography by satellite suggests the USSR may be preparing to build nuclear submarines at the Petrovka shipyard, near Vladivostok in the Soviet Far East.

At the present time the subs are built only at Severodvinsk on the White Sea and at Komsomolsk on the Amur River.

Petrovka, where all of the nuclear powered, cruise missile equipped E-class submarines have been fitted out, is being greatly expanded. At least six new buildings have been completed since September 1963.

The Soviets may intend to transfer nuclear submarine construction programs to Petrovka from Komsomolsk where deliveries are hampered by low water and ice on the Amur River.

We estimate the Soviet Navy to have 34 nuclear submarines of which 25 are based in the Northern Fleet.

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