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# THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. May Day celebrations



Thus far, they have been notably uneventful. Except for the Chinese Communists' reaffirmation of fidelity to the memory of Stalin, observances in bloc countries have been strictly routine. As the day wears on in the Western Hemisphere, however, the chances remain fair that some May Day celebrations will end in violence.

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2. Laos

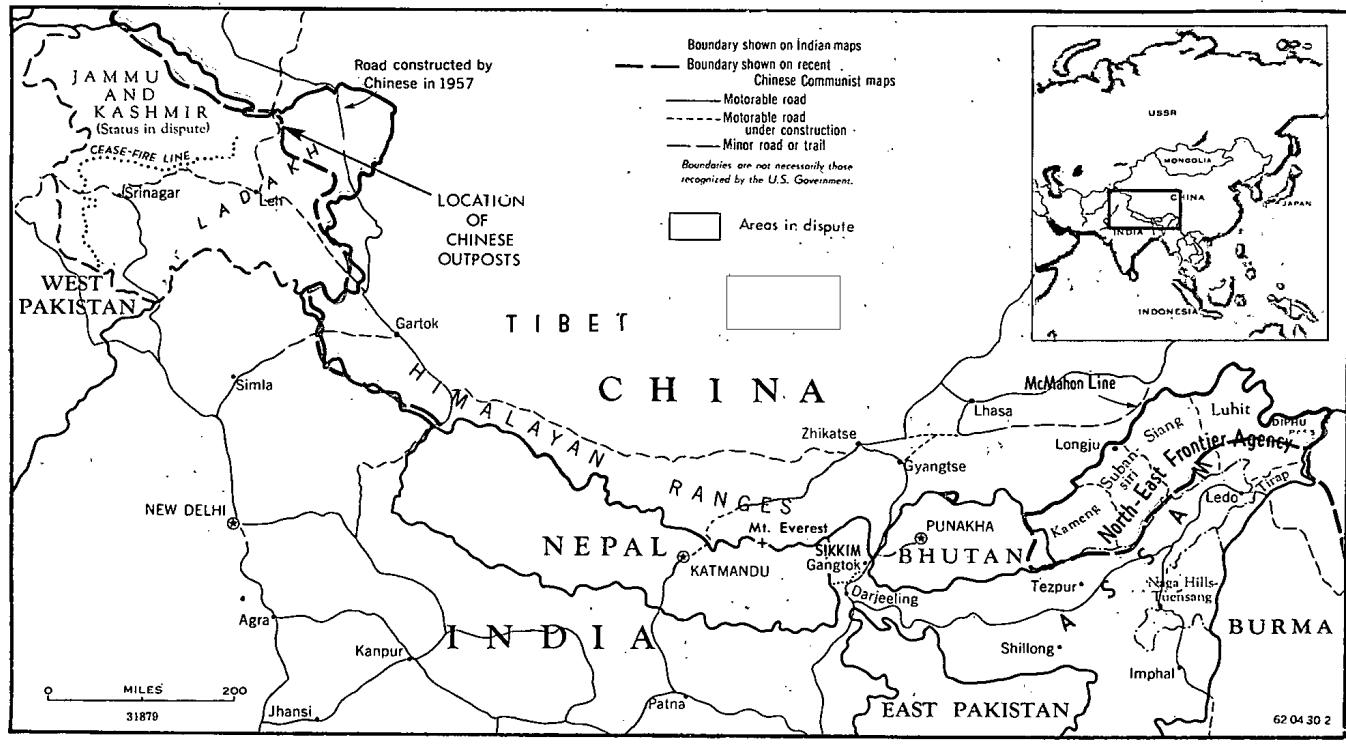
a. Before Phoumi took off on his current search for aid and solace, he assured Ambassador Brown that he had decided to shelve plans for the formation of a king's government. He has also sent a message to Souvanna offering to resume negotiations. Brown noted that Phoumi seems concerned about his present relations with the US and intimated he would like to visit Washington to receive assurances about the future of his country. Phoumi discussed the defense and interior posts problem in a rational manner for the first time, in Brown's view, but he also evidenced concern as to how he can improve his present position without too great a loss of face.

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b. The Phoumi-Boun Oum mission received a sympathetic reception in Bangkok, but precious little in the way of economic assistance. The Laotians appear to be discouraged over the prospects of obtaining much moral or material support from the other countries they plan to visit.

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[redacted] steady deterioration of the Laotian economy during the past few weeks. Fast dwindling foreign exchange holdings, heavy borrowings from the national bank, and the ordering of a large quantity of new currency notes are all symptomatic of pending inflation. A more immediate threat to political stability, however, are indications that the government is increasingly unable to pay its bills and that the cancer of corruption is spreading throughout its administrative structure.

3. Sino-Indian border dispute

a. New Delhi has apparently decided to grasp the nettle of creeping Chinese Communist aggression in the Ladakh area

[redacted]  
After capturing a small Chinese outpost in northern Ladakh last week, Indian troops are preparing a follow-up attack on a much larger installation farther east. Peiping has not yet reacted, but probably will do so soon.

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4. Congo

The next round of the Adoula-Tshombé discourse will probably commence in Leopoldville on Friday. Adoula, worried that a prolonged parley will dangerously erode his political position, has hinted that he might soon be forced to take matters into his own hands. As of last Saturday, however, he was still professing an intention to work for a solution of the Katanga problem in cooperation with the United Nations.

5. Battle lines shaping up in Guatemala

It is beginning to look more and more like Ydigoras and the military against everyone else, with a showdown seemingly close at hand. Non-Communist opposition parties, accusing the president of "intransigence and political blindness," have broken off negotiations for a compromise settlement and are joining with the pro-Communists in demanding his immediate resignation. Meanwhile, the president's efforts to form a cabinet composed of non-partisan elder statesmen are not encountering much success, probably because the gentlemen in question are understandably unenthusiastic about taking up positions in no-man's land just as both sides are preparing to start shooting.

NOTES

- A. Chinese Communist press coverage of this year's harvest prospects is marked by deep anxiety over the possibility of a fourth consecutive year of "natural adversity." [redacted] 50X1
- B. A flare-up of fighting is probably in store for Angola when the rainy season ends this month as nationalist forces [redacted] strengthened by arms and money obtained from various African countries, are preparing to intensify their military campaign against the Portuguese. [redacted] 50X1
- C. Thai and North Vietnamese Red Cross authorities have tentatively agreed to extend beyond June their joint program of evacuating to North Vietnam some 70,000 Vietnamese who took refuge in north-east Thailand during the Indochina war. To date, more than 30,000 of these people have been repatriated. The Thais regard the presence of these Vietnamese in the restive northeast portion of Thailand as a serious security threat. [redacted] 50X1
- D. Political tension continues to run high in Baghdad. Recent indications of unrest are: a Communist-led demonstration which killed and wounded 10 persons; the arrest of several members of the opposition party on charges of coup plotting) [redacted] 50X1

LATE NOTE

The two army sergeants captured by the Viet Cong early last month were recovered today, apparently in good health, by South Vietnamese forces. It is not yet clear whether they escaped or were released by their captors. [redacted]

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1. "Return to the mainland" measures in Taipei

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The government--moving fast in order to have something on the books before US counsels of restraint are registered--has secured legislative passage of an emergency tax bill which, with other tax measures now being prepared, is expected to bring in an additional \$59,000,000 in revenues during the next 15 months. The funds have been earmarked for military preparedness leading up to a counter-attack on the mainland.

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2. Laos

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3. May Day events

[Redacted]

The only serious disorders occurred in Portugal where clashes between police and demonstrators produced up to 50 injuries and at least two deaths. There was also scattered trouble in Venezuela but the police succeeded in holding it down. Buenos Aires was reported completely calm.

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4. Congo

[redacted] Adoula is considering visits to Cairo and Belgrade to solicit military aid.

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5. Nehru sanctions purchase of Soviet MIG's

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6. Indonesia

a. Indonesian Foreign Minister Subandrio left for Moscow this morning with a military mission to speed up deliveries of modern equipment. He told Jones it was necessary if Indonesia is to overcome present Dutch military superiority.  
b. Before leaving, Subandrio told Jones that Djakarta has regretfully decided that future statements on West New Guinea would have to have a harder tone.

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- A. There has been violence between Moslems and Hindus in East Pakistan serious enough to have obliged the government to call out troops. [redacted] the outbreak was touched off by anti-Moslem riots on the Indian side of the border where the majority-minority roles are reversed. 50X1 50X1
- B. Elections just carried out in the Indian Communist party leave the top posts in the hands of a "moderate," or Moscow-oriented, wing. Because of its sizable pro-Peiping faction, however, the party remains badly schizophrenic. [redacted] 50X1
- C. The Bolivian government, yielding to pressures from the left, will accept an antimony smelter from the Czechs. This will be the country's first industrial installation of Bloc origin. A Soviet offer of a tin smelter is still outstanding. [redacted] 50X1

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1. Sino-Indian border dispute heating up



The Chinese Communists, in character, have reacted sharply to Indian Army attacks on their outposts in northern Ladakh by charging aggression and demanding that the Indians withdraw. Peiping has also put Delhi on notice that Chinese forces in Ladakh had been ordered to "resume" patrol activity, and that it is contemplating similar action along the entire frontier. Nehru yesterday had already reacted strongly to a previous Chinese note and public indignation over the latest Chinese charges will probably cause him to dig in his heels with a vengeance. More--and bigger--clashes between Indian and Chinese forces are likely.

2. Americans in South Vietnam



a. Whatever their reasons for releasing Sergeants Quinn and Groom, the Viet Cong are making the most, propaganda-wise, out of the affair. Hanoi is saying that the two were "pardoned" as an earnest of the "humanitarian policy" of the Communist-controlled South Vietnam liberation front.

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b. Recently captured documents reveal that the Viet Cong have instructed at least some of its people to pick fights with Americans in order to "show the world that US troops are actually fighting in Vietnam."

3. Algeria



Algerian leaders, their tempers running dangerously close to the breaking point, have officially put responsibility directly on the French for the continuing OAS atrocities. They appear to be making a last ditch effort to keep the damper on the outbreak of large-scale Moslem reprisals as well as to head off demands that Algerian forces take matters into their own hands.

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4. Burmese Government policy announced



General Ne Win has unfolded a rambling 28-point program billed as a "Burmese way to Socialism." Although chock-full of Communist-style clichés promising state control of practically everything in sight for the good of the people, it actually does not go beyond the goals already set forth in the constitution and subscribed to by all government leaders since Burma became independent in 1948. Stripped of its gobbledegook, Ne Win's program boils down to a declaration advising the Burmese that henceforth they will be living under an authoritarian, narrowly nationalistic government of the army, by the army--and perhaps primarily for the army.

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5. Portugal



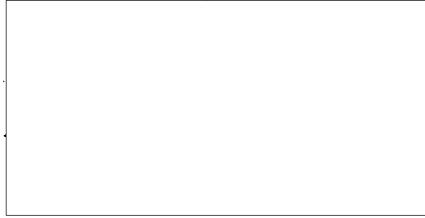
a. A post-mortem of the 1 May uprisings in Lisbon and Oporto bodes ill for the future serenity of the Salazar regime. By all accounts, the demonstrators were not only well organized, but showed courage and determination in facing up to the no-holds-barred tactics used by the police. They are thus likely to come back another day for a return engagement--possibly on 8 May, when more demonstrations are reportedly being planned for both cities.

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b. Growing jumpiness over Angola is indicated by Lisbon's tendency to accept at face value all sorts of wild reports of outside interference, including some alleging that UN forces in the Congo are supplying the nationalists with both men and material.

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6. Nationalist China



Chargé Clough spent more than an hour yesterday urging Chinese Nationalist Vice President Ch'en Ch'eng to reconsider his government's intentions to raise and spend more money for military purposes, but got nowhere. Ch'en blandly minimized the amount of money involved, asserted that "no unnecessary" expenditures would be made, and claimed that the new tax measures had been carefully tailored to avoid any damage to Taiwan's economy. He was also evasive on the subject of coordinating military planning with the US.

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7. Yugoslav-USSR relations



Their improvement is indicated by Yugoslavia's recent acquisition of Soviet military equipment (tanks and helicopters), something that has not happened since the big break. Belgrade officials have intimated that they are in the Soviet market for more hardware, but have sought to assure us that they are motivated entirely by economic reasons.

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A. Pravda, noting the anniversary of the Laotian cease-fire (today), carried an interview with Prince Souphanouvong which was almost exclusively devoted to the old assertions that his side is as clean as a hound's tooth, and that Laos would have long since been happily reunited if it were not for the machinations of those American-supported rascals in Vientiane. [redacted]

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C. The present deployment of aircraft associated with the Soviet space program appears to point either to an imminent launching from Tyuratam, or to an effort to recover one or more of the three sections of Cosmos IV, which we know are still in orbit [redacted]

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D. The contest for the Italian presidency should be settled today. At the moment, Foreign Minister Segni has the inside track. [redacted]

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LATE NOTE

Tshombé has temporarily postponed his trip to Leopoldville in order to hold preliminary discussions with UN Representative Gardiner. [redacted]

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**WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--2 May 1962**

On the basis of findings by its Watch Committee, the United States Intelligence Board concludes that:

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

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1. New class of Soviet submarines sighted.

Four large, identical Soviet boats of a new class have been sighted [redacted] 50X1

[redacted] in the Sea of Japan. Judging from the engine sounds detected and the absence of diesel smoke, they are very probably nuclear-powered. Each boat is equipped with six launching tubes, apparently for cruise-type missiles.

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[redacted] Prior to these sightings 50X1 the known inventory of Soviet nuclear submarines was 12. 50X1

2. Laos

US representatives in Laos are accepting the government's announcement yesterday that its post at Muong Sing in northwestern Laos has fallen to rebel forces. The government had only a handful of troops there [redacted] bu 50X1 has been using the town as a resupply point for its large garrison at Nam Tha. Vientiane is playing the event in fairly low key, but it could, nevertheless, shake Phoumi in his tentative groping toward new talks with Souvanna. In Paris, meanwhile, Souvanna is still taking a polite but "tell-me-more" attitude toward Phoumi's offer on resumption.

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3. Congo



a. Tshombé's return to Leopoldville is still being held up as the UN's Gardiner, anxious for the next round of talks to get off on a decent footing, tries to come to some general understanding with him. The question of how revenues are to be divided between Leopoldville and Katanga is for now the biggest stumbling-block.

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b. The Indians are showing a blend of impatience and apprehension with the Katanga impasse.

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4. Spaak wants early decision from London on EEC terms

[Redacted]

As much as he has advocated bringing the British into the Community, Spaak now feels that they will have to fish or cut bait on the Commonwealth question soon or risk losing out. If Spaak has 50X1 his way, foreign ministers of the Six, who will have an opportunity for discussions in Athens, should ask London whether it insists on a permanent privileged trading position for Commonwealth members or is willing to agree to temporary preferences on specific products for a fixed transitional period. 50X1

5. [Redacted]

Burmese [Redacted]

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A. Common antagonism toward India produced yesterday's announcement by Communist China and Pakistan that they have agreed to negotiate on frontier delimitation in northwest Kashmir. New Delhi, in the meantime, reports receiving another tough note from Peiping. [redacted]

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B. The Italian Parliament is still balloting on a new president. Foreign Minister Segni has continued to run ahead but has fallen short of the necessary plurality. Unless there is a break in the deadlock, the legislature may decide to renew Gronchi's term of office. [redacted]

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D. Disunity among the Latin Americans at the UN carries the threat of a permanent impairment of their functioning as a pro-US bloc. Usually meeting twice a month, they have held no caucus for seven weeks because Bolivia, Mexico, and Brazil insist that Cuba be included. [redacted]

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E. The Japanese, with an eye on parliamentary elections next July, are beginning to press for a broader scope for the upcoming negotiations on the Ryukyus. They say they want to go beyond discussion of economic assistance to take up points (i.e., Japanese flags on Okinawan vessels) which would accent their "residual sovereignty." [redacted]

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F. Chancellor Gorbach had a visit to France already scheduled for the last week in June when Moscow announced that he would visit there in the same period. Foreign Minister Kreisky sees this as another example of Gorbach's overeagerness to accommodate Moscow, and De Gaulle's reaction is not hard to imagine.

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H. The press has picked up rumors of Nasir's assassination which have been swirling around the Middle East for several days. Our Embassy in Cairo belies the reports, noting that Nasir saw Dr. Joseph Johnson for two hours on Tuesday.

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# THE WHITE HOUSE

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1. SOVIET

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2. ALGERIA:

A. THE DE GAULLE GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY REAFFIRMED ITS DETERMINATION SCRUPULOUSLY TO OBSERVE THE TERMS OF THE EVIAN ACCORDS AS WELL AS TO INSTITUTE MORE DRASIC MEASURES AIMED AT CURBING OAS TERRORISM. BY WAY OF UNDERSCORING THIS ANNOUNCEMENT, SEVERAL FRENCH OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN ORAN ON CHARGES OF COMPLICITY IN RECENT BOMBING OUTRAGES.

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B. POLAND IS ON THE VERGE OF EXTENDING DE FACTO RECOGNITION TO THE ALGERIAN PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL MAKE IT 100 PERCENT AS FAR AS THE EUROPEAN SATELLITES ARE CONCERNED.

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3. VENEZUELAN REVOLT:

A. A 400-MAN MARINE BATTALION SUPPORTED BY LOCAL ARMY, POLICE AND NATIONAL GUARD UNITS SEIZED THE SMALL CITY OF CARUPANO IN EASTERN VENEZUELA YESTERDAY MORNING AND DEMANDED THE RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT BETANCOURT. REPORTS AS TO WHO IS BEHIND THE UPRISING [REDACTED] GENERALLY POINT TO THE COMMUNISTS AND CASTROITES. THE INSURGENCY SO FAR HAS BEEN

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LOCALIZED, EXCEPT FOR A FLURRY OF MINOR SYMPATHY DEMONSTRATIONS IN CARACAS AND ONE OR TWO OTHER CITIES. THE GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, IS TAKING NO CHANCES AND HAS PUT ALL MILITARY UNITS ON ALERT STATUS.

B. BETANCOURT, IN AN EMERGENCY BROADCAST LAST NIGHT, ISSUED AN ULTIMATUM ORDERING THE REBELS TO SURRENDER TODAY OR BE TAKEN "BY ASSAULT." HE MEANS BUSINESS--AS WHEN HE PUT DOWN A SIMILAR UPRISING IN 1960--AND SEEMS TO HAVE HIS MILITARY FORCES DEPLOYED AGAINST THE REBELS IN SUFFICIENT STRENGTH TO MAKE HIS THREAT STICK. HE ALSO SUSPENDED CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES AND IS SAID TO BE CONSIDERING A CLAMP DOWN ON THE COMMUNISTS AND THEIR SYMPATHIZERS.

4. LAOS:

A. IN PARIS, SOUVANNA HAS PROMISED TO GIVE US A COPY OF A POINT-BY-POINT ANSWER TO PHOUMI'S OVERTURES FOR RESUMING NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HE INTENDS TO DELIVER TO THE LAO CHARGE TODAY. HE ALSO APPEARED RECEPTIVE TO OUR URGING THAT HE OFFER TO NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH PHOUMI RATHER THAN TO INSIST ON REPRESENTATIVES OF PRELIMINARY TALKS BETWEEN THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT AND HIS ASSOCIATES IN KHANG KHAY.

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B. MEANWHILE, THE PHOUMI - BOUN OUM MISSION SEEKING MORAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT FROM FRIENDLY ASIAN COUNTRIES DREW A BLANK IN SEOUL.

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## 5. INDIA-PAKISTAN SQUABBLE:

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO ARE AT THE LOWEST EBB IN YEARS DUE TO THE SIMULTANEOUS FLARE-UPS OF THE CHRONIC PROBLEMS OF KASHMIR, HINDU-MOSLEM FRICTION, AND THE DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS. THE INDIANS ARE ESPECIALLY SORE ABOUT KARACHI'S INTENTION TO COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH COMMUNIST CHINA CONCERNING THE DEMARCATON OF THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN CHINA AND THE PAKISTANI-HELD PORTION OF KASHMIR.

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## 6. HONG KONG:

[REDACTED] THERE HAS BEEN AN UNUSUALLY HEAVY INFLUX OF CHINESE REFUGEES IN THE PAST FEW DAYS AS A RESULT OF A RECENT RELAXATION OF COMMUNIST BORDER CONTROLS. IN SOME CASES, COMMUNIST GUARDS-- INCLUDING REGULAR ARMY TROOPS-- HAVE ACTUALLY HELPED THE REFUGEES TO "ESCAPE."

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THE REASONS FOR THIS ARE NOT YET CLEAR, AND IT IS TOO EARLY TO SAY WHETHER IT IS A MANIFESTATION OF A LOCAL INITIATIVE OR A REFLECTION OF ORDERS FROM PEIPING. IN ANY EVENT, THE BRITISH ARE CAUGHT IN THE NO-WIN POSITION OF BEING CONFRONTED WITH A POTENTIALLY UNMANAGEABLE ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEM IF THEY LET CONTINUE THE FLOOD-GATES DOWN, AND WORLD-WIDE CONDEMNATION IF THEY TURNING THE REFUGEES BACK.

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## 7. NOTES:

A. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A POWERFUL GROUP OF SYRIAN ARMY OFFICERS ARE DEMANDING THAT THE QUDSI GOVERNMENT EITHER IMPROVE ITS PERFORMANCE TO THEIR SATISFACTION, OR STEP ASIDE.

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B. YDIGORAS HAS TALKED SOME INFLUENTIAL BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL GROUPS INTO SUPPORTING HIS CARETAKER REGIME, AND THEREBY GAINS A BIT OF A BREATHING SPELL IN HIS EIGHT-WEEK BATTLE TO STAY IN OFFICE.

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C. THE SOVIET PRESS HAS BEEN LOADED WITH ARTICLES ABOUT TITOV'S VISIT, APPROVING THE FRIENDLY RECEPTION ACCORDED HIM AND COMMENTING ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A JOINT US-USSR FLIGHT TO THE MOON.

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D. INDONESIA HAS MADE SIX OR SEVEN TRIES TO INFILTRATE WEST NEW GUINEA

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PHONG SALY

Dien Bien Phu

Son La

Black River

Hanoi

Muong Sing

Nam Tha

Na Mo

NAMTHA

Ran Hquei Shi

Muong Sai

Nom Hoi

LUANG PRABANG

Pak Beng

Mekong

Muong Heun

Luang Prabang

Nam Beng

Sam Neua

SAMINEUA

Thanh Hoa

Song Mo

Phu Khoi

Khammouane

Muong Soum

Muong Kase

Vang Vieng

Namore

SAYABOURY

Phu Dong

Xieng Khouang

Thia Thom

Muong Sen

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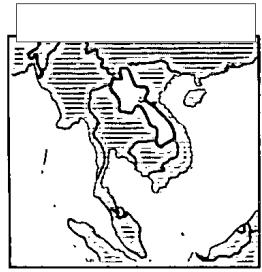
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## CAMBODIA

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1. Laos

a. Our military advisers, who were in Nam Tha when the Communists attacked, say that the Royal Army 50X1 gave a better account of itself than in any previous engagement. The retreating forces, however, are probably in for some more knocks. Last Thursday, the Soviet airlift suddenly became active over the Muong Houn area (90 miles southeast of Nam Tha) in what looks to be very much like a developing effort to seal off all of northwestern Laos. [redacted] 50X1  
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b. The Nam Tha debacle will give impetus to the growing conviction among non-Communist Laotians that Phoumi's leadership is bankrupt. [redacted]

some national assemblymen. [redacted] 50X1  
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may try for a no-confidence vote against the Boun Oum government at the next session of the assembly which begins on Friday, and ask former premier Phoui Sananikone to take charge. They reason that Phoui is the only remaining Vientiane figure who might be able to work out a deal with Souvanna.

c. Souvanna, meanwhile, has told us that he is prepared immediately to return to Laos to resume negotiations for a coalition government, but this was before news of the Nam Tha affair broke. He has undoubtedly been shaken by this turn of events

The chances are thus very good that Souvanna is once again weighing the pros and cons of throwing in the towel.

d. As expected, Hanoi and Peiping are claiming that they took Nam Tha only after having to "repulse" a Phoumi offensive.

e. We expect a strong reaction from Sarit, who may backslide and renew demands that SEATO take a hand in Laos.

## 2. Venezuela

The uprising at Carupano has been suppressed and its leaders taken prisoner. Aside from a few isolated sympathy sputterings here and there, loyal government forces seem to have this particular revolt reasonably well in hand. Betancourt, however, may not yet be out of the woods as some hitherto loyal rightist military leaders are unhappy at the continuing unrest.

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3. Sino-Indian border problem



No further clashes have been reported, but New Delhi continues to beef up its forces in the Ladakh area, and Peiping maintains what appears to be an ominous silence. As best we can make out at this juncture, the Indians have in mind seizing only a small portion of Chinese-held territory in Ladakh and then waiting to see if they get away with it. There has also been some talk of establishing a number of outposts behind Chinese positions by way of a starter in asserting New Delhi's sovereignty over the disputed territory.

4. USSR to move for recess of disarmament conference



Zorin contends that a two-month break, beginning the first of June, is necessary because of the unbridgeable gap between the positions of the US and USSR on fundamental issues. He proposes that the conference close out its work in Geneva by spelling out all these differences in documentary form for submission to the UN as its formal report, that delegates utilize the recess to consult with their governments, and that the conference reconvene in New York. So far, the response of the neutrals (and U Thant) to this pitch has been distinctly cool.

5. Sino-Soviet economic relations



The USSR plans to ship a quarter million tons of food grains to China next month, probably as part of a three-way transaction under which Peiping will make a similar amount of Canadian wheat available to Moscow<sup>50X1</sup> for distribution to the European satellites. The swap, like the one made last year involving 300,000 tons both ways, appears to have been negotiated on a "strictly business" basis.

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- A. We have good evidence that a Soviet trawler which has been cruising off the east coast since February has been probing for intelligence on some of our naval exercises,

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- B. A Soviet research ship which was stationed in the Indian Ocean to observe effects of high altitude shots in the Soviet 1961 test series sailed from Vladivostok late last week and is now about halfway between Japan and Midway.

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- C. Moscow, working to develop a north African air route, has formally requested Libya to grant overflight and landing privileges to Soviet civil aircraft. The Libyans, who are loath to appear out of step with other African countries, will probably accede.

- D. Public morale in Baghdad is said to have hit a new low as the city continues to seeth with rumors of conspiracy against Qasim. The police are definitely mixed up in some sort of shenanigans

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- E. Congo negotiations remain on dead center as Tshombé, still stricken with diplomatic flu, shows UN representatives no signs of budging on specifics that would make talks with Adoula meaningful.

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- F. Milovan Djilas will probably be placed on trial in Belgrade next week on charges that his recent book on Stalin revealed "official secrets" that are damaging to Yugoslavia's interests. [redacted] 50X1
- G. Antonio Segni's bitterly contested election to the Italian presidency yesterday promises new headaches for Fanfani. The new president has never approved of Fanfani's "opening to the left," and we anticipate a flare-up of factional stresses among the Christian Democrats. [redacted] 50X1
- H. Yugoslav Foreign Minister Popovic is about to begin a tour of Latin America which will take him to Brazil, Chile, Bolivia, and Mexico. He expects to return to Belgrade via the US. [redacted] 50X1

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1. Laos

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[Redacted] the Royal army force withdrawing from Nam Tha was still under some enemy pressure. This makes the government's contention that an orderly, pre-planned regroupment is under way sound overly-optimistic.

d. There is, meanwhile, new evidence of a swelling Chinese Communist presence nearby. [Redacted]

[Redacted] the Chinese are now working on a railroad in Yunan province in the direction of the Burmese border and toward a possible link-up with the road they have been building into northern Laos--this at a time when economic stringency has forced Peiping to drop many of its building projects.

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2. Reported Soviet announcement of test resumption

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[redacted] The broadcast to Japan, which is the basis of this morning's press stories, appears to have been one made over the weekend in which the Soviets merely restated their contention that they cannot stand idly by in the face of our tests. 50X1 50X1

3. Sputnik XVI linked to lunar flight study

Data on the most recent space vehicle--the one launched on April 26 and recovered 3 days later--indicate that it is part of a new phase in the Soviet space program which aims at extending the duration of manned flights in near-earth orbits as a step toward manned lunar exploration. In size and other characteristics it is akin to the Vostok vehicles which carried Gagarin and Titov aloft. 50X1

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4. Syria

a. The escape from prison yesterday of one-time strong-arm security chief Abdul Sarraj, a UAR vice president under Nasir, introduces another element of instability into the volatile mixture. There is a suspicion in Damascus, however, that the government, although it has expressed a proper chagrin, had no enthusiasm for bringing to trial a leading symbol of Nasirite socialism.

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b. The notion that the US is backing Nasir in Syria has gained widespread credence there, to the extent that our Embassy people are much embarrassed.

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NOTES

A. UN authorities in the Congo have no information to confirm the allegations aired by the central government over the weekend of fighting between its forces and Tshombé's gendarmerie in northern Katanga. Present indications are that the charges are either groundless or much-exaggerated [redacted]

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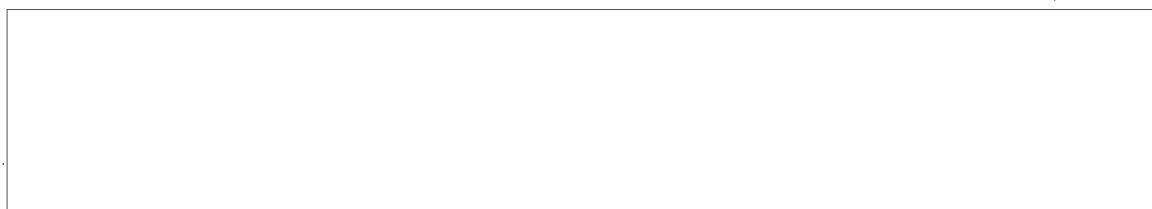
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C. Cuba is reaping the results of its noisy and anything but in-between performance at Belgrade last September, and since, and does not figure in Yugoslavia's plans for the next non-aligned economic conference for which the spade work is now being done.

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1. Laos

a. Communist forces are trying to cut off and destroy the remnants of the Nam Tha garrison [redacted] 50X1

[redacted] which 50X1  
is retreating toward Ban Houei Sai, 85 miles to the southwest on the Thai border. Regular Pathet Lao forces--supported by the Viet Minh--are in hot pursuit, while irregular Pathet Lao units are reportedly taking up blocking positions along the escape route. If the Communists press their offensive all the way to the Mekong, the royal forces may have to take refuge in Thailand and thus introduce fresh complications into the situation.

b. Clarification of the political situation is not likely to come soon. Phoumi and Boun Oum are still out of the country; Souvanna is unlikely to exert much weight from Paris; and Souphanouvong was last reported in northern Laos at Sam Neua.

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e. Gromyko yesterday rejected a British proposal that the ICC submit an early report on the Nam Tha affair. In doing so, he took the line that the Communist side had been provoked by Phoumi's troops, and piously stated that the only way to stop "incidents" of this sort is for everyone concerned to follow the bloc's example of working sincerely for a settlement within the framework agreed at Geneva.

2. Sino-Indian dispute

a. The Chinese Communists show no signs of backing down.

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b. Meanwhile, New Delhi is said to have ordered [redacted] Soviet helicopter for use in the disputed border area, and is on the verge of concluding deals with Moscow for additional aircraft.

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3. Indonesia

a. In the absence from Djakarta  
of both Sukarno (in Bali) [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and Subandrio  
(en route home from Moscow), an official  
reaction to the latest Dutch proposals 50X1  
for resuming secret negotiations will  
probably be delayed for at least a  
couple of days. Sukarno is likely to  
insist that he will return to the  
table only if it is understood that  
the one purpose of the talks is to  
arrange the transfer of West New Guinea  
to Indonesian administration. It re-  
mains to be seen whether he will state  
his conditions in a manner acceptable  
to the Dutch who still seem to be in  
no particular hurry to start talking  
again.

b. The announcement of a new  
arms deal with Moscow may turn out  
to be a bit exaggerated in view of  
Subandrio's statement to Ambassador  
Thompson last Monday that the objective  
of his mission was simply to speed-up  
the delivery of equipment already on  
order, not to make new commitments.

4. Sino-British economic relations



A large British manufacturing firm

[redacted] is prepared to undertake the completion of one of their pet projects, the huge Sanmen Gorge hydroelectric-irrigation works on the Yellow River. As it stands--half done because of the pull-out of Russian technicians--the project is a monumental testimonial to the Sino-Soviet quarrel. The Chinese would scarcely be negotiating with the West on such an important project if they thought there was any chance of a resumption of Soviet aid.

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5. Portugal



Anti-government demonstrations, right on schedule, broke out in Lisbon yesterday. They do not appear to have been as large or as well organized as those held on May Day. The police, trigger-happy as ever, dispersed the crowd with apparent ease after inflicting something like a dozen casualties on the demonstrators. So far, there have been no reports of trouble in Oporto.

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6. Algeria



Ben Khedda is scheduled to broadcast a speech from Tunis tonight which will probably contain new directives to Moslems concerning their conduct in the face of continuing OAS outrages. There is also a possibility that Algerian members of the Provisional Executive Committee will demand that nationalist troops be turned loose against the terrorists.

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A. All the top brass among East German economic planners are in Moscow working out blueprints for 1963-65. the last three years of the current seven-year plan. [redacted] [redacted]

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B. It now appears that pressure for a recess of the Geneva disarmament conference is building up after all. Neutral delegates are indicating that they feel a period for reflection might not be a bad idea, and that negotiations might be more profitably pursued after the US--and the USSR--complete their nuclear tests. [redacted]

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C. Several hundred university students are reported to have been arrested in Prague on May Day for demonstrating against food shortages. If true, this development is a striking manifestation of growing discontent in many parts of Czechoslovakia.

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E. Food shortages in Pernambuco State in northeastern Brazil are reaching the disaster stage and the acting governor has asked that MATS fly in 1800 tons of beans to help meet the emergency.

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F. Japan's interest in expanding commercial relations with Communist China [redacted]

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1. Laos

a. The routed Nam Tha forces, still some 30 miles and 2-days' march from their intended haven at Ban Houei Sai near the Thai border, remain under enemy pressure.

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4. Israeli-Syrian tension

The seeds of a new clash in the Lake Tiberias area are contained in the continuance by the Israelis of their armed patrols on the lake, an action which the chief of the UN Truce Supervision Organization labels "aggressive and provocative." The Syrians have been showing some restraint by keeping their fishermen off the disputed lake, but the Syrian chief-of-staff says his forces will open fire on the Israelis if the patrols do not stop within 2 weeks.

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5. Congo

UN representative Gardiner has returned to Leopoldville with Tshombé's 50X1 reply to Adoula's proposals regarding the next round of talks. Neither Adoula nor Embassy Leopoldville finds any grounds for optimism in Tshombé's counterproposals, but Gardiner, possibly basing his judgment on his reading of Tshombé's present attitude, is far less gloomy about the prospects for some meeting of minds.

6. Guatemalan president's schemes for anti-Castro army

Ydigoras, although somewhat diverted lately by his domestic troubles, is still spouting ideas about setting up a force, "independent" of the US, consisting of 20,000 Cuban exiles, 10,000 Central Americans and 10,000 Europeans. Where the Europeans would come from is a mystery, but there seems to be some support for the project elsewhere in Central America.

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We had heard previously that Ydigoras had planned to outline his scheme to President Kennedy during his postponed visit to Washington last month.

NOTES

A. Premier Ben Khedda's speech on the Algerian situation yesterday was notable for its moderation. Although he warned the Europeans that their actions now would determine their future in Algeria, he told his Moslem followers not to take the OAS bait by answering terror with violence. [redacted]

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B. [redacted] a Soviet space venture within the next month [redacted]  
[redacted] the event might be a capsule carrying two or three men.

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C. Czech [redacted] have lately been showing characteristics which could be symptomatic of civil disturbances. [redacted] This adds weight to the reports of demonstrations over food shortages which we noted yesterday.

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D. Reaction in Panama to a newsleak that President Chiari has been invited to Washington has been quiet. The press, however, has linked the invitation to reports that Secretary Rusk has ruled out treaty changes and there is every likelihood that the Canal treaty theme will be developed on an ascending scale as the time for the visit nears. [redacted]

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E. Brazilian Foreign Minister Dantas is scheduling a visit to the USSR. probably late this year. [redacted]  
[redacted] for ratification of a new economic aid agreement to augment the existing three-year trade pact which expires in December. [redacted]

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F. [redacted]

G. Tito, his gorge rising over Yugoslavia's economic difficulties, a noticeable outcropping of regionalist tendencies, and ideological backsliding among party members, is hinting that a good-sized purge may be on the way. [redacted]

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**WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--9 MAY 1962**

On the basis of findings by its Watch Committee, the United States Intelligence Board concludes that:

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

Laos: The seizure of Nam Tha has compromised the RLG position in all northern Laos, including the defense of Luang Prabang. Enemy pressure continues on RLG troops withdrawing from Nam Tha. Enemy actions against other RLG-held areas are probable. Lao government positions in southern Laos remain vulnerable, and the enemy retains the capability to move against any of the population centers with little warning.

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10. The following table summarizes the results of the study. The first column lists the variables, the second column lists the estimated coefficients, and the third column lists the standard errors.

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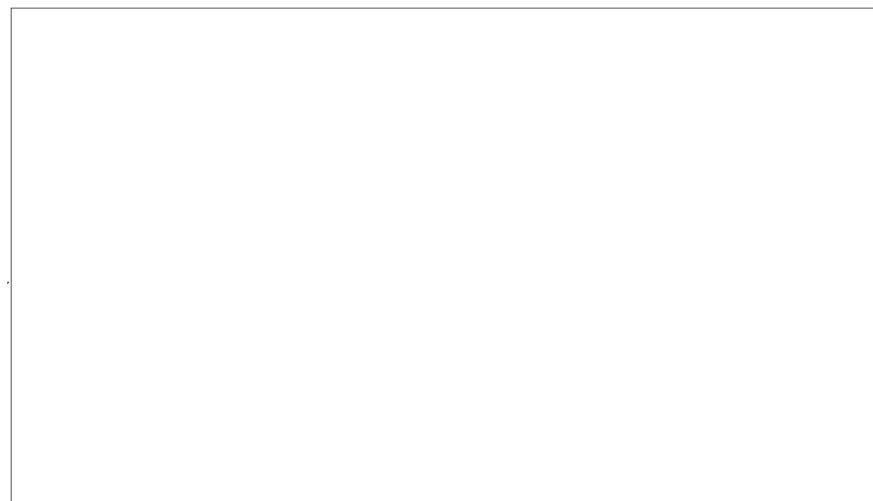
1. Laos

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a. We have no information on major military moves beyond the fall of Ban Houei Sai, although Vientiane is developing a bad case of jitters over the possibility of Communist attacks in central and southern Laos.

b. Phoumi, keenly conscious of lost prestige as a result of the Nam Tha affair, has promised to send a message to Souvanna stating that he is prepared to resume tripartite negotiations and indicating a willingness to yield the defense and interior ministries under certain conditions. He is, however, again showing stickiness about a meeting in Khang Khay. The French tell us that Souvanna, in his present mood, would return immediately to Laos if Phoumi's communication strikes him right.

c. The National Assembly reconvenes today. There have been no recent indications that the assemblymen will be anything but obedient to Phoumi, but a few may have some surprises up their sleeves.



## 2. Indonesia



Subandrio, now back in Djakarta, says that as a result of his mission to Moscow, new Soviet military equipment will begin arriving in the next few weeks. More disturbing, however, are his public remarks intimating that the US is partially responsible for Indonesia's need for Soviet arms because it "permitted" the Dutch to reinforce West New Guinea.

## 3. Sino-Japanese trade relations



The Japanese government, under mounting pressure from business and impressed by the muting of Peiping's demands for political concessions as the price for more trade, appears likely to authorize the extension of limited lines of credit to finance exports to Communist China. The Chinese, meanwhile, are tempting Japanese traders with some juicy plums.

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they have been telling Japan that they are interested in buying "three or four" complete fertilizer plants from Japan.

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4. Ne Win declines invitation to visit US

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In character, he failed to express appreciation and offered no regrets. By way of explanation to Ambassador Everton, a second-level Foreign Office official would only say that the general was still smarting from the bad reaction of the American press to his decision to kick the Fulbright and Asia Foundation programs out of Burma. Ne Win may also feel, however, that a trip to the US at this time--which would be his first formal foreign visit since his return to power--would appear unneutral.

5. US Congressional action killing the war damage claims bill causes outburst in Manila

Filipino congressmen are demanding a reevaluation of US-Philippine relations and President Macapagal is seriously considering the postponement, or cancellation, of his trip here next month. Some sort of token retaliation seems inevitable.

6. Party official appointed chief political officer of the Soviet armed forces

[Redacted]

This highly sensitive post, which in recent years has been held by a professional soldier, now goes to Aleksey Yepishev, presently Ambassador in Belgrade. Yepishev was apparently deeply involved in the political machinations before and after Stalin's death until he was farmed out to the diplomatic service in 1955. The military are not likely to be pleased at his appointment. Aside from its significance as another indication of serious political maneuvering, our demonologists see in the move a suggestion that decisions unpalatable to the military are in the offing.

NOTES

A. President Betancourt, following through on his threat made during the height of the Carupano uprising last week, issued a decree last night which slaps severe restrictions on the activities of the Venezuelan Communist Party and the Castroite "Movement of the Revolutionary Left." The Communist side is not likely to take this lying down, but there is no reason to think Betancourt's security forces cannot enforce the decree.

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B. West Berliners were very favorably impressed by Adenauer's press conferences, but response in West Germany has been almost universally against him.

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D. At the UN, Indian Brigadier Rikhye tells us that Krishna Menon wants to pull Indian troops out of the Congo in order to bolster India's border defenses. Rikhye, who is going home on leave, says he will urge Nehru to override Menon.

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E. We are getting suggestions that the Soviet aid program to Nepal-- launched with much fanfare when Khrushchev and Bulganin visited Katmandu in 1956--has all but ground to a halt, partly as a result of prolonged bickering over administrative details

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F. The economic conference of non-aligned nations that the UAR has been energetically promoting for the past several months is firming up. Cairo, claiming to have lined up fourteen participants so far, has suggested that the meeting convene in Cairo next July and is proposing an agenda which adds up to consideration of ways and means of expanding trade and of keeping up prices on raw materials.

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- G. Almost complete returns from municipal elections yesterday in England and Wales show the conservatives losing 518 seats, Liberals gaining 327 and Labor up by 260.

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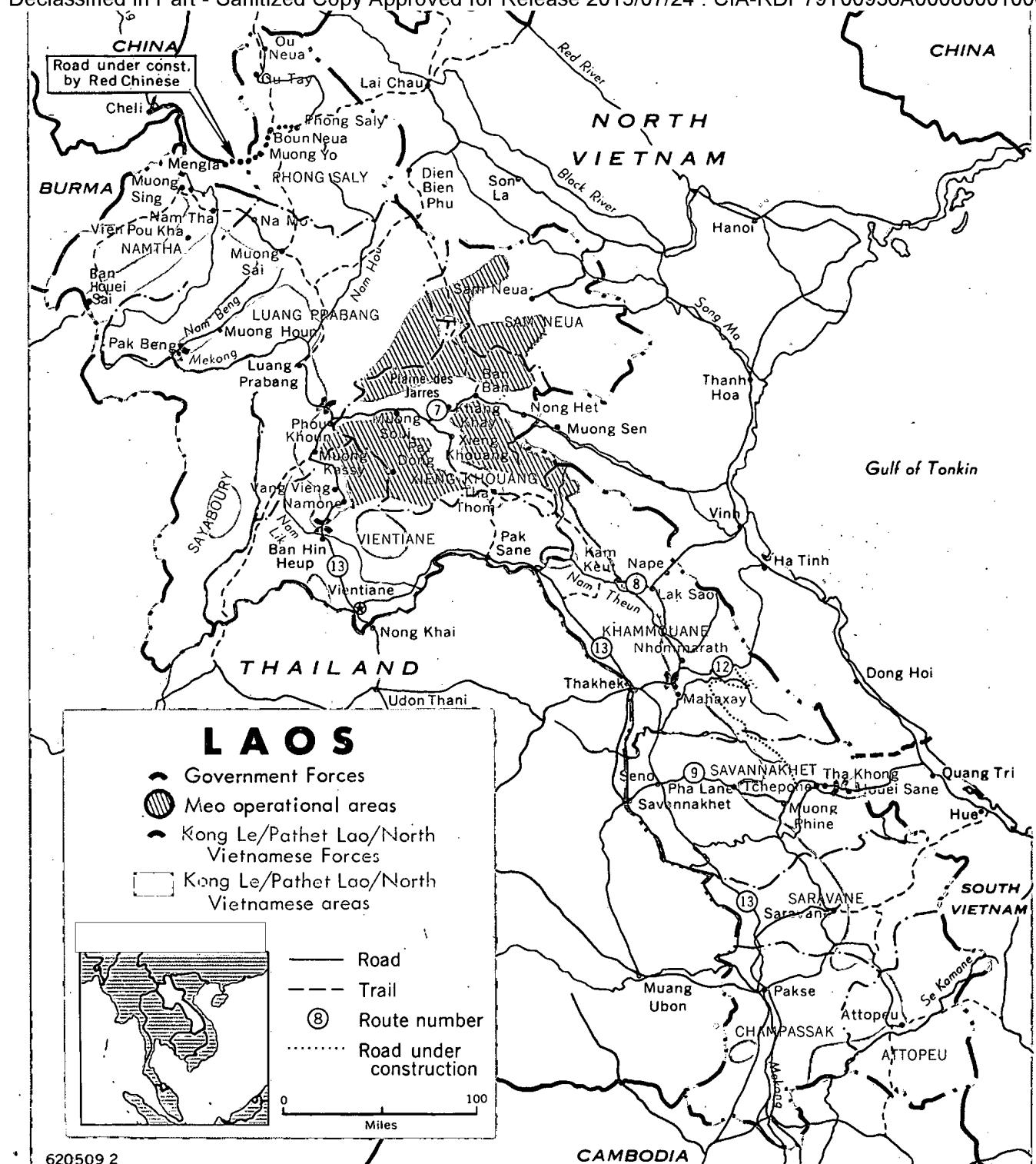
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1. Laos



a. The military situation at Ban Houei Sai is essentially the same 50X1 as yesterday, with the town in enemy hands and the bulk of the Royal Government forces across the border in Thailand. Phoumi says he will get them back to Southern Laos as soon as possible for "re-equipping and re-inspiration."

b. Southeast of Ban Houei Sai, other enemy forces are reported to have taken Pak Beng and now control the north bank of the Mekong for about forty miles to the east. At least one small group has crossed the river. 50X1

c. Our people in Vientiane are worried over the exposed position of the garrisons at Savavane and Attapeu, in the extreme south. Both places are logical targets, for their fall would improve the infiltration route into South Vietnam. 50X1

d. Souvanna says that Phoumi's latest communication--offering to surrender the defense and interior ministries if they are set up on a "troika" basis--is "good news." The site of a new Three Princes' meeting has yet to be agreed on, but Souvanna indicates that he is ready to return to Laos, "via the US," at any time. 50X1

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e. Vientiane yesterday declared 50X1 "a state of siege and general mobilization," a move which could result in some psychological shoring-up but will have no effect on the government's military capabilities.

f. Also yesterday, King Savang opened the National Assembly with an address from the throne which was high-minded and sorrowful, and will have no impact on anything. There has otherwise been no word on the Assembly's proceedings.

2. Paris despairs of crushing OAS



The De Gaulle government's hopes for bringing the terrorists under control before the referendum on independence are ebbing fast. With persuasion a failure, the French concede, as does the Provisional Algerian Government, that a last resort--orders to the army to go all out against the Europeans--would more likely than not split the army wide open. They agree also, and with nearly equal misgivings, that following the referendum, which may take place late next month, the job of suppressing the OAS will pass into Moslem hands.

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3. Refugees from Communist China swarming into Hong Kong



The flow of illegal border-crossers climbed from 200 a day at the beginning of the month to 1200 on Thursday.

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The Chinese border guards, by sitting on their hands, are reinforcing the impression of a breakdown of Chinese discipline in the area.

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4. Traditionalists gain edge in Soviet military debate

We have known for some time that the hallowed Russian credo on the necessity for mass armies has been challenged in the military high-command by nuclear and missile warfare enthusiasts. Signs that the traditionalists are on top came in two recent developments: the promotion of two of their number to Marshal's rank late last month, and an article published yesterday by the ranking military newspaper setting out the doctrine that the next war, though it will entail the use of nuclear weapons and missiles, will still be fought by multimillion-man armies.

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5. Unrest in Iberia

a. The Spanish government's headaches are increasing. Not only has it failed to check the wave of strikes--illegal in Spain--by offering wage concessions, but it is now confronted by "sympathy" demonstrations by university students who see a chance to unburden their own political grievances.

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b. The student protests in Portugal likewise show signs of taking on a more distinct political coloration.

Salazar, worn down physically and mentally by the recent troubles, is thinking of bowing out before long.

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6. Morocco

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a. Another shipment of Soviet  
small arms and ammunition [redacted]

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Morocco. This shipment, like the  
last, also includes helicopters which  
are probably earmarked for Algeria.

b. There are indications that  
some of the Soviet-supplied arms are  
being funneled to Mauritanian dis-  
sidents who have been carrying out a  
series of commando raids against the  
Mauritanian government from bases in  
Mali.

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- A. The simmering Argentine political crisis is threatening to bubble up again. Members of President Guido's cabinet are pressing him to advance the date for new elections, a move which the military could be counted on to veto. [redacted] 50X1
- B. Adzhubey told Ambassador Thompson yesterday, as the two awaited Mr. Salinger's arrival at a Moscow airport, that the USSR would not only resume testing but would set off a "really big" bomb. He added in effect that the Soviet theme song will be "everything you can do, we can do better." [redacted] 50X1
- C. A nationwide dock strike, capable of tying the British economy in knots, will begin on midnight Sunday, unless a last-minute mediation attempt by the government is successful. The odds in favor of agreement appear to be better than even. [redacted] 50X1
- D. [redacted] Soviet warships are being outfitted 50X1 with surface-to-air missiles [redacted] We think 50X1 it is safe to assume that a fairly extensive program of this nature, which would enable the warships to operate with little or no air cover [redacted] 50X1 50X1
- E. The Ecuadoran military, not fully placated by President Arosemena's break with Cuba, are trying to force further anti-leftist measures on him. Arosemena, who is holding out more from stubbornness than anything else, may move instead to purge the military. [redacted] 50X1
- F. The rate of Viet Cong infiltration into South Viet Nam is again moving upward, after several months of decline, and may be heading toward last summer's level of 500-1,000 men a month. [redacted]

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1. Laos

a. News of the impending US moves in Thailand is being widely reported by the press this morning.

b. No change in the military situation in Laos has been reported. US observers yesterday found further indications that the rebel forces are standing by outside Ban Houei Sai but have not actually occupied the town.

d. Peiping is broadcasting word that Souphanouvong is in favor of new negotiations, but does not fail to include the threat of further military action if they are not resumed.

e. There are press reports from Moscow that one of Gromyko's deputies has told the British Ambassador that the USSR still wants a coalition in Laos.

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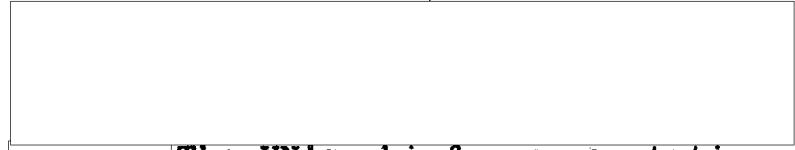
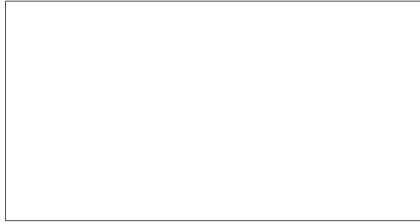
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2. Outlook for Adoula-Tshombé talks cloudy



The UN's chief representative, 50X6  
Gardiner, has some gnawing doubts  
about the prospects for progress in 50X1  
a new Adoula-Tshombé meeting, but  
remains, nevertheless, mildly optimistic.  
Many of his UN colleagues see things  
differently, however: they sense a  
feeling on Tshombé's part that his  
hand is stronger and fear he may "up  
the ante" in the next round. In  
New York, meanwhile, U Thant is  
planning to go to the Security  
Council later this month for a more  
specific mandate which would allow  
for an expanded UN presence in  
Katanga.

3. Iraq



a. [Redacted]  
work has begun in Iraq on the surface-to-air missile sites [Redacted]  
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4. Philippine president postpones US visit

A press dispatch just in from Manila reports that Macapagal has announced indefinite postponement of the visit. There are no further details as yet. We have no reason to doubt the report, although there had been some signs that he had cooled-off somewhat after receiving President Kennedy's letter and might still find it politically feasible to go ahead with his trip.

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5. Assassination attempt on Sukarno

Djakarta is blaming yesterday's attempted shooting in the Presidential palace on a fanatical Moslem sect. The government says that Sukarno was unharmed, but he failed to make a scheduled speech later in the day, indicating that he was at least unnerved by the incident.

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6. West Germany

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a. Ambassador Dowling has an appointment to see Adenauer at noon, Washington time. A cabinet meeting, scheduled for earlier in the day, will doubtless set the tone for their discussions.

b. Adenauer is still under attack at home. Erich Mende, Free Democratic Party leader, came out yesterday in favor of continuing talks on Berlin and predicted Adenauer would resign next year. He said he preferred a "cooperative relationship" between West Germany and the US to a German-French axis which "could prove very fragile." Willie Brandt in Berlin took the same line on the Berlin talks adding that Adenauer's pessimistic comment on them had created new and unnecessary misunderstandings.

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A. Belgian authorities are willing to carry out a phased withdrawal of their troops from Ruanda-Urundi when the territory becomes independent a little over a month from now, but local leaders and the UN Commission overseeing the change-over are insisting on an immediate, total pull-out. In these circumstances, Belgian technicians there will leave at the same time, creating the prospect of a security and economic breakdown. [REDACTED] 50X1

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C. Agreement was reached on Saturday averting the threatened strike by British dock workers. [REDACTED] 50X1

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D. Opposition elements in Portugal are making plans for another demonstration against the government, possibly the biggest yet [REDACTED] 50X1

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E. In Algeria, the joint French-Algerian Provisional Executive has authorized the addition of 15,000 Moslems to the security forces trying to combat the OAS. The Algerian Provisional Government has been pressing for just such a move. [REDACTED] 50X1

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F. The Chinese Nationalists have announced that the Communists shelled the Matsu Islands yesterday--for the first time in almost 19 months. [REDACTED] 50X1

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LATE NOTE

Moscow this morning pulled out the propaganda stops on Laos. We are accused of "sabre rattling," and the movement of our forces in Southeast Asia is described as a "reckless and dangerous provocation" which could lead to "serious consequences" for peace in the area.

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i. Laos

[Redacted]

a. Phoumi and Boun Oum took off yesterday on their latest junket in search of aid and sympathy, this time to Taipei. Given the existing atmosphere of uncertainty in Vientiane, we do not rule out the possibility of a sudden move to oust Phoumi before he returns. 50X1

b. In Paris, Souvanna has said he will fly home at the end of the week, [Redacted] As 50X1

a gesture probably aimed at making it possible for Phoumi to attend a meeting of the three-princes at Khang Khay without loss of face, Souvanna also stated that he will first seek to lay his plans before the king in Luang Prabang.

c. Khrushchev and Gromyko had nothing to say about the movement of US forces in Southeast Asia during their meeting with Ambassador Thompson on Sunday. Their silence, plus the low-key treatment so far accorded Laotian developments by the Moscow press, leads Thompson to believe that the Soviets do not intend seriously to oppose us in this area.

d. The Thai, nervous about the exposure of their border in the Ban Houei Sai area, are playing hard on the theme that they will soon be the victim of indirect aggression from that direction and want us to deploy our forces accordingly.

2. Sino-Indian border dispute

Peiping has accused India of a new "aggression" in southeastern Ladakh and has demanded that Indian troops be withdrawn.

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[redacted] Chinese reinforcements have probably been moving into the area via the Lhasa-Ladakh road since the spring thaw, which suggests they will soon be "defending" themselves with something more damaging than diplomatic notes.

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3. Prospects for USSR-Sudan air agreement improve

[redacted] a high-powered Soviet delegation will be arriving in the Sudan on Friday. Our Embassy does not think the Sudanese can withstand the pressure of this delegation and that they will conclude the air agreement that will open the door for the extension of Soviet air routes to east and west Africa.

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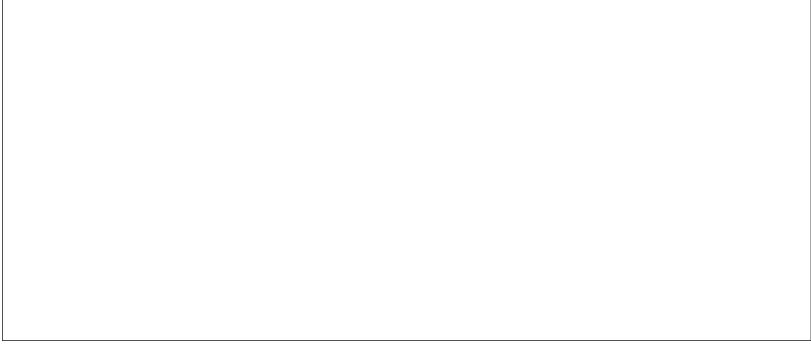
4. British accession to the EEC

Some progress appears to have been achieved at the ministerial meeting in Brussels last week.

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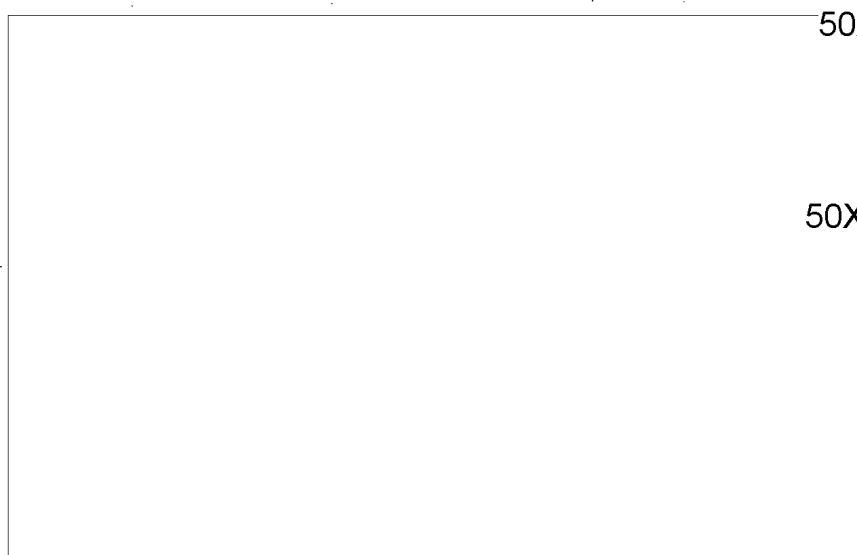
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5. India-South Vietnam

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- A. Our Embassy in Manila appears to be in for some heavy weather this week as student and labor leaders have scheduled demonstrations for today and Saturday in protest against the defeat of the war claims bill. [redacted] 50X1
- B. Tunisia intends to reheat its Bizerte base argument with France, at least on the diplomatic front. Ambassador Bourguiba is returning to Washington with warnings to this effect, hoping that Paris can somehow be pressed to commit itself to an evacuation schedule. [redacted] 50X1
- C. [redacted]
- D. Chiang Kai-shek [redacted] has been pronounced to be in excellent health and has resumed his official duties. [redacted] 50X1  
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LATE ITEMS

Five Catholic Party (MRP) members of Pompidou's cabinet resigned last night in protest over De Gaulle's lukewarm comments on European federation at his press conference. [REDACTED]

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Paris has set 1 July as the date for the self-determination vote in Algeria.

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1. Laos

a. Initial reporting strongly suggests that Phoumi and Boun Oum have been given some encouragement by the Chinese Nationalists yesterday. A Taipei broadcast on their visit says that they have no intention of meeting Souvanna's terms for a coalition government, adding that the Nationalists have "pledged full moral support," and may also offer material aid. Taipei has also agreed to open an embassy in Vientiane. While we do not yet have an official account of what went on, this strikes us as going somewhat beyond the expression of sympathy to which the Chinese had assured us they would limit themselves. It seems likely to have a decidedly unsettling effect on Souvanna.

b. The first major Chinese Communist statement since the US moves over the weekend puts great emphasis on the claimed participation of Chinese Nationalist troops in operations in Northern Laos. The Chinese use the "we cannot remain indifferent" formulation for the first time since April of last year.

c. No new military action has been reported from Laos. However, a Soviet transport on Monday carried out what appears to be the first air-drop to rebel forces in the Ban Houei Sai area; there are indications that the Soviet airlift to Tchepone, in south-central Laos, will resume today after weeks of inactivity. There is also evidence [redacted]

[redacted] that the North Vietnamese have a field headquarters at

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Muong Sai--from which the operation  
against Nam Tha could have been directed--  
and may have another, which we are not  
yet able to locate.

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e. Ambassador Brown had a long  
talk with Phoui Sananikone yesterday  
in which he made clear our feelings  
about Phoumi and our hope that Phoui  
would move into the picture. Brown  
got a good first reaction from Phoui,  
but thinks he will need further  
goadings.

2. West New Guinea

a. Subandrio says he is still looking for evidence from the Dutch that they are willing to accept the Bunker proposal as a basis for resuming talks and is not convinced by our argument that this is what Luns' latest statement means. Meanwhile, he sees no recourse but military action to convince the Dutch Indonesia is not weak-kneed.

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b. We believe that Subandrio's trip to Moscow netted him new Soviet aid, amounting to some \$68 million, which will be taken out mostly in the form of more Soviet aircraft and surface-to-air missiles. We also learn, however, that Moscow is keeping a tight hold on the purse strings by making the Indonesians stay up to date on their payments for previous aid.

c. The Indonesians are showing improved organizational work in setting up their infiltrations into West New Guinea. [redacted] the con-

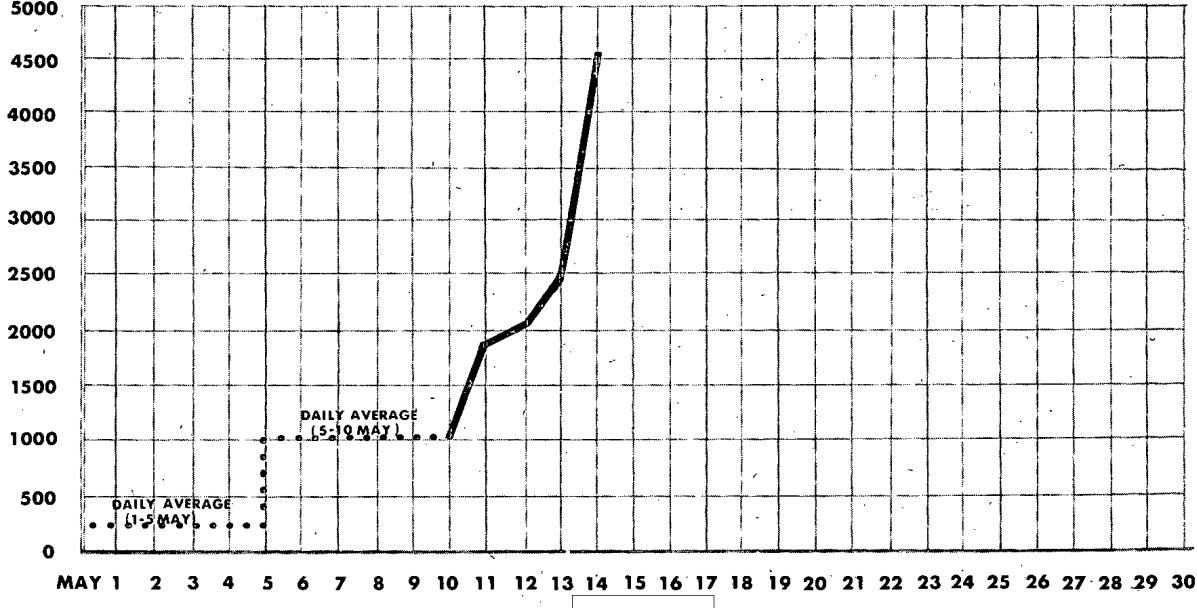
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tingent airdropped along the south coast yesterday numbered 100, the largest yet. Once on New Guinea, however, the Indonesians are doing no better in coping with the terrain, the unfriendly population and their resupply problems. [redacted]

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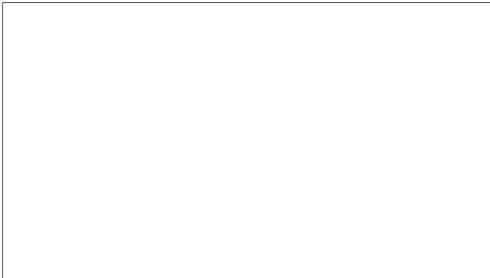
**NUMBER OF BORDER CROSSERS ARRESTED BY HONG KONG GOVERNMENT**



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3. Slumping Chinese  
morale seen in  
mounting refugee  
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On Monday, the daily total of illegal crossers arrested by Hong Kong border guards reached 4,543. US authorities in Hong Kong believe that the thousands of refugees milling around the border confront the Chinese Communists in Kwantung Province with a good-sized security problem. Despite the black eye this situation gives the Communists, it seems that either they cannot or dare not order harsh security measures. Our people believe that the regime's toleration of this mess is further depressing the morale and effectiveness of the Communist cadre who see it going on. The big question is whether the situation is symptomatic of conditions in China generally or is local to the Hong Kong area?

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4. France

a. Before De Gaulle's press conference yesterday [REDACTED] some 50X1 signs of anxiety in the French Foreign Ministry over the mounting commentary on 50X1 French contrariness (the recent Alsop and Sulzberger articles were being cited in particular). Since we can discover no change or softening in De Gaulle's position on any major point, we conjecture that he decided that if French views were under scrutiny they had best come directly from him. [REDACTED] 50X1

5. Chilean-Bolivian dispute

The controversy between the two governments over rights to Lauca river waters appears to be headed toward arbitration. The Bolivians now say they are willing to withdraw their charges of aggression against Chile before the Council of the OAS. The Chileans had become so worked up on this point that they were refusing to even discuss arbitration and were threatening to pull out of the OAS unless the charges were rejected.

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A. The Soviets are trying to stir up action in the Congo, including possibly a new Security Council mandate to deal with Katanga. The Soviet chargé in Leopoldville, who has never before visited Gardiner, called on him twice yesterday to promote the new mandate idea. [REDACTED]

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B. Cuban oil refineries are being forced to regear their schedules because Soviet crude oil shipments are not arriving on time. The clumsiness of Moscow's foreign trade mechanism, rather than welching, probably accounts for the lag. [REDACTED] Meanwhile, 50X1 a Soviet-Cuban trade protocol just signed provides for a 40 percent increase in trade this year. A substantial new Soviet credit or even grant may be involved as Cuba could not otherwise handle an increase of this size. [REDACTED]

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C. Exchanges in Berlin between US and Soviet officials on breaking the impasse on intersector travel by the two Commandants still find the Russians looking for ways to avoid backing down on the question of East German rights. One device suggested: if the US Commandant meets his Soviet opposite number at Potsdam he would not need to cross the sector border and his civilian aides would not have to go through East German inspection.

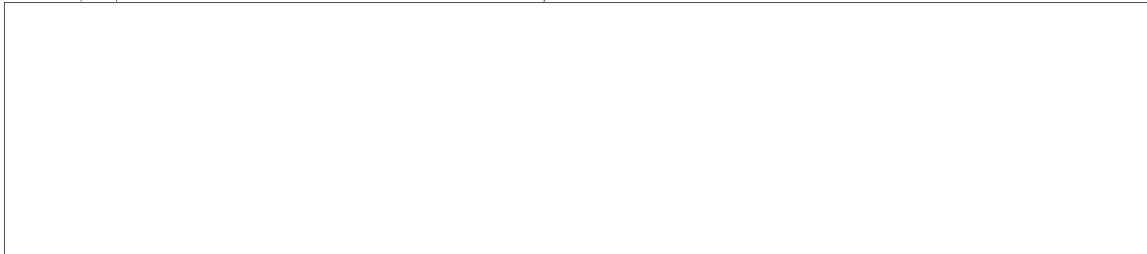
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D. Africans studying in Communist China are now down to a corporal's guard. Most of the students have returned home with a bad taste in their mouths, complaining, among other things, of racial discrimination. [REDACTED]

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1. Laos

a. There has been no significant change in the military situation during the past 24 hours

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b. About 600 Laotian army troops have returned to Ban Houei Sai from Thailand and patrols ranging some 20 miles northeast of the town made no contact with enemy forces.

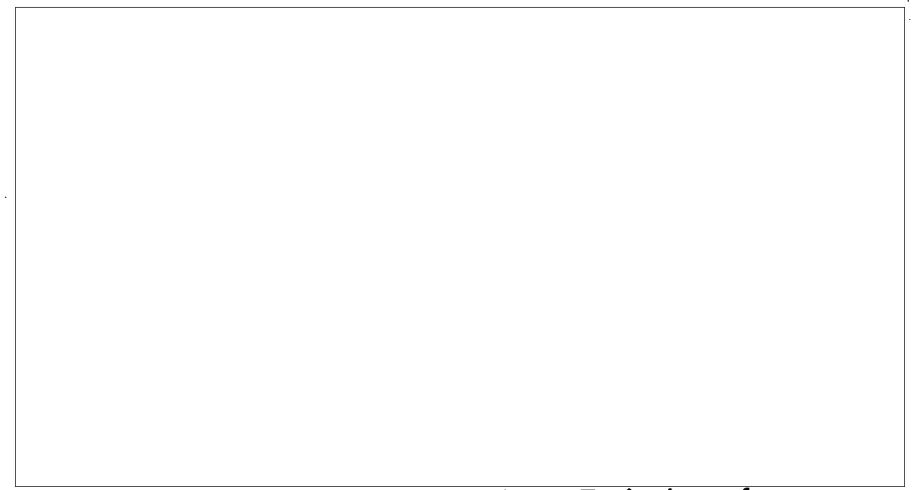
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d. [redacted] Nationalist leaders made no firm commitments to Phoumi, and intended to go no further than to issue a strong statement of political support and to offer a "reasonable amount" of rice, sugar and cloth. With Phoumi, however, a little encouragement can go a long way in feeding his prejudice against a coalition government under Souvanna.

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f. Nothing Moscow or Peiping has said makes us think the Communists are contemplating an early major offensive in Laos or that they take seriously the possibility of US military intervention there.

2. Algeria



a. The gloves are coming off in so far as police treatment of the European population is concerned. At a stormy press conference in Algiers yesterday, French High Commissioner Fouchet forcefully indicated his determination to crack down on any European connected with the OAS, no matter how tenuous the relationship might be.

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b. Meanwhile, our Consul General, anticipating that the next three months will be a particularly critical period, has ordered the unobtrusive evacuation of American dependents.

3. Sino-Japanese trade relations

[redacted]

We have recently picked up two Japanese broadcasts saying that the government has decided to permit the export of such things as steel, machines and "complex equipment" to Communist China under a five-year deferred payments plan. Tokyo business circles, the radios said, happily anticipate that trade between the two countries will jump this year from almost nothing to something like \$80 million. We are awaiting official confirmation of such a decision, but are inclined to think it has been made.

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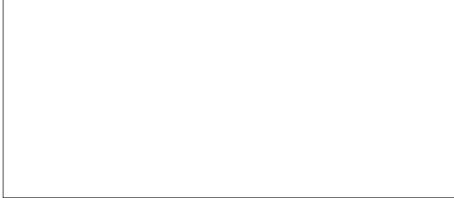
4. Indonesia-Netherlands negotiations

[redacted]

Jones has an appointment with Sukarno tomorrow and will urge that Indonesia return to the conference table. The position Luns took with Ambassador Rice yesterday will not make it easy for him to persuade Sukarno that the Dutch have changed their attitude.

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5. France



De Gaulle, unphased by the resignation of the Catholic Party members of his cabinet, left Paris yesterday afternoon without further ado on a provincial stumping tour. Parliamentary reaction will be in low key for fear of provoking De Gaulle into calling national elections at this time. However, the resignations point up the strength of opposition to De Gaulle's foot-dragging on European unity and as the Algerian issue fades into the background this issue is likely to be debated with considerable heat.

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6. Canada



Diefenbaker has virtually committed the Conservative Party not to accept nuclear weapons. His position is now almost indistinguishable from that of the Liberal Party and campaign oratory and public passions on this subject may thus diminish. If Diefenbaker wins the election, however, it will now be harder for him to justify entering into serious negotiations with the US on the positioning of US nuclear warheads in Canada.

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**WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--16 MAY 1962**

On the basis of findings by its Watch Committee, the United States Intelligence Board concludes that:

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

Laos: The apparent slowness of the Communists to exploit the capture of Nam Tha militarily suggests that they do not intend at this point to initiate a general military offensive to take over all of Laos. The enemy retains the capability, however, to initiate and carry out successfully offensive operations with little or no warning at virtually any point in Laos. No Chinese Communist or North Vietnam military reaction to recent US military movements has been detected.

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A. Panama's President Chiari [redacted]

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[redacted] answer, like  
the letter he wrote last September, will address itself mainly  
to the need for early negotiations for a new Canal Zone agreement.

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C. Tshombé is due in Leopoldville tomorrow for a new round of  
negotiations. UN officials are mildly optimistic of their  
outcome, but have taken steps to insure that military reen-  
forcements will be quickly available for movement to Leopold-  
ville in case of an emergency.

E. [redacted] India is [redacted] 50X1

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[redacted] to work out the final details of an agreement for the purchase  
of MIG-21s. [redacted]

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F. [redacted] Soviet milita[redacted] 50X1  
instructors will be following close on the heels of the Soviet  
arms now being delivered in Morocco, the king's repeated  
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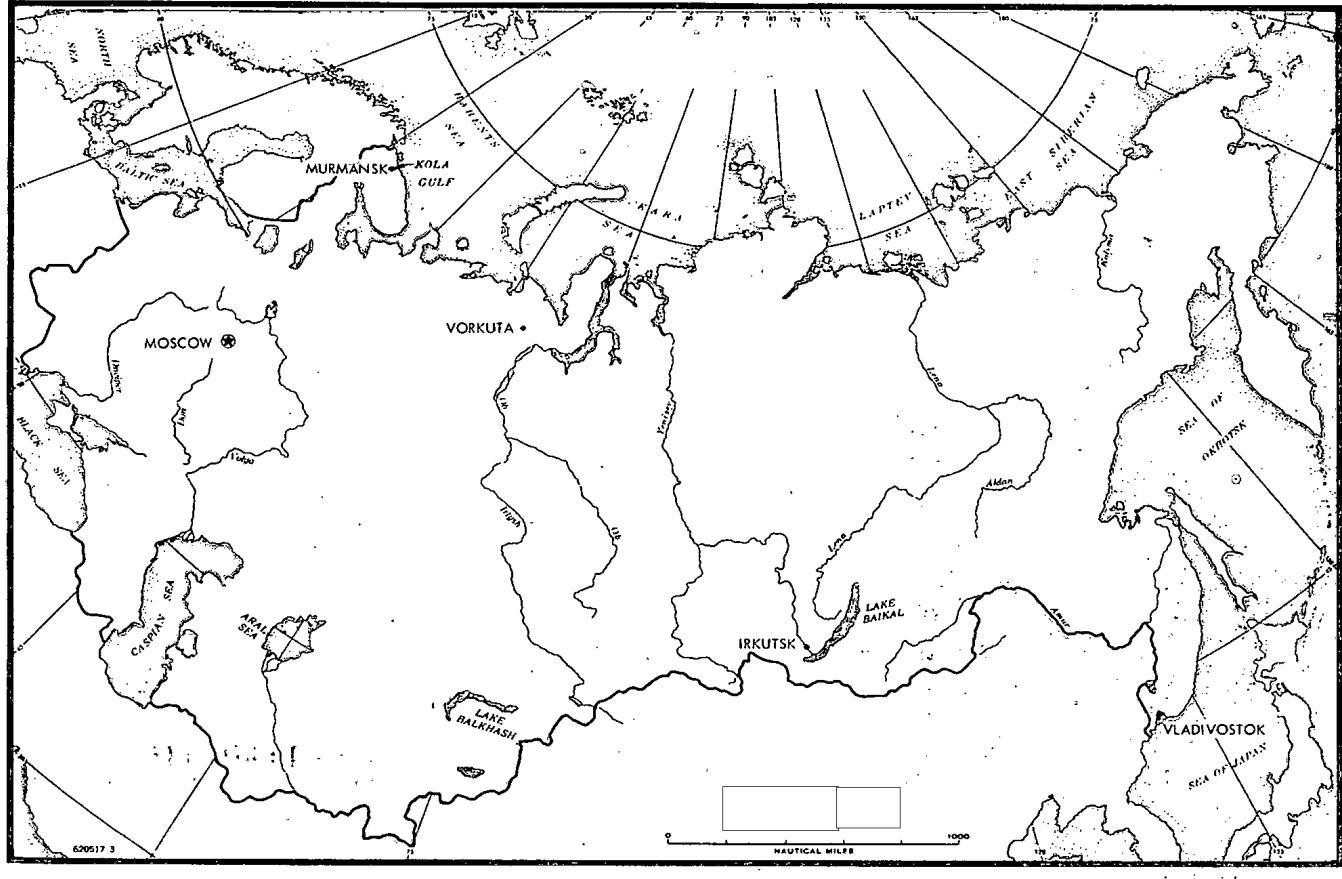
1. Laos

a. The Thai are far from enthusiastic about having to take contingents from other SEATO countries. 50X1  
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b. The military situation remains essentially the same. 50X1  
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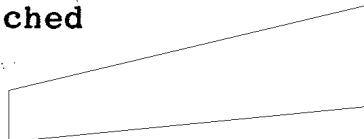
c. Ambassador Brown cautions that he and his British and French colleagues believe that Phoumi is more acceptable to both Souvanna and Souphanouvong in a coalition than is Phoui Sananikone. The latter put Souphanouvong in prison at one time, and, as elder statesman, he represents a greater challenge to Souvanna. Both princes have said they want Phoumi in the coalition to keep him from making trouble from the outside. 50X1  
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2. 2,000 mile sea-borne missile launched



We have evidence that a missile was launched earlier this week to a distance of some 2,000 nautical miles on the Soviet Northern Fleet missile range which extends from the Kola Gulf to Irkutsk. The launching vessel may have been a submarine. We do not know whether the missile was cruise-type or ballistic or what degree of success was achieved.

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3. Ecuador military chiefs ousted



President Arosemena, irked by endless demands from military leaders that he purge leftists remaining in the government, has dismissed the defense minister and the army and air force chiefs. Having made the point that he is no puppet of the military, he will probably now turn on the leftists.

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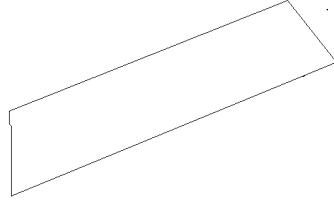
4. Hong Kong refugees



To cut the refugee flow, Hong Kong police are now putting up a bigger and better barbed wire barrier along the colony's border with China. For the first time in recent weeks, the number returned to China on Tuesday exceeded the number coming out; at one point on the border Communist guards were forcibly blocking refugees from escaping.

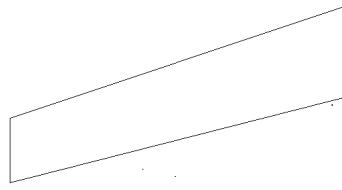
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5. EEC Council threatens retaliation against US



The Belgian Foreign Trade Minister has advised us that the only chance--a "slim one"--of heading off EEC retaliation against US carpet and glass tariffs is for the US in the next few days to offer "satisfactory" tariff reductions on other items. The council has decided--with some French prodding--to establish quotas or cancel concessions on a variety of US goods (tobacco, textiles, chemicals). Until now, it has refused to consider anything but a modification or cancellation of the US increase, but its members evidently are now convinced this will not be done. 50X1

6. Syrian leaders explore new union with Egypt



The Syrian leaders, their hold on power still very slender, hope [REDACTED] to neutralize pro-Nasir elements, thus freeing their hands to deal with their many other opponents. We expect Nasir to play a cautious game, mostly because of skepticism that the current regime in Damascus can make any agreement stick. 50X1 50X1

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7. West New Guinea

a. The Indonesian Cabinet, advised by armed forces chief Nasution that he could not mount an effective offensive until 1 December, unanimously decided to complete Indonesia's military build-up by that date. Nasution says that Subandrio was accordingly sent to Moscow to make the necessary arrangements.

b. Dutch forces have made contact with the Indonesian paratroops dropped on the New Guinea coast earlier this week. Late press reports today say "heavy fighting" is taking place near the point of landing.

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- A. [redacted] The Soviet space research program continues active, with many indications of more launchings soon. [redacted] 50X1
- B. [redacted] The Soviet research ship which monitored effects of high altitude Soviet tests last fall, has now shown up in the US Pacific test area. [redacted] 50X1
- C. [redacted] The Soviet Berlin Commandant refused, in his meeting yesterday with General Watson, to drop the stipulation that civilian advisers accompanying the western Commandants would have to identify themselves to the East Germans. No further meetings were scheduled. 50X1
- D. [redacted] President Abboud, in negotiations with the Soviet civil air delegation due to arrive today, will insist on Sudan's right to hire crews of any nationality (including US) to fly Sudanese planes over the USSR. The Soviets may well boggle at this stipulation which, even if accepted eventually, will prolong discussions. 50X1

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## THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--19 MAY 1962

## 1. LAOS:

A. PHOUMI TOLD AMBASSADOR BROWN YESTERDAY THAT HE WAS WILLING TO ATTEND A THREE PRINCES MEETING AT KHANG KHAY IN THE PLAINE DES JARRES, PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE THE TRANSFER OF THE DEFENSE AND INTERIOR MINISTRIES, AND PROMISED TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH MAAG ON MILITARY MATTERS. IN A SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH GENERAL TUCKER, HOWEVER, PHOUMI WAS ANYTHING BUT COOPERATIVE ABOUT CONDUCTING RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS OUT OF BAN HOUET SAI BACK TOWARD NAM THA. HE TOLD TUCKER THAT POLITICAL MATTERS WERE UPPERMOST IN HIS MIND NOW, AND HE WOULD ATTEND TO THE MILITARY SITUATION LATER. ON THE BASIS OF OUR PREVIOUS EXPERIENCES WITH PHOUMI, WE FEEL THAT SOME SKEPTICISM ABOUT HIS ASSURANCES IS DESERVED. BOTH THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR AND BROWN, HOWEVER, FEEL THAT PHOUMI IS NOW POINTED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

B. PHOUI SANANIKONE TELLS US THAT HE STANDS READY TO TAKE THE LEADING ROLE IN NEGOTIATING A SETTLEMENT WITH SOUVANNA, BUT DOES NOT SEE HOW HE CAN TAKE OVER WITHOUT PHOUMI'S CONSENT.

C. THE MILITARY SITUATION REMAINS QUIESCENT. ROYAL ARMY PATROLS, LED BY AMERICAN PERSONNEL, HAVE PROBED 30 MILES NORTHEAST OF BAN HOUET SAI WITHOUT SEEING ANY SIGNS OF THE ENEMY.

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D. FOLLOWING THE DEPARTURE OF THE LAO "GOOD-WILL" TRAVELLING TROUPE FROM TAIPEI, THE CHINESE NATIONALISTS HAVE ASSURED US THAT THROUGHOUT THE CONVERSATIONS THEY RESTRAINED THEMSELVES LARGELY TO EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY AND VAGUE ASSURANCES ABOUT PROVIDING "SOME RELIEF GOODS." IT IS STILL NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE LAO ROAD SHOW PLANS TO PLAY IN MANILA ON 21 MAY.

E. IN BANGKOK, THAI OFFICIALS ARE BECOMING SOMEWHAT LESS NEGATIVE TOWARD RECEIVING MILITARY FORCES FROM COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THE US.

MEANWHILE, [REDACTED] PAKISTAN WILL PROBABLY RESPOND FAVORABLY, ALBEIT WITHOUT MUCH RELISH, TO A THAI REQUEST FOR TROOPS IF IT IS CAST WITHIN THE SEATO FRAMEWORK. THE FRENCH REMAIN AS RETICENT AS EVER.

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F. BLOC PROPAGANDA IN LAOS IS STILL BEING PLAYED IN A RELATIVELY LOW KEY, STRUMMING MAINLY ON THE THEME THAT BY MOVING MILITARY FORCES INTO THAILAND THE US HAS GOT ITSELF CAUGHT IN A NET FROM WHICH IT WILL NOT BE EASY TO GET DISENTANLED.

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2. SOUTH VIETNAM:

WE STILL CANNOT DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT YESTERDAY'S GRENADE-THROWING INCIDENT IN DOWNTOWN SAIGON HERALDS A CONCERTED TERROR CAMPAIGN SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED AGAINST AMERICANS. OUR EMBASSY, NEVERTHELESS, HAS AGAIN CAUTIONED AMERICANS TO BE PARTICULARLY CAREFUL ON COMMUNIST ANNIVERSARIES; TODAY, HO CHI MINH'S BIRTHDAY, BEING A NOTABLE EXAMPLE.

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3. INDONESIA - WEST NEW GUINEA:

A. THE INDO-NESIANS ARE DETERMINED TO GIVE THE DUTCH A BLOODY NOSE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. THEY NOTE, IN THIS CONNECTION, THAT THREE SUBMARINES (CARRYING LIVE TORPEDOES), WHICH DEPARTED SURABAYA TEN DAYS AGO, COULD NOW BE IN POSITION TO INTERCEPT DUTCH TROOP TRANSPORTS APPROACHING WEST NEW GUINEA. THEY ALSO SUGGEST THAT COMBINED MANEUVERS SCHEDULED IN THE BORNEO AREA NEXT MONTH MIGHT BE A BLIND FOR MORE GENUINELY WARLIKE OPERATIONS.

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B. THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR MAY HAVE HAD SIMILAR THOUGHTS IN THE BACK OF HIS MIND WHEN HE TOLD JONES YESTERDAY THAT HE CONSIDERED THE CURRENT SITUATION TO BE "VERY DANGEROUS," AND POINTED OUT THAT SUKARNO MUST "DO SOMETHING" TO REDEEM HIS PLEDGE TO GAIN CONTROL OVER WEST NEW GUINEA THIS YEAR. HE WAS CAREFUL TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT HIS GOVERNMENT DID NOT WANT TO SEE A FULL-FLEDGED WAR BREAK OUT.

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4. MEXICAN COMMUNISTS PLANNING ANTI-KENNEDY DEMONSTRATIONS:

SEVERAL COMMUNIST GROUPS ARE TALKING ABOUT CREATING AN "UNHEALTHY ATMOSPHERE" DURING THE PRESIDENT'S FORTHCOMING VISIT BY SPONSORING ANTI-US RALLIES AND MAKING A GENERAL NUISANCE OF THEMSELVES. THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT IS AWARE OF THESE SHENANIGANS, AND WE BELIEVE IT HAS BOTH THE WILL AND THE MEANS TO KEEP MATTERS UNDER CONTROL.

5. NOTES:

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B. LISBON IS DEVELOPING A BAD CASE OF NERVES AS A RESULT OF IN-  
SISTENT RUMORS THAT BIG CHANGES IN THE GOVERNMENT ARE IN THE OFFING.

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C. THE SITUATION IN ECUADOR REMAINS VOLATILE, AND MORE CABINET OFFICERS ARE SAID TO BE PLANNING TO SUBMIT THEIR RESIGNATIONS IF AROSEMENA WILL NOT AGREE TO REMOVE LEFTISTS FROM GOVERNMENT POSITIONS. AROSEMENA'S REACTION IS DIFFICULT TO PREDICT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] BUT WE THINK THE ODDS FAVOR HIS ATTEMPTING TO POST-  
PONE A SHOWDOWN UNTIL AFTER THE LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS TWO WEEKS FROM  
TOMORROW. [REDACTED]

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D. MOSCOW EARLIER THIS WEEK AGREED TO INCREASE ITS ECONOMIC AID TO CUBA BY ROUGHLY \$50 MILLION, MOST OF IT APPARENTLY TO GO ON THE CUFF. AMONG THE COMMODITIES TO BE PROVIDED ARE 5,000 TRUCKS, 850 TRACTORS, AN OIL TANKER, AND A WIDE VARIETY OF FOODSTUFFS.

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E. THE FRENCH, ENCOURAGED BY BRITISH SALES OF VISCOUNT AIRCRAFT TO COMMUNIST CHINA, ARE TRYING TO INTEREST PEIPING IN CARAVELLES.

WE HEAR THAT THEY HAVE SUCCEEDED IN GETTING A NIBBLE, IF NOT A STRIKE.

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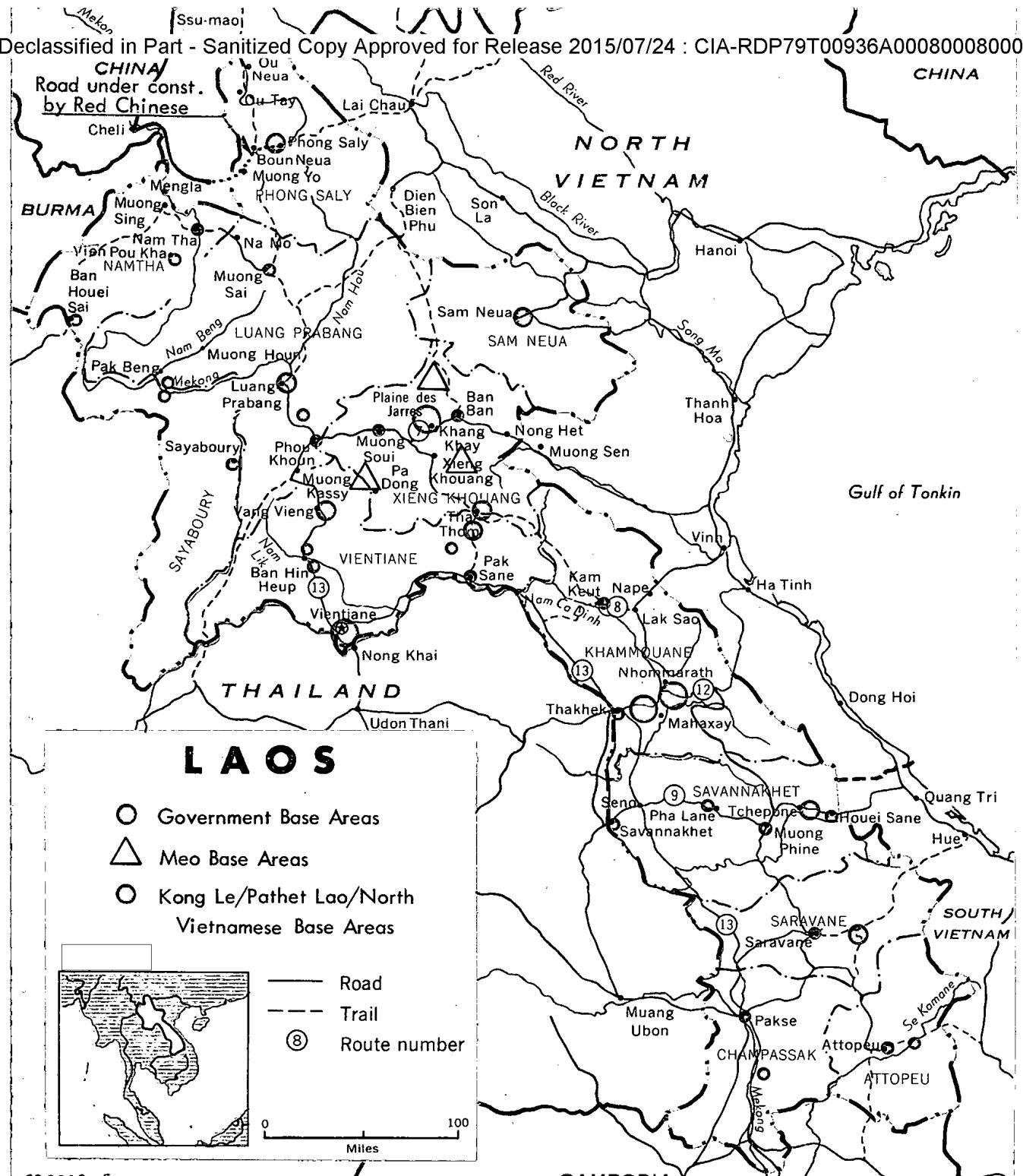
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1. Laos

a. Acting Foreign Minister  
Sisouk told Brown yesterday that word from the Lao ambassador in Washington stating that the US desired a reorganization of the royal government and the removal of Phoumi from all positions of political influence caused a "very violent" reaction in Vientiane and might undo recent progress toward a settlement with Souvanna. He said the cabinet would meet today to decide whether to resign or resist. We doubt that the cabinet will resign, but do not rule out the possibility that Phoumi will at least temporarily revert to recalcitrance.

b. Souvanna, due back today, has requested an audience with the king in prelude to a three-princes meeting in the Plaine des Jarres. He has, meanwhile, put a time limit on his availability for negotiations by saying he will return to Paris in time to attend his daughter's wedding on 28 June.

c. There have been no important developments on the military front. We think, however, that there is now a good chance that Phoumi will soon be moving the bulk of his forces to the south.

d. Pakistan and the Philippines, partially motivated by a desire to show their current pique with the US, have reacted negatively to the idea of sending troops to Thailand.

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e. Sihanouk, in reply to an U Thant feeler, has sent a message to New York saying that he is, under certain circumstances, willing to make another effort to mediate the Laotian crisis. [REDACTED]

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## 2. West New Guinea

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a. Subandrio was in a highly emotional frame of mind when he talked with Jones on Saturday. Jones, who reports that the atmosphere in Djakarta is becoming increasingly tense, speculates that Subandrio's performance may be a tip-off that the Indonesians are about to undertake some desperate action against the Dutch.

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b. Thanks to the USSR, Indonesian capacity to strike a painful blow [REDACTED] has been notably increased recently. Earlier this month nine MIG-250X1 --fitted for air-to-air missiles--were delivered in Djakarta, and six jet medium bombers are on the way. Several of these bombers, of which the Indonesians now possess 16, are to be equipped with anti-shipping missiles.

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c. In New York, U Thant has asked both sides to stop fighting, and to resume negotiations on the basis of the Bunker formula.

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3. Soviets may be preparing to resume pressures against Berlin

[Redacted]

We note that Khrushchev's tough talk in Bulgaria coincided with the Soviet Berlin Commandant's refusal to discuss the right of East German authorities to control the sector border. In the last few days the East German propaganda machine has begun making noises suggesting a revival of demands for visa controls at the sector border. In addition a French military convoy was turned back on Friday and one of ours was delayed yesterday. The pretext in both cases was refusal to submit to a head count; Soviet officials on the scene said their orders came from "the highest quarters." 50X1

4. New Syrian upheavals appear inevitable

[Redacted]

With the economy in increasingly bad shape, opposition politicians exploiting a new-found freedom to freewheel, and pro-Nasir sentiment growing, the government of Premier Azmah--never a tower of strength--may not be with us much longer. The lay-off of large numbers of factory workers that is to take place this week promises to touch off a new round of anti-regime demonstrations, the outcome of which we are presently unable to predict. 50X1

5. Algeria

Algerian nationalist leaders on Friday let out the reins on their people a bit by publicly endorsing their right to "legitimate self-defense"; partly, we think, to head off a new effort by Ben Bella and his militant backers to take matters into their own hands. Whatever the reason, the pronouncement will probably be interpreted loosely and result in a lengthening of the European casualty list.

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6. Congo

Tshombé showed up in Leopoldville on Friday, but contact with Adoula was put off until today when the two got together to discuss "procedural questions." UN officials, frustrated by the chilly reception both sides have so far accorded what the UN considers to be a reasonable agenda, are mulling over ways and means of getting things moving. Gardiner is in favor of stopping railroad traffic in Katanga--wherever the UN is in a position to--as a starter.

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7. Argentina

[REDACTED] yesterday's action recessing the Congress, ordering the reorganization of political parties and limiting the life of the present regime to 1964 is backed by all military factions.

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[REDACTED] the government can now proceed, in a calm atmosphere, to straighten out the country's political and economic problems. Until we get a better look at how the government [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] handles the strikes set for next week, we are not convinced that Guido's sailing is going to be all that smooth.

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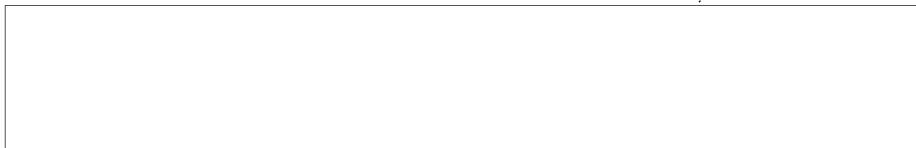
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- A. With daily turn-backs now running ahead of new entrants by about 4,000 to 3,500, the British in Hong Kong are managing to keep their head above water in coping with the Chinese refugee problem. They are, nevertheless, building a secondary fence along the border as much to keep the locals from helping friends and relatives evade arrest as to keep the refugees out. [REDACTED] 50X1
- B. In Sudan the first of the long-expected Soviet civil aviation delegation arrived in Khartoum on Friday as scheduled. [REDACTED] 50X1  
[REDACTED] 50X1
- C. [REDACTED] people in Guatemala City are concerned that Ydigoras, thinking the worst of his troubles are over, will rest on his oars rather than pull for the reforms he has promised, thereby exposing himself to disaster later on. [REDACTED] 50X1  
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- D. Salazar recently told an American reporter that he would not agree to a renewal of the Azores base agreement and that Portugal would henceforth look to Europe for economic support. We do not accept this threat at face-value, but think it is indicative of the hard-nosed attitude the Portuguese will take when talks get underway. [REDACTED] 50X1
- E. [REDACTED] Chinese Communist troops are on the move in the China-Laos-Burma border triangle. If there is anything to this information, it could mean that the Communists are preparing to go after the Chinese Nationalist irregulars that are scattered about the area as they did--with Burmese permission--in November 1960. [REDACTED] 50X1

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1. Laos

a. Weather has delayed Souvanna's departure from Rangoon, probably until Wednesday.

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c. Thai Premier Sarit yesterday told Ambassador Young he was alarmed and astonished by a telegram from Phoumi alleging we had ordered Boun Oum to form a new government with Phoumi left out. Somewhat reassured by Young's reply that Phoumi would "be properly involved" in forthcoming talks and events thereafter, Sarit indicated he would again press Phoumi to cooperate with us, but he refused to commit himself on the desirability of replacing Phoumi with more responsible Lao political leaders.

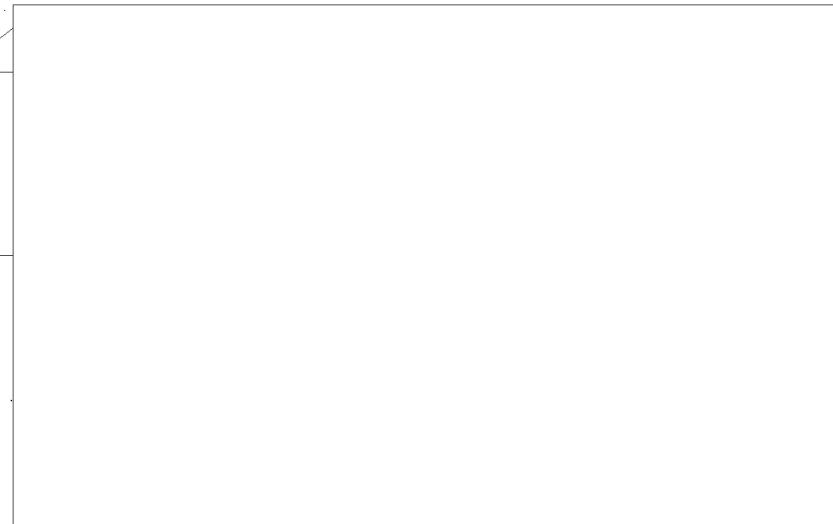
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d. Vientiane is still trying to convince us that "Chinese" participated in the Nam Tha action. Their latest gambit is to assert that Lu tribesmen took part in the attack and that members of this tribe, which inhabit both sides of the border with China, are really Chinese no matter which side they live on.

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2. Hong Kong refugees



3. Franco foresees no difficulty in extending US base rights



a. He also suggested to General LeMay that we establish base operations in the Spanish Sahara if and when the Moroccan bases are vacated. Franco, while saying he wants to counter Communist influence in the area, is more immediately interested in enlisting our support for Spain in its territorial disputes with Morocco.

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b. Delegates from Spain's African territories, meanwhile, will figure prominently among "freedom fighters" from African dependencies who will arrive in Accra at the end of the month to discuss what the Ghanaian press describes as an "all-out offensive" to liberate Spanish colonies in Africa.

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4. Viet Cong may mount a determined campaign against strategic hamlets



Hanoi's propaganda [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] betray 50X1  
a mounting concern lest the US-supported strategic hamlet program succeeds in depriving the Viet Cong of the support they rely on at the village level. The Viet Cong in early May attacked several agricultural development centers and "Operation Sunshine" hamlets may become prime targets in an effort designed to intimidate future participants and tie down government forces to protect them.

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5. Congo



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[REDACTED]  
UN representative Gardiner are casting about for ways of bringing pressure, particularly on Adoula, to get the negotiations moving. Gardiner is now of a mind to refuse to commit UN forces to support an extension of Leopoldville's influence in Katanga unless Adoula adopts a more reasonable approach toward Tshombé. Barring some success before the UN Security Council meets, Gullion foresees either a resolution calling for more radical action or a Western veto of such a resolution. In either event, our prestige and influence is likely to suffer.

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A. Hints that De Gaulle will call for a referendum on the issue of European integration may precipitate a move soon in the National Assembly to unseat the Pompidou cabinet.

B.

[redacted] introduction into Mexico of Czech-made automatic weapons. The weapons evidently are finding their way into caches in the mountains to the west and also are cropping up in the Guatemala border area. Officials suspect sea shipment from Cuba, but apparently that is about all they know so far.

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C. Syrian President Qudsi has summoned Ambassador Knight, the Soviet ambassador, and the British ambassador for separate meetings today on some as yet undisclosed matter.

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[redacted] Violence may erupt today in Asmara as the Eritrean assembly convenes to debate merger with Ethiopia. [redacted] the Moslem underground there plans a violent demonstration to publicize their goal of Eritrean independence.

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E. Haitian President Duvalier will be making numerous public appearances today and tomorrow at "Day of Gratitude" ceremonies observing the first anniversary of his re-election for a six-year term. [redacted] violence against him on this occasion is possible.

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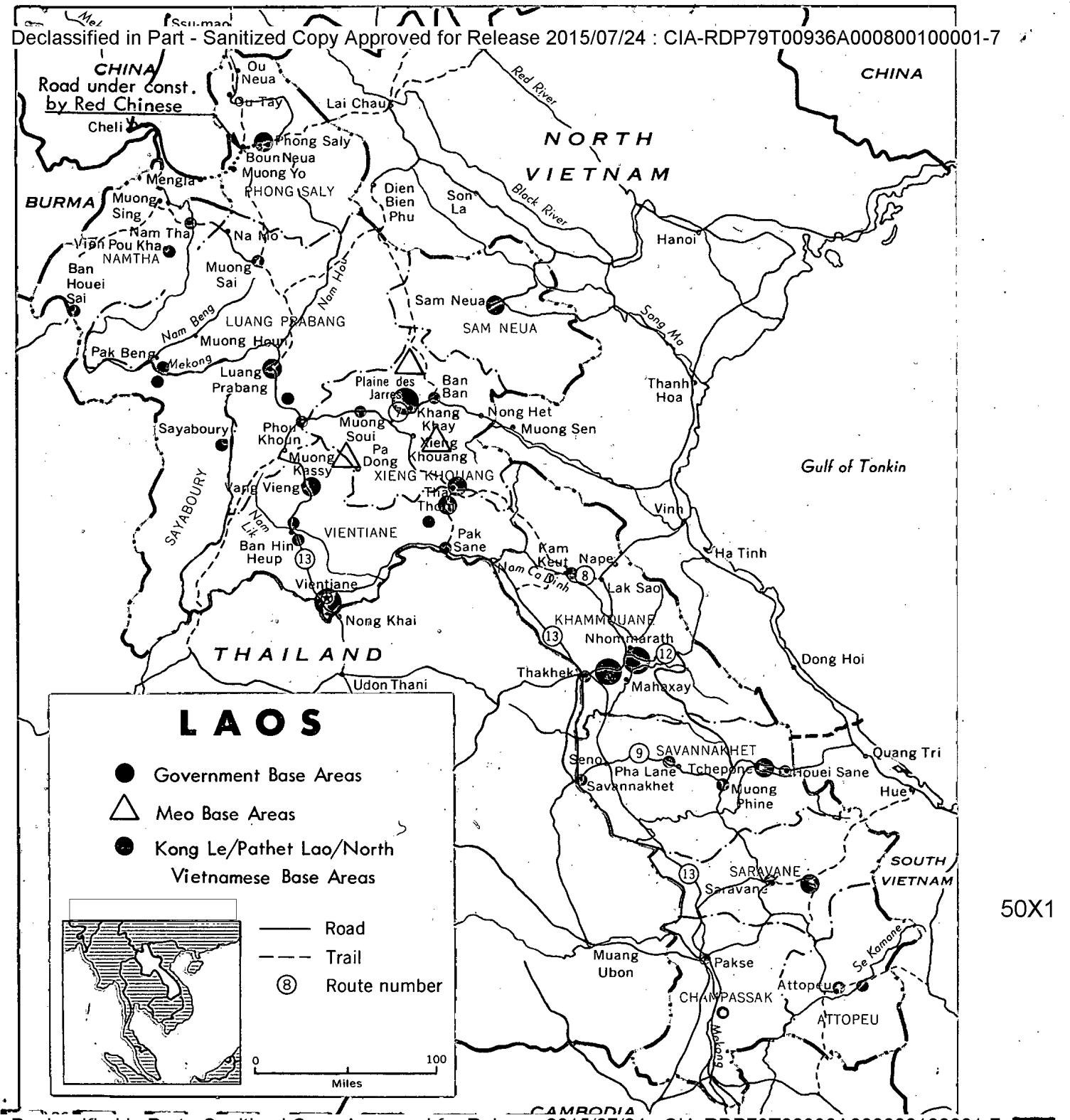
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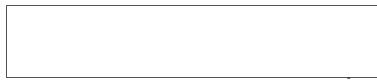
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1. Laos

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a. Since last Saturday, the Bloc  
airlift into Tchepone, in southern Laos,  
has been well above the normal level  
and rising. We also have seen [redacted]

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[redacted] North  
Vietnamese Army elements in central-  
southern Laos. The two together are  
a repetition of the pattern which  
preceded the attack on Nam Tha. [redacted]

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b. Souvanna is expected to return 50X1  
to Laos today but there is no definite  
word yet that he has done so.

c. Young received what he describes  
as a "satisfactory" reaction from Sarit 50X1  
yesterday when he saw him to set the  
record straight on what we envisage  
Phoumi's future role to be. Young re-  
ports that Sarit did not take exception  
to his presentation and dictated a  
telegram to Phoumi along the same lines.

d. Cambodia's fears for the  
security of its territories adjoining  
Laos and South Vietnam are of such  
proportions that the government has  
turned to our Embassy in Phnom Penh  
with an urgent request for military  
materiel. It would be used to outfit  
troop reinforcements which the Cambodians  
want to use to prevent Pathet Lao and  
Viet Cong infiltrations. The Cambodian  
Foreign Minister has underscored his  
concern by proposing a Washington trip  
in late June-early July.

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2. Berlin

[Redacted]

A US convoy outbound from Berlin was stopped at the Soviet checkpoint at Babelsberg earlier this morning for more than 5 hours on the grounds of no prior notification. Reports from the scene state that the Soviets declared the convoy under "official detention," the first time they have used this device.

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3. Indonesia-West New Guinea

[Redacted]

Djakarta is building up for an attempt to seize one of the Dutch-held islands off the New Guinea coast or even an enclave on the mainland. Military preparations now in progress indicate that the move could come soon as a means of bringing pressure on the Dutch to negotiate. Indonesian military communications reveal that there are now some 250-300 infiltrators ashore on West New Guinea.

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4. Cuban Communists

[Redacted]

Castro is readying another move in his tug-of-war with the old-line Cuban Communists. He now has an eye on the scalp of Lazaro Pena who heads the central labor organization and makes nearly as big a target as Anibal Escalante, the party veteran whom Castro sent into exile in the Bloc last March. We would expect Pena to go out on a wave of strident abuse, but we note that a number of lesser types among the old-liners are being eased out in the provinces in favor of Castro's "new Communists" with no fanfare.

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5. Venezuelan Communists  
planning new violence

[redacted]

The Communists, who have been lying 50X1  
low [redacted]  
intend 50X1  
to show themselves again [redacted] 50X1  
[redacted] through a series of terrorist 50X1  
forays. [redacted] 50X1  
[redacted] 50X1

[redacted] With the government on the watch 50X1  
for trouble and the armed forces reported  
to be in good trim, we see little chance  
that the Communists can touch off anything  
big, although they can again demonstrate  
their capacity for sapping the government's  
energies.

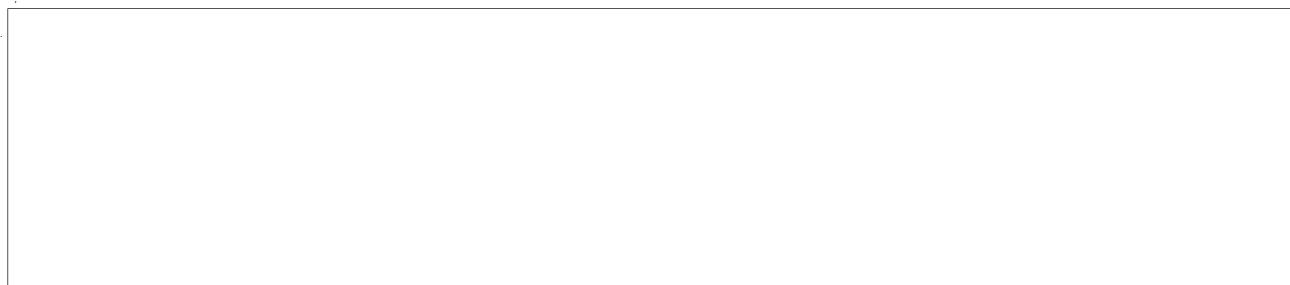
NOTES

- A. Ambassador Thompson reports information from a reliable Soviet source indicating that Kozlov, who has been rated heir-apparent to Khrushchev, has run into political trouble and has been weakened by the recent shifts in the party hierarchy. 50X1
- C. [redacted] we have some indications that Mikoyan, Khrushchev's top trade and aid man, is about to make a visit to Mexico by way of Cuba. With a Soviet industrial exhibit now showing in Rio, he also has a ready-made excuse for a stop-over in Brazil. 50X1
- E. The resignations yesterday of the Syrian foreign and interior ministers further illustrate the present regime's helpless drift. Ambassador Knight reports from Damascus that in his judgment "the Syrian tide has now definitely turned toward Cairo." 50X1
- F. Fanfani tells us that he reassured Spaak during their talks last week that Italy's ideas on the problem of British accession to the EEC are pretty much the same as his own. He indicates, in effect, that Rome continues to see itself as a bridge between France and Germany, on the one hand, and the Benelux little three, on the other, on disputed EEC problems. 50X1
- G. The Afghan government is asking for immediate US help against a threatened locust plague. Government officials say they have held up on a request to Moscow pending our response. 50X1

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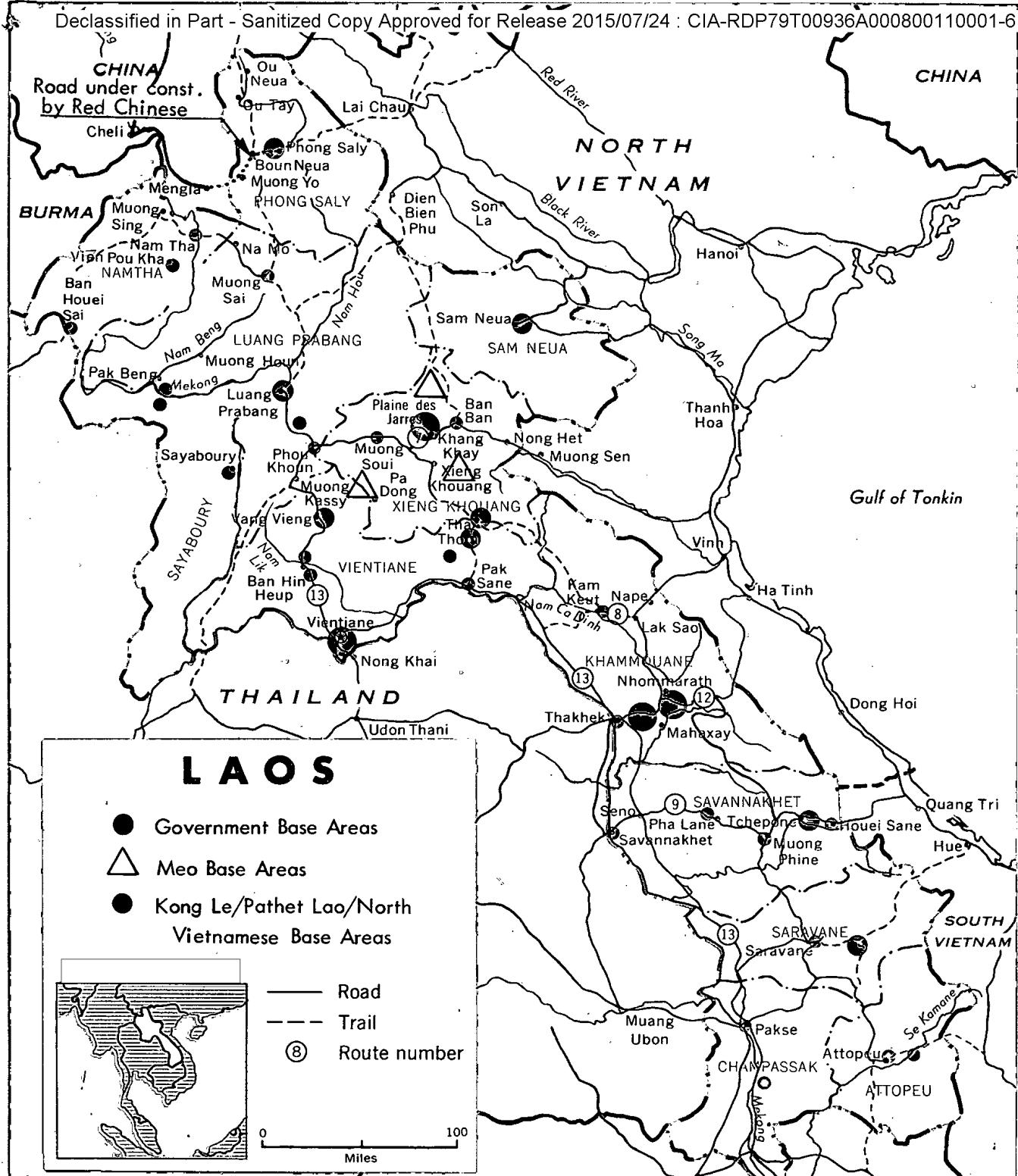
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1. Laos

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b. In the face of vigorous protests from Brown, Sisouk has confirmed that the Lao "good will" visit to Manila is now planned for 28-30 May.

c. Souvanna is still in Rangoon. The Soviet IL-14 that flew to Rangoon to pick him up on Tuesday was scheduled to leave for Xieng Khouang early this morning, but its departure has been delayed by bad weather over Laos.

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d. In Rangoon, Souvanna had nothing new to say, but there was a marked contrast between his cheery public pronouncements and his private comments, which have been somber. In these, he expressed the view that he alone could not promise a settlement or guarantee Laos' perpetual neutrality as long as Phoumi, the Pathet Lao, and particularly the Thai were all against him.

e. The military situation remains quiescent and the rainy season is beginning to settle in

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## 2. West New Guinea Problem

a. NATO Secretary General Stikker, in conversation with General Norstad last week end, seemed anxious to convey the impression that prospects were improving 50X1 for a change in the Dutch attitude toward negotiations. He told Norstad that the Dutch people would not support a war in New Guinea and that Luns stands alone in opposing renewed talks.

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## 3. South Vietnam

a. [redacted]

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Viet Cong has decided to change tactics 50X1 as a consequence of the build-up of US support in South Vietnam. In addition to making attacks on isolated outposts and strategic hamlets, the Viet Cong plan to single out places where Americans are to be found. According to this report, these tactics are expected to lead eventually to an international conference, "as in Laos."

b. We have new evidence revealing a greater degree of direct North Vietnamese involvement in Viet Cong operations than we had previously known. We are now virtually sure that several members of the North Vietnamese Communist Party Central Committee have been in South Vietnam since September 1960, holding down high political and military command slots in the Viet Cong apparatus.

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4. Mexico



Our Mexico City Embassy has learned that the government plans to round up 1,000 potential trouble-makers prior to President Kennedy's arrival and to keep them in jail for the duration of his visit. News of this plan seems to have leaked to the Communists and appears to have dampered their ardor for promoting public demonstrations against the President. 50X1

**WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--23 MAY 1962**

On the basis of findings by its Watch Committee, the United States Intelligence Board concludes that:

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

Laos: Communist forces in Laos are consolidating their military positions, but are probably refraining from general hostilities pending resumption of political negotiations. However, there have been increases in airlift flights and in communications serving North Vietnamese Army elements in central-southern Laos, similar to those noted before the attack on Nam Tha, which may indicate Communist intentions to renew military pressure in that area.

Indonesia: Expanding Indonesian infiltration activity may signify that Indonesian leaders are giving greater emphasis to a military solution of the West New Guinea problem. Recent Dutch reinforcement and Dutch military responses to Indonesian tactics presage an increase in number and magnitude of engagements.

NOTES

- A. We anticipate that Khrushchev's upcoming trip to Rumania will resemble his trip to Bulgaria in having as its main purpose the whipping of another satellite into line in the drive to refurbish the bloc's fraternal ties with Yugoslavia. [redacted] 50X1
- B. The US convoy that was placed under "official detention" at the Babelsberg checkpoint yesterday was held up again for another hour at Marienborn over the matter of a headcount. It is now quite clear that this latest round of harassment on the autobahn is a Soviet gambit intended to establish prior notification of all Allied convoys as standard procedure. [redacted] 50X1
- C. Uruguay may be the next Latin American country to break relations with Cuba, if only to escape the strains of having to take care of some 350 political asylees now camping on its embassy in Havana. [redacted] 50X1
- D. [redacted] the Angolan rebels are planning a general stand-down of guerrilla operations during the current hot season that lasts until October. During the interim, they intend to concentrate on tightening up their organization and building up their inventory of arms. [redacted] 50X1
- E. The undiminished flow of reports indicating mounting unrest in Syria suggests that the political cauldron there remains very close to bubbling over. [redacted] 50X1
- F. The Adoula-Tshombé talks are suspended again as Leopoldville officials, indignant over the distribution of a scurrilous anti-government pamphlet, have again placed close restrictions on the Katangan delegation. [redacted]

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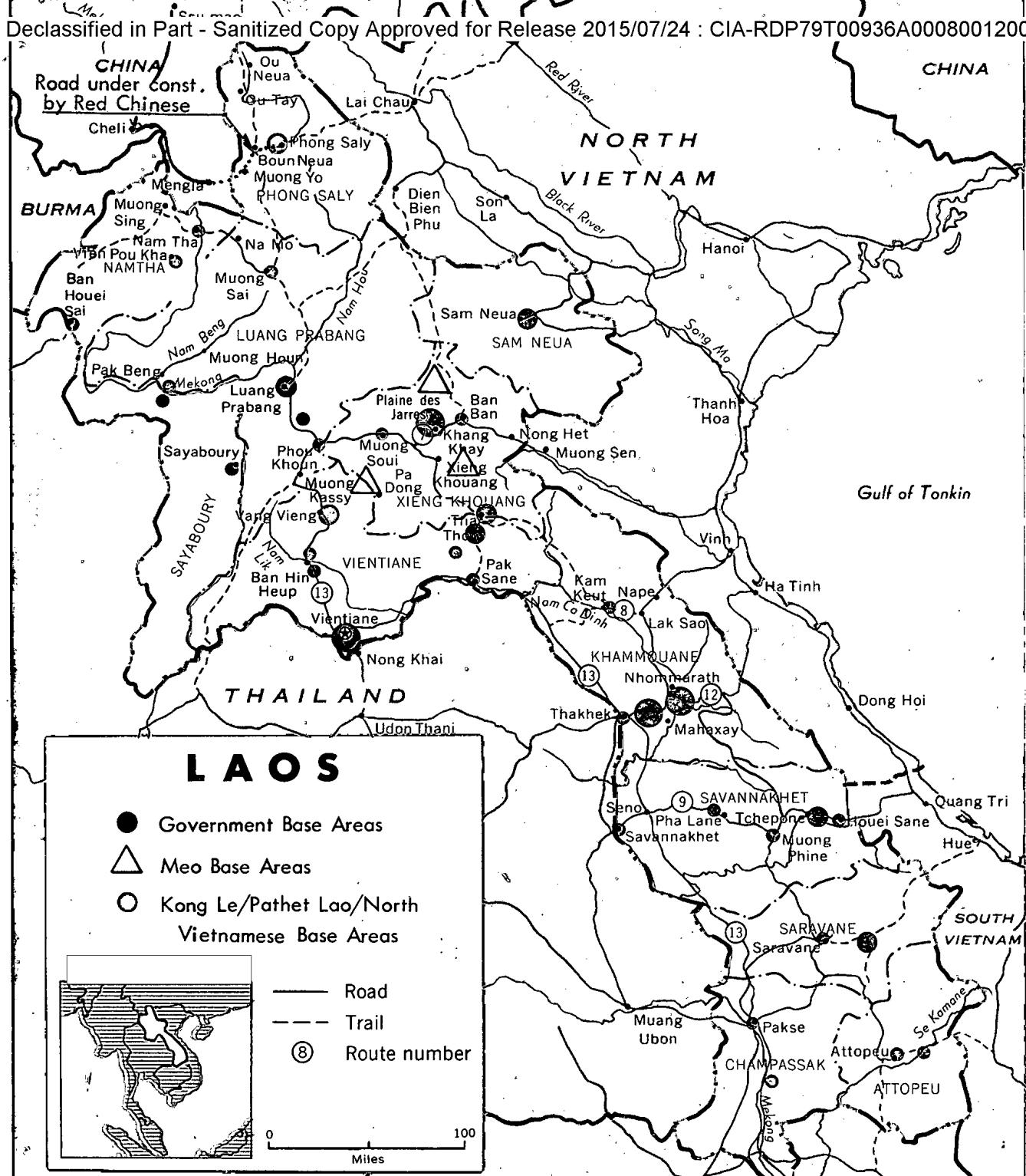
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1. Laos



a. We are trying to check out a late press report attributing to Sarit a statement that Saravane, in south central Laos, has been taken over by Pathet Lao forces.

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b. Souvanna, who has departed Rangoon for his Khang Khay headquarters, will find that he has lost a considerable following among the dominant left-leaning faction in his neutralist group. We suspect the leftists would prefer he stay away. Souvanna's weakened position will encourage the Pathet Lao to raise their terms for a negotiated settlement.

c. In Vientiane, Boun Oum's cabinet has decided to launch an anti-US campaign which will be kicked off next week by a parliamentary debate against US policy in Laos.

2. Hong Kong refugees

Chinese authorities are now rounding up some 15,000 would-be refugees in the Shumchun area just north of the Hong Kong border and are deporting them north by truck and train. We see this as a precautionary measure before attempting to impose strict border and travel controls

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A sharp drop in the exodus in the past 24 hours suggests that some restrictions have already been imposed. Even so, with security forces expanded and tempers frayed on both sides there is still a possibility of serious violence.

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3. Peru

The personal vendetta between the Peruvian military and Victor Haya de la Torre, anti-Communist, reformist presidential candidate, threatens the overthrow of the constitutional government.

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should it become clear that Haya will be elected on 10 June. Widespread civil disorders would probably ensue. No matter how the elections go, in these circumstances only the Communists stand to gain.

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4. North Korea

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The North Koreans have been quietly and steadily building an impressive military establishment. We see no indication that they are presently planning anything, but a good deal of realism is being injected into ground and air exercises built around the "liberate the south" theme. Although the South Koreans outnumber them in ground forces, the North Koreans are vastly superior in air strength, and we are watching the situation closely.

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5. Indian-Soviet aircraft deal

[Redacted]

a. Indian Vice Air Marshal Dutt has now returned from Moscow with detail of the Soviet offer of MIG-21s. Krishna Menon, who has apparently managed to prevent opponents of the deal from having a say, hopes to get Nehru's final go-ahead at a meeting scheduled for next Tuesday.

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b. [Redacted] the offer has been sweetened with an offer of an "air defense system" and assistance in ground support procedures and installations.

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6. Yugoslav-Soviet  
relations

Moscow, as an earnest of its desire to improve relations with Yugoslavia, is willing to reinstate the \$244 million credit which it put on ice in 1958. A Yugoslav economic delegation is to leave shortly for Moscow to work out details. Yugoslav officials are showing concern over anticipated western reaction and contend that Moscow's terms are compatible with complete Yugoslav freedom of action. Ambassador Kennan believes this is probably true; he thinks the Yugoslavs, as in 1955, hope the new circumstances will give them a chance to push the bloc toward a looser grouping of states pursuing common goals to which they could adhere.

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- A. Soviet trade statistics just published show that Sino-Soviet trade last year dropped even more than we had thought--to \$910 million from the 1960 level of \$1.6 billion. We believe the level of trade planned for this year is about the same as last year; even this may not be met. 50X1
- B. The Indonesians are likely to be even more suspicious of Dutch intentions after last night's action by the Dutch lower house, which rejected a Labor party resolution asking the government to accept the Bunker plan as a basis for settling the West New Guinea dispute. U Thant has decided to release the text of the Bunker formula tomorrow. 50X1
- C. In Argentina, with the peso sagging, a general strike in prospect, a banking scandal festering and the government floundering, rumors are again spreading that Guido's about to be overthrown. 50X1
- D. The Adoula-Tshombé talks are back on the track again, but neither side is being helpful. 50X1 50X1
- E. With Ne Win's authoritarian tactics and programs antagonizing most of the important groups in Burma, the prospects of a long life for his regime are not good. 50X1 50X1
- F. Khrushchev gives a nationwide radio and television address this morning at 1130 Washington time. He is supposed to talk about his trip to Bulgaria, but we doubt he will confine his remarks to that. 50X1
- G. We see signs that at least some elements of the OAS are beginning to have second thoughts about their present course of all-out terrorism. 50X1

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1. Soviet ballistic missile launched from submerged submarine

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observed the launching of a ballistic missile from a submerged submarine in the Barents Sea on April 26. This gives us our first solid indication 50X1 that the Soviets have such a capability.

[REDACTED] also saw traces of a similar 50X1 launching on April 16. Firings on both dates

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another launching on May 15, possibly to a distance of 2,000 nautical miles. We believe that these activities represent the initial operational testing of a new weapons system.

2. East-West German trade proposals

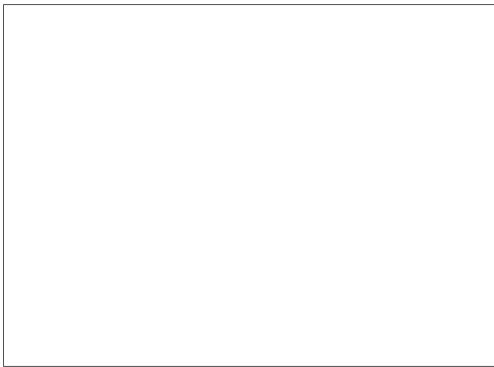
[REDACTED] 50X1  
The East Germans have made overtures to Bonn for credits, on the order of some \$700 million, for the purchase of West German goods. Our mission in Berlin, somewhat chagrined at Bonn's apparent slowness in grasping the political implications of these overtures, calls attention to the possibility of linking the East German needs to Berlin access and increasing the dependence of East on West Germany.

3. Portugal

a. New anti-government demonstrations are being promoted for Monday 50X1 and most indications are that they will will be the most serious yet. The government sees some hope that its troubles will slacken if it can get the better of this next outburst, but [REDACTED] 50X1 the idea that Salazar has 50X1 had his day is spreading and has now begun to infect even the military.

b. Radio Free Europe people in Portugal do not expect the government to renew their agreement when it runs out in December. [REDACTED] 50X1 [REDACTED] 50X1

4. Laos



a. The first encounter between government and enemy units in the Ban Houei Sai area since the town was evacuated occurred yesterday. A government patrol (26 Laotian army men and 4 US advisors) ran into an enemy force of 100-150 men about 25 miles northeast of Ban Houei Sai and were forced to fall back some 10 miles to prepared positions.

b. For the second day running, Phoumi was at work demonstrating an awakened interest in military matters. In this instance, it was a conference with military aides at Savannakhet in the south.

c. Simultaneously, however, Phoumi and his supporters in Vientiane were still feeding the story that the US had demanded his resignation into as many outlets as they could reach, even after our embassy in Vientiane had made a flat denial.

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5. Cuba

Although it is still too early to draw any firm conclusions, we are seeing more and more signs that Castro's current moves against veteran Communists may lead to serious problems with the USSR. [REDACTED] 50X1

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6. Netherlands - West New Guinea

a. Debate in the Dutch lower house wound up yesterday with the government conceding its willingness to resume negotiations with the Indonesians on the basis of the Bunk formula. The government stands on its insistence that in so doing it is not committing itself in advance on the question of transfer of administration.

b. A Dutch transport unloaded 800 troop reinforcements in West New Guinea yesterday, as officials there reported word of another large Indonesian paratroop drop.

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- A. The short-lived calm in Guatemala could be broken within the next few days. The ex-army men responsible for the guerrilla outbreak earlier this year are winding up for another try. 50X1
- B. Ghana's Nkrumah will be aiming at attracting some new converts to his brand of African nationalism at a conference of leaders from still-dependent territories due to open in Accra next week. Angola and Portugal's other African dependencies are likely to be high on the agenda. 50X1
- C. The Dominican government will feel better when May 30, the anniversary of Trujillo's assassination, has gone by. Reports have been reaching Santo Domingo that the Trujillo family is planning some kind of unpleasant memorial. 50X1

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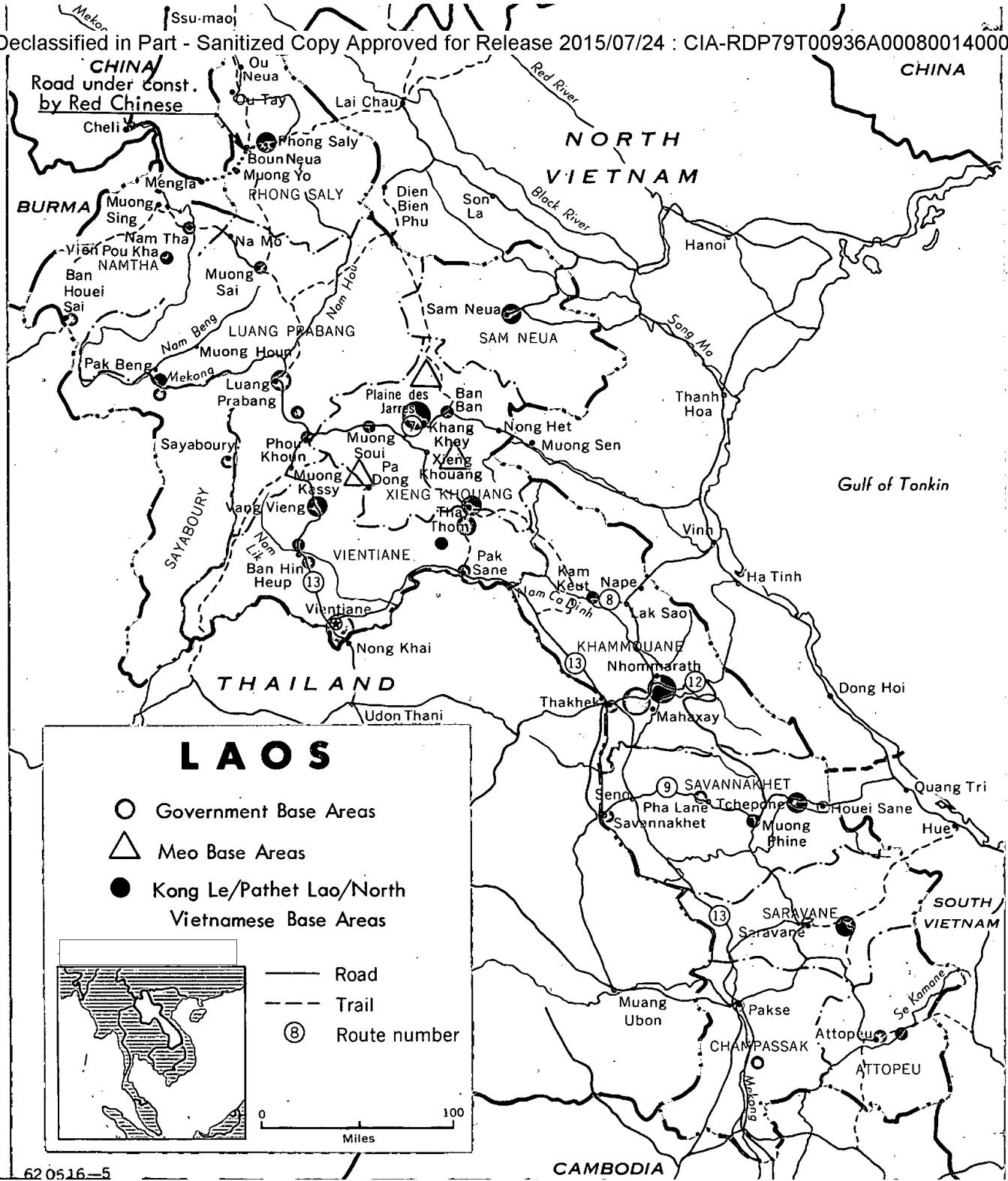
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1. Laos

a. The US MAAG reports that the Royal Army unit which was driven out of a defensive position about 13 miles northeast of Ban Houei Sai by enemy forces yesterday offered almost no resistance. Two US noncommissioned officers who were among the 15 US advisors with the government force are missing.

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b. The government's hold on Saravane, in southern Laos, remains precarious as enemy elements continue to probe around its perimeter. In the Plaine des Jarres, Souvanna is readying a request to the King for an audience as a prelude to the convening of another Three Princes meeting.

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c. Souvanna has told the British ambassador that he will join the Pathet Lao in a declaration "insulting" to the West, hoping that in exchange the Pathet Lao will end its freeze-out of his military forces, particularly at Nam Tha. The statement he has in mind

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a story

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carried in today's edition of Pravda

[REDACTED] quotes Souvanna as saying "I

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have been deeply moved by the fact that the head of the Soviet government understands the aspirations of Laos and takes a stand fully in accordance with

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the national interests of the country"; and "If the American government would fulfill our request not to give military aid to Vientiane, Gen. (Phoumi) Nosavan would never dare carry out any military actions against us."



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2. West New Guinea

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The knot in The Hague may now have been untied. Ambassador Rice reports after seeing Luns on Saturday that the Dutch foreign minister, though full of misgivings, has virtually conceded that with the right assurances the Netherlands will agree to the transfer of administration to Indonesia before a plebiscite is held. He indicated, in effect, that only Indonesia's military pressure tactics stood in the way of negotiations. Subandrio's initial public reaction, however, suggests that the Indonesians will try to wring from the Dutch explicit assurances on the transfer-of-administration issue.

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3. Chinese refugees

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Chinese Communist border guard and army units have moved in to block off the approaches to Hong Kong, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] There seems still to be [REDACTED] a sizable flow of would-be refugees into southern Kwangtung Province and some signs that part of the stream is taking the line of least resistance into Portuguese Macao, though at nowhere near the volume that hit Hong Kong.

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4. Brazil

President Goulart's troubles are multiplying.

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[REDACTED] his failure to get a grip on the country's economic problems and the general slackness of central authority. Military leaders have begun to press him to name one of their number as prime minister, while state governors are planning to meet soon to consider ways to increase their authority at the expense of the center.

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5. Unstable governments in the Middle East

a. Qasim's fumbling leadership, especially his inept handling of the Kurdish insurrection, has sent his stock with the Iraqi military to a critical low.

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b. The situation in Syria remains very shaky. Another cabinet minister has quit, bringing the total for the last week to three. The government has been making nervous military moves around Damascus.

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6. Soviet earth satellite

A new Soviet satellite, Sputnik XVII, was put into orbit from the Kapustin Yar launch site

We again have indications that preparations for a space launching are in progress at Tyuratam.

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- A. We note signs of growing Communist concern over the strategic hamlet program in South Vietnam. Up to half of the communications on the network serving Viet Cong propaganda outlets are now concerned with combating the program. [redacted] CIB, 28 May 50X1
- B. Yugoslav Foreign Minister Popovic, due in Washington today, spent the bulk of his efforts in Latin America in trying to convince Brazil, Chile, Bolivia and Mexico that they belong in an association of "economic neutrals" rather than in a free trade area with the US. [redacted] 50X1  
[redacted] 50X1
- C. Cheddi Jagan is trying to use UN assistance programs as a front for introducing Soviet advisors into British Guiana. He told UN officials when he was in New York recently that he wants additional Soviet bloc technicians as well as "left-of-center" economic planning experts. [redacted] 50X1
- D. A start has been made in equipping the Soviet Long Range Air Force with a new medium bomber designed for supersonic-dash performance. At least five of these aircraft (the BLINDER in US [redacted] parlance) have been delivered to operational units. We believe, however, that the engine earmarked for the new bomber will not be ready until next year and that it is meanwhile operating well below its intended capability on a fill-in power unit. [redacted] 50X1  
[redacted] 50X1
- E. Portuguese police rounded up a number of potential trouble-makers last night in an effort to check the public demonstrations scheduled for today. We have no word to indicate that the demonstrations have begun. [redacted] 50X1
- F. A Yugoslav spokesman states that Tito has been invited to "vacation" in the Soviet Union. We assume this means Tito, last in the Soviet Union in 1956, has accepted, thus signifying a further warming of Soviet-Yugoslav relations. [redacted] 50X1

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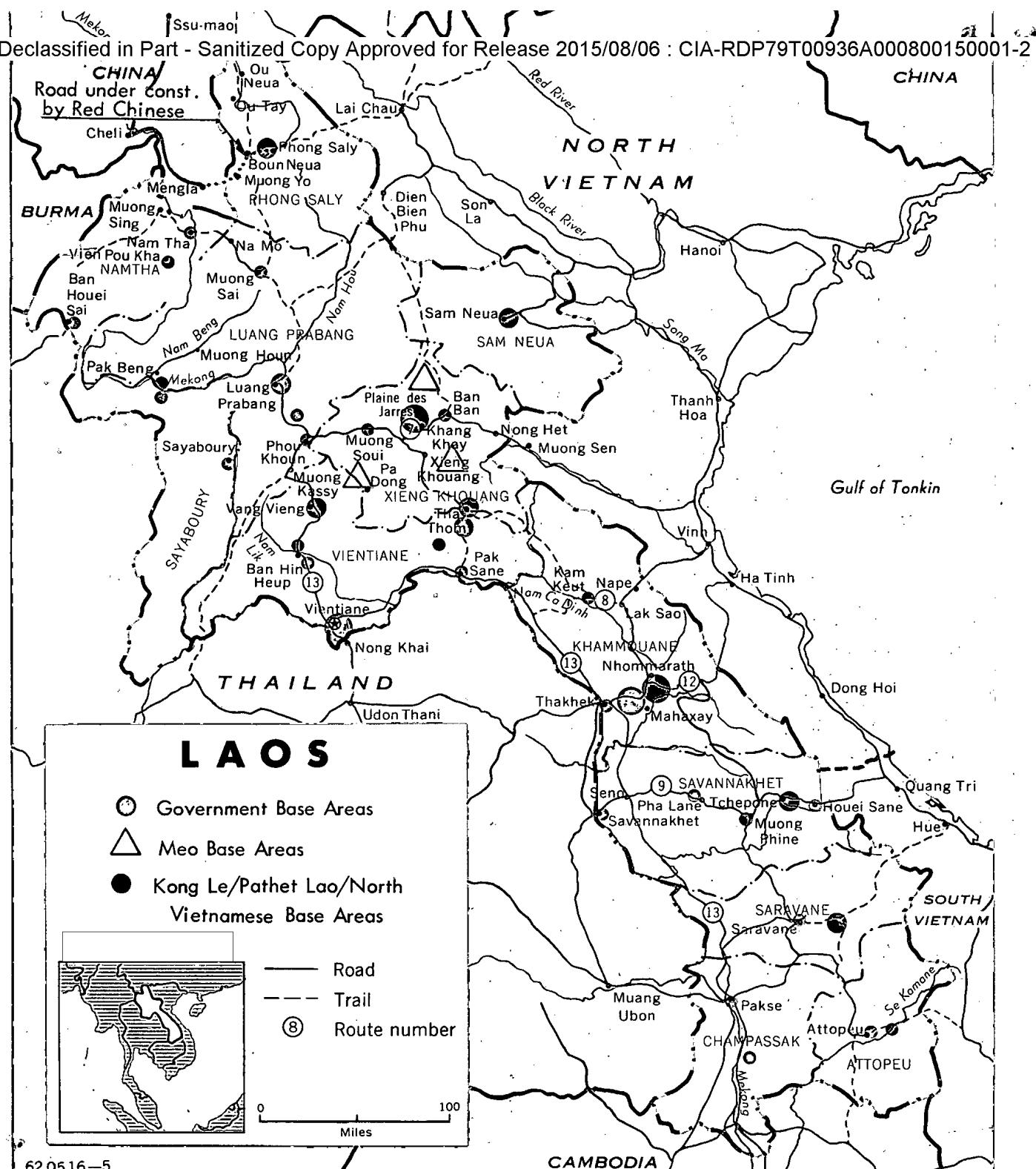
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1. Laos

a. To show that they are in no hurry for coalition talks, the King has told Souvanna [redacted] that he would receive him next Monday. If this usual Laotian pace continues, little time will be left for anything useful to be worked out before Souvanna's 15 June deadline. [redacted]

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b. Further details on Sunday's action southwest of Nam Tha show that although the enemy did not approach Ban Houei Sai, the Royal garrison there withdrew across the river and reinforcements airlifted to the scene of action to counterattack withdrew without a fight. Evidently MAAG personnel were the only ones to put up a fight. The two US personnel last seen firing a machine gun are still missing. There is still no indication the enemy plans to take Ban Houei Sai, although it clearly would have no trouble doing so.

c. In the south, there has been no change in the situation for the past two weeks, with activity thus far confined to the usual patrol clashes on the periphery of Saravane, Attopeu and Tha Khek. In the north, pro-Souvanna troops which had been training on the Chinese side of the border are virtual prisoners of the Chinese, who meanwhile are stepping up their logistical support for Communist troops in Phong Saly. [redacted]

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2. USSR-African civil air negotiations

The Soviet-Sudanese civil air agreement is hung up over Khartoum's refusal to exclude employment of US crews on flights to the USSR. Meanwhile, [REDACTED] the UAR refused an urgent Soviet request made last month for civil air rights beyond Cairo.

3. Finland-USSR

Finland has been wanting to bring its small defense establishment up to snuff with guided missiles and modern aircraft and will probably use its ruble credit with the USSR to do so despite an expected refusal from London to modify 1947 peace treaty provisions prohibiting Finnish possession of missiles. [REDACTED]

The Finns argue that at least token modernization will make it possible for them to decline a Soviet offer of "assistance" in the event of an international crisis.

4. Communist China's jet fighter strength

We are revising downward our estimate of Communist China's jet fighter capabilities on the basis of a restudy [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] which lead us now to believe that the Chinese Communists may have fewer than 25 MIG-19s, rather than the 85 previously estimated, and perhaps no MIG-21s. Aircraft which we had thought [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] to be MIG-21s are apparently MIG-19s, and many of those we had thought to be MIG-19s evidently are lower-performance MIG-17s with intercept radars of limited range.

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5. Mexican [REDACTED]

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6. Soviets back away from war propaganda declaration



Zorin attempted to justify Moscow's about-face at today's disarmament talks in Geneva on the grounds that events in recent days have worsened tensions in the world, citing West Germany, Laos, and South Vietnam as examples. We consider his return to an earlier Soviet demand that governments signing the declaration adopt legislation outlawing war propaganda to be in line with Khrushchev's statement to Salinger that the USSR must maintain a hard line during the present period of US testing and forthcoming Soviet counter-testing.

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- A. Another research ship is now en route to our nuclear test area in the Pacific. [REDACTED] 50X1
- B. Castro is no longer permitting visits to the "invasion" prisoners and has suspended deliveries of food and medicines sent by the Families Committee. This is apparently an attempt to get the committee to pay the \$2,600,000 for the first 60 prisoners, released in April. [REDACTED] 50X1  
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- C. [REDACTED] 50X1  
the industrial slump in China. [REDACTED] it was clear that even at showplace enterprises, production was "at a very low ebb." [REDACTED] 50X1  
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- D. The Italians got nowhere last week end when they tried to sell De Gaulle on the Spaak-Fanfani compromise formula for European political integration. [REDACTED] 50X1
- E. Another West African state, this time Dahomey, has trooped to Moscow in pursuit of military equipment. Official word is the French are being stingy, but there is also growing sensitivity to charges that the government is too pro-Western. [REDACTED] 50X1
- F. Contrary to a number of indications we have been receiving that the Portuguese were going to take a tough line on the Azores base negotiations, the Portuguese Army Chief of Staff has told General Norstad that he anticipated no particular difficulties. [REDACTED] 50X1
- G. Late press reports from Manila say that at a luncheon today Macapagal voiced strong support for Phoumi and was sharply critical of US Laotian policy. [REDACTED] 50X1

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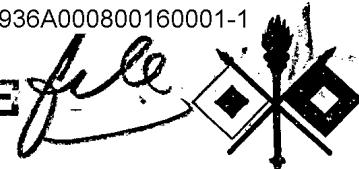
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1. EAST-WEST BERLIN:

A. TENSION ALONG THE WALL, ALREADY HIGH AS A RESULT OF SHOOTINGS AND EXPLOSIONS THAT HAVE ATTENDED ATTEMPTS BY EAST GERMANS TO ESCAPE TO WEST BERLIN DURING THE PAST WEEK, IS LIKELY TO GO EVEN HIGHER. PASSIONS OVER THE REFUGEE PROBLEM ARE BEING WHIPPED UP ON BOTH SIDES BY SHRILL PROPAGANDA EXCHANGES. MAYOR BRANDT HAS AUTHORIZED HIS MEN TO USE THEIR GUNS IF NECESSARY TO ASSIST ESCAPEES, AND THE EAST BERLIN SECURITY FORCES SEEM TO BE MORE TRIGGER-HAPPY THAN USUAL AND HAVE BEEN HEAVILY REINFORCED ALONG THE ENTIRE WALL.

B. MORE CLASHES BETWEEN THE OPPOSING POLICE FORCES SEEM INEVITABLE. THE EAST GERMANS SEEM INTENT ON STEMMING THE FLOW OF ESCAPEES WHICH IS STILL AVERAGING ABOUT 50-60 A WEEK. THEY MAY EVEN BE SEEKING AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO AN ESCAPEE INCIDENT WITH ENOUGH FORCE TO TORPEDO MAYOR BRANDT'S PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED POLICY OF ACTIVE ASSISTANCE TO ESCAPEES. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE SO FAR MADE NO MOVE TO INTERVENE, SUGGESTING THAT FOR THE MOMENT THEY DO NOT FEEL THAT MATTERS ARE ABOUT TO GET OUT-OF-HAND.

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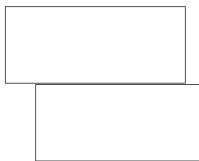
A. PHOUMI AND BOUN OUM ARE DUE BACK IN VIENTIANE TODAY, BUT PROSPECTS FOR THE CONVOCATION OF A THREE PRINCES MEETING HAVE NOT BRIGHTENED PERCEPTIBLY. SOUVANNA HAS NOT YET RESPONDED TO THE KING'S OFFER OF A PRELIMINARY AUDIENCE, AND PATHET LAO - VIET MINH FORCES THIS MORNING RESUMED THEIR ATTACK ON BAN HOUOI SAI.

B. LATEST PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT BAN HOUOI SAI HAS NOW BEEN ENTIRELY EVACUATED. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED WORD THAT ENEMY FORCES HAVE OCCUPIED THE TOWN.

C. ✓ LATE PRESS REPORTS ANNOUNCE THE RESCUE BY HELICOPTER OF THE TWO MISSING US PERSONNEL.

D. WE HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS SHOWING THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS IN NORTHERN LAOS ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP PRO-SOUVANNA FORCES FROM SHOWING THE FLAG IN THE NAM THA AREA. IN ONE INSTANCE, THEY THREATENED TO WIPE OUT A CONTINGENT OF KONG LE TROOPS IF IT "DID NOT MOVE BACK," SAYING THAT THEY (THE VIETNAMESE) HAD LIBERATED NAM THA AND DID NOT NEED ANY HELP.

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3. EEC DEVELOPMENTS:

A. A CUBAN REQUEST FOR ACCREDITATION TO THE EEC IS ON ICE WHILE MEMBERS MULL OVER THE PROS AND CONS OF KEEPING HAVANA AT ARMS LENGTH, OR OF ENCOURAGING IT TO DEVELOP CLOSER TIES WITH THE FREE WORLD. US VIEWS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED.

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B. ANOTHER MINISTERIAL SESSION GOT UNDER WAY IN BRUSSELS YESTERDAY TO CONSIDER BRITAIN'S ACCESSION TO THE ORGANIZATION, WITH SIGNS THAT BOTH SIDES ARE DISPOSED TO GIVE A LITTLE ON COMMONWEALTH PREFERENCE AND TARIFF ISSUES.

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4. USSR-CUBA:

A LARGE SOVIET DELEGATION, HEADED BY A HIGH-RANKING PARTY FUNCTIONARY, ARRIVED IN HAVANA ON MONDAY.

MOSCOW IS UPSET BY CASTRO'S TREATMENT OF OLD-LINE COMMUNISTS AND BY HIS INABILITY TO SET HIS ECONOMIC HOUSE IN ORDER, WE SUSPECT THAT MOSCOW HAS DECIDED IT WAS TIME FOR A SEARCHING REVIEW OF THE SOVIET PROGRAM IN CUBA. THE RECALL YESTERDAY OF THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR MAY BE ANOTHER SIGN OF THE USSR'S DISPLEASURE AND INTENT TO TIGHTEN ITS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REINS.

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5. INDONESIA - WEST NEW GUINEA:

A. A SENIOR INDONESIAN ARMY OFFICER CLAIMS THAT INDONESIAN FORCES HAVE ESTABLISHED A FIRM FOOTHOLD IN WEST NEW GUINEA WHICH HE WAS CONFIDENT WOULD BE STEADILY EXPANDED. HE NOTED, INCIDENTALLY, THAT THE DUTCH TROOPS ENGAGED IN THE CURRENT FIGHTING WERE GREENHORNS AT JUNGLE WARFARE AS COMPARED TO THE SEASONED GUERRILLA FIGHTERS THAT THE INDONESIANS HAVE HAD TO CONTEND WITH IN THE PAST.

B. MEANWHILE, THERE ARE SIGNS THAT THE INDONESIANS MAY SOON BEGIN AERIAL BOMBARDMENT OF DUTCH POSITIONS ON WEST NEW GUINEA. THE INDONESIANS ARE MOVING JET BOMBERS TO ADVANCE BASES IN EAST INDONESIA, AND BOMBS FOR THEIR AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN ORDERED FROM DJAKARTA AS AN "URGENT REQUIREMENT." IF THE INDONESIANS RESORT TO BOMBING, THE DUTCH WILL [REDACTED] RETALIATE.

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6. NOTES:

A. UNDERGROUND COMMUNISTS IN SOUTH AFRICA ARE REPORTEDLY SET TO TOUCH OFF A WAVE OF SABOTAGE [REDACTED]. WE THINK THEIR PLANS EXCEED THEIR CAPABILITIES, BUT THEY PROBABLY CAN CAUSE SOME DAMAGE.

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C. IN THE CONGO, ADOULA AND TSHOMBE ARE REPORTED TO HAVE ACCEPTED  
THE GARDINER PLAN AS THE BASIS FOR ENDING THE KATANGAN SECESSION.

[REDACTED] HOWEVER, WE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THAT BOTH SIDES INTEND TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT IN 50X1  
GOOD FAITH. [REDACTED] 50X1

D. WE NOW HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE USSR EARLY THIS MONTH  
BEGAN SUPPLYING MIG-21'S TO THE EAST GERMAN AIR FORCE. [REDACTED] 50X1

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E. A SUDANESE MILITARY MISSION NOW IN MOSCOW HAS ASKED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] REGARDING THE USEFULNESS OF VARIOUS TYPES OF SOVIET MILITARY 50X1  
EQUIPMENT [REDACTED] PRESUMABLY IN ANTICIPATION OF SUBMITTING 50X1  
ITS OWN SHOPPING LIST TO THE SOVIETS. WE ARE UNABLE TO ESTIMATE AT  
THIS JUNCTURE WHAT EFFECT, IF ANY, NEGOTIATIONS ON AN ARMS DEAL WOULD  
HAVE ON THE STILL-PENDING AIRLINES AGREEMENTS, BUT IT SEEMS CLEAR  
THAT THE SUDANESE ARE BENT ON ESTABLISHING CLOSER RELATIONS WITH THE  
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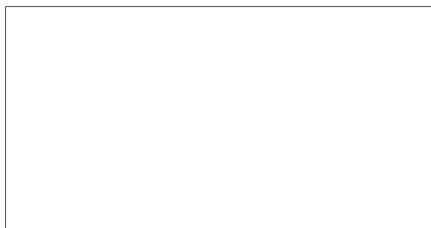
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LATE ITEM

Turkey



President Gursel has accepted Inonu's resignation, brought on by continued dis-<sup>50X1</sup> agreement in his coalition government over a gradual or blanket amnesty for imprisoned Menderes followers. Inonu and his cabinet are to remain until a new government is formed. This will probably be another Inonu government but without Justice Party participation. This party is split and many of its members may now throw their support to Inonu. The military, meanwhile, stand watchfully in the wings. They look askance at any form of amnesty, but have made no move yet.

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1. Laos

No major developments have been reported. The enemy remains outside Ban Houei Sai and apparently chooses to stay out.

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2. West New Guinea

a. Sukarno appears determined to make a major military move before negotiations are reopened

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3. Hardening of Soviet policy line

a. Orders to reverse the Soviet stand on the war propaganda declaration came suddenly from the Soviet party

b. An authoritative "observer" article in yesterday's Izvestiya is the most uncompromising public statement on Berlin to come out of Moscow in recent months. Its discussion of a German peace treaty and the consequences thereof imparts a sense of urgency, but without setting a deadline.

c. The Soviet air safety controller yesterday protested to his US and British counterparts against certain local and round-robin flights which he described as inconsistent with the purpose for which the corridors were created.

d. The sudden proliferation East German police at the Berlin sector border yesterday has just as suddenly subsided; it may have been a practice alert. In any case we do not credit reports that the East Germans have brought in additional police units. Tensions remain high, however, in the aftermath of last week end's uproar.

4. Meeting of Soviet  
Bloc leaders

[redacted]

A top drawer meeting of East European leaders may be going on in Moscow,

We have not been able to confirm it yet, but those who would be involved have not been seen at home, and we note that Ulbricht's plane flew to Moscow last Friday.

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5. Peru

[redacted]

The armed services have taken full control of the electoral machinery in order to prevent Haya de la Torre from being elected president on 10 June; they plan to throw the election to Belaunde. With growing confidence in the outcome, the military have apparently shelved plans to set up a junta, and are contenting themselves now with laying the groundwork for charges of electoral fraud against Haya's party.

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- B. Brazilian Communists are [redacted] laying plans  
for demonstrations during President Kennedy's visit [redacted]  
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- C. The situation on the Hong Kong border is now completely quiet.  
[redacted]
- D. Tshombé, more forthcoming these past few days, appears to have  
raised his political sights; UN chief Gardiner suspects he hopes  
to wrest political supremacy from Adoula by playing his cards  
right in the present meeting. [redacted] 50X1
- E. Our embassy in Brazil now expects an attempt to force the cabinet  
out this week by a no-confidence vote. Such a move would come  
from the right. [redacted]
- F. TASS has alerted its subscribers in the USSR to a 4,500-word  
"official announcement" which it will put on the wire today.  
The subject was not given, but could be the bloc leaders'  
meeting. [redacted] 50X1  
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**DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST**

I.	[REDACTED]	50X1
II.	[REDACTED]	50X1
III.	[REDACTED]	50X1
IV.	[REDACTED]	50X1

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