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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

17 June 1961
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1. Soviet Party Central Committee in session

We believe a special meeting of the committee opened in Moscow today. Its agenda may include:

- a) High-Level personnel changes, especially if the balance of power among Khrushchev's subordinates has been upset by Kozlov's illness;
- b) A report on the Vienna meeting;
- c) Relations with China and Albania;
- d) The Party Congress scheduled for October.

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2. Laotian princes meet in Zurich

After the first meeting this morning Phoumi announced an agreement to seek formation of a "government of national unity." Given the expressed views of the three, we doubt that this will be easily achieved, but we think they will seriously attempt it. In Laos itself, the Communists renewed pressure yesterday on government forces which were driven out of Ban Hat Bo on 13 June.

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3. Balaguer giving in to Trujillo elements

The Dominican president has eased the OAS investigators out of the country and on Wednesday allowed his foreign minister to renege on his promise that they could return at any time. The government has stopped its efforts to establish better contacts with the US Consulate, and the Consulate last night reported a number of indications that the police apparatus has gone back into action.

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4. Philippine Foreign Minister worried over direction of US policy

Serrano has been concerned over what he feels is a softening of US Laotian policy, and believes US recognition of Outer Mongolia would be an indication of a broader policy shift. He warned Ambassador Hickerson on 13 June that anti-Communist Asians would have to revise their policy toward the US if they had to rely on their own resources to stay independent. [REDACTED]

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5. First Soviet jet fighters probably delivered to Cuba

A Soviet ship arrived Thursday with 18 crates on deck of a type usually used for shipment of MIG-15's and 17's.

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6. French found Algerian rebels completely uncompromising at Evian

The French insist they will not resume the talks until the Algerians respond to the French unilateral cease fire.

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While both sides have shown no willingness to compromise so far, neither is willing to break off negotiations completely.

7. Soviet ICBM shot aborts

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A test at Tyura Tam early yesterday morning either failed immediately after launch or was cancelled at the last minute. Previously this year there have been ten successful ICBM shots, six failures, and three with undetermined results.

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8. Moscow Air Show will be impressive

Unlike the routine shows of recent years, we expect the Soviets to demonstrate some new types of aircraft, as well as air-to-air and air-to-surface missiles. One new bomber, apparently supersonic, 50X1 has already been spotted in rehearsal. Our present guess is that the show will take place on 9 July.

9. [redacted]
[redacted] Japan

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10. Indonesia to receive Soviet jet medium bombers. [redacted]

The first two TU-16's (comparable to the B-47) will arrive late this month, under agreements signed since last September 50X1 The Soviets have never given aircraft of this capability to any nation, even in the bloc. The main point is the prestige which will accrue to the Indonesians.

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[redacted] UAR [redacted]
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13. British bid for Common
Market membership may be
delayed

Since New Zealand, Canada and Australia
have expressed some concern, Macmillan
is sending cabinet members to consult
with the Commonwealth countries.

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14. Congo Developments

a) Gizenga is lowering his price for
coming to a parliament meeting in Leo-
poldville.

b) He is having increasing difficulty
with tribes in Kivu and Kasai pro-
vinces. (see map)

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c) Ghana has finally arranged to fly
an aircraft to Stanleyville next week
with medical supplies and personnel
for its embassy there.

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d) We are so far unable to make any
useful comment on Mobutu's activities
reported in this morning's press.

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- A. Ambassador Stevenson will be in Lima through tomorrow. Student agitators are trying hard to work up demonstrations. His next stop in Quito.

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- C. Bilateral disarmament talks with the USSR begin Monday.

- 50X1 D. [] the Dominican contingency force is scheduled to complete its command post and landing exercise this morning.

- E. The Soviet Long Range Air Force exercise--most extensive ever--is over and practically all aircraft have returned to their bases. []

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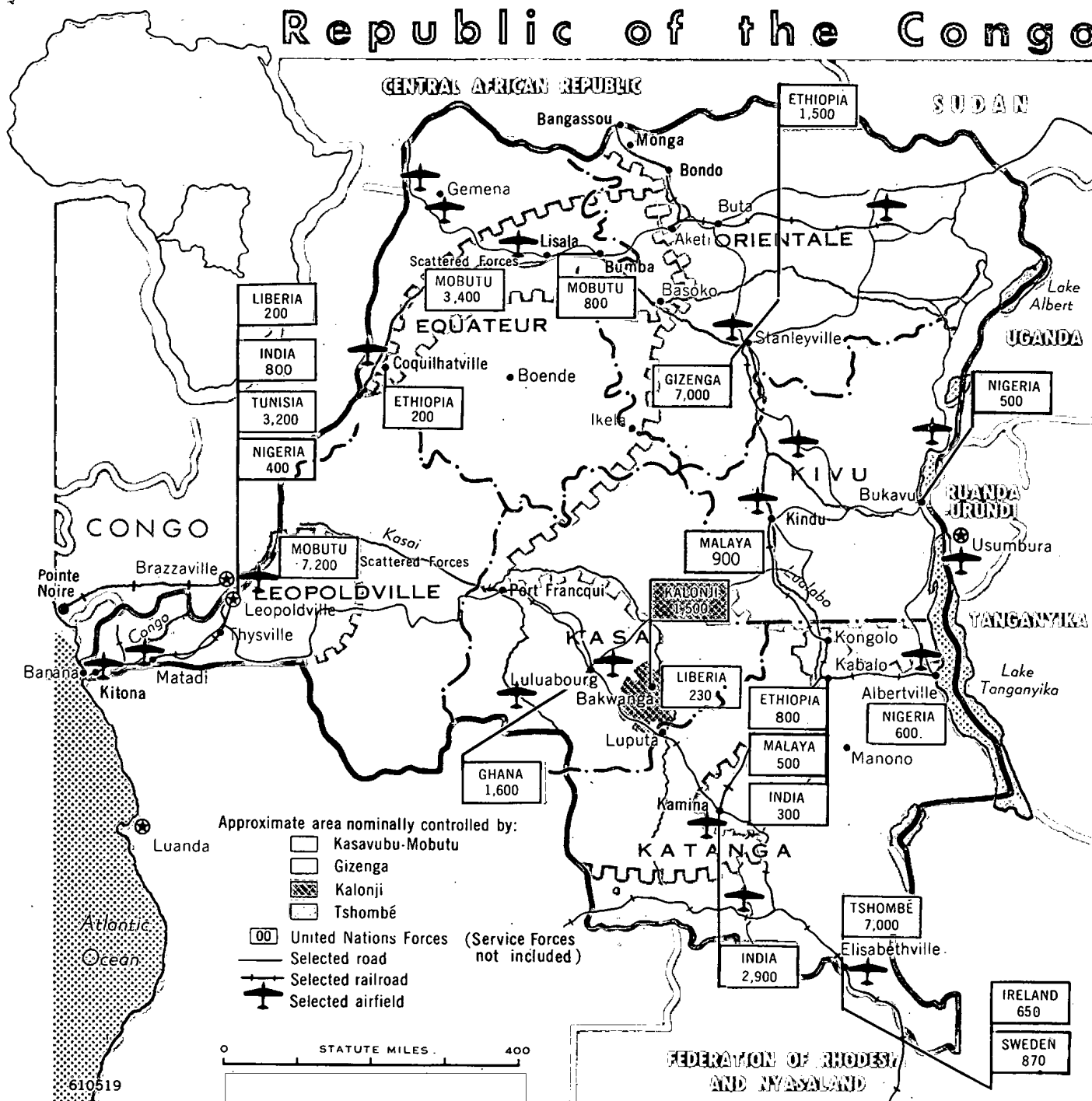
- F. Embassy Tokyo reports that the Japanese press is playing up the story of US nuclear submarines visiting populated ports against orders.

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Republic of the Congo



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19 June 1961

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1. Jet fighters in Cuba confirmed

A partly assembled MIG, probably a 17, has been spotted on San Antonio airfield in an aerial photograph taken 15 June. This information means that the previously reported--but still unconfirmed--shipment, would be the second such delivery.

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2. Laos Developments

c) The ICC is so organized that the Poles run the complaints department.

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d) On 16 June Pathet Lao forces clashed with a South Vietnamese patrol operating just inside Laos where Route 9 crosses the border. (See map at back of book.

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e) Late press reporting indicates that this morning's meeting in Zurich was confused and acrimonious.

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3. UAR halts press attacks
on USSR []

Nasir issued the order on 14 June. []

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[] Pravda has since printed a new statement, but one so mildly worded that it probably will not revive the affair.

4. Dominican opposition's
approach to US Consulate

Two sources have reported to the Consulate that President Balaguer was unable to control the Trujillo family. Stating that immediate US armed intervention was the only solution, they proposed to begin a campaign of sabotage against US holdings in order to "force" intervention. The Consulate told them such action was stupid and tends to discount it as a possibility. []

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5. Bolivian Government
splits on imprisonment
of labor leaders

Ambassador Stevenson reported on 15 June that Vice President Lechin wants the Communist leaders released. President Paz said that if unity is not achieved and immediate US financial aid received, his government will fall "within a week." We think the loss of Lechin's support will not by itself bring Paz down. []

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6. Chinese [] to per-
suade Nehru to be more
"flexible" in the border
dispute

The Chinese are attempting to appear reasonable to avoid new charges of aggression if there are more border incidents. The Indians also apparently expect further trouble. We think U Nu will be reluctant to go along. []

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For The President Only—Top Secret

7. Civilians to be appointed to South Korean economic ministries

The new military leaders probably realize their inability to deal with Korea's major economic problems. They will, however, keep direct control of the defense ministry and all others dealing with security, hence the upcoming changes do not mean a return to civilian government. [REDACTED]

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8. Pakistan disappointed with US

Pakistan's belief that the US favors India over Pakistan leads it to encourage press criticism of the US. The meetings recently held by the World Bank to coordinate aid to the two countries are said to have reinforced Ayub's dissatisfaction. [REDACTED]

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9. Neutralism growing stronger in Iran

This reflects public unhappiness over delays in reform, the resurgence of the National Front, and increasing Soviet psychological pressure. As long as Premier Amini has the Shah's support, however, his short-term prospects still seem to us reasonably good. [REDACTED]

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10. French considering setting up local administrations in Algeria

These would be without participation by the Provisional Algerian Government, and would be a form of pressure on the latter to be more forthcoming at Evian. The Algerians are playing a similar game in talking of "internationalizing the conflict." [REDACTED]

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11. Congo

Indian chargé

Rahman, [] has more or less on his own been supporting Gizenga against Kasa-vubu. []

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The arrests made by Mobutu are intended to neutralize the pro-Gizenga parliamentary bloc. []

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12. Plotting in Addis Ababa

[] various Ethiopian government leaders are plotting some sort of political-military action. We are unable to say more than that something is up and that an attempted coup is not unlikely. []

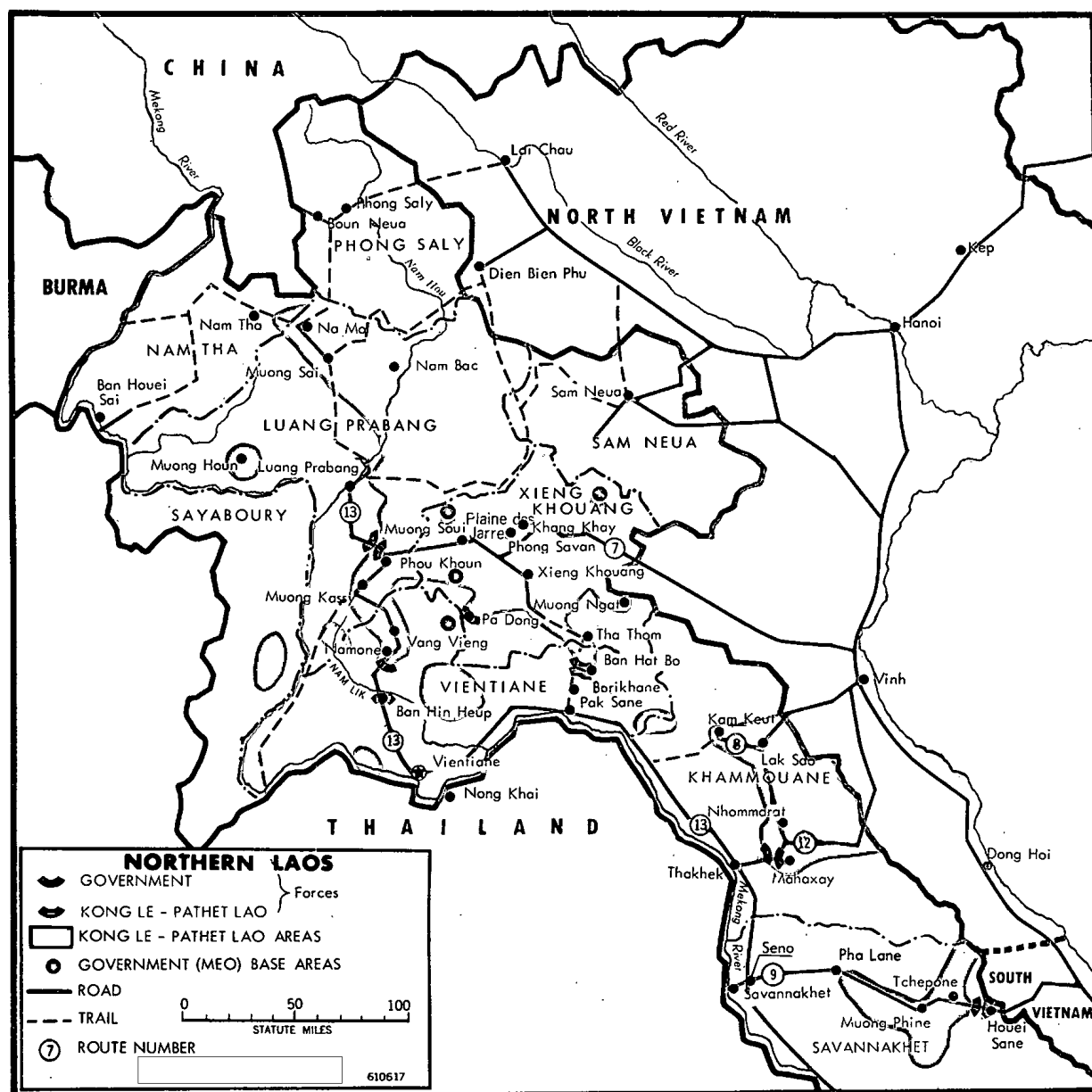
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- A. The Soviet Central Committee meeting, which we thought would begin Saturday, actually was scheduled for this morning. [REDACTED] 50X1
- B. Ambassador Stevenson has delayed his departure from Quito and will fly to Bogotá tomorrow morning. Ecuador has been making some anti-Communist gestures for the occasion. Extreme precautions are being taken against demonstrations in Bogotá.
- C. Embassy Seoul has protested to the South Korean Government over its announcement that Chang To-yong will definitely come to Washington soon.
- D. Ikeda has departed for the US without incident. The planned riots fizzled.
- [REDACTED] 50X1
- F. The railway strike in the Sudan, which may develop into something bigger, began Saturday. 50X1
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 50X1

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20 JUNE 1961
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1. Soviet Central Committee meeting closes

The published announcement only states that the Committee "approved" two draft documents to be presented to the Party Congress in October--a new party program (finally replacing that of 1919) and a new party constitution. The two documents will be published on 30 July and 20 August. We have no evidence that any political changes took place. 50X1

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2. Quadros plans to offer good offices in Cuban-US dispute.

This scheme, which involves joint action by Brazil, Mexico, and Ecuador to bring about Cuban-US bilateral talks, was suggested by Cuba in late May. Ecuador has proposed to add Uruguay and Chile; Brazil would add Argentina as well. 50X1

3. Later Stevenson report on Bolivia

Among his comments:
a) the situation is "desperately bad";
b) the regular army informed him it fully supported President Paz, and would establish a military junta rather than accept Vice-President Lechin. (We think that if the army does move, it will be opposed by armed elements of the police, militia and peasants)

4. Qasim's reaction to President's message

The Iraqi Foreign Minister says Qasim will not reply because "President Kennedy has nothing to do with the Palestine problem and his message is an interference in the affairs of the Middle East." 50X1

5. Khrushchev on Vienna meeting

Khrushchev has given Souvanna Phouma a two hour report on the Vienna discussions. Khrushchev did not give his own comments, however, either on the issues or the President personally. Souvanna's one strong impression was that on Germany Khrushchev "would not be stopped."

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6. Tunisian minister to visit Communist China this month

His purpose may be to negotiate an exchange of diplomatic missions. Bourguiba, who has abstained on the UN moratorium issue, said last fall he would henceforth oppose it.

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- A. There have been no important developments concerning Laos. Today's meeting in Zurich has been postponed because Souvanna "has a fever".
- B. Ambassador Merchant reports an unenthusiastic reception to his request that the Canadians deny a Czech request for landing rights at Gander on the Prague-Havana run.
- C. In the Congo, the Kasavubu and Gizenga groups have agreed to a parliamentary meeting in a "neutralized" zone just outside Leopoldville on 27 or 28 June.
- D. The Tyura Tam test range appears to be actively preparing for a space launching. (The period 20-29 June is optimum for a moon shot). 50X1
- E. A Sino-Soviet agreement on "questions of economic and scientific-technical cooperation" was signed in Moscow yesterday. Presumably this is the result of drawn-out negotiations on Soviet economic aid which have been going on for several months. 50X1
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- F. The reaction in West Berlin to Senator Mansfield's proposal for a free city including East Berlin has been unfavorable.
- G. The Yugoslavs plan to move the non-aligned nations meeting scheduled for 1 September from Bled to Belgrade.

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21 JUNE 1961
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1. USSR may be testing second-generation ICBM [redacted]

Five of the 20 ICBM firings this year appear to have used a new propulsion system.

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2. South Vietnamese army digging in [redacted]

In mid-June, units were fortifying [redacted]

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[redacted] along the central Vietnam-

Laos border. [redacted]

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3. Chinese Nationalist position on Mongolia unchanged

The government decided last Saturday to veto Outer Mongolian admission to the UN, with "full awareness of the consequences" Ambassador Drumright asks that establishment of relations be postponed, (In this connection, the Mongolian Ambassador in Moscow has agreed to our proposals.) [redacted]

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4. Katanga threatens boycott of Congolese parliament session

Katanga demands for the release of Tshombe and for a confederation agreement as preconditions for attendance at the parliamentary session (now scheduled for 25 June) are not acceptable to Leopoldville. Without Katanga's votes, however, the Kasavubu group risks being outvoted by the Gizengists. [redacted]

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5. Dissension within Turkish military command brings new shake-up

The retirement of several senior officers has taken place amidst strong rumors of an impending purge in lower ranks. This action appears to strengthen the position of the group of younger, less conservative officers in the Committee of National Union. [REDACTED]

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6. OAS subcommittee views on Dominican government

[REDACTED]
a) the regime "appears to be leaning toward democracy; however,
b) the subcommittee is not convinced of Ramfis' sincerity;
c) the other members resented efforts by the US member to prolong the subcommittee's stay in the Republic.

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7. French farmers' agitation may play into hands of De Gaulle's rightist opposition

The efficient tactics employed by leaders of the spreading movement have aroused suspicion in Paris that rightist opponents of De Gaulle's Algerian policy are attempting to tie down some of his security forces outside of Paris. Further violence is expected during the next week. [REDACTED]

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8. Albanians ask French and Italians for economic aid

This is undoubtedly a reaction to Tirana's difficulties with Moscow. The Italians are coming across "to keep the West's foot in the door." The French will probably do likewise. [REDACTED]

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- A. There were no major political developments concerning Laos. The Communists have renewed military pressure on the Meo near Pa Dong.

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- C. Bolivian President Paz threatened to resign yesterday unless the striking miners went back to work, but has later "agreed to stay on." This was apparently a tactical maneuver and the situation remains confused.

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- D. The Mexican government opposes giving any publicity to the proposal for "good offices" in the US-Cuban dispute

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- E. the USSR had no intention of walking out, but that the negotiations were bound to fail.

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- F. Khrushchev will attend a mass meeting in Moscow today commemorating the 20th anniversary of the German attack, and could make another speech.

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- G. Late press reporting says Tshombe is "at liberty" in Leopoldville.

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22 JUNE 1961
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1. Khrushchev reiterates German peace treaty threat.

The Soviet premier's speech marking the 20th anniversary of the Nazi invasion was even more categorical on this point than the 15 June television report. Khrushchev also indicated that the Soviet reply to the US note on a nuclear test ban would hold to known positions, and said that "as soon as" the US resumes testing the USSR would follow suit. [REDACTED]

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2. MIGs for Cuba may be 19's

[REDACTED] the crates delivered recently could contain MIG-19's, a fighter rated below the US Century series in performance. Only two other non-bloc countries--the UAR and Iraq--have received these jets.

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3. Bolivian President gives some ground in continuing tug-of-war with leftists

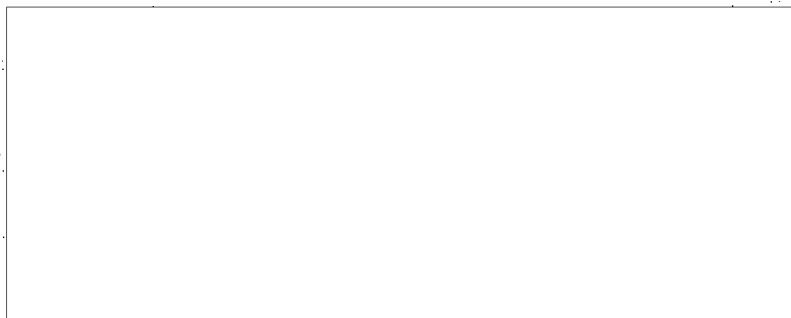
By releasing two of the Communist labor leaders arrested earlier this month, Paz has made a partial concession in his violent dispute with Lechin. This may be part of the price paid for getting most of Bolivia's mines back to work. Top officials of the Bolivian Mining Corporation have, meanwhile, departed for Washington in quest of modernization funds.

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4. Israel-UAR Border flare-ups

Syrians provoked a series of incidents on the Israeli-Syrian border on 19 and 21 June, interrupting several months of relative quiet. Approaching Israeli elections, scheduled for August, may prompt Ben-Gurion to recoup lost prestige by reinstituting his popular "reprisal" policy against Arab incursions. ([redacted] map, last page)50X1

5. Iranian Premier faces mounting opposition



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6. Dominican President presses efforts to secure American approval

Balaguer, while intimating that repaired diplomatic relations will strengthen both him and the forces of liberalization, appears, in fact, to doubt his capacity to influence domestic developments. [redacted]

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- A. Representatives of the Laotian factions meeting at Zurich remain stalemated in attempts to form a coalition government. In Laos, no new major military actions have been reported.

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- B. Leopoldville, still holding Tshombé, has made his release conditional on Katangan cooperation in Congolese political settlement.

- C. The Norwegian Foreign Ministry, concurring with US on need for firm stand on Berlin, has ordered the Director of its Political Department to concentrate full-time on study of the problem.

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- D. El Salvador, noting reports of US feelers for a conference of hemisphere foreign ministers this summer, has expressed belief meeting would provoke disunity on the eve of the September General Assembly.

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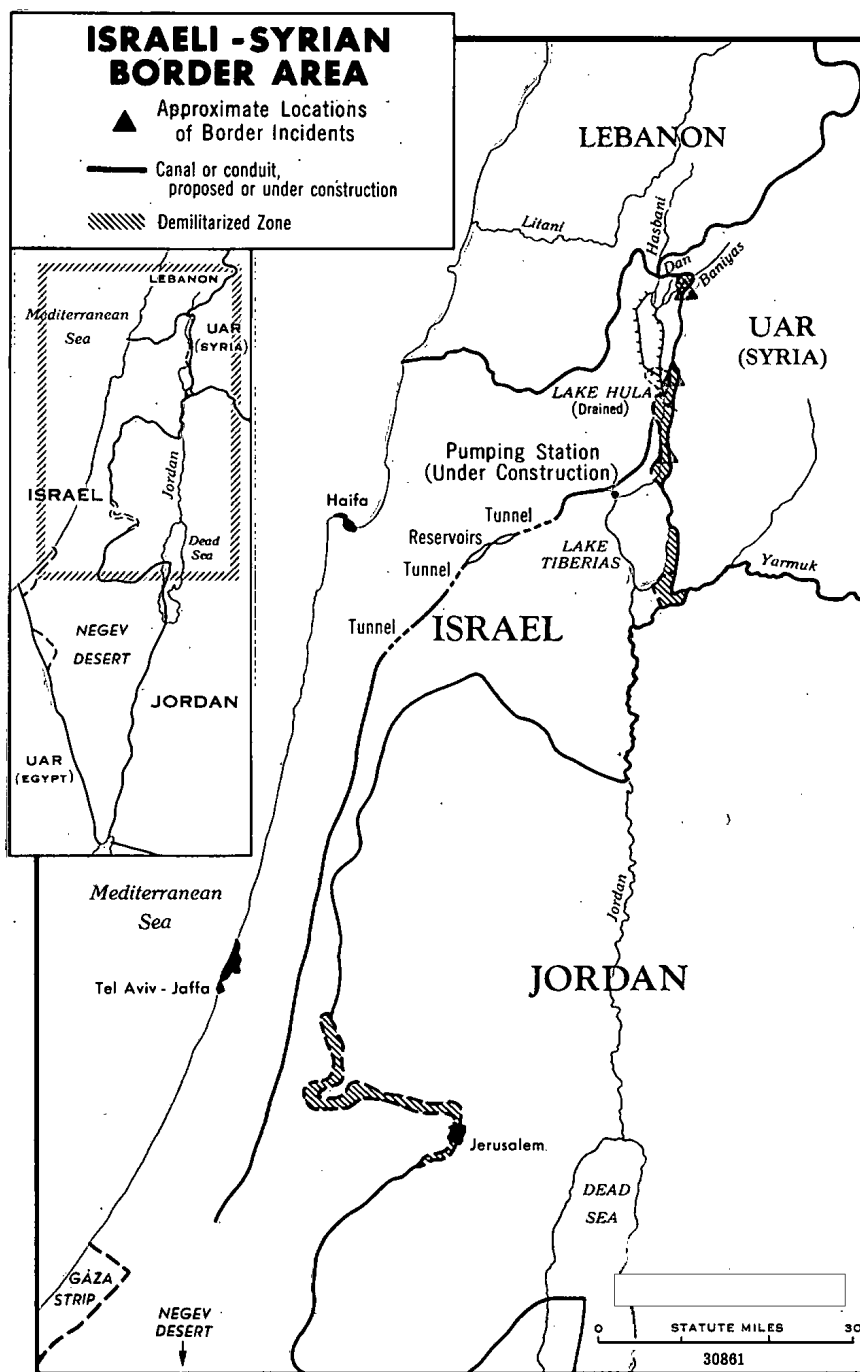
- E. A senior Brazilian economist will soon go to Cuba.

- F. renewed violence between contending Arab and African factions in Zanzibar is inevitable.

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23 JUNE 1961
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NOTE: This issue includes items from that of 22 June

1. Zurich communique signed yesterday contains important concessions by Phoumi and Boun Oum

In it they:

- a) agreed to form a coalition government without reference to the national assembly.
- b) largely accepted the domestic and foreign policies advocated by Souvanna;
- c) disavowed "the protection of any military alliance" i.e., SEATO;
- d) apparently accepted the de facto partition of Laos during the period of provisional government. (This would allow the Pathet Lao to consolidate their holdings while using their political arm to undermine Phoumi in his.

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2. MIGs for Cuba may be 19's

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3. Another Chinese Nationalist protest against US actions

Chiang gave Ambassador Drumright a bad afternoon on Tuesday. Citing the Liao case, Outer Mongolia, and the UN moratorium issue, he stated his suspicion of a calculated change in US China policy, and threatened "serious consequences."

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4. Israel-UAR border flare-ups

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6. Dominican President presses efforts to secure American approval

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7. East Germans offer economic aid to Brazil

They have offered to build a variety of industrial installations, and claim an interest in helping development of the depressed northeast, as do the Poles. A Brazilian mission travelling in Eastern Europe has signed a number of agreements which would greatly increase the level of bloc-Brazil trade. (Quadros' announcement on Wednesday of his hopes to increase trade with Cuba seems to be a political gesture designed to offset his action against striking pro-Castro students in Recife earlier this month).

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8. Further French views on Algeria

The number-two French negotiator at Evian believes the Algerians will drag out the talks indefinitely, believing time on their side. Citing a marked increase in terrorism in Algeria, he believes the situation there will "disintegrate" if the negotiations are prolonged, and France will have no choice but partition.

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9. UNGA President Boland invited to Hungary

This action is probably in response to an informal US suggestion that it would help smooth the way for normalization of Hungary's international position. We have seen no signs, however, that action will be taken to carry out the two other steps which were suggested, evacuation of Soviet troops and an amnesty to the 1956 rebels.

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NOTES

- A. The agreement between the Bolivian government and the miners that the strike will be dropped and the miners' leaders released temporarily eases the crisis in Bolivia. 50X1
- B. Khrushchev flew to Alma Ata yesterday for the 40th anniversary of the Kazakh Republic. This is routine; he probably will make another speech. 50X1
- C. In the Congo, Tshombe has finally been released, and presumably is now to be more cooperative with Kasavubu. The date for the parliament meeting seems to be slipping into July. 50X1

- D. Embassy Prague has been informed by the Czechs that they will retaliate for US actions in the Nacvalac case, in effect on an "eye for an eye" basis. [REDACTED] 50X1
- E. Embassy Lisbon believes that Portugal is shipping MAP-supplied military equipment to its African colonies. [REDACTED] 50X1
- F. The circumstances surrounding the formal conclusion of the Soviet aid agreement with China signed on Tuesday suggests that there has been a substantial reduction in Soviet economic commitments. However, no information on what the agreement contains is yet available. [REDACTED] 50X1
- G. El Salvador, noting reports of US feelers for a conference of hemisphere foreign ministers this summer, has expressed a belief that the meeting would provoke disunity on the eve of the September General Assembly. [REDACTED] 50X1
- H. Nkrumah has called leaders of parties from territories not yet independent to meet in Accra on 28 June. He leaves for Moscow on 5 July. [REDACTED] 50X1

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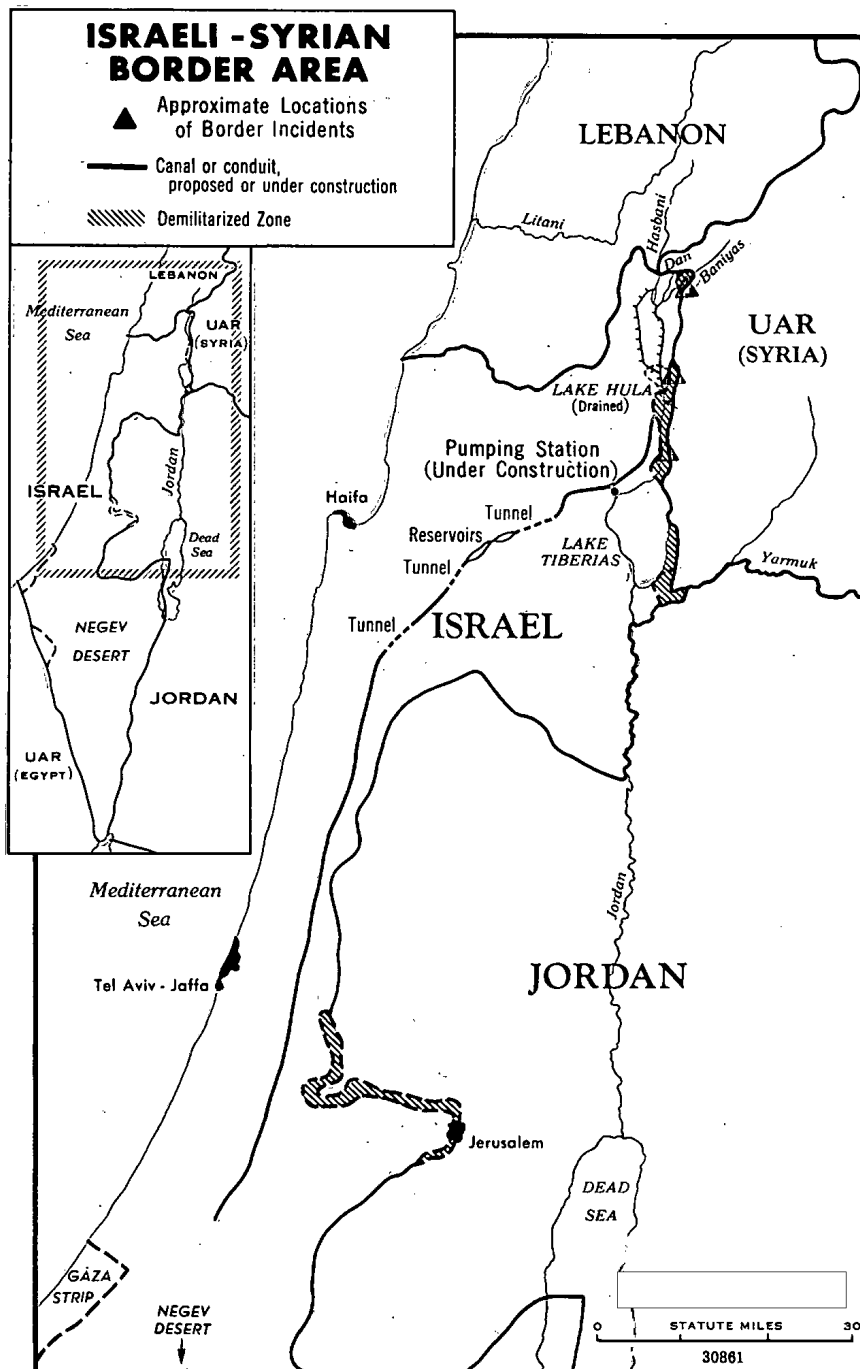
- [REDACTED] the Thai army has been placed on alert.
We do not yet know what prompted this action [REDACTED] 50X1
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- J. At 0730 we received telephone word [REDACTED] 50X1
[REDACTED] that Castro has rejected the tractor offer. No 50X1
details are available.

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WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--21 JUNE

- A. No change from last week.
- B. No change from last week.
- C. LAOS: The Communists continue to delay implementation of an effective cease-fire in Laos while their forces proceed with efforts to eliminate pro-government forces in Communist-dominated areas and to improve their already strong military position. They apparently believe that these tactics will eventually result in the establishment of a "neutral" Laotian government satisfactory to them. The ability of the Royal Laotian Government to maintain its cohesion and determination to resist is increasingly uncertain.



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24 JUNE 1961
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1. Laotian Princes schedule new meeting

After seeing Sihanouk in Geneva yesterday they agreed to meet again today to go over the questions of ICC powers. The Namone talks are still bogged down over the latter issue. Military activity remains restricted to scattered minor skirmishes.

2. South Korean Draconian laws just issued

They include a capital punishment penalty retroactive three and a half years. The measures appear so broadly drawn that virtually all civilian and military officials who served the Rhee and Chang Myon governments could be accused of some act making them liable to the death penalty. Also would tend to discourage junta factionalism.

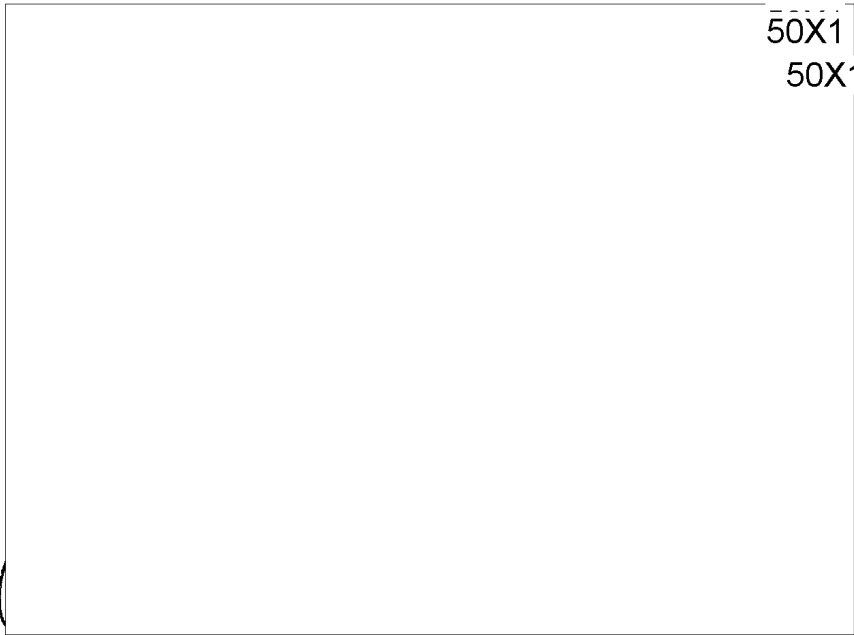
3. Thai military and security forces on alert

The US Embassy and the service attachés in Bangkok consider the alert, called yesterday, to be "purely precautionary in connection with the attendance of the King, Prime Minister Sarit, and most of the cabinet at a ceremony today in northwest Thailand. alleged Communists arrested in Southern and Northeastern Thailand assert that a "revolution" is planned to coincide with the King's trip.

LATE ITEM

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- A. Khrushchev, speaking in Alma Ata early today, reiterated his German peace treaty position, but devoted himself mainly to pledges of a higher living standard. 50X1
- B. Ghana says it "has no objection in principle to the Peace Corps being invited," "Especially Science teachers, Engineers, of all grades and university teachers." 50X1

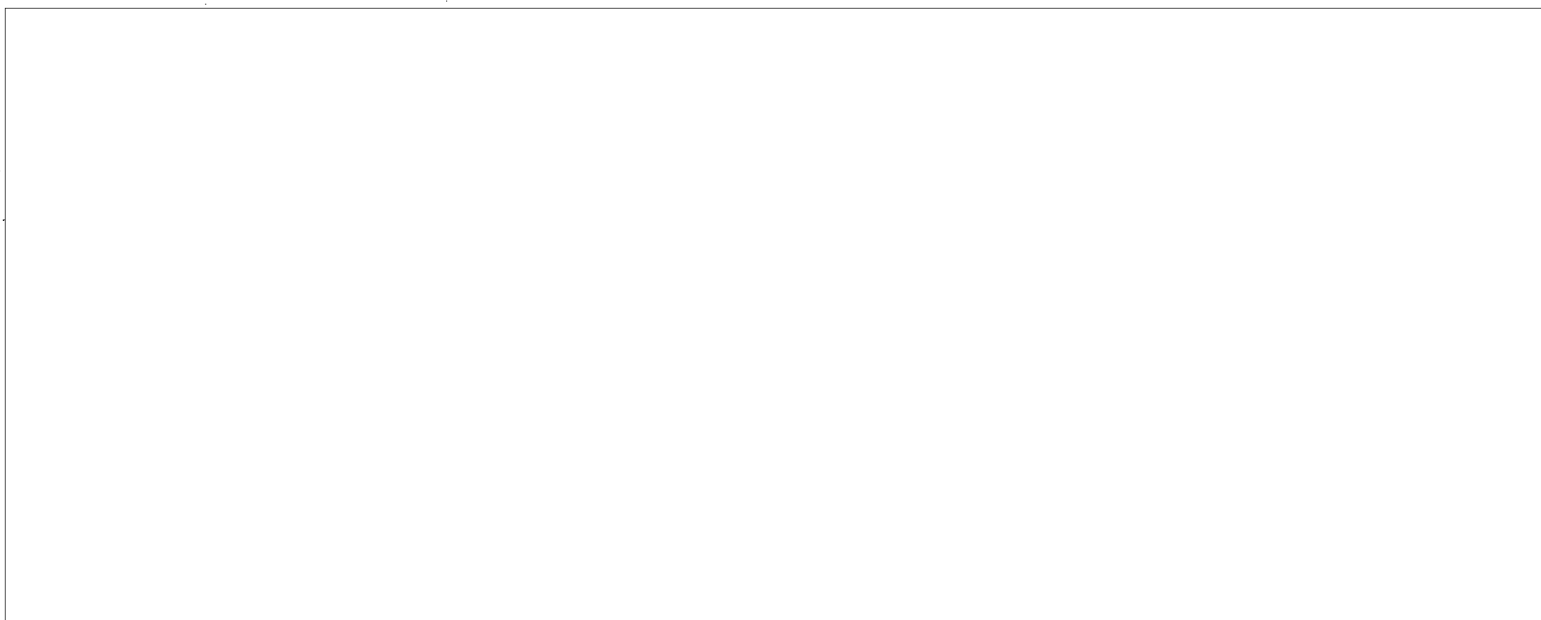
SPECIAL ITEM

[REDACTED] When Khrushchev was in Vienna to meet
President Kennedy, and up until the moment he left Vienna [REDACTED] 50X1

[REDACTED] Khrushchev was evidently engaged in an act of personal diplomacy of such significance to himself that he had no desire to take any but his topmost colleagues in the Soviet hierarchy into his confidence. 50X1

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26 JUNE 1961

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1. Ulbricht concerned over "mood" of East German workers. [redacted]

The "soft" line adopted last fall to reduce popular discontent and cut the refugee flow is not succeeding. Industrial workers are becoming openly critical, especially of the food situation. [redacted] 550X1

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2. Iraqi claims to Kuwait

Qasim's attempt to assert Iraqi sovereignty over Kuwait will not be received with joy by the Kuwaiti, and has little significance unless he moves militarily. To do so will be difficult in the face of strong British guarantees to Kuwait. ([redacted] map on last page)

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3. Laotian developments

a) Souvanna and Souphannouvong say talks on forming a coalition will be resumed in Laos within fifteen days.
b) Phoumi plans to return to Laos Tuesday or Wednesday, apparently to see the King. [redacted] 50X1
c) Kong Le plans to address "soldiers everywhere" by radio today. [redacted] 50X1

4. Khrushchev speaks again
in Alma Ata

Only excerpts of his speech are available, and Soviets handling of it suggests it may be published rather than broadcast. The only notable point in the fragments we have is a highly emotional passage on "catching up with the West." Khrushchev left for Moscow this morning. [REDACTED]

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5. Soviets and Chinese compete for support of Japanese Communist Party

The party has a militant pro-Chinese minority and a more moderate pro-Soviet majority, at which the Chinese have been nibbling. The Soviets have now countered by naming a high-level delegation, headed by Presidium member Mukhitdinov, to attend the Japanese Party Congress late next month. [REDACTED]

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6. Clarification of Turkish political picture

It appears that the military group which calls itself the "Forces of Solidarity" emerged from the power struggle early this month as the dominant force in Ankara and now has the support of almost all the top military leaders. The new grouping represents the more strongly nationalist and less conservative elements in the Turkish armed forces. (Various sources, [REDACTED])

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7. Argentine

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While the armed forces favor constitutional government, they are strongly anti-Peron.

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8. Thai Foreign Minister considers replacing SEATO with neutral belt in Southeast Asia

He would expand Sihanouk's scheme of neutralizing Cambodia, Laos, and possibly Burma by adding Thailand, South Vietnam, Malaya, and even East Pakistan. While his scheme, which requires guarantees by the US, USSR, and Communist China, is not very realistic, it is an example of Thailand's trend toward neutralism.

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- A. [redacted] press reports that the Imam of Yemen has turned over some of his powers to Crown Prince Badr [redacted]. [redacted] 50X1
- B. North Korean leader Kim Il-sung will lead a delegation to Moscow in a few days, possibly to conclude an economic agreement. North Vietnamese Premier Pham Van Dong will be in Moscow at the same time. [redacted] 50X1
- C. There is no new information on the alleged counter-coup in South Korea, on which we reported [redacted] Saturday morning; we are still checking. 50X1
- D. We do not read major significance into the Czech personnel changes widely reported in this weekend's press. [redacted] 50X1
- E. There has been another incident on the Syrian-Israeli border. [redacted]

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27 JUNE 1961
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NOTE: This issue includes items from that of 26 June

1. Qasim faces tough sled-
ding in Kuwait claims.

Besides the strong British guarantees, the Iraqi have run into a stiff Saudi Arabian reaction. Cairo, though laying back so far, is not enthusiastic. First soundings by our embassy in Baghdad do not indicate anything like popular groundswell under Qasim. Kuwait is reportedly under a state of emergency this morning. ()

map, last page)

2. De Gaulle about to force
force pace on Algeria

Ambassador Gavin's latest assessment is that Paris is "prepared to force an early solution" on Algeria "come what may." The French, now convinced that the rebel negotiators at Evian are deliberately foot-dragging, have turned to active consideration of steps toward partition. ()

3. Possible coup attempt in
Vientiane

4. Ulbricht concerned over
"mood" of East German
workers. [redacted]

The "soft" line adopted last fall to reduce popular discontent and cut the refugee flow is not succeeding. Industrial workers are becoming openly critical, especially of the food situation.

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5. Soviets and Chinese compete for support of Japanese Communist Party
[redacted]

The party has a militant pro-Chinese minority and a more moderate pro-Soviet majority, at which the Chinese have been nibbling. The Soviets have now countered by naming a high-level delegation, headed by Presidium member Mukhitdinov, to attend the Japanese Party Congress late next month. [redacted]

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6. Clarification of Turkish political picture
[redacted]

It appears that the military group which calls itself the "Forces of Solidarity" emerged from the power struggle early this month as the dominant force in Ankara and now has the support of almost all the top military leaders. The new grouping represents the more strongly nationalist and less conservative elements in the Turkish armed forces. [redacted]

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7. Argentine

While the armed forces favor constitutional government, they are strongly anti-Peron.

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8. Thai Foreign Minister considers replacing SEATO with neutral belt in Southeast Asia

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- A. Reports of coup plotting in South Korea, [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] persist in the midst of unresolved factionalism in 50X1
ruling group. [redacted]
- B. Tension on Israeli-Syrian border remains high with several new 50X1
incidents last week. [redacted]
- C. Moscow has reportedly offered Gizenga immediate establishment of
Soviet Embassy in Stanleyville in move to strengthen him against
Congolese moderates. (STATE TO USUN 2507, 24 June)

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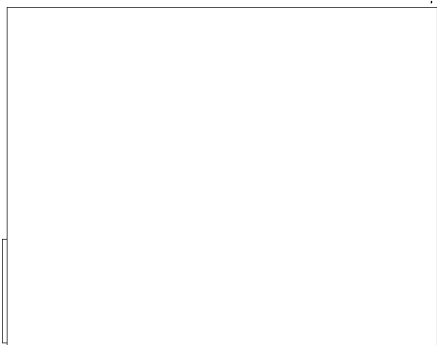
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28 JUNE 1961
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1. Algerian developments

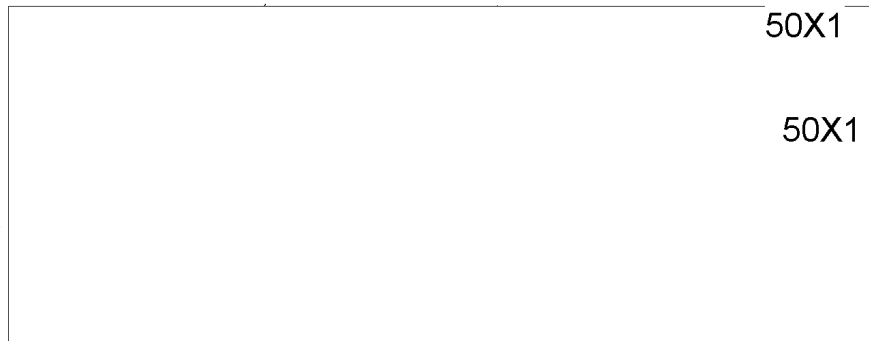


a) De Gaulle yesterday announced he would recall one division from Algeria as the first step in a phased withdrawal. This is obviously intended to persuade the rebels he really means to give Algeria full independence. While repeating his commitment to the Evian negotiations, he indicated he also means business about partition if they are unsuccessful. The token troop withdrawal will further stir up the European extremists. 50X1

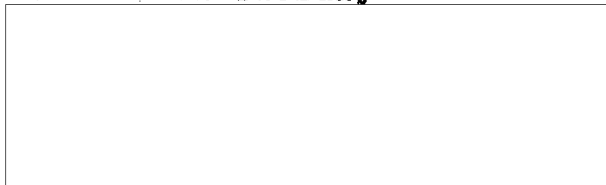
b) There are signs of a drop in French army morale following the unilateral cease-fire. 50X1



2. Shah and General Bakhtiar continue to support Amini



3. Harriman's meeting with Phoumi on Tuesday



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His assessment: Phoumi realizes he must face the political and military facts and capitulate as gracefully as possible, while using the King and the constitution to keep some non-Communists in a coalition government; Phoumi sees as the only possible alternative an assurance of US military backing if he refuses to accept a dictated solution.

(Note: we are concerned that Phoumi may make a deal with Souvanna; also that the commander of the Vientiane garrison, who is strongly anti-Souvanna, may react to such a deal by making a coup himself.)

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4. Tshombé apparently backing out of his agreement to participate in Congolese parliament meeting



Safely back in Elisabethville, Tshombé on Monday denounced the central government. A Katangan boycott of the meeting would increase Gizenga's relative voting strength. [redacted] Gizenga [redacted] 50X1 says he will not personally attend unless sure of a majority. [redacted]

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5. Further comment on Israeli-Syrian Border incidents



American officials on the scene, as well as UN officers, are taking a serious view of the current flare-up. Better Syrian troops are now manning the border and seem more willing to take on the Israelis. A major clash is not unlikely. ([redacted] map 50X1 on last page)

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6. Moscow consolidates
victory over Peiping in
Indian Communist Party

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The right and center leaders of the party, who are committed to a "peaceful, parliamentary" policy, took four of five places on the new politburo chosen last week. (In the outgoing body they had a shaky five-four majority). These changes follow from a rightist victory over the pro-Chinese left at the party's congress in April.

7. Cuban military pilot
training in Czechoslovakia

[redacted] pilots completed training in June, and [redacted] more are expected from Cuba [redacted]

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- A. [redacted] Chaing's government has ordered detailed military planning for an attack on the mainland early next year, with "mobilization" to begin about 1 August. These activities could indicate desperation on the part of the Chinese, as well as an effort to bring pressure on Washington. The Nationalists could hardly hope to conceal such preparations either from the US or from the Communists for very long. [redacted]
- B. The French are expressing to State their strong disapproval of the US-Soviet bilateral-disarmament talks. [redacted]
- C. There have been no further major developments regarding Kuwait. Qasim is mobilizing Iraqi opinion to support his claim, while Kuwait is mobilizing foreign opinion against it. Early bloc reaction is embarrassed.

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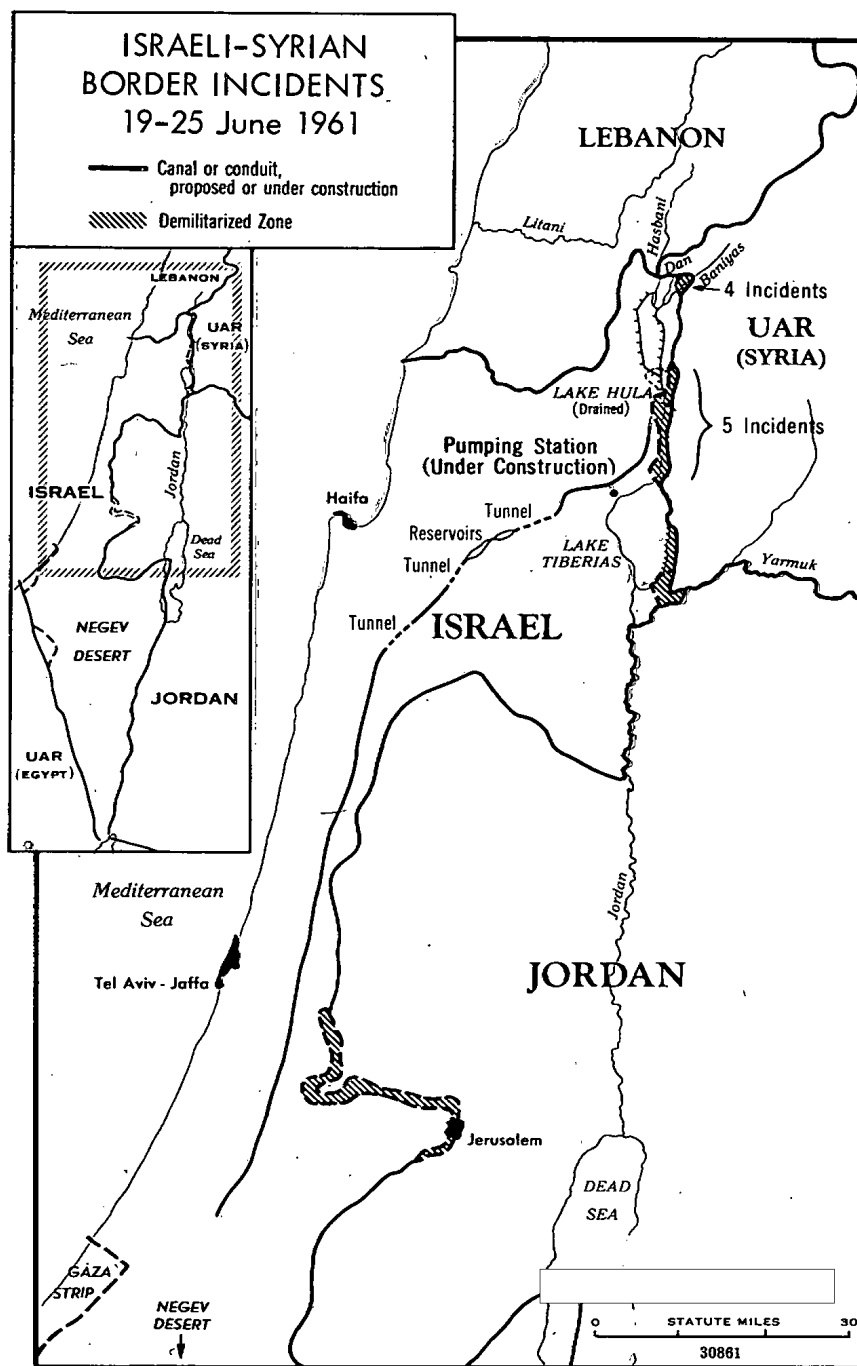
1. [redacted] Khrushchev has stated publicly his intention to sign a separate peace treaty with East Germany by the end of the year and to transfer access controls to the GDR. We do not believe, however, that the USSR has as yet reached an irrevocable decision, since the formal Soviet position is that a separate peace treaty is contingent on a failure to reach agreement with the Western powers. In any event, Khrushchev has indicated that he will not take any action on a peace treaty until the Party Congress in October. There is some evidence moreover, [redacted] that Khrushchev would defer a separate treaty if negotiations were begun before his announced deadline.

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2. In an effort to increase pressure on the West to initiate a new round of negotiations, the bloc can be expected to take advantage of activities in West Berlin, such as the all-German church congress and Chancellor Adenauer's visit, in order to agitate the Berlin question. In this connection, there may be sporadic harassment of civilian access to Berlin and movement within the city.

3. We anticipate a period of sharply increased tensions over Berlin during the coming weeks.



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1. Cuban air force
dependence on
Bloc extended.

A contingent of Cuban air force radio operators are slated for a 6-month training course in Russian equipment. 50X1
Shipment of Soviet-made transport aircraft will probably soon supplement the MIG fighters recently delivered. 50X1

2. Iraq-Kuwait

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a) Most Iraqis are astonished at Qasim's audacity--many probably hoping he can get away with it, many others worried that he has taken on more than he can handle;
b) Several Iraq government officials have expressed their frank opinion that Qasim is crazy;
c) As of 28 June, no evidence of abnormal military activity in Baghdad area;
d) Most likely Qasim objectives for the present are to establish juridical claim to Kuwait and to buttress himself as Arab nationalist;
e) But even if he does not move militarily now, Qasim--half cuckoo and half fox--will be watchful for international crisis likely to tie British hands.

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3. Austria favors UN membership for Communist China



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- A. De Gaulle, speaking in Lorraine, and Debre, in Paris, yesterday repeated intent to partition unless rebels unbend in Evian talks. [redacted] 50X1
- B. Bonn has reportedly decided to offer food supplies to East Germany. (West German press) [redacted] 50X1
- C. Nkrumah, faced with impending financial crisis, will ask for a 280 million dollar Soviet loan during his July visit to Moscow according to high Ghana official. [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] 50X1

WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--28 June

- A. No Sino-Soviet Bloc country intends to initiate hostilities against the United States or its possessions in the immediate future.
- B. No Sino-Soviet Bloc country intends deliberately to initiate direct military action against US forces abroad, US allies, or areas peripheral to the Bloc in the immediate future.
- C. BERLIN: The Watch Committee sees no indications which would lead to a different conclusion from that of the Berlin Committee of USIB on 27 June. 50X1

LAOS: The Communists will maintain their pressures on the Boun Oum government to accede to the establishment of a "neutralist" coalition government favorable to them while they continue small-scale military operations against government forces and the consolidation of their military position. The ability of the Royal Laotian Government to maintain its cohesion and determination to resist is becoming increasingly eroded.

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I. [] Khrushchev's 28 June speech in Moscow - We summarize it as follows: 50X1

It contained the usual mixture of threats and inducements which he still hopes will bring the West to make concessions on Berlin and Germany at the bargaining table. Khrushchev served notice that urgings of Western "hotheads" for mobilization and other military measures will not deter the USSR from signing a separate peace treaty with East Germany and warned that Moscow is "taking the necessary measures" to counter any Western moves to declare a mobilization. Khrushchev, on the other hand, complained that the West is distorting his proposals on Berlin and Germany and stressed his readiness to reopen negotiations. He contended Soviet proposals would protect West Berlin's right to choose its own social and economic system under international guarantees. He also sought to minimize the consequences of a separate treaty by again stating "there will be no blockade of West Berlin of any kind" and no "restrictions" on access, provided that interested powers reach an agreement with East Germany. Khrushchev also hinted that a second meeting with President Kennedy might be "useful," although he did not link this directly to the Berlin question. []

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WATCH COMMITTEE
Findings of 29 June Special Meeting

Premier Qasim of Iraq laid claim to the newly independent Sheikhdom of Kuwait on 25 June. Kuwait has responded by declaring an emergency, alerting its troops and announcing its determination to defend its territory. The UK Ambassador in Baghdad has warned Iraq of British determination to honor its commitment to defend Kuwait if requested. Saudi Arabia had declared that any aggression against Kuwait will be considered an aggression against Saudi Arabia and is moving troops to its borders with Iraq. Iran, the UAR and other Arab States have declared their support for Kuwait. Public Soviet reaction has been limited to a factual report of Qasim's 25 June statement, and there is no evidence of any Soviet or other Bloc support or encouragement of Qasim's position.

An Iraqi military buildup of sufficient size for an attack on Kuwait is planned and may be underway around Basra about 40 miles from the Kuwait border. Qasim's forces could be in position to launch sudden military action against Kuwait at any time after 30 June. Qasim may attack Kuwait despite opposition from the rest of the Arab world if he feels he can occupy Kuwait city before effective British support can reach the area. In this case, Saudi Arabia will almost certainly become involved, and the possibility exists that other Arab states and Iran may become embroiled as well. Dissident groups in Iraq may seize this occasion to launch a coup or attempt to assassinate Qasim.

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Soviet military intervention in this situation is highly unlikely.

2. Iraqi forces. [redacted] preparations for a build-up around Basra. [redacted] 50X1

3. Kuwait itself remains quiet, but a major demonstration against Iraq is scheduled for tomorrow. Iran has stated its determination to maintain its food shuttle, by water, into Kuwait. [redacted] 50X1

4. In Baghdad, [redacted] a coup against Qasim is imminent [redacted] 50X1

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1. Tshombé continues intransigent

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The Katangans now apparently are convinced that their "independence" can be maintained. The success of the UN's maneuvers to convene the Congolese parliament is seriously threatened. 50X1

2. Venezuelan police expect further uprisings in next few days.

They believe Monday's short-lived revolt in the provincial city of Barcelona has "larger extension and strength."

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3. Husayn makes first move toward reform of Jordanian government.

On Wednesday he shook up his cabinet to eliminate its most unsavory members. Husayn wants to hold general elections soon, but has been deterred by fear that Nasir would interfere clandestinely, as he did with some effectiveness in the 1956 elections.

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A. There have been no major developments concerning Laos.

C. The US Embassy in Rio de Janeiro notes moves by the Quadros government to establish control of the press. [REDACTED]

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D. Salazar is to make a major pronouncement in Lisbon today.

E. The landing of an Afghan jet bomber in Pakistan now appears to have resulted from bad navigation rather than defection. [REDACTED]

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F. First press reports on Salazar's speech (as of 0740) indicate that he bluntly rejected the UN appeal to stop the fighting in Angola, and criticized the US for not supporting him.

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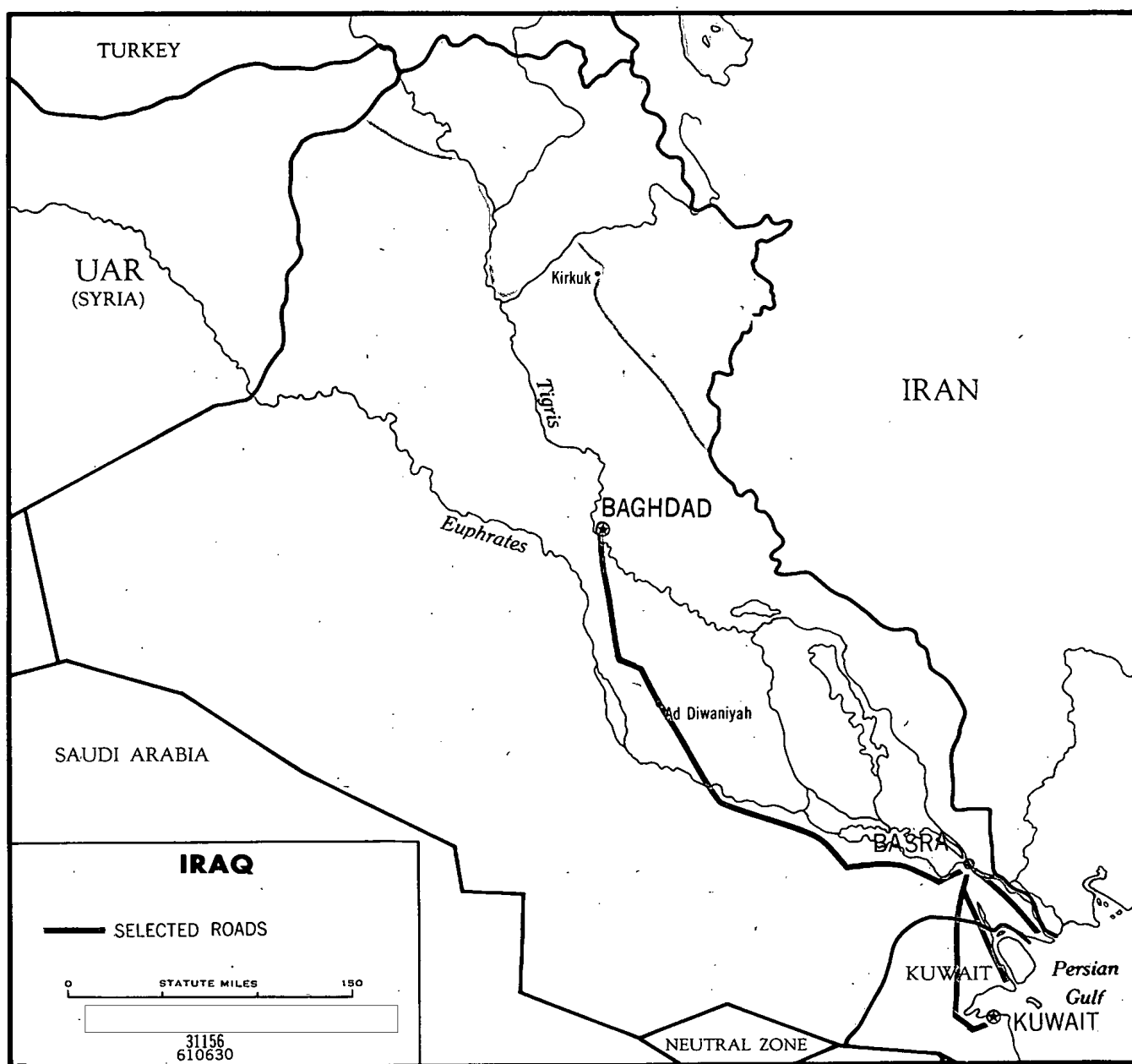
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