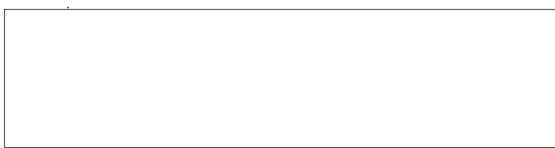


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1. Punta del Este
aftermath

a. Post-conference reactions registered so far find expressions of general contentment coming from opposite poles. Peru, Colombia, Guatemala, and Costa Rica have indicated satisfaction with the outcome

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b. Embassy Buenos Aires thinks that Frondizi, having taken a "juridical" position at Punta del Este, may now move to placate his critics by bowing to the demands made on him yesterday by the Argentine military: a break in relations with Cuba and the firing of Foreign Minister Carcano.

c. The Ecuadorian foreign minister has been expelled by his Social Christian party as a "traitor to the principles of Western Christian democracy."

d. The Venezuelan government which, still sees the danger of a subversive move, is working vigorously to head it off.

2. Moscow and Peiping
may be edging toward
diplomatic rupture

Signs are accumulating that their relations are spiraling downward in that direction. Despite the gravity of such a step, we think it is a real possibility. We note these further pieces of evidence:

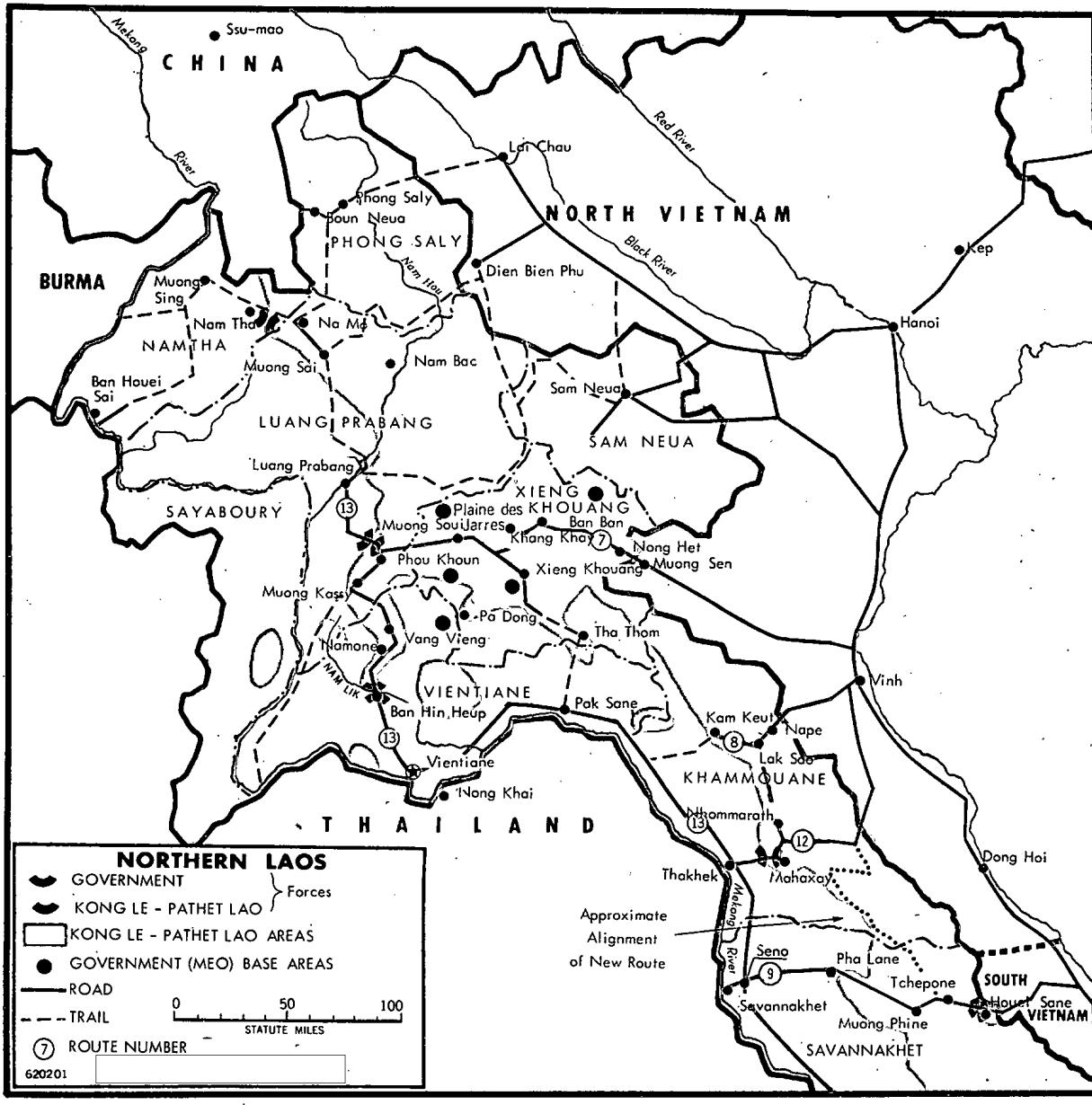
b. The point has come up in discussions among the students at Peiping University.

c.

Peiping, prepared for the worst, has made new communications arrangements for its embassy in Switzerland to enable it to keep in touch with home in the event that Moscow cuts its present routes through Eastern Europe.

d. The Chinese are absenting themselves from a number of Bloc-sponsored gatherings, including the forthcoming Leipzig fair which they will miss for the first time in 11 years.

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3. Laos

a. The rebels have not moved in on Nam Tha but are keeping the pressure on. They began putting down a mortar barrage on the town's airstrip this morning and are reinforcing their forces in the area. [redacted] 50X1

b. Phoumi, trying to develop counterpressures, yesterday ordered his forces in the Plaine des Jarres and in Luang Prabang province to undertake "intense harassing" action against rebel-held points. [redacted] 50X1

4. Nasir promoting Middle East turbulence

He apparently sees no advantage to himself in the status quo anywhere in the area, possibly excepting Lebanon:

a. His incessant propaganda attacks on Saudi Arabia and Jordan during the past several months have begun to give them the jitters. [redacted]

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c. Nasir is also refusing suggestions that he patch up his quarrel with Iraq. [redacted]

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d. The Egyptians have begun to fish in Iran's political waters. They have offered the National Front opponents of the Amini government the use of Radio Cairo, the most powerful in the Middle East, as a propaganda outlet.

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e. In Syria, the stability of the post-Nasir regime is jeopardized by a widening split within the Syrian Army Revolutionary Command between those who want to keep some of Nasir's social reforms intact and those who want things much as they were before.

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- A. Cuba has announced withdrawal from the sugar market because its "available stocks are totally committed," but at the same time admits to the Communist countries that the real reason is that the sugar market is "totally demoralized" because of war rumors and alleged availability of "very cheap second-hand sugar from socialist countries." Cuba urges all socialist countries to set a floor of \$.025 per pound FOB Cuba for raw sugar.
- B. Mongolian representatives at the UN are telling their US counterparts that they are eager to have non-Communist diplomatic and trade ties, coupling this with the hint that they are in a somewhat uncomfortable squeeze between the USSR and Communist China.
- C. The inflammatory anti-American pitch of recent public statements by top Haitian officials has put US citizens on the island on edge. President Duvalier, a voodoo cultist, has apparently gone off on an irrational tangent.
- D. Ghana's trend toward deeper economic entanglement with the Bloc has been marked by the establishment in Accra of a Committee for Economic Cooperation with Eastern Countries. Ghana's aid commitments from the Bloc already run to at least \$182,000,000 and more are probably in the making.
- E. There was a sizeable anti-government demonstration in the Portuguese city of Oporto yesterday. The city was reported quiet this morning.

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WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--31 JANUARY 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.

BERLIN: Communist military activity and recent Soviet actions in the immediate Berlin area do not suggest that the Communists expect to risk military confrontation over Berlin in the immediate future.

LAOS: Current evidence indicates that North Vietnamese forces in Laos have been substantially reinforced in recent months. Enemy forces have taken strong military action to counter government pressures and are in position to threaten government-held centers. However, a deliberate resumption of general hostilities by the enemy does not appear to be indicated. Efforts to achieve a political solution continue.

SOUTH VIETNAM: Although counteractions by government forces have recently shown some success, the Viet Cong continues its high rate of subversive and small-scale military activity and retains its capability to conduct large-scale attacks on preselected targets in some areas of the country at any time.

INDONESIA: The Indonesians are continuing to explore possibilities for a peaceful settlement on favorable terms, while at the same time continuing military preparations for an attack on West New Guinea. Further incidents are possible.

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1. Laos

a. Boun Oum refuses to go to Luang Prabang and tells Souvanna also to stay away until his forces pull-back from Nam Tha. Enemy mortar fire on Nam Tha airfield yesterday denied its use to government aircraft.

b. On Wednesday Souvanna's headquarters forbade his commander at Nam Tha to attack the town "because of the political loss which may result" adding, however, "if the Pathet Lao attack" his forces must also. [redacted] 550X1

c. The ICC is still after Xieng Khouang approval to check alleged cease-fire violations. Their presence should help lower the temperature.

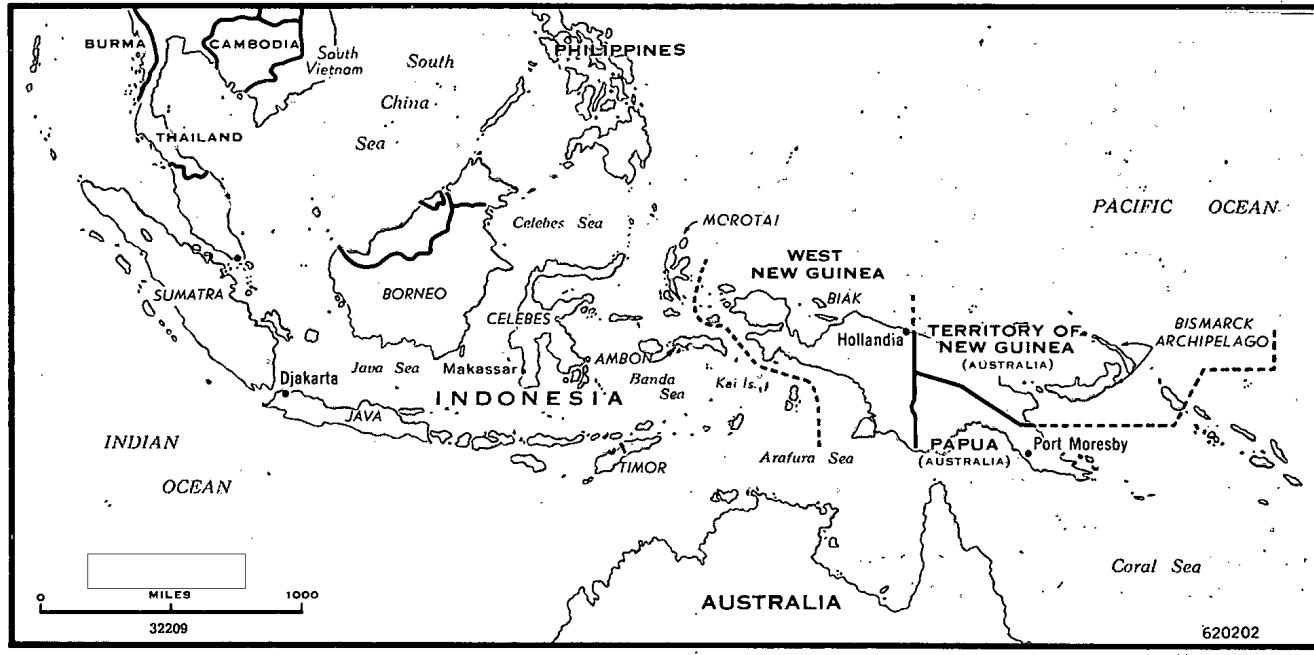
2. South Vietnam

a. Saigon military units were alerted last night against a possible anti-Diem coup by disgruntled army officers.

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c. Diem is actively following up his earlier requests for South Korean and Chinese Nationalist military assistance.

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3. Indonesia reinforces
Morotai

a. IL-28 jet light bombers--the first into this area--and arms and ammunition including aerial bombs are scheduled to move there next week. The island lies 240 miles off the New Guinea coast and well within air strike range of Biak, the main Dutch military installation in New Guinea.

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b. Pre-negotiation talks in New York are temporarily suspended as the Indonesian UN Ambassador goes to Europe for a check on the "secret" negotiations there. His resumption of talks with U Thant will depend on these findings. From what the Dutch tell us of these talks prospects of agreement are not too bright.

c. Djakarta tells us (1) oil exploitation negotiations with American companies are stalled pending West Irian developments; (2) it hopes the Attorney General will have good news on economic aid.

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4. Latin American ferment

a. Frondizi is now facing his most severe crisis with the Argentine military. They expect he will accede to their demands for a Cuban break but are prepared [redacted] 50X1 [redacted] if he doesn't. The interior minister's blocking of Peron's bid to run for electoral office yesterday is at least 50X1 a partial response to military demands.

b. Frondizi has reportedly justified Argentine's OAS stand to his military critics as having been taken with the knowledge and consent of the US Government. [redacted] 50X1 [redacted] 50X1

5. Communist bloc activity

a. We suspect major decisions are finally shaping up in the current spate of meetings. The Warsaw Pact defense ministers discussions concluded yesterday follow Khrushchev's reported session with other leaders in mid-January. A top-level Pact political meeting is in the offing, probably preceding the 5 March Soviet Central Committee plenum.

b. We believe Albania, China and Berlin are high on the agenda and expect the political session may be used to endorse the current "Soviet line emphasizing a "negotiated" Berlin settlement. Ulbricht's "special plane" arrived in Moscow yesterday. [redacted] 50X1

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c. There are also indications that Peiping is cranking up for a major conference this month.

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6. Cross currents in the Near East

a. Qasim, intent on supplanting Nasir as Arab spokesman, is now wooing King Saud. His foreign minister, fresh from Syrian negotiations, bids the Saudis join them against the British, Israelis and Egyptians.

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c. Damascus has followed up its earlier request for Saud's intercession with ARAMCO for an urgent loan by asking him to also make a personal demarche to our government for a \$100 million dollar loan to aid Syria in its present financial crisis.

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[Redacted]

- B. Ambassador Young thinks we are heading into a tangle with the Thais over SEATO. [Redacted]
- C. Embassy Bonn notes increasing West German inclination to accept the Soviet bid for direct talks. Dowling reports that Schroeder would wish to coordinate action closely with us.
- D. The Security Council has deferred further Kashmir consideration until after March 1.
- E. Venezuela is cooling off on her British Guiana claim. Her delegation to the UN finds little support in New York and itself disagrees with Caracas' approach. [Redacted] 50X1
- F. Moscow radio welcomes President Kennedy's remarks concerning improved communications, "Any step by the US to improve relations will certainly be appreciated by the USSR." 50X1

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II. Thais criticize SEATO.

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1. Laos

No significant changes in the political or military situation have been reported.

2. Argentine situation

The communique issued by Frondizi after yesterday's lengthy session with his service chiefs represents a temporary accommodation, but there is no indication yet that the President has met their basic demand: a complete rupture with Castro. Another round looks inevitable.
(Full text of communique attached [redacted])

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3. Congo

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b. The UN, anxious to restore some semblance of order in Northern Katanga and Kivu provinces, is getting ready to move in reinforcements.

c. Restiveness among the unemployed in Leopoldville-estimated at 56% of the male labor force-has the government nervous.

4. European federation currents

The French are the focal point of contrasting pressures:

a. London

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is not prepared to go beyond the half-way house proposals on political union laid out by the French last October.

b. The other 5 members of the EEC, on the other hand, have made plain their dismay over a later attempt by De Gaulle to water-down this formula and are pushing hard for something along more supranational lines.

5. Berlin

Embassy London reports its impression that the British Foreign Office, at least at the working level, is coming to the view that the Soviets have decided to put Berlin on the back burner for the balance of 1962.

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6. Indonesian-Dutch negotiations

a. Djakarta is now banking on getting through to the Dutch in bilateral contacts at various points in Europe, leaving the talks at the UN at a virtual standstill. The shift in Indonesian tactics seems to be based on what we rate an erroneous belief that the Dutch government is internally divided, with a majority ready to concede that talks will deal only with the actual transfer of West New Guinea to Indonesian administration.

b. In the meantime, Subandrio, on a rising note of urgency, tells Jones that time is fast running out on the negotiations front. This is doubtless a means of keeping the diplomatic pressure on, but we also believe that the Indonesians have been painting themselves deeper and deeper into a political and emotional corner, and, even though a full-scale invasion is still beyond their reach, air strikes against West New Guinea are not.

7. Italian political maneuvers

Fanfani, following his resignation as premier yesterday, will now try to overcome a last-ditch stand against his coalition plans by the minority right-wing Christian Democrats, who hope to saddle him with a party program which the left-of-center parties cannot buy. Fanfani also faces some tough bargaining over a cabinet line-up with his intended coalition allies. His political footwork will be further tested, but the odds are in his favor.

8. Portuguese regime's difficulties multiplying

a. The anti-government demonstration in Oporto on Wednesday--an estimated 15,000-20,000 took part--was well-organized. Despite elaborate precautions, government forces had all they could do to keep control. Embassy Lisbon sees this as evidence that the opposition is growing in strength, organization and boldness.

b. New reverses in Angola, where the resumption of insurrectionary efforts is in the offing, and elsewhere in Portuguese Africa, would reinforce domestic dissidence.

NOTES

A. Hill has recommended postponement of today's scheduled visit of the USS Van Voorhis to the Dominican Republic in view of government reports that the leftist 14th of June party has plans to involve the crew members in disturbances.

B. It now appears that the Indian Defense Ministry's contested decision to purchase more Soviet transports.

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C. We expect some high-pitched Cuban oratory about Guantanamo during Sunday's mass rallies but there is nothing to indicate it will go beyond that.

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E. Lagos conference results: it produced more progress in the area of economic and technical cooperation among African states than seemed possible from an inauspicious start; it further widened the breach between the moderate Africans and the stay-away "Casablanca group."

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1. Laos

a. Efforts to arrange a cease-fire at Nam Tha have so far been fruitless. Souvanna and Souphanouvong are demanding that Phoumi's military representatives must come to them in the Plaine des Jarres and put an agreement in writing before a cease-fire can take place, the latter a condition which Phoumi has so far refused to accept.

b. Despite Souvanna's disavowal of intent to take Nam Tha, rebel forces are poised to do just that. A message from his headquarters to field forces on Saturday said, "You are to join up with the Pathet Lao in attacking Nam Tha and surrounding area...we shall bring military pressure to bear to precipitate the princely meeting at Luang Prabang." Orders have also gone out for attacks on Phoumi forces at other points. 50X1

c. Phoumi has, meanwhile, reinforced his garrison at Nam Tha contrary to our advice.

d. Thompson's representations in Moscow have not developed any explicit assurances from the Soviets on the use of their influence in the situation.

2. Indonesia

a. The Indonesian government has expressed regret over this morning's attack on our embassy in Djakarta by a rock-throwing mob of about 100, and has sent a squad of soldiers to the spot to control the crowd which is still milling around the building. The demonstration, protesting against our granting of overflight rights for Dutch troops, was Communist-instigated. Ambassador Jones believes that the Communists hope to get us to cancel the Attorney General's visit.

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3. Argentina

Although it has been officially denied in Buenos Aires, there are good indications that the Argentine military leaders did, in fact, extract a signed promise from Frondizi during their Friday meeting that he would break with Cuba by February 10. How they took his subsequent speech justifying his stand at Punta del Este is not certain; they have scheduled a meeting on that subject for today. In any case, they remain suspicious of Frondizi's good faith and the episode will stay open until he carries through.

4. Left and right squaring off in Ecuador

The possibility of a preemptive move by the leftists in anticipation of Arosemena's overthrow by the military is growing. The military, still determined to force Arosemena to move away from the left or get out, are, however, delaying action because of indecision on whether they should try to arrange a constitutional succession to Arosemena, in the person of Vice President Varea, or set up an interim military junta.

NOTES

- A. Principal Soviet commentator on the Berlin crisis writes in Izvestia that the Thompson-Gromyko talks are futile and that Moscow should now dicker directly with Bonn.
- B. As Ambassador Merchant sees it, Punta del Este has produced this reaction in Canada: support for our policy toward Cuba has dwindled even further; Ottawa is more chary than ever about association with the OAS.
- C. Tshombé has made a new proposal to UN representatives in the Congo on the mercenary question. He now suggests that the UN and Katanga establish two joint civilian-military commissions to see that all mercenaries are ousted, again with a one-month 50X1 time limit.
- D. A fairly important policy conference of some kind is in progress in Hanoi. A number of North Vietnamese Ambassadors--including, it appears, those to Moscow and Peiping--have been called home to take part, and we would expect the Sino-Soviet issue, on which Hanoi has shaded toward Peiping, to figure on the agenda, along with the situation in Southeast Asia. 50X1
- E. Salazar, in a bitterly anti-American mood, intends to put a high price tag on renewal of the Azores base agreement.

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H. MIG jets seem to be the major item in the new Soviet-Finnish military agreement [redacted] The Finns may also get some anti-aircraft missiles [redacted]

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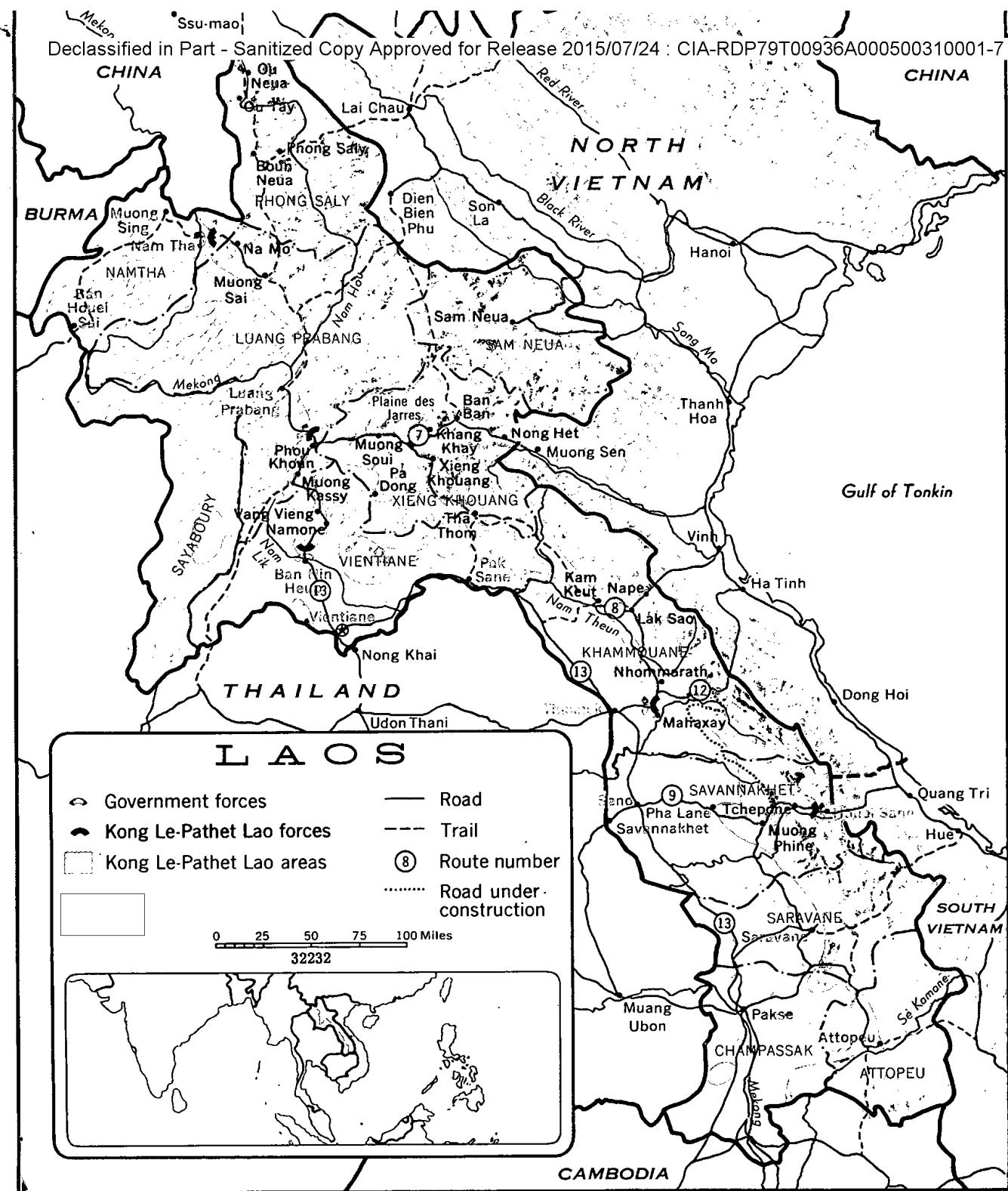
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1. Laos

Yesterday, Moscow again rebuffed our approach on a cease-fire. At Vientiane, however, Soviet Ambassador Abramov appeared receptive to Phoumi's "explanation" that the government's opposition to Souvanna seeing the King had been "misunderstood." Phoumi said he was indeed willing to meet Souvanna in Luang Prabang to discuss arrangements for another meeting of the three Princes. An ICC delegation accompanied by Abramov and the British Ambassador is now in Souvanna's capital sounding him out. Meanwhile, Kong Le forces are maintaining their pressure on government positions at Nam Tha and other points. Sarit, seriously concerned over the Nam Tha threat, has sought US views on Phoumi's urgent request for Thai military assistance.

2. Congo

a. Tshombé, undaunted by his passport and visa "troubles," is still trying to get to the U.S. He has asked to meet Adoula here "immediately" and envisages a stay of at least a month. He now has requested a British visa.

b. Gizenga remains in protective isolation on a Congo river island.

c. Deployment of UN troops to disturbed areas of the interior is proceeding on schedule.

3. French impatient for
Algerian settlement

a. We see this theme running through De Gaulle's speech yesterday. French officials recently have been active in passing the word that time is running out on negotiations.

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b. Algeria's North African neighbors reportedly are also pressing the provisional government for quick action on an accord. The Algerians, hampered by factional differences, appear intent on checking through every echelon of their complex "government" structure before making any final commitment.

4. Sino-Soviet bloc aid to under-developed areas

a. We calculate Bloc countries extended last year almost one billion dollars in economic assistance and well over 500 million dollars in military aid to countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America - the USSR accounting for 85 percent.

b. This makes nearly 7 billion dollars allocated to these areas since 1954, with, however, actual drawings so far amounting to less than 3 billion.

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- B. Indonesian Communists are busy agitating for military action against West New Guinea.

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- C. Contrary to Western radio and press interpretation, we find last week's speech by Mikhail Suslov - leading Soviet party theoretician and alleged hard line critic of Khrushchev - to be an unqualified defense of the Soviet premier's "peaceful coexistence" line.

- D. Possible "neutral bloc" countermeasures to the Common Market [redacted] are under discussion at the Tito-Nasir meetings in Cairo. They believe the market discriminates against less developed countries in favor of industrialized nations.

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- E. The Dominican government has finally resolved to crack down on increasing leftist disturbances.

- F. Thompson reports the Soviet press effort depicting Punta del Este as a US diplomatic defeat appears "defensive." He detects an awareness that Cuba's utility for Soviet designs in Latin America may be lessening.

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- I. Preliminary Finnish election returns indicate a general swing to the right. Kekkonen's Agrarians have displaced the Communists as the largest parliamentary party. Communist and left-wing Socialist representation in the 200-seat parliament has dropped from 101 to 88.
- J. Deployment yesterday of aircraft associated with the Soviet space program may indicate preparation for a space launch and recovery operation this month.

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1. Uprising in Guatemala

Anti-Ydigoras elements yesterday attacked several military posts in eastern Guatemala, near the Atlantic coast! Small military units in the area are calling for reinforcements.

Beyond this our information is confused and incomplete. At 2300 last night [redacted] Guatemala city described the situation as "serious," but the government's public statements so far do not give this impression. The government claims the rebels are Castroites; reporting to date, however, suggests that they come from a conglomeration of political groups, ranging from the moderate left to the extreme right, whose only common denominator is opposition to Ydigoras.

2. Laos

We have nothing new to report

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3. Frondizi apparently caves in to military pressure

The Argentine Foreign Minister told our chargé that Argentina will break relations with Cuba as soon as the UN has completed debate of Cuba's charges against the United States. He said Uruguay would do so simultaneously and that the two countries were trying to persuade Chile to go along as well.

NOTES

- A. Reporting on the French-Algerian negotiations continues highly optimistic; we have as yet seen no rebel response to the quasi-ultimatum in De Gaulle's speech on Monday.
- B. There have been signs recently that Chinese Communist party discipline has suffered severely from economic failures and rapid changes in policy; we suspect the party leadership is now in session to deal with this and such other pressing matters as relations with the USSR.

C.

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- D. The USSR and Guinea are still squabbling over the return of Guinean students in Moscow. [redacted] 50X1
- E. The Portuguese are now in a flap over Timor [redacted]; we doubt, however, that Sukarno will do anything there until the West New Guinea problem is out of the way. 50X1
- F. There have been violent demonstrations in East Pakistan protesting the arrest of former premier Suhrawardy.

G. Fanfani will probably be asked [redacted] to form a new government, and will ask parliamentary approval for his new coalition [redacted]. 50X1

H. President Macapagal of the Philippines has accepted an invitation to visit the United States.

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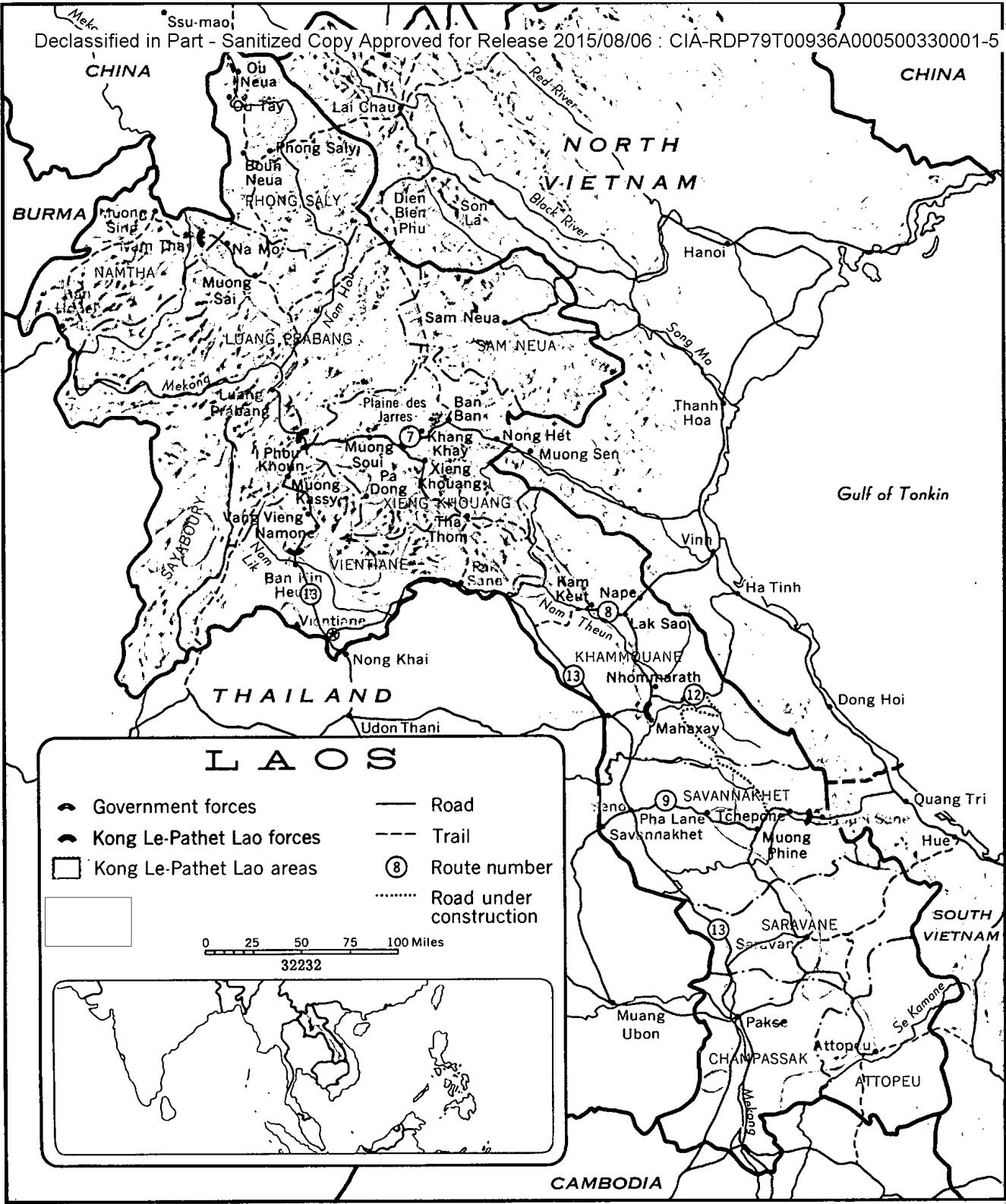
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1. Laos

b. On the political front, Phoumi has offered to meet Souvanna in the Plaine des Jarres if military pressure is relaxed or without conditions in Luang Prabang if Souvanna goes there for a meeting with the King.

c. There are, at the same time, reports from Vientiane, which seem to be more than mere propaganda for our benefit, that some of Phoumi's military subordinates are dead set against a Souvanna government and intend to react, even if Phoumi comes to terms.

2. Berlin

a. Our planes flew into Berlin along the southern corridor, below 7,000 feet, without incident this morning during the period of the Soviet claims on the corridor which ran from 0305 to 0625 Washington time.

3. Congo

a. Tshombé took calmly the word that we do not favor his visit to the US at this juncture, but a less placid reaction may set in.

b. Adoula has apparently cancelled plans to stop off in Ghana en route home because of a warning that an attempt on his life might be made.

c. Cairo, seeking at least a temporary rapprochement with the Adoula government.

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d.

recently-arrived 50X1
Ghanaian troops [redacted] heavily indoctrinated 50X1
along Lumumbist lines. 50X1

4. Guatemalan insurgent attempt collapses

Government forces successfully defended against yesterday's morning attack in the eastern coastal area, and the rebels were last reported on the run. Government leaders are, however, still apprehensive over new subversive outcroppings. The small band of attackers evidently hoped to start a chain-reaction in the area.

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5. Chinese Communist
missile activity

[redacted]
[redacted] we are beginning to get a
look in on Chinese Communist missile 50X1
activity. On the basis of this evidence,
we think they may have launched, or at
least tried to launch, a surface-to-surface
missile toward the end of last year.
[redacted]

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NOTES

- A. Frondizi has scheduled a broadcast to the nation on Saturday, which is the deadline date reportedly set by the Argentine military for action on a break with Cuba. Uruguay is also nearing a decision.
- B. Peru has indicated a sense of deep hurt at not having received a message of congratulations from the President when Colombia did. President Prado contends that he was well ahead of Lleras on the Cuban issue.
- C. There were more student demonstrations against the government in East Pakistan yesterday. Ayub has ordered a number of arrests to prevent the spread of the restiveness, which so far seems not to have infected the rest of the population. Embassy Karachi believes, however, that the opposition is likely to grow rather than diminish if the government cracks down too hard.
- D. Cairo has confirmed that the Tito-Nasir talks dealt with the possibility of a neutralist economic bloc as a counterweight to the EEC and the Soviet bloc's economic alliance. Their next move will be to suggest this as the topic for another non-aligned conference.
- E. Cheddi Jagan's government in British Guiana is running into its first serious trouble, with the threat of a strike building up against a government budget thought to be unfavorable to low-wage earners. Jagan was roughed up by demonstrators yesterday.
- F. Sukarno is said to be ready to set a 60-40 split as take-it-or-leave it terms for oil exploitation rights for foreign companies.

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H. Pravda has published a picture of Khrushchev together with the Brazilian chargé, who saw him at his Black Sea vacation spot yesterday. This is undoubtedly a means of knocking down the recent spate of assassination rumors.

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WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--7 February 1962

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BERLIN: Communist military activity does not suggest that the Communists expect to risk military confrontation over Berlin in the immediate future.

LAOS: While current indications do not point to an all-out offensive, enemy military forces have been directed to launch local attacks in several areas. [redacted] 50X1
these actions are intended as pressure by Souvanna and Souphanouvong on Phoumi toward formation of a coalition government on their terms.

SOUTH VIETNAM: Although counteractions by government forces continue to show some success, the Viet Cong continues its subversive and small-scale military activity and retains its capability to conduct large-scale attacks on preselected targets in some areas of the country at any time. The Viet Cong has expanded its propaganda directed at enlisting broader popular support.

INDONESIA: Scheduled Indonesian deployments to eastern Indonesia will facilitate future small-scale air strikes on West New Guinea or infiltration attempts, while the Indonesians continue efforts for a negotiated settlement on their terms.

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1. Laos

a. The French Ambassador presents our offer of direct negotiation to Souvanna today. British Ambassador Addis is wary of his reaction since Souvanna is still suspicious of us. Ambassador Young anticipates a sharp reaction from Sarit when he learns of our offer.

b. The Communist threat to Nam Tha continues in the absence of a cease-fire.

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c. Phoumi's UN delegate has squelched Vientiane's proposal to seek UN intervention.

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2. Indonesia

a. Sukarno sees "little or no hope for any positive results through diplomatic efforts in seeking settlement of the West Irian problem." Our Ambassador reports the government views the Attorney General's visit as the "final hope."

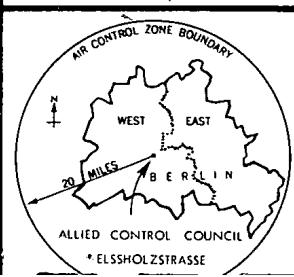
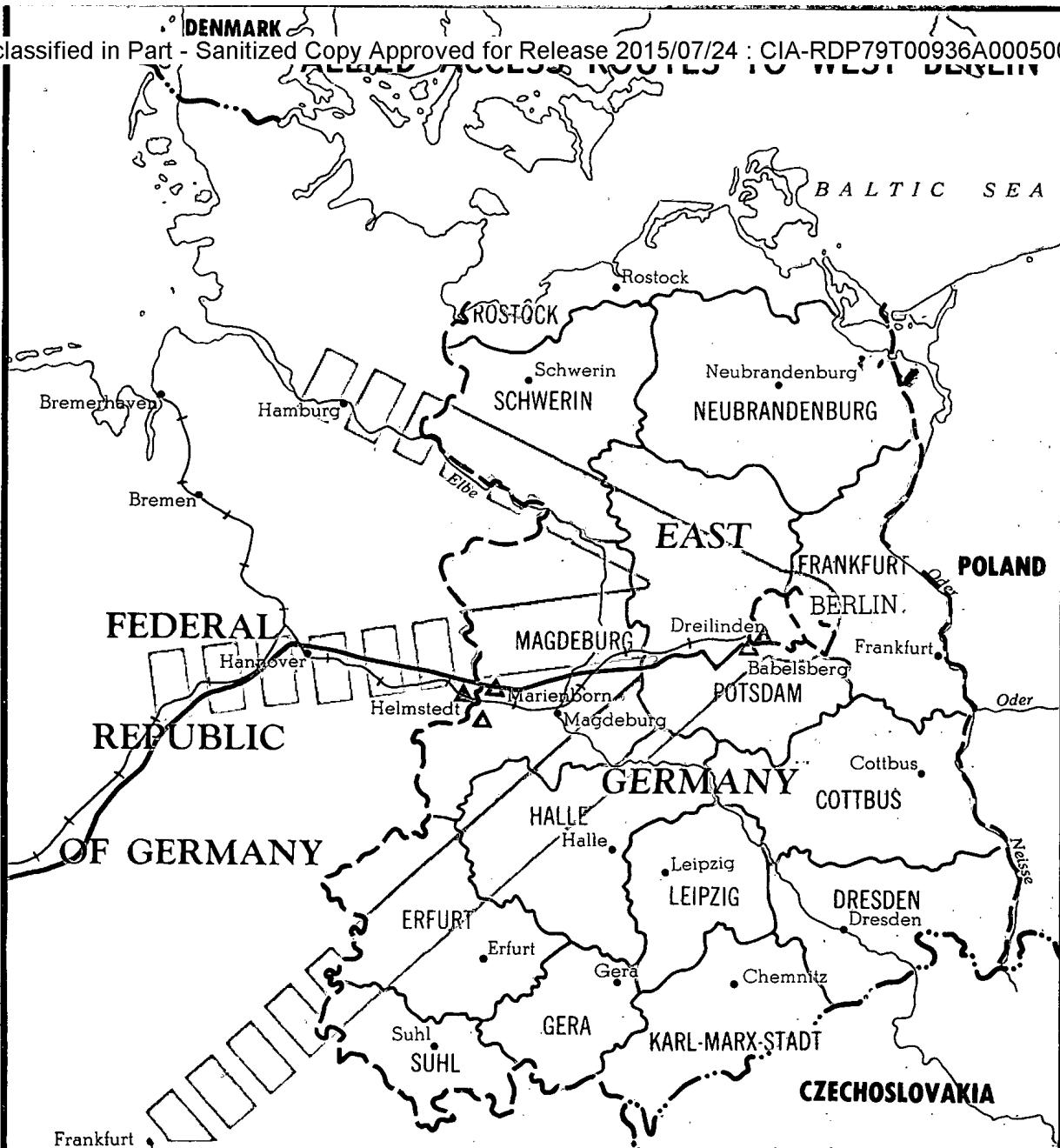
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b. The Dutch, reacting to our ban on troop flights, hint that Foreign Minister Luns should visit here for a general review of Netherlands-US relations and West New Guinea policy coordination.

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c. The Indonesian Communist Party, still trying to discourage the Attorney General's visit, is passing the word we can expect more anti-American demonstrations upon his arrival.

d. Djakarta is shifting to Japan for the purchase of military equipment denied by Britain.

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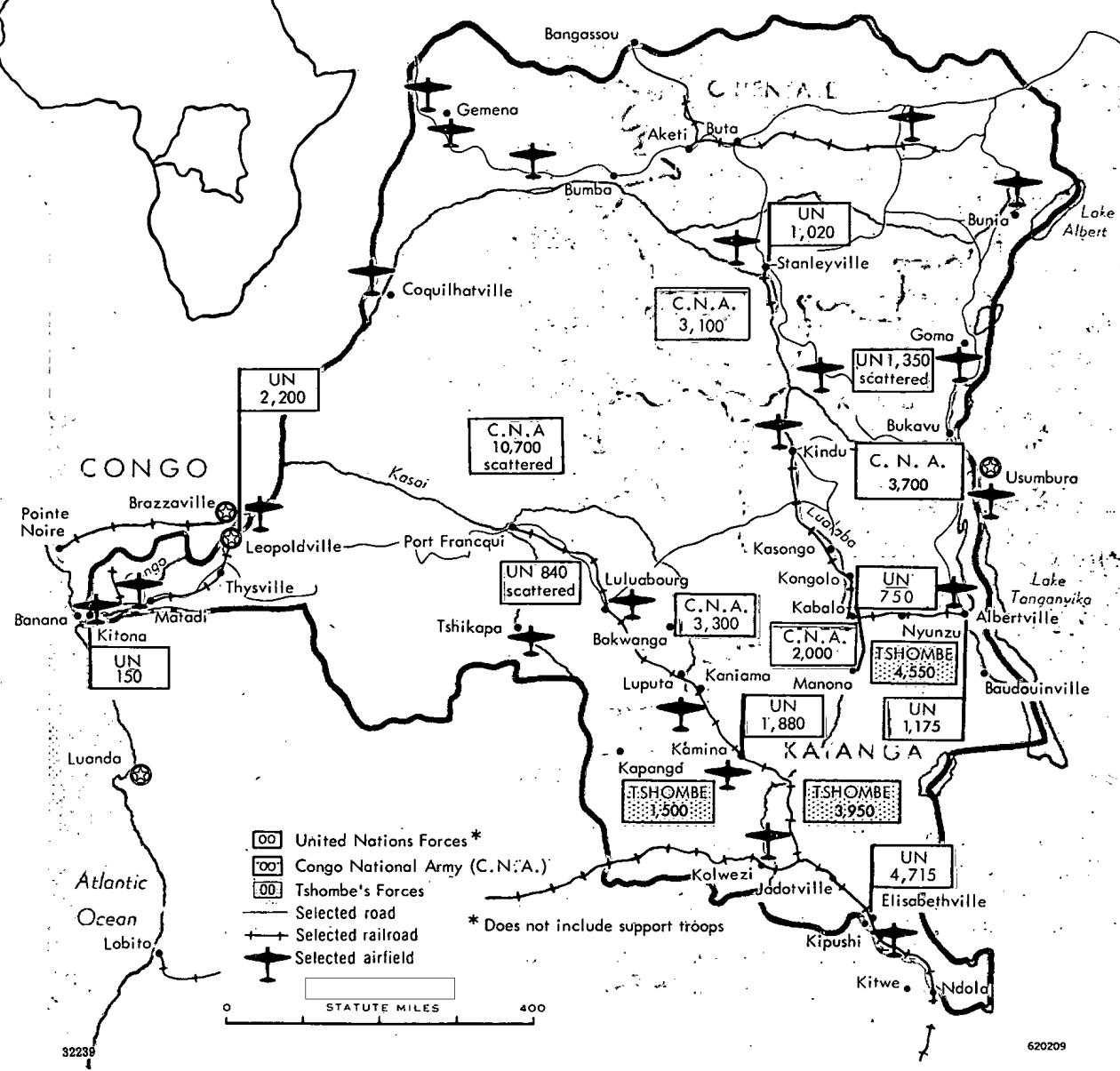
3. Berlin

a. The USSR this morning "engaged" the central and northern Berlin air corridors below 7,500 feet. As of 0800 we have no reports of any incidents. Yesterday in the southern air corridor we noted no abnormal Soviet transport activity or deliberate harassment of Western flights, including our directed air "probes."

b. We believe we are seeing a limited and carefully controlled Soviet test of our reaction to temporary interference with Berlin air access. We believe the move is a politically-motivated reminder of the corridors' vulnerability rather than a prelude to an attempted closure.

c. The Soviet Berlin commandant was refused entry at the Friedrichstrasse crossing into our sector this morning. The British formally offered him access at their Sandkrug Bridge crossing point but he insisted on hitting us.

Republic of the Congo



4. Argentina

Argentina's break with Cuba yesterday does not end Frondizi's problems with his military - described by Chargeé Hoyt as united and in an ugly mood. He is under attack for his Parana speech and they still demand ouster of his radical advisor - Frigerio and his key followers.

5. Congo

Tshombé is being urged to meet Adoula enroute home. He may be otherwise preoccupied, however, since the UN has suddenly stepped up its demands he disband his mercenaries. The UN command says Tshombé has "agreed in principle" to their demand to station troops at his strongholds outside Elizabethville-Jadotville, Kolwezi and Kipushi - while joint inspection teams - to which Tshombé has fully agreed - ferret out mercenaries. We suspect he will have second thoughts on this one. Our Elizabethville Consulate had considered the UN proposal a 'dangerous' emphasis on UN military initiative and feared it could lead to incidents disrupting progress on the Kitona accords. The British are drafting a protest to U Thant on that move.

UN contingency planning to resume, if necessary, attacks against the Katangan strong points appears well along.

NOTES

A. More deliveries are underway in the Soviet aid program to strengthen the Cuban Navy's coastal patrol and defense capabilities. At least two and possibly all of the five Soviet vessels now enroute are towing patrol ships and some are probably also carrying motor torpedo boats.

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B. The next move on Albania's Warsaw Pact status is up to Moscow. Tirana has served notice it still considers itself an active member by formally protesting exclusion from last week's Prague session.

C. Adenauer's position on responding to the 27 December Soviet memorandum is to reject bilateral talks and avoid interfering with Thompson's Moscow discussions.

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D. Franco has decided to try for Spain's participation in the European Economic Council. We suspect his decision is due in part to recent German encouragement.

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1. Laos

a. Phoumi yesterday blocked the French Ambassador's visit to Souvanna; the British Ambassador will probably be able to go today.

b. The Soviet Embassy in Vientiane claims that a Soviet transport enroute from Xieng Khouang to Hanoi was shot up today by an "unidentified jet." We have no further information on this incident.

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2. Guatemalan rebellion still smoldering

We have a number of indications that government troops are still engaged [redacted] as well as unconfirmed reports that the rebels are in fact gaining. [redacted] the rebel group, while not Communist itself, had the encouragement and support of the Guatemalan Communists, who hoped to profit from the confusion caused.

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4. Czech Communist
Party upheaval

One Rudolf Barak, until recently regarded as Party Chief Novotny's heir apparent, has been expelled from the party and will probably be made the scapegoat for Czech Stalinism.

His downfall raises the possibility that the Czech party is about to go through the wringer, as the Polish and Hungarian parties did after the Twentieth Soviet Party Congress.

NOTES

- A. No further developments in the Berlin air corridor situation have been reported.
- B. Opposition to Ayub's arrest of Suhrawardy has now spread to West Pakistan; it begins to look as though Ayub has made a bad mistake.
- C. Soviet-Iranian diplomatic fencing continues. Ambassador Holmes notes that the latest Soviet proposal for an agreement, while unacceptable, is "substantially more forthcoming."
- D. The French trade unions and student groups have called for major strikes and demonstrations Monday in protest over OAS terrorism and government handling of the riots two days ago.
- E. Uruguay has postponed a decision on breaking with Cuba at least until next Thursday. There were some Castroite riots in Buenos Aires yesterday.
- F. [Redacted]

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LATE NOTE

- G. We have now learned that a Soviet transport in Laos did report on Thursday that it had "repulsed fighter aircraft at airfield." [Redacted]

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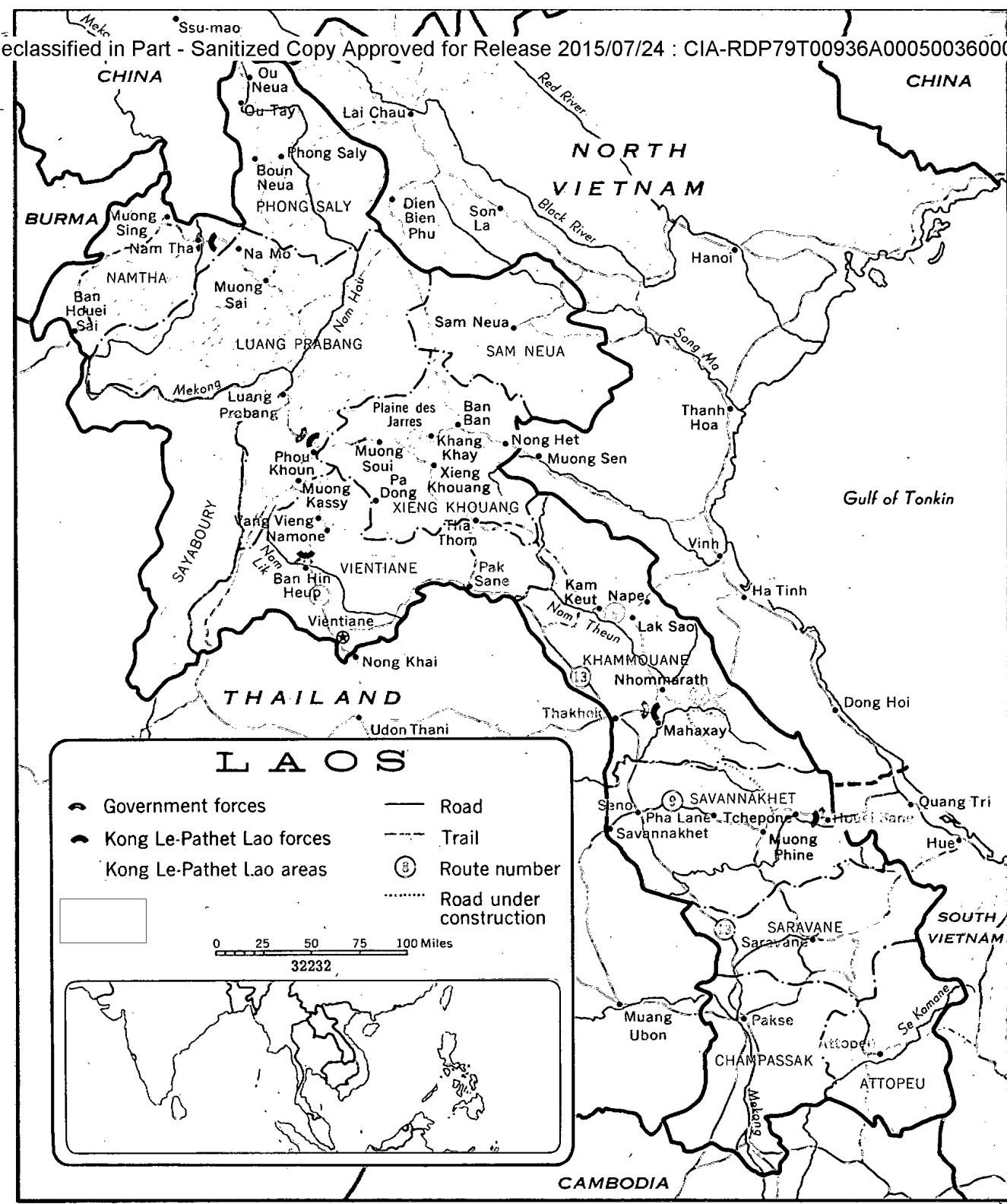
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1. Berlin air corridors

b. A special edition of Izvestia yesterday accused the West of avoiding solutions of major issues and stalling for time on Berlin. This and the air corridor encroachments seem to us intended to remind the West that Khrushchev still expects to achieve some change in the status quo.

2. Laos

a. Both sides are making things more difficult by intemperate statements. Boun Oum now wants withdrawal of the North Vietnamese from Laos before he will talk with Souvanna.

b. Souvanna's request for an audience with the King has not been answered.

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c. Phoumi is preparing, against Brown's advice, to airlift another battalion to Nam Tha, a move which we believe could cause the Communists to resume their attack on the town, where things were relatively quiet over the weekend. Brown believes Phoumi is reconciled to the loss of US support and "will act as he pleases as long as his resources hold out."

3. French-Algerian negotiations

Chances are good that the climactic meetings now in progress will be successful. We are disturbed, however, by the deterioration of De Gaulle's center position in the Metropole over the last few days. The tendency towards polarization of left and right has been reinforced by free trade union and Socialist Party decisions to join the Communists in "silent demonstrations" against the OAS tonight, in defiance of a government ban, and in a general strike tomorrow when the funerals of those killed last week will be held. These hints of a popular front are pushing moderates into the arms of the OAS. (Ambassador Gavin reports a resurgence of rumors that the United States is supporting the OAS.)

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NOTES

A. Struelens, Tshombé's representative in the US, claims that Tshombé will make his trip here as scheduled, using a Belgian passport.

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C. A general strike against Jagan's government is to begin today in British Guiana.

D. There have been no further developments reported from Guatemala. Our best guess now is that the rebels will try to sustain a protracted guerrilla effort in the hope of wearing the government down.

E. The political situation in Syria remains unstable, with sharp differences between and among civilian and military groups.

F. The Venezuelan army has been alerted against violence by "extremist factions" today and tomorrow. [redacted]

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1. Laos

Souvanna and Souphanouvong were unyielding on the question of lifting military pressure on Nam Tha when they saw the British and Soviet ambassadors yesterday. In a subsequent meeting the British ambassador found Souvanna more tractable on this score and "encouraged" at word that the US would go along with him in the event he came up with a good cabinet. The prospects now seem to favor a Souvanna-Phoumi meeting at Luang Prabang but, given Phoumi's and Souphanouvong's attitudes, the outlook for progress there is no brighter than ever.

2. Tense quiet envelops Katanga

[redacted] some quieting signs in Katanga-UN relations but [redacted] concern [redacted] lest a false step upset the still-fragile balance. The main danger lies in the possibility that some of the UN representatives on the spot, in pressing Tshombé for more rapid progress, will give bellicose elements among the UN military and Katangan extremists an excuse to touch off a third round of fighting.

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4. Brazilians not helpful
on Cuban UN resolution

Despite assurances of a hands-off position given our UN delegation, the Brazilian ambassador has indicated to members of the neutralist bloc that his government is in favor of a resolution calling on Cuba and the US to settle their differences by peaceful means. Beyond this, he has said that he will canvass for support along these lines among other Latin Americans. There is a good chance that this move will encourage the Afro-Asians, who have stayed out so far, to come in with a resolution lying somewhere in between the US and Cuban positions.

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5. Guinea-Soviet
relations [redacted]

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b. A delivery of small Soviet
naval craft is now on the way to Guinea.

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6. Geneva Meeting

a. Ambassador Thompson thinks that
unless our response to Khrushchev's
proposal is fairly definite regarding
heads of government participation before
June 1 (he recommends 7 May), Khrushchev
is quite capable of attending
even if Western heads don't.

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NOTES

- A. The general strike went off on schedule in France this morning, but as of 0830 we had received no reports of serious disorders.
- B. The Cuban representative to the OAS is acting as though he thinks his days in Washington and the organization are numbered. Last week he was looking into arrangements for getting himself and his mission's effects back to Havana. 50X1
- C. Nepalese exiles have carried out new raids across the Indian border. They are managing to remain a thorn in King Mahendra's side, but so far their main damage has been to Indian-Nepalese relations.
- D. Unhappiness among the Dominican military, particularly the air force, over the government's go-slow handling of the leftist problem, is contributing to continuing instability.
- E. The official Congolese News Agency has announced that Adoula has accepted an invitation to visit Moscow sometime this summer.

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1. Berlin air corridors

The Soviets again scheduled use of the northern and central corridors up to 7,500 feet for their military transports between 0415 and 0630 EST this morning. The Soviet controller at the Berlin Air Safety Center also warned that our flights in the reserved altitudes would be considered trespassers "with resulting consequences." Scheduled allied flights all arrived safely. However, one British commercial flight was escorted to Berlin by Soviet MIGs and Soviet fighter aircraft made identification passes at two allied transports. Only a few Soviet military transports were noted active in flight patterns within the restricted areas.

After the restricted period had ended, the Soviets lodged a protest at BASC claiming that five allied aircraft had flown in the northern and central corridors during the restricted period without having filed flight plans. He said such violations could lead to undesirable consequences responsibility for which would rest with the Western Powers.

2. Latin American cross-currents

a. Castro's reported "get Betancourt" order to Venezuelan Communists produced few results yesterday. The bomb detonated during the President's Caracas speech caused no injuries and Betancourt came through with flying colors. His speech was in effect an acceptance of Castro's challenge before a Havana mass meeting early this month where he "dared" any of the presidents of the 14 Latin American countries voting for Cuba's OAS exclusion to appear before a similar public assembly in their countries. The government, aware of reported Cuban assassination instructions, had earlier alerted the armed forces against possible extremist action.

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b. Even the Brazilians may be due for second thoughts on Cuba.

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c. Rebel activity in Guatemala continues. They now claim a strength of 500 with "more joining every day." President Ydigoras has sought Honduras' assistance in denying the insurgents use of the border area and has asked that US forces patrol the coasts and air space against foreign assistance to the rebels.

Cuban and Communists interest in exploiting the situation.

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3. Laos

Souvanna Phouma now has the King's permission for an audience in Luang Prabang and suggests it be scheduled for Friday. Phoumi will go to the Royal capital if and when invited by Souvanna. Phoumi shows no evidence of relenting in his opposition to Souvanna and his associates in Vientiane continue to push his "solution" that the King himself organize a coalition government. They appear to be lining up support in the National Assembly for some sort of resolution along this line.

Sarit, charging that Thailand's security is jeopardized by Communist military activity in Laos, yesterday ordered troops deployed along the Laotian border. We suspect Sarit's gesture will encourage Phoumi's intransigence in negotiating with Souvanna.

4. Rebels resume large scale attacks in Angola

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one engagement with a 300-man rebel force and we believe there may have been others of similar magnitude last week. These are the first attacks on this scale we have seen since last summer.

The Salazar regime, its colonial back to the wall, can be expected to take vigorous countermeasures against the rebels and their outside sources of support.

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5. De Gaulle-Adenauer
to meet

The French have informed Ambassador Gavin in strictest confidence that De Gaulle is planning to meet Adenauer on Thursday somewhere in Germany. The French say De Gaulle wants to iron out differences over the latest French draft for political union among the EEC countries. Gavin suspects that De Gaulle also wants to dramatize Franco-German solidarity in the face of the US-UK initiative for high level discussions with the USSR on disarmament. De Gaulle may also wish to buttress Adenauer's position against separate German-Soviet talks.

NOTES

- A. Qasim, already domestically pre-occupied with Arab opposition elements and suppression of the long-fester Kurdisch revolt, is now tangling with the Iraqi Communists. They are openly and sharply criticising him and have engaged in violent anti-government demonstrations.
- B. The disturbances in Nepal have subsided. The government, expressing a desire for improved relations with New Delhi and hoping to end India-based rebel activity, has stated it would welcome "anything the US might be able to do to further this end."
- C. Tshombe has indicated willingness to meet with Adoula's representative at Kamina on February 24th to discuss Katanga's future relations with the central government. 50X1
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1. Berlin: events in
the air corridors
this morning

There was much Soviet activity in the corridors during the "reserved" period. All scheduled Allied flights passed through safely, but a number of incidents occurred. These included at least the following (reporting was not complete as of 0830):

a. A USAF C-124 was signalled to land by a Soviet fighter

[redacted]

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b. A French transport was ordered by the Soviet controller in the Air Safety Center not to leave Berlin or it would be turned back. The aircraft took off on General Norstad's order and arrived in West Germany. We do not yet know if it met any interference.

c. A Pan-American transport was intercepted, but "waved on" by the Soviet pilot.

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2. Berlin air corridors:
political moves

- a. At the special meeting called by the Soviets this morning in the Berlin Air Safety Center, the Soviet representative merely repeated previous Soviet statements on operation of the corridors.
- b. The USSR appears to be arguing that we cannot fly in the corridors without prior Soviet approval of each flight, and is by implication threatening to withdraw from the Berlin Air Safety Center.
- c. We see this deliberate raising of tensions, and the hints that Khrushchev may show up in Geneva next month even if Western leaders do not, as two aspects of a play designed to force an early summit.

3. Soviet-US relations:
other developments

- a. In a meeting called by the Soviets in Geneva yesterday, their delegate urged that a nuclear test agreement be reached prior to the disarmament conference. He gave no indications of a change in the Soviet position.

4. French cool to
disarmament conference

Couve de Murville told Gavin Tuesday that they "very likely" would not attend.

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5. Laos

Souvanna is now definitely scheduled to arrive in Luang Prabang tomorrow afternoon.

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6. Indonesia-West New Guinea

a. Dutch Foreign Minister Luns, who still takes a more rigid line than other Dutch officials, says the Netherlands is considering sending "very sizeable" troop reinforcements to New Guinea. Our Embassy has no evidence to support this.

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c. Sukarno, who has long felt uneasy over army chief Nasution's political power, is trying to maneuver him out of his army job, while retaining him as Minister of National Security. This would not weaken the army's opposition to the Communists, but might lessen its ability to hold Sukarno to a middle path.

d. The Communists have scheduled a Party Congress for March. Like most Asian parties, the Indonesian party has a strong pro-Chinese faction; high-level Soviet and Chinese delegations will probably show up to battle for influence.

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7. Soviets and Chinese greet twelfth anniversary of their treaty of alliance with something less than enthusiasm

In perfunctory ceremonies, the Chinese implied that Khrushchev rather than Mao was responsible for weakening of the alliance. The Soviets remarked that the USSR's great military power would be used to protect only "friendly" Socialist countries. Last year they had repeated Khrushchev's pledge of 1958 that the USSR will consider "an attack on China as an attack on the Soviet Union."

8. Congo

a. Since Adoula's return to Leopoldville, he has seemed to act with more confidence, and has publicly taken a somewhat more rigid line toward Tshombé.

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9. USSR will train and equip new brigade for Ghanaian army

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- A. We do not see any great significance in Castro's relinquishment of the presidency of the National Land Reform Institute.
- B. There was a sharp increase in Soviet personnel in North Vietnam during November and December of last year; [redacted]
- C. The Cubans have approached the Japanese on improving trade relations; they told the Japanese they were seeking to do so with Canada, Mexico, Brazil, and Chile as well. [redacted] 50X1
- D. The Turkish government has begun a new series of arrests of Menderes supporters; this will please the army but will not contribute to political stability.

WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--14 FEBRUARY 1962

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

BERLIN: The recent Soviet efforts to impose limitations on Allied use of the air corridors appear to stem from political rather than military motives. Such harassments can be expected to continue; however, Communist military activity does not suggest that the Communists expect to risk military confrontation over Berlin in the immediate future.

LAOS: Current indications do not point to an all-out Communist offensive. The available evidence indicates that the Communists will continue their limited military pressures on Phoumi toward formation of a coalition government on Communist terms.

SOUTH VIETNAM: The pattern of Viet Cong subversive and small-scale military activity remains unchanged.

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LATE NOTES

There are indications of marginal weather in and around the Berlin air corridors this morning, which may account for their being no reports of Soviet harassment.

A state of seige has reportedly been declared in British Guiana.

1. Berlin corridors

a. Four of the five US planes sent through the northern corridor this morning during the "reserved" period had completed their flights without incident at the time of our last report.

b. Yesterday, Soviet aircraft stepped up their harassment of Western flights, both military and commercial, in the southern corridor which had been declared "reserved," but passes were also made in the central corridor on which no claims had been made.

c. The Soviets made new demands in the Berlin Air Safety Center yesterday, saying that they would not guarantee the safety of aircraft which had not filed notice a day in advance of the time they intended to cross the East German border. The Soviets seem to be maneuvering to put themselves in a position to disrupt commercial traffic by refusing safety guarantees and thereby to undermine West Berlin morale.

2. Katanga parliament
sanctions negotiations
with central govern-
ment

a. Tshombé probably intends to represent the resolution passed yesterday, under which he is "authorized" to hold further negotiations on re-integration with Adoula, as a sign of visible progress. However, the resolution commits him to acceptance of the Kitona accord only if the central government meets a number of conditions (e.g. renunciation of the use of UN forces in "internal" affairs) and thus, in effect, does no more than stake out a bargaining position for any talks that follow.

b. There are rumblings in Elisabethville of a move by Katangan extremists to oust Tshombé. So far these are in the rumor stage.

3. Laos

Souvanna has arrived in Luang Prabang on schedule for his audience with the King. Phoumi was on hand at the airport. We have no reports of a change in the military situation.

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NOTES

- A. Krishna Menon said yesterday that Nehru could not attend the Geneva conference. A summit meeting on disarmament, said Menon, would be "nothing but a circus."
- B. There are indications from Paris that an agreement on Algeria may be announced within a matter of days. The French government wants quick action in order to upset the OAS' timing on counter-action.
- C. The Uruguayan government has ruled against a diplomatic break with Cuba.
- D. While sporadic fighting is continuing in Eastern Guatemala, the nation-wide curfew was cut back yesterday.

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- F. Relations between Frondizi and the Argentine military are still strained, as the latter press for additional changes in his policies and advisers.
- G. The Indonesians are trying to find out whether the US will grant export licenses which will enable [redacted]
a small arms purchase agreement [redacted]

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I. [redacted] the Chinese Communists 50X1
are planning to convene a conference of Afro-Asian Communist 50X1
parties in the near future to thrash out Sino-Soviet issues.

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1. Berlin air corridors

Yesterday's Soviet announcement in the Berlin Air Safety Center postponing "indefinitely" further corridor "reservations" probably reflects a desire to stop short of risking a show-down test of stamina on air access. Their immediate aims in this manipulated crisis were to point up the vulnerability of the air access routes and emphasize the USSR's stated refusal to maintain the status quo for a prolonged period. The Berlin press and population have reacted calmly to the flap and appear to be taking it in stride.

2. Laos

a) Souphanouvong again rejected a truce at Nam Tha

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He insists political agreement comes first and removing the pressure in the northwest would only release Phoumi's forces for action elsewhere.

b) Phoumi last Sunday informed his military commanders "I still affirm to you that the government can no longer accept a Souvanna administration. Therefore, I must have every measure taken to meet all eventualities, enemy attacks, or cessation of American aid."

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3. Latin American developments

a) Violent anti-Jagan rioting broke out yesterday in the British Guiana capital with mobs attacking government headquarters and looting and firing the business district. British troops, hard pressed to hold them, have landed reinforcements. We have no further information as of this morning.

b) The Dominican Council of State, alarmed at Thursday's Communist-inspired anti-American demonstrations and fearing more to come, has been planning the arrest and deportation of key leftists and Communists. [redacted]

c) We expect a rise of several degrees in Brazil's political temperature when Quadros returns next month. His supporters are busily charting a comeback course for him. [redacted] 50X1
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e) The rest of Cuba's OAS delegation here expect to head for home today. Havana has already been requested to stop their pay checks. [redacted] 50X1

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Peiping might consider raising its London mission to Embassy status. Ambassador Bruce believes the British would respond enthusiastically to such an offer.

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D. Our consul in Surabaya reported simultaneous attacks last night by unknown Indonesian groups on our USIS office, consul and vice consul residences and against the Japanese consulate. He notes some damage from stones and paint but no injuries. Police response was immediate. We would judge that the West New Guinea issue was behind these attacks which were totally unrelated to the Attorney General's visit. He was in Bandung yesterday.

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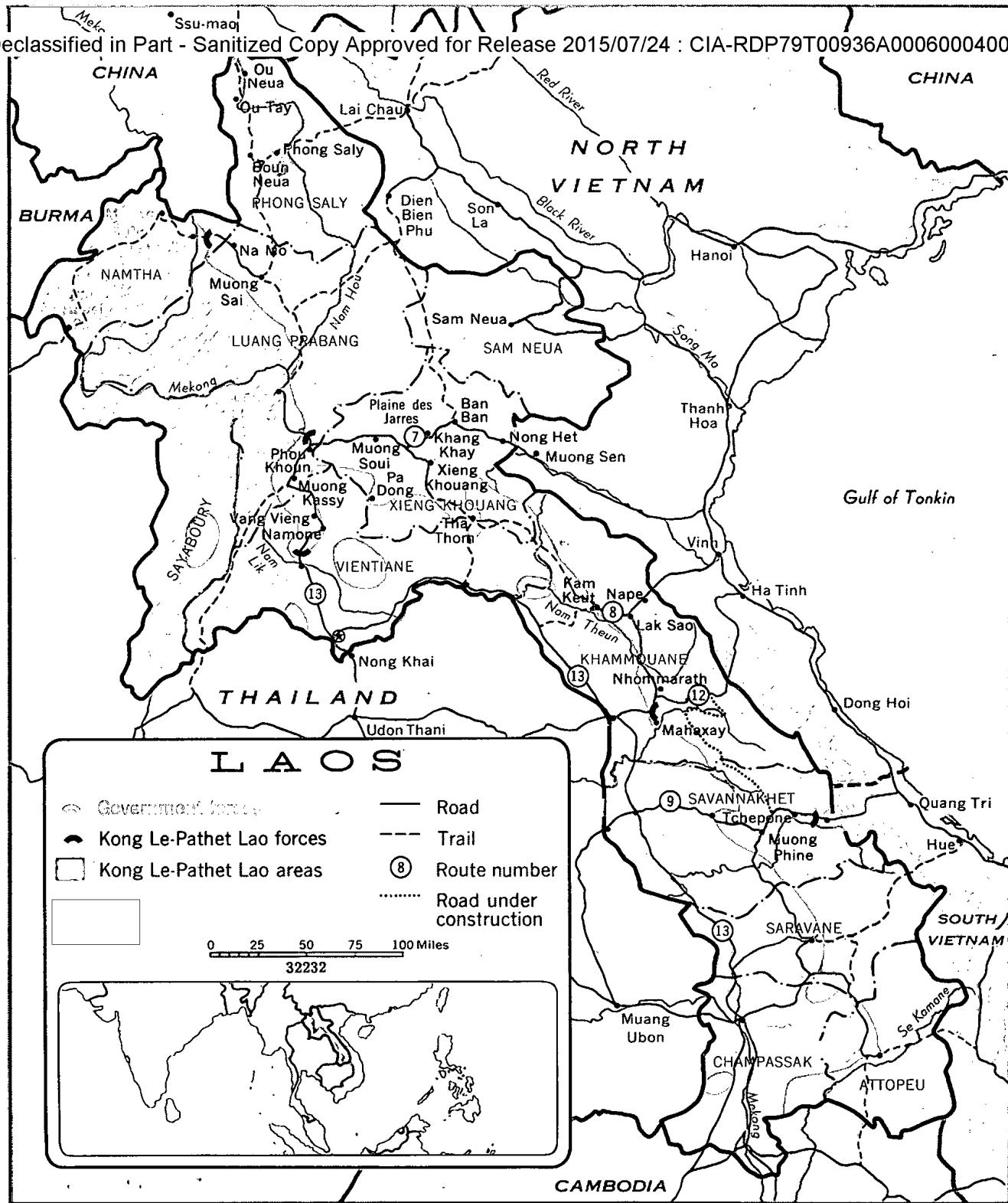
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1. Berlin air corridors

- a) The Soviets "reserved" the northern corridor again today for the usual times and altitudes. There was no reported harassment of the five allied flights in the northern corridor during the reserved period although several Bloc aircraft were active in that air lane during at least part of the time. Poor weather was probably a factor in this.
- b) Their note Saturday responding to our protest claims their "right" to corridor use derives from agreements with East Germany and alleges there are no "documents" giving the allies unrestricted Berlin air access. Their continued demands that we file estimated flight border crossing times also appears designed to buttress the claim that the East-West boundary is an international border.
- c) We suspect the Soviets also may be preparing withdrawal from the Berlin Air Safety Center or at least reducing their role to observer and not participating in any flight guarantee procedures.

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2. Laos

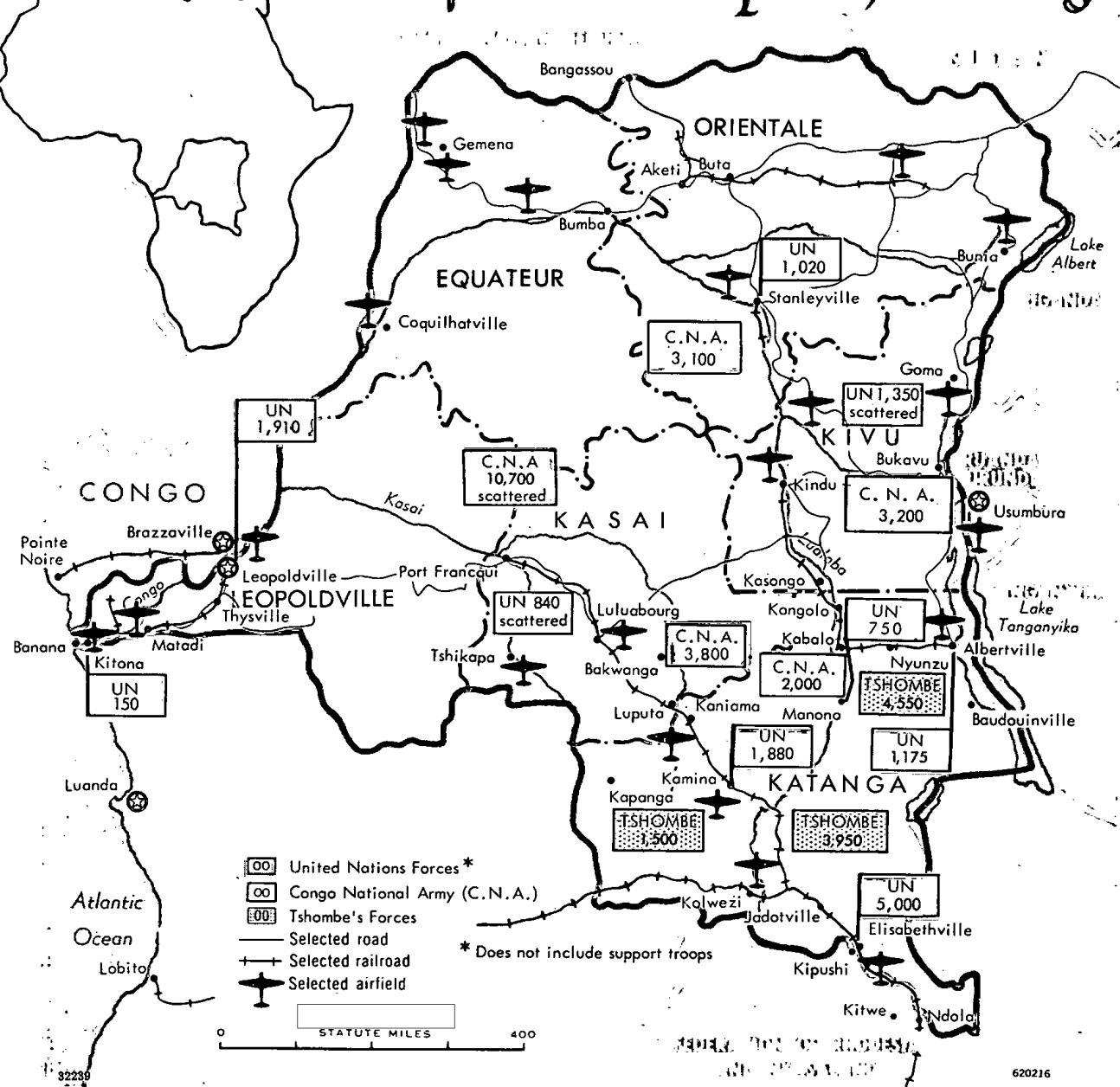
[redacted] He specifically urged Phoumi not to counterattack at Nam Tha since the Pathet Lao ran the show there and reaction would be "violent." While recommending further US pressure on Vientiane to support a neutralist government, he cautioned against moves which might "lead Phoumi to break away and go it alone."

c) The King tells us he has flatly rejected the idea so appealing to Vientiane and Bangkok that he take over from Souvanna as head of the new government.

d) Chiang Kai-shek says he has turned down Phoumi's request for military assistance.

e) Our Army attache reports a marked cooling of relations between US and Laotian military personnel in recent months.

Republic of the Congo



3. Congo

- a) Tshombe has reversed his stand and told UN Headquarters he opposes stationing UN troops at the Jadotville and Kolwezi mining centers west of Elisabethville, alleging this will provoke violence. Reports reaching our Elisabethville consulate indicate the population in these centers are in a "fighting mood." The British remain strongly opposed to UN troop moves there.
- b) UN officials, however, view military occupation--by force if necessary--as essential to their mission. Their planning for various troop deployments in Katanga is well along and they will be counting on us for airlift support. They feel time is short for accomplishing their mandate since a shortage of funds will require a reduction of UN Congo forces in coming months--they also suspect Tshombe is gambling on just this.
- c) Tshombe and Adoula have exchanged invitations to meet. Consul Hoffacker notes indications that the Katangan president desires an early session with Adoula at "any place but Leopoldville."

4. Latin America

- a) Reinforced British troops in Guyana are in control but tensions at Georgetown continue high. Our consulate reports hatreds have hardened and the gulf between races is now probably "unbridgeable." Labor leaders reportedly have called for an end to the general strike but we have no late information on the rank and file response. Jagan's political opponents remain active and he faces further attempts to force him out.
- b) Brazilian leaders, apparently caught unawares by Governor Brizzolas expropriation of American telephone properties in Rio Grande province and disturbed by the anticipated adverse effects on US-Brazilian relations, are moving hurriedly to work out some settlement agreeable to us.
- c) The question of canal treaty renegotiation continues to crop up in Panama City. Ambassador Farland expects pressures for renegotiation will increase and notes President Chiari still seems to have the idea from his exchanges with President Kennedy that we are committed to early talks on the matter.
- d) Ambassador McClintock reports the military letting up a bit on Frondizi as they digest their recent successes.
- e) Yesterday's propaganda growls and saber rattling from Moscow bear out our UN delegation's report the Soviets are taking their Cuban resolution defeat quite hard. We expect they will try to salvage something in today's plenary session by pushing the vaguely worded Mongolian resolution.

5. France-Algeria

With a cease-fire apparently imminent, both sides are bracing for Secret Army Organization reaction. The Algerians

[redacted] foresee no halt in OAS 50X1
terrorism and fear that the French Army will not protect the Moslems against OAS excesses. [redacted] 50X1

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6. West New Guinea sidelights

Dutch Foreign Minister Luns is expected here 2 March en route to Tokyo. Meanwhile, he has told Lightner in Berlin that he would make a strong presentation of Dutch disagreements with US policy on Indonesia to the Attorney General at the Hague. There are some indications the Dutch and Portuguese may view our forthcoming request for NATO Cuban action as a chance for unfavorable comparison with our attitude toward their "problems."

NOTES

- A. Initial returns indicate Khrushchev has received little favorable non-Communist response to his disarmament summit conference proposal.
- B. The Afghans say they are "extremely pleased" with their Iranian transit agreement and consider the route "much more attractive" than the Soviet route, both as to cost and delivery time.
- C. Our UN delegation, reviewing progress on UN bond sales, believes a coordinated program is urgently needed to insure achievement of the \$100 million target.
- D. The Australians are negotiating sale of another half-million tons of wheat to Communist China on credit.

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1. Soviets change tactics in air corridor confrontation

Yesterday they began filing specific flight plans for each of their aircraft instead of making blanket reservations of corridor air space. These plans, involving eight flights in the southern corridor this afternoon(between 0935 and 1330 EST), are coupled with vague warnings that "it will be a bit...difficult" for Western aircraft to pass through the area at the western entrance of the corridor. We think the Soviets hope that seeming adherence to standard Western practices in the Air Safety Center will make it more difficult for us to challenge their activities. No special Western flights have been scheduled for the given times.

2. More rumblings from North Vietnam

Hanoi has called establishment of the new US command in Saigon a "most serious act of military aggression" threatening the security of North Vietnam. Similar charges preceded their 1960 moves into Laos, although this time their announcement was not accompanied with the threat "not to remain inactive." This statement is probably no more than another move in North Vietnam's continuing efforts to arouse international apprehensions and thus exert a restraining influence on the US.

3. Laos

a) The first mass flight of Soviet transports from the USSR to Hanoi since January 1961 is now in progress, involving ten aircraft.

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c) In Laos, the political and military situations remain unchanged, with Phoumi and Souvanna scheduled to renew talks tomorrow at Vientiane. Phoumi seems more tractable, but there is no evidence that he has backed away from previous demands.

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4. Communist China considering purchase of US grain

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- A. [redacted] military plotting against the Inonu government in Turkey. In an attempt to hold military support Inonu made a radio address last Sunday reaffirming the legitimacy of the May 1960 coup. 50X1
- B. Adenauer has assured Ambassador Dowling that he has no desire for West Germany to have direct talks with the Soviets.
- C. De Gaulle's reply to Khrushchev's invitation to an 18-nation disarmament conference appears simply to repeat previously stated French positions.
- D. The Attorney General's last conversation with Sukarno on West New Guinea was largely taken up with Indonesian efforts to find a formula for negotiations which would guarantee the Indonesians what they want without appearing to set preconditions.
- E. Despite continued dramatic statements for the press, Syrian excitement is dying down over the rumored diversion of Jordan River waters by Israel, which the Israelis will not be in a position to do for some time yet.
- F. King Saud, in Madrid, is again being urged to return home at once. [redacted] 50X1
- G. We have reports of military activity in the Quito area, the purpose of which is not clear. Given the instability of Arosemena's position some sort of shakeup may be in the making.

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1. Berlin

a) After filing flight plans yesterday, three Soviet transports were in the air in the southern corridor this morning. By 0730 this morning we had received no reports of interference with the US and British flights scheduled during the period and within the altitudes set out in the Soviet flight plans.

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b) The Soviet newspaper commentator, one Polyamov, who has been leading the Moscow chorus of protest against the lack of progress in the Thompson-Gromyko talks, returned to the subject yesterday, again declaring that the USSR has not renounced the idea of a separate peace treaty.

2. Laos

- a) Souvanna is on the way to Vientiane for another meeting with Phoumi. Western ambassadors have urged him to bring a specific cabinet slate with him, but it is early yet for any word on that score.
- b) Souphanouvong is still insisting that he will not relax military pressure on Nam Tha until Phoumi gives some political ground.
- c) There are some indications that Souphanouvong has not been following Soviet cues as studiously as Moscow would like. Some uneasiness on that score could account for the decision to pull Ambassador Abramov back to Moscow suddenly for 10 days of consultations.

3. Initial Bloc reaction to Mercury flight

Moscow domestic and foreign-language news bulletins carried prompt, short reports on the launching, flight, and recovery of the space capsule. Moscow radio carried a recording of Glenn's voice in the first orbit. Eastern European broadcasts generally followed the same pattern except for East German reports which emphasized difficulties and referred to the "great propaganda hullabaloo." Peiping has factually reported the flight. Havana television early this morning carried a commentary which offered congratulations.

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5. British Guiana

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a minimum, a sharpening of racial antagonisms in the colony is a virtual certainty.

c) Jagan is now hinting publicly

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that his opposition has had outside, i.e., US, encouragement.

6. Moscow bids for North Vietnamese support against Peiping

A fairly high-level Soviet delegation-- it is headed by one of Moscow's ranking pros in the area of inter-party dealings who has been deeply involved in the Sino-Soviet argument--is now on route to Hanoi. Probable mission: to induce the North Vietnamese to climb down from the fence onto the Soviet side. The USSR may also wish to assure itself of sufficient control over the Laotian and Vietnamese situations to prevent their getting out of hand.

NOTES

- A. De Gaulle yesterday told Ambassador Gavin that the Algerian situation was "indeed finally being settled." He had no objections to US-French discussions on helping Algeria after independence, but doubted they could lead to much until after an Algerian government was established.
- B. The positioning of support ships and recovery aircraft indicates that a Soviet space launch is not far off. As of now, it looks like an unmanned earth satellite vehicle.
[Redacted]
- C. The Indonesians, increasingly cool to having the UN as the third party in any negotiations with the Dutch, have begun to think of Canada as a possible choice after it became clear to them that the US does not want that role.

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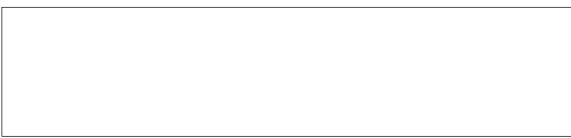
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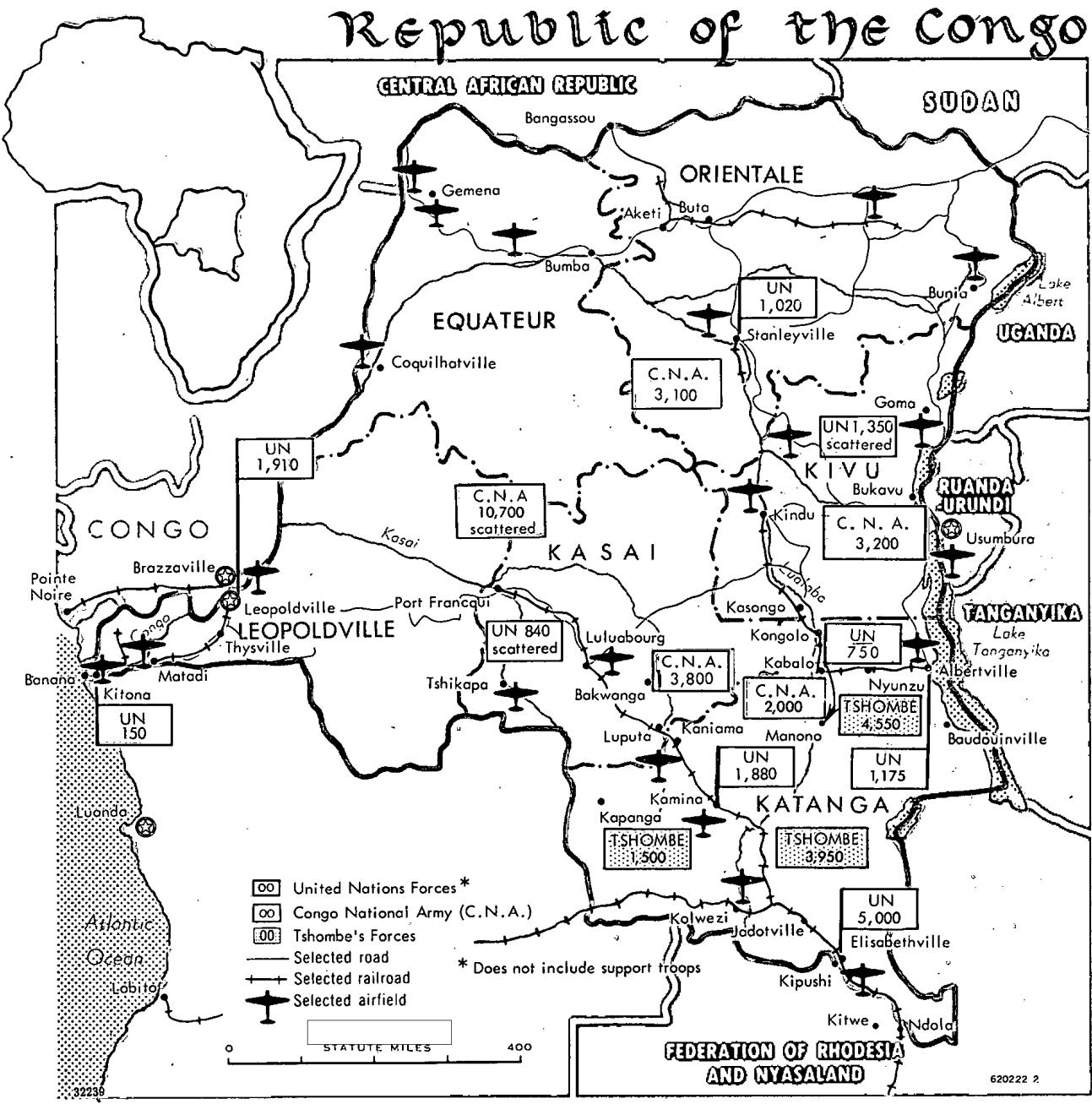
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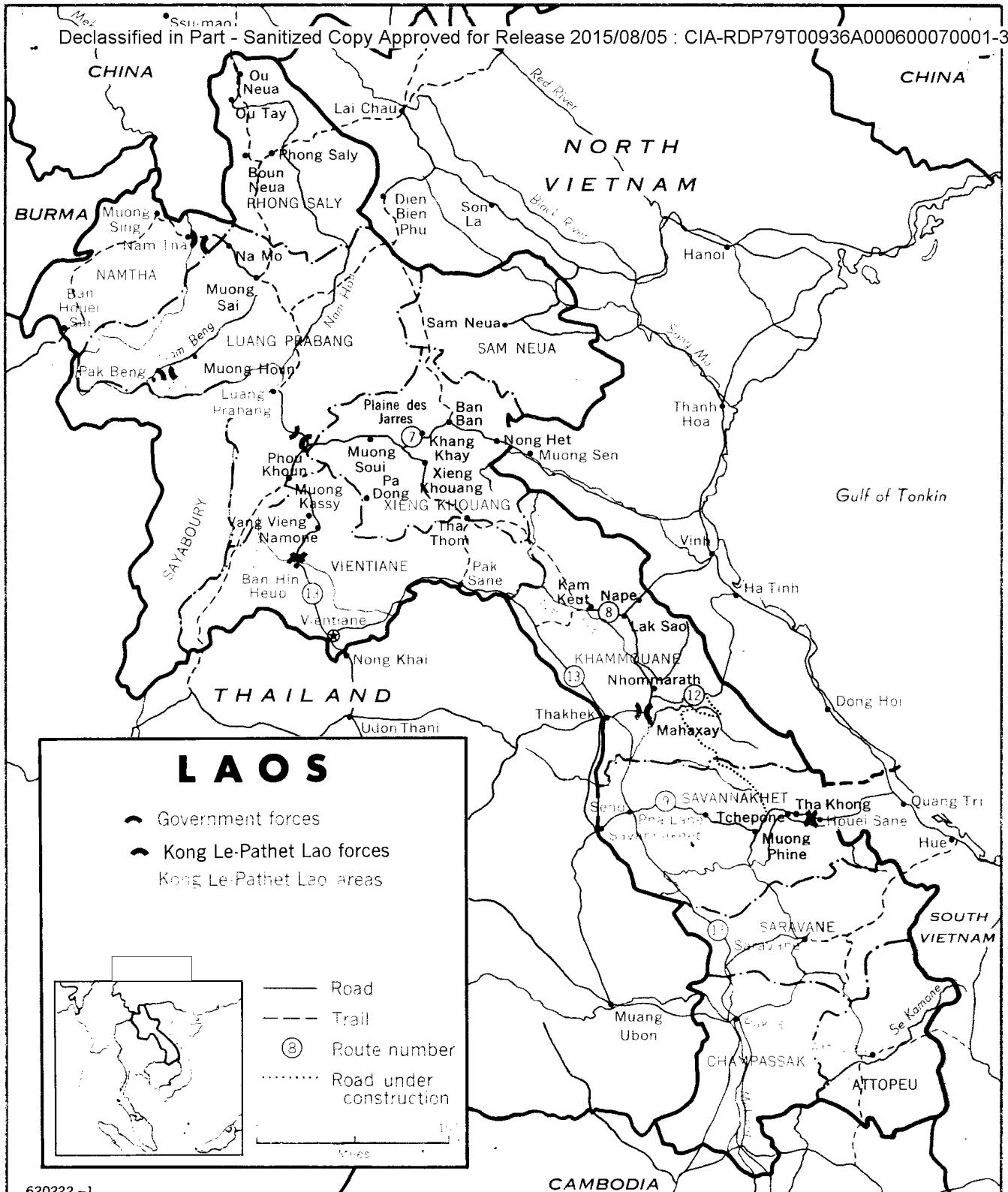
1. Berlin Air
Corridors

Two Soviet transports flew as scheduled in the northern corridor from Berlin at 2500 and 4500 feet. No incidents were reported. The Attorney General's flight to Berlin in the southern corridor was completed at 0757 EST. (For USIB conclusions on Berlin, see Documents of Interest.)

2. Katanga troops move
against central gov-
ernment forces

They have retaken Kongolo and were last reported approaching Albertville where UN troops are stationed. Tshombe apparently wishes to forestall formation in northern Katanga of a government responsive to Leopoldville. The UN command intends to send a "mission" to the area. Although Tshombe has told UN officials that he is anxious to meet with Adoula, his military moves have reportedly angered Adoula and may have created another obstacle to early or fruitful negotiations between the two.

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3. Laos

a. Results of Souvanna's first day in Vientiane were not encouraging. He has not yet drawn up a cabinet list but hopes to have one shortly. 50X1

Ambassador Brown reports Souvanna appears tired and discouraged and the Prince has stated that if he fails on this trip he will retire to Paris. Today he is due for a round of talks with Vientiane officials.

b. The Soviet chargé has asked Ambassador Brown whether American policy has changed, referring to reports he had that such was the case. Ambassador Brown thinks he allayed his fears.

c. There is increasing friction between Pathet-Lao and pro-Souvanna forces in south-central Laos. The Souvanna forces are being pressured out of towns where they were stationed. The Souvanna commander has urgently requested instructions. 50X1

4. Hanoi protests to
the Geneva co-chairmen

On Tuesday, two days after its blast against the new US command in South Vietnam, Hanoi sent Britain and the USSR a note demanding "urgent measures to halt US armed aggression in South Vietnam." Hanoi may seek to reconvene the 1954 Geneva Conference. Increased Soviet propaganda support of the North Vietnam position indicates that the USSR may give this appeal more than the perfunctory attention accorded past complaints from Hanoi. The Polish ICC member has been recalled to Warsaw, ostensibly for consultations.

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5. Turkish coup
plotting

Dissident military elements, galvanized into action by the arrest yesterday of some fifteen to twenty officers in Ankara, may move against Inonu's government at any time.

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6. Syrian instability

Trouble is brewing in Syria, with political jockeying for power among the military and unsatisfactory handling of land reform and nationalization of industry contributing to the instability. The government is aware of scheduled pro-Nasir demonstrations (there may also be a general strike) and believes it can contain them. We think, however, that they may well get out of control.

7. Latin American Roundup

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b. Officials in the underdeveloped northeastern area of Brazil fear a diversion of Alliance for Progress funds to the industrial South.

c. The delayed deportation of subversive elements from the Dominican Republic is expected to be carried out under a new law.

d. The Honduran government has been alerted to a planned Communist demonstration and uprising.

e. Military activity in Ecuador, reported on Tuesday, has subsided.

8. Indonesia

a. Sukarno, in a speech yesterday, again stated, "We do not want negotiations without prior conditions."

b. In a luncheon meeting with Khrushchev and Mikoyan, the Indonesian ambassador completed an agreement concerning assistance to the air force.

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c. Indonesia suspects that the Panama Canal may be used to ship Dutch troops to West New Guinea.

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NOTES

- A. With government at a standstill there is a rising note of urgency in the pleas for Saud's return home.
- B. The previously reported Thai reinforcement of the Laotian border is comprised of three infantry companies and one cavalry troop. This limited force appears designed primarily to boost the morale of border villages and to give notice of Thailand's concern over developments in Laos.
- C. Noting that previous major Soviet internal power struggle developments have been preceded by press articles on the monolithic character of the Soviet Communist Party, Ambassador Thompson suggests that editorials emphasizing Bloc unity now appearing in Pravda may mean an approaching crisis in Sino-Soviet relations.
- D. Many disillusioned African students in the USSR are leaving school and going home. A number have expressed interest in American or other western schools.
- E. A new wave of OAS terrorist attacks hit Algiers this morning as the rebels' National Council met in Tripoli to consider the cease fire agreement.

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

BERLIN: The Soviet program of harassments in the air corridors will probably continue, but Soviet air operations to date indicate a desire to avoid precipitating serious incidents. In recent weeks, the Communists have improved their capabilities for obstructing road and rail access to Berlin. Bloc military activity in general, however, suggests that the Communists do not expect their actions to provoke military confrontation in the immediate future.

LAOS: Current indications do not point to an all-out Communist offensive. The available evidence indicates that the Communists will continue their limited military pressures on Phoumi toward formation of a coalition government on Communist terms.

SOUTH VIETNAM: The pattern of Viet Cong military activity remains unchanged. The Viet Cong also appear to be meeting with some success in their political and propaganda activities aimed at extending their control in the countryside and gaining support in urban areas.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--23 FEBRUARY 1969

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A "THIRD ROUND" OF HOSTILITIES APPEARS TO BE SHAPING UP IN
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2. TURKEY:

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B. THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT IS ARRANGING A NATIONAL BANK LOAN FOR FEBRUARY EXPENSES AND ESTIMATES IT COULD MANAGE FOUR TO SIX MONTHS WITHOUT FOREIGN AID.

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5. NOTES:

A. THERE WERE NO SOVIET FLIGHT SCHEDULES FOR THE BERLIN AIR CORRIDORS TODAY.

B. WITH ELECTION FEVER SUBSIDING, NEHRU HAS TAKEN STEPS TO INVITE AYUB FOR KASHMIR TALKS IN NEW DELHI.

C. FRENCH ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEMOBILIZATION OF 140,000 OF THEIR ALGERIAN MOSLEM TROOPS COMES AT A CRITICAL MOMENT AS THE ARMY BRACES ITSELF FOR OAS COUNTER-MOVES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWS CLOSE UPON THE PARIS DECISION TO WITHDRAW 20,000 TROOPS FROM ALGERIA-- A MOVE ALREADY RELUCTANTLY ACCEPTED BY THE FRENCH MILITARY.

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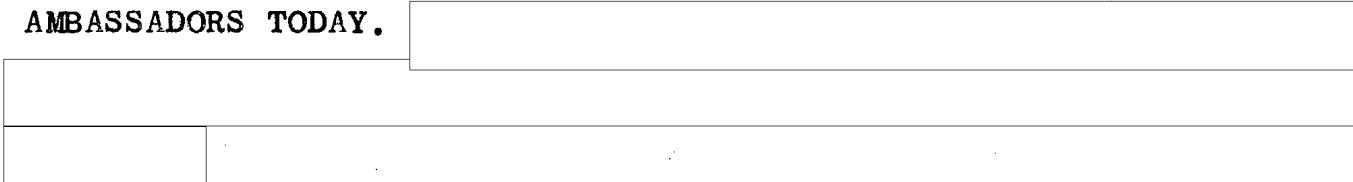
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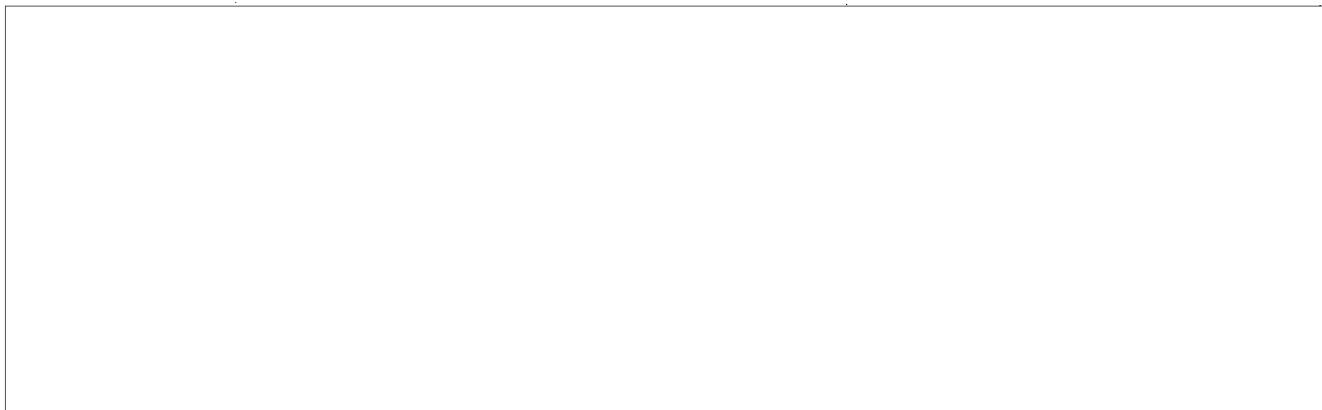


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1. KEY SOVIET AMBASSADORS IN MOSCOW: IMPORTANT FOREIGN POLICY
HUDDLE MAY BE UNDERWAY:

THE SOVIET AMBASSADORS TO THE US, BRITAIN, FRANCE AND ITALY ARE ALL THERE NOW AND THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT A NUMBER OF THE ENVOYS TO BLOC CAPITALS HAVE ALSO BEEN ON HAND RECENTLY. THIS IS ON TOP OF THE SUMMONING HOME OF ABRAMOV FROM LAOS AND PUSHKIN FROM THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. AMBASSADOR THOMPSON, WHO HAS NOTED THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, CABLES THAT SOME MAJOR TURN IN SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY SEEMS TO BE UPCOMING. THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED TO OPEN ON MARCH 5 IS SLATED TO CENTER ON AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS, BUT WE WOULD EXPECT ANY CRUCIAL FOREIGN POLICY DECISIONS TO BE AIRED THERE ALSO.

2. CONGO:

A. TSHOMBE, ON THE CREST OF HIS RECENT REAL ESTATE GAINS IN NORTHERN KATANGA, YESTERDAY DECLARED HIS READINESS TO MEET WITH ADOULA IN LEOPOLDVILLE. HE NOW SAYS HE WILL SETTLE FOR UN, RATHER THAN US, SECURITY GUARANTEES. THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT HAS BEGUN AIRLIFTING TROOPS ~~AND EQUIPMENT~~ INTO ALBERTVILLE, IN NORTHEAST KATANGA, BUT THE WAY THE OPERATION IS GOING IT WILL BE A MATTER OF MANY DAYS BEFORE A FORCE OF ANY CONSEQUENCE HAS BEEN ASSEMBLED.

B. THE RETAKING OF THE TERRITORY IN NORTHERN KATANGA BY
TSHOMBE'S FORCES, IT NOW APPEARS, CAME ABOUT WHEN NATIONAL ARMY
ELEMENTS THERE SIMPLY PULLED OUT BECAUSE OF A LACK OF PAY.

C. UN CHIEF GARDINER, RESPONDING TO AMBASSADOR GULLION'S
EXPRESSION OF CONCERN ON THE KATANGA SITUATION, HAS PROFESSED
HIMSELF IN FAVOR OF RESTRAINT ON THE PART OF THE UN.

3. LAOS:

SOUVANNA, IN CONSULTATION WITH WESTERN AMBASSADORS IN VIENTIANE,
YESTERDAY CAME UP WITH A REVISED CABINET LIST WHICH COMES CLOSER
TO US VIEWS ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE "NEUTRALIST" CENTER GROUPING.
THE AMBASSADORS MADE THE POINT, ACKNOWLEDGED BY SOUVANNA, THAT HE
WILL HAVE TO GET SOUPHANNOUVONG'S STAMP OF APPROVAL ON IT BEFORE
WE GO TO WORK ON PHOUMI.

4. TURKEY:

IT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT THE
CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE MORTGAGED MUCH OF ITS AUTHORITY TO
THE MILITARY AS THE PRICE OF SURVIVAL.

5. NATO REACTION ON CUBAN TRADE CONTROLS:

THE REACTION TO OUR PROPOSAL HAS SO FAR BEEN GENERALLY HESITANT WITH MOST MEMBERS REGISTERING MISGIVINGS ABOUT INTRODUCING NEW RESTRICTIONS UNTIL THE OAS COUNTRIES HAVE PUT EFFECTIVE CURBS INTO PRACTICE. MANY OF THEM CITE THE SMALLNESS OF THEIR CURRENT TRADE WITH CUBA AND SELF-IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS ON THE EXPORT OF ARMS AND STRATEGIC GOODS. THE DUTCH AND BELGIANS HAVE DONE SOME NEEDLING TO THE EFFECT THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE FULL US SUPPORT IN THEIR PROBLEMS, BUT ONLY THE PORTUGUESE HAVE GONE BEYOND THIS TO HINT AT MORE, RATHER THAN LESS, TRADE WITH CUBA.

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6. NOTES:

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B. BRAZILIAN PRIME MINISTER NEVES' DAYS IN OFFICE SEEM TO BE NUMBERED. BOTH PRESIDENT GOULART AND HIS OWN PARTY WOULD LIKE TO DROP HIM. HIS ROLE HAS BEEN PRETTY THOROUGHLY FECKLESS.

C. PEIPING HAS BEEN STEPPING UP THE Indoctrination OF CHINESE PARTY MEMBERS ALONG LINES DESIGNED TO PREPARE THEM FOR A FURTHER DETERIORATION IN SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS.

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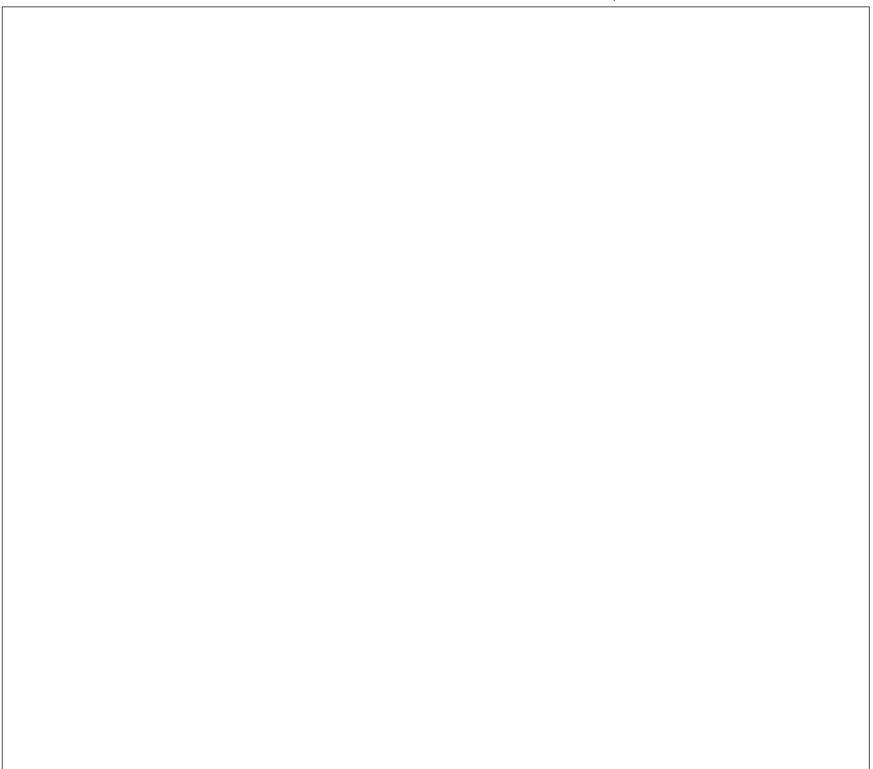
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1. Phoumi rejects
Souvanna cabinet
slate



c. Although Phoumi is clearly aware that he has just about run out the string with the US, Brown still doubts that he will give in to persuasion and fears that if Phoumi can hold the King with him, Souvanna may pull out of the picture, leaving Phoumi and Souphanouvong face-to-face.

2. Congo

a. Tshombé is continuing his exchanges with the UN over the security guarantees he is asking as a prerequisite to a meeting with Adoula in Leopoldville.

b. The UN has withdrawn its offer of air cover for Congolese forces bound for Northern Katanga and the UN people in Leopoldville say they are confident that they can keep the operation from upsetting the apple cart. Ambassador Gullion is cautiously optimistic on this score, but is not altogether sure that the UN's lines are clear and thinks we must continue to put our influence on the side of restraint.

c. Adoula seems to be thinking of the moves by his forces in terms of fencing for position, but both he and his military are once again overrating the capabilities and discipline of their troops.

3. Jagan moved into back seat in British Guiana

With British troops providing the only real check against renewed disorders, control of the colony is, for the moment, in the hands of what amounts to a war council: the Minister of Home Affairs, the British force commander, and a number of top security officials.

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NOTES

A. [redacted] Peiping's
[redacted] purchase of US grain
[redacted] issue has split Chinese Communist leaders with Chou En-lai
very much in favor and Liu Shao-chi bitterly opposed [redacted]

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- B. Khrushchev is back in Moscow for the first time in nearly two months to get ready for next Monday's Central Committee meeting.
- C. The Chilean government says that Moscow is pressing hard for the resumption of diplomatic relations, broken off in 1947, and has also been dangling some attractive trade offers before it. While these Soviet moves have probably been made, revelation of them by the Chileans may be scene-setting for the Goodwin mission.

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1. The air attacks on Diem's palace

They were carried out by two South Vietnam Air Force fighter-bombers that separated from a strike mission planned against the Viet Cong. One of the pilots was captured when he crashed near Saigon. We are not sure where the other is, but he reportedly landed his bullet-riddled plane near Phnom Penh. Neither has yet been identified with any of the groups reported plotting coups. They could be disaffected individuals who took things into their own hands.

2. Berlin air corridors

Yesterday the Soviets filed flight plans for two corridors: two aircraft out from Berlin in the northern corridor; two in from the West in the southern corridor. A US C-124 and a UK Hastings flew round-trips in the south and north corridors, respectively, without sighting the Soviet aircraft, although the Soviet representative in the Berlin Air Safety Center protested a near miss with the Hastings. This is the first time that the Soviets have filed flight plans for two corridors on the same day, and that two of the aircraft began their flights at the western end of a corridor.

3. Laos

We do not yet know Souphanouvong's reaction to Souvanna's proposed cabinet. Prior to meeting Souvanna,

[redacted] he (1) 50X1 rejected the concept of a government of councils headed by the King, (2) reacted strongly to Phoumi's insistence on the Defense and Interior posts.

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4. Vietnam

a. Ambassador Thompson, noting that Moscow prefers to avoid both enlarging the fighting in Laos and South Vietnam and confirming Chinese ideological arguments of softness on the expansion of communism into colonial areas, thinks that Moscow may use the growing tension over Vietnam to attempt to reconvene the 1954 Geneva Conference. He believes the Soviets are not so much concerned over revelation of the split with the Chinese as with preserving their influence with the North Vietnam regime. He thinks it possible that the USSR will promise the North Vietnamese logistic support in order to "preempt" the Chinese intervening as they did in Laos.

b. The ten Soviet air transports [redacted] en route to Hanoi 50X1 have arrived, five moving on to Vinh, near the South Vietnamese border. We do not yet know if they are replacements or augmentation. If the latter, their location at Vinh would indicate an intention substantially to increase air lift support for operations in southern Laos or South Vietnam.

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- B. The Soviet Union has formally protested to the US the extension of a West German customs law to West Berlin.
- C. Unofficial election returns indicate Krishna Menon's reelection by nearly two to one.
- D. USSR delegate Zorin is "wild" about the outcome of the Ruanda-Urundi debate in the UN. His attacks on U Thant and the US were so heavy handed that the UAR representative said he has hurt Soviet interests by "showing the Soviets want disorder rather than real independence in Africa."

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- F. The French OAS has distributed a tract calling for a 24 hour general strike beginning the morning after announcement of the Algerian cease fire. According to press reports the Algerian rebels have approved the cease-fire agreement, which would be announced tomorrow.

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1. Berlin

a. Yesterday the Soviets filed flight plans for the southern corridor today: four outbound and four inbound. The last flight is scheduled to start at 0941 EST. An interesting innovation is that morning and afternoon flights begin and end, respectively, in the Berlin end of the north corridor. One French, one UK and two US flights were scheduled to fly round trips in the corridor in the opposite direction from the Soviet flights during the periods scheduled. No incidents were reported by 0830 EST.

b. Ambassador Thompson believes that the Soviets, having met Western firmness on the air corridor question, are likely to shift probes to another access question, possibly autobahns. He feels the Soviets may believe the West is prepared in the final analysis to accept the East Germans as agents of the USSR and will not therefore react decisively to partial steps in this direction.

c.

the Communists have put themselves in a more favorable position to harass rail and water traffic if they choose to do so. They have removed one track of a double track line between Berlin and Potsdam and are engaging in repairs on important locks in the Berlin canal system.

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2. Laos

a. We have no reports on the
Souvanna-Souphanouvong talks.

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3. Food shortages in
North Vietnam

They are most severe in the north-west highlands of North Vietnam where there have been requests for permission to sell rice to the hungry. Seed rice has been consumed and peasants are arriving at storage points without having eaten for four or five days. Two years of bad crops and a faulty distribution system have also contributed to food problems throughout the remainder of the country.

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4. Indian attitudes on
North Vietnam

Indian officials, in discussions with Ambassadors Bowles and Galbraith, expressed the belief that Hanoi is concerned over the ascendancy of Chinese influence arising from the situation in South Vietnam. According to this view, which reflects the thinking of the Indian ICC chairman, North Vietnam sees itself the loser in any expansion of conflict and if a Laotian settlement is reached might agree to some approach through the Indians for a settlement in South Vietnam. We suspect that fear of an expanding conflict in Vietnam is leading the Indians to be over optimistic regarding North Vietnam's willingness to pull in its horns.

5. South Vietnam
assassination post
mortem

they believe they were part of a larger plot in which a military uprising of some sort would accompany their attack on Diem's palace. There have been arrests of persons implicated by the captured pilot, but details are not yet complete.

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- A. In a restricted meeting with US press correspondents French Premier Debre, who is reported planning to seek leadership of the political right after the Algerian settlement, was strongly critical of American policy in general, particularly towards underdeveloped countries and on nuclear questions. 50X1
- B. Afghanistan has rejected a Pakistani proposal, [redacted] for a settlement of their difficulties by mutual recognition of one another's territorial integrity. This would have required the Afghans to give up their claims to Pushtoonistan. 50X1
[redacted]
- C. Brazil is [redacted] formulating a plan for "federal participation" in telephone service throughout the country.
- D. Guatemalan President Ydigoras yesterday announced his intention to visit Miami and Washington in mid-April. 50X1
- E. The Burmese politely declined an Indonesian invitation to meddle in U Thant's conduct of West New Guinea negotiations. [redacted] 50X1
- F. UN Secretary General U Thant plans to attend the 18-nation disarmament conference if it is a heads-of-state meeting; otherwise he will send his Under-Secretary for Political Affairs--Loutfi of the UAR. [redacted] 50X1
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