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# THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST



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1. Laos

b. Phoumi [redacted] is still 50X1 dragging his feet publicly on the re-sumption of negotiations and repeating his demand that Souvanna must "prove" his ability to control the Communists. The Pathet Lao have also darkened the picture by declaring that negotiations cannot begin until SEATO forces are withdrawn from Thailand.

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2. South Vietnam

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a. Our Saigon Embassy reports that the Viet Cong raided an American missionary establishment located 150 50X1 miles northeast of Saigon and kidnapped three missionaries. We are awaiting further details.

b. Meanwhile, the ICC is scheduled to meet today, and its report--charging North Vietnam with abetting subversion in the south and citing the US and South Vietnam with violations of the Geneva accords--is expected to be 50X1 released by tomorrow at the latest.

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3. West New Guinea

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a. [Redacted] the Indonesians are laying the groundwork for larger-scale military operations in West New Guinea. [Redacted]

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c. We are inclined to feel that mounting public apprehension over the course of events in West New Guinea was a factor behind the gains registered by the opposition Labor Party in Wednesday's municipal elections in the Netherlands.

4. Communist China

a. Chou En-lai's [redacted] 50X1 speech to the Chinese Communist People's Congress last month [redacted] 50X1

[redacted] includes [redacted] a slashing personal attack on Khrushchev 50X1 Chou [redacted] charged that Khrushchev 50X1 is moving gradually toward capitalism, and he characterized him as narrow minded and bent only upon building himself up as a hero. Nonetheless, said Chou, the Chinese and Russians must stick together.

b. At the same time, Chou painted an optimistic picture of the international situation. He was notably confident that the Communists would win out in Laos. In any event, he said the Chinese have "nothing to fear from American intervention" because they have large numbers of troops on the border to send to the aid of Laos.

c. More somber on domestic affairs, Chou said that China's economic problems were partly attributable to the failure of lower echelon officials to carry out government policies correctly, and intimated that this situation would be corrected by administrative action.

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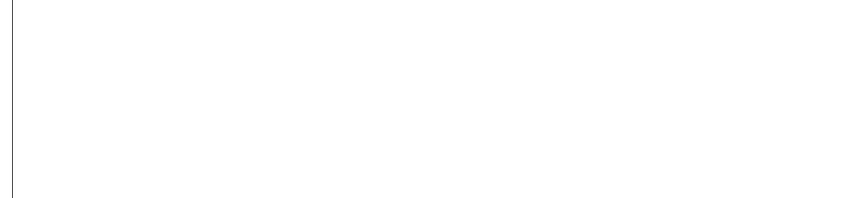
The other major problem--allocation of too much manpower to heavy industry at the expense of agriculture--was to be taken care of this year by moving 30 percent of the labor force now employed in factories out of the cities and resettled on the farms.

5. Soviet missile shot



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- A. At their Wednesday meeting, Adoula and Tshombé moved forward to discuss the formation of a joint monetary commission. Although they did not reach a decision, the atmosphere apparently remains good, and the talks are to be resumed today. [REDACTED] 50X1
- B. In Bolivia, the approach of Sunday's congressional elections is marked by rising tension, stimulated by rumors of impending coups and countercoups. Our present guess, however, is that President Paz, an old hand at political intrigue, has taken the necessary steps to ensure that his party will come out on top with a comfortable margin. [REDACTED] 50X1
- C. [REDACTED] 50X6
- D. [REDACTED] the EEC will "almost certainly" approve retaliatory action against our glass and carpets tariffs at its ministerial meeting next week. Which US commodities are to be the targets remains to be determined. [REDACTED] 50X1 50X1

**WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--31 MAY 1962**

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

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

Laos: The enemy retains the military initiative and enemy forces will continue their probes against RLG positions but will probably refrain from general hostilities pending a resumption of talks.

Indonesia: Indonesian military infiltration into West New Guinea is likely to continue for the immediate future. An increase in Soviet military presence can be expected to parallel Indonesian preparations for larger scale military operations.

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DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

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1. Ecuador

Conservative elements in  
Ecuador are plotting a coup

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[redacted] Military leaders and con-  
servative cabinet ministers who were  
dismissed last month by harassed Presi-  
dent Arosemena appear to have solid  
armed support and are determined to  
move against him. In our view their  
chances of succeeding are fairly good.

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2. Venezuela

[redacted] Venezuelan rightists are about  
to launch a coup with close Communist  
support. The government is aware of  
these plots, however, and the latest  
one [redacted] has apparently 50X1  
been snuffed out by timely arrests.

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3. West New Guinea problem

a. The Dutch have authorized U Thant to give the Indonesians firm assurance that: 1) they accept the Bunker formula as a basis for discussion; and 2) they are willing to transfer administration of the area prior to a plebiscite. U Thant plans to deliver these assurances formally to the Indonesians this week end. According to the most recent word from Djakarta this action ought to get the two disputances talking again.

b. Meanwhile [redacted] 50X1  
[redacted] Indonesia 50X1  
[redacted] agreed that a 50X1 cease-fire would be ordered and infiltration of West New Guinea stopped, as soon as the talks were resumed.

c. [redacted] 50X1  
[redacted] Indonesian infiltrators in West 50X1  
New Guinea are critically short of food  
and medicines and exhibit no willingness  
to fight. [redacted] 50X1  
it is only a matter of time before the  
invaders are captured by the jungle or  
Dutch patrols.

4. Congo

[redacted] 50X1  
[redacted] the persistance of a belief that 50X1  
Tshombé is not a free agent in the  
Leopoldville talks and is negotiating  
under duress. Katangan die-hards may  
use this claim in disavowing any agree-  
ment reached with Adoula, but our consul  
in Leopoldville feels that Tshombé can  
impose "any reasonable integration formula"  
if he really wants to.

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5. Laos

We can report no change in the pattern of the all-too familiar Laotian political scene. The military situation remains unchanged with pro-Communist forces active near Ban Houei Sai in the north and Attopeu and Saravane in the south.

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- A. Terrorism has ceased temporarily in Algeria while the OAS tries to pry concessions out of the provisional Algerian government. The PAG is likely to continue to ignore OAS overtures, however, and we anticipate an early resumption of the blood-letting.
  - B. Ambassador Thompson considers Khrushchev's presence at the recent jazz concert in Moscow where Benny Goodman performed before an enthusiastic crowd to be the most striking evidence yet of the role public opinion is beginning to play in Soviet affairs.
  - C. Turkish President Gursel has asked the aging hero, Inonu, to take the reins again and try to form a new government.
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- E. It looks fairly likely that the Brazilian cabinet will be replaced this coming week. Posts, including that of Prime Minister, are still being negotiated. 50X1
  - F. It turns out that the important TASS announcement anticipated [redacted] was the Soviet decree raising meat prices. 50X1 This is the first consumer price increase in the post-Stalin period.

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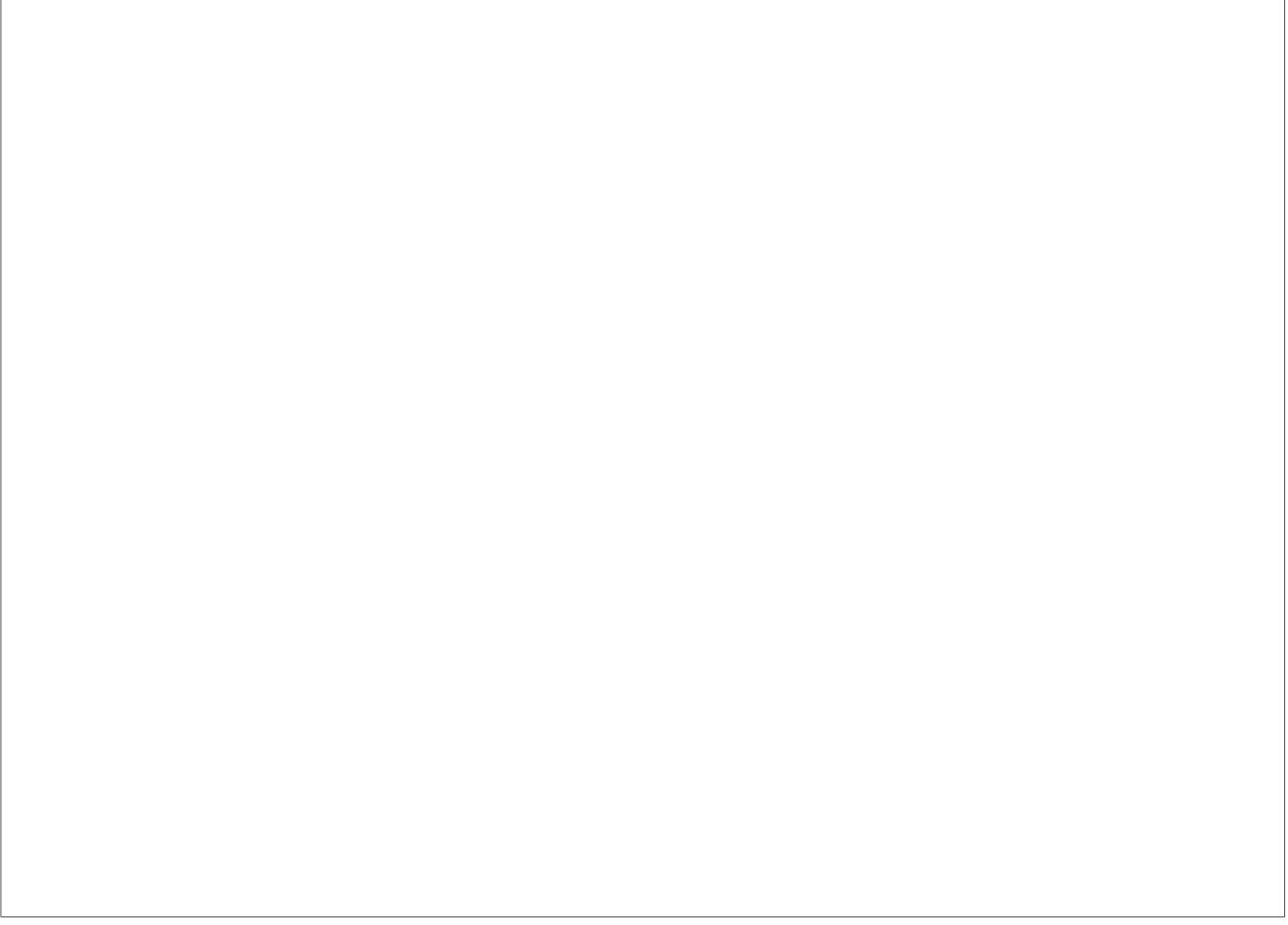


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1. Soviet Northern Fleet missile test

The Soviet Northern Fleet Missile Test Range, recently extended to 2,000 nautical miles, was again active on 30 May. This was the fourth valid launch from the Kola Inlet area in the past six weeks. We cannot establish that this missile, which we believe to have been ballistic, was launched from a submarine, but at least two of the earlier missiles apparently were. As in the earlier instances,

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[redacted] suggests that a 2,000-nautical-mile flight was intended. We do not know the degree of success achieved.

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3. Bloc leaders' conference

We expect the meeting of Soviet Bloc leaders which opens in Moscow on Wednesday to produce a strong statement in the name of the Warsaw Pact warning that time for solving the Berlin question is fast running out. In the economic field, we expect a blast at the Common Market and a renewal of Khrushchev's recent call for an international trade conference. Other issues will be discussed, particularly relations with Yugoslavia, and statements on nuclear testing, disarmament, and Laos may well be issued.

4. Venezuelan revolt

Both sides suffered heavy casualties in this week end's uprising at Puerto Cabello. The revolt, which we believe to have been part of a large-scale Communist plot to overthrow the government, was apparently triggered prematurely by government arrests of leftists suspected of planning just such a move. The government claims to have the situation at Puerto Cabello under control, but press reports indicate that fighting is still going on. We are not sanguine--

[redacted] that the 50X1  
quelling of this revolt will give [redacted] 50X1  
much of a breathing spell from further violence in other parts of the country.

5. Soviets protest  
US high altitude  
tests

The Soviet Foreign Office went out of its way yesterday to call the attention of our Embassy in Moscow to yesterday's strong public statement against our scheduled high altitude nuclear test. Moscow hoped by such a statement to capitalize on world-wide fears of the effects of such a test. By accusing the US of being the first to extend "war preparation" to outer space, Moscow is also laying the groundwork for justifying possible high-altitude tests of its own.

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- A. In Laos, matters remain in a state of suspended animation pending the outcome of Souvanna's visit to the King today and the three princes' meeting still scheduled for June 8.
- B. The OAS has declared that the unofficial truce of the past few days will end tonight in view of the provisional Algerian government's failure to respond to overtures from the European community.
- C. Polish Foreign Minister Rapacki apparently will go through with plans to visit Cuba. He intimated as much to Ambassador Cabot this week end, and the Polish press has now announced he will leave on 9 June.
- D. Soviet monitoring of our Pacific tests involves not only the two research ships and two trawlers now near the test area [Redacted]

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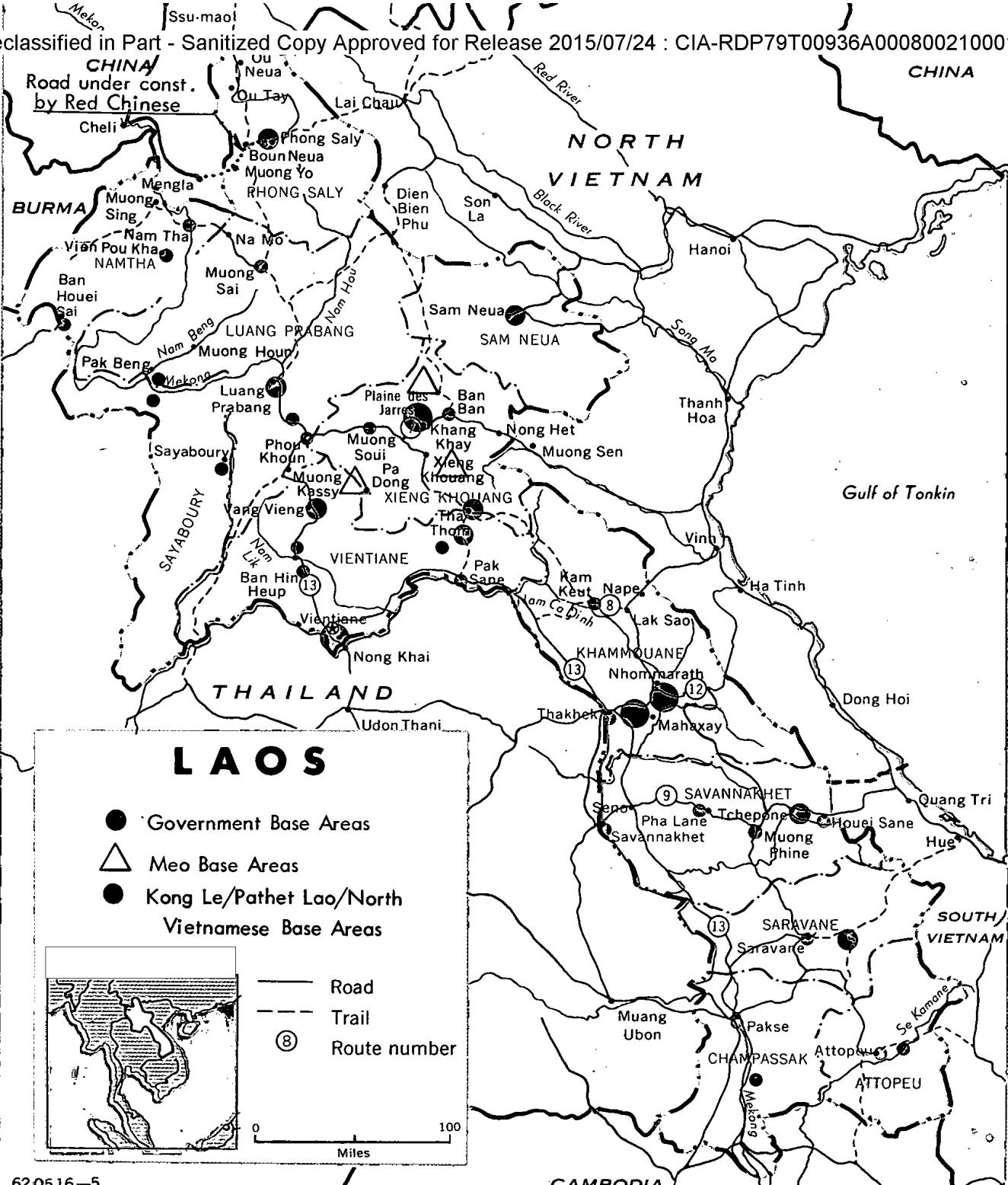
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1. Laos

a. Following his audience with the King yesterday, Souvanna announced that his mandate remained valid and called for a meeting of the three princes in the Plaine des Jarres on Thursday.

b. Phoumi, in Vientiane, has categorically assured Ambassador Brown that he would attend the meeting. He also promised not to block the formation of a coalition government, provided Souvanna's side agreed to joint control of the Defense and Interior Ministries and to the freezing of all military forces in their present positions until arrangements have been made for their integration.

c. We continue to entertain reservations of Phoumi's sincerity

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Phoumi was in town on Sunday to see Sarit, full of pessimism about the prospects for a coalition government and saying that partition was his ultimate fallback position. The Thai so far are being uncommunicative as to Sarit's reaction.

d. We have another report which tends to confirm the movement of several hundred truckloads of Viet Minh troops into Khang Khay from North Vietnam two weeks ago, which we noted tentatively on Friday. We also have good evidence showing that Hanoi has recently stepped up its logistic support operations via Route 7 into Laos. One unit operating along this route was ordered to bring its handling capability up to 700 tons a month.

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e. Approximately 800 Royal troops,  
plus 10 American advisers, have now taken  
up positions in and around Ban Houei Sai.

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2. EEC developments

a. With the French refraining from throwing up any roadblocks to Britain's accession, negotiations at last week's ministerial conference were businesslike and made some progress. The British agreed gradually to phase out preferences on certain manufactured goods exported by the Commonwealth and agreed in principle to conform to the community's commercial, monetary, and social welfare policies. A tentative start was also made toward finding a formula for the eventual elimination of Commonwealth preferences for agricultural products, but there is still a long way to go on this one.

b. The EEC Council meets today to consider ways and means of retaliating against our glass and carpets tariffs.

3. Hong Kong refugees

Backlash from the Hong Kong episode has raised more problems for Peiping. Ten days ago would-be refugees were being returned to Canton at the rate of about 6,000 a day.

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4. Venezuela

President Betancourt [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] probably cannot expect the military to keep its hands off the government if there is another uprising like the Carupano and Puerto Cabello affairs, is preparing to crack down again on the left. He plans to issue a decree later this week suspending Communist and pro-Communist members from Congress, but which will fall short of actually outlawing the party. The security situation seems to be returning to normal, despite the scattered bombing and shooting incidents that were still going on in Caracas as late as yesterday morning.

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5. Soviet weapons tests

[REDACTED] We do not yet know what is going on, but we suspect the Soviets could be preparing for another complex test operation like the one last fall. [REDACTED]

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6. Cuban foreign relations

a. The Castro regime, probably motivated by a desire to eliminate the most readily removable irritant in its relations with Latin American countries,

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is now prepared to facilitate the departure of all political asylees, provided it costs Cuba nothing and US aircraft are not used. There is one big hitch to executing this plan, however, which is that most of the asylees want to come to the US.

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b. Egypt is making a pitch for Cuba to be present at the economic conference of nonaligned states to be held in Cairo next month.

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- A. Peiping [redacted] New Delhi [redacted] border problem [redacted] 50X1  
[redacted] may [redacted] show a fresh outbreak of incidents 50X1  
in the disputed areas. 50X1
- B. We believe the odds are probably better than even that press reports indicating that the Iraqi Government will soon declare an official boycott against American goods will turn out to be true.
- C. Robert Mann, the American student arrested in Berlin in January on charges of aiding the escape of East Germans to West Berlin, is scheduled to go on trial sometime next week.
- D. [redacted] Viet Cong 50X1  
agents are busily indoctrinating the Vietnamese refugees in Northeast Thailand to resist any security measures that Thai authorities may attempt to impose on their communities. 50X1  
[redacted] 50X1
- F. [redacted] an unspecified number of Soviet MIG-21's 50X1  
were delivered to the UAR in mid-May and that another batch is probably on the way. 50X1
- G. The Belgian NATO ambassador, who had a long talk with Salazar on Saturday, says that the Portuguese leader indicated that he would demand some "very important concessions" when negotiations on the Azores base get under way.
- H. In Bolivia, incomplete election returns show President Paz's party taking the lead and moving toward victory with the help of widespread fraud and intimidations.

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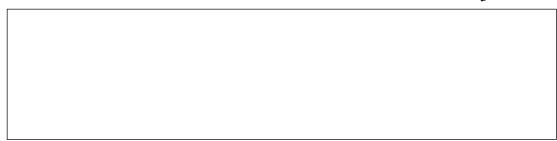
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1. Algeria

The OAS may finally be running out of steam. It has extended its "truce" until midnight tomorrow and is bound to be affected by a final dramatic appeal from Gen. Jouhaud calling on it to give up the fight. Jouhaud was to have been put to death last night; we have no word yet as to whether De Gaulle succumbed to the strong pressures on him to commute the sentence to life imprisonment.

2. Congo

The Tshombé-Adoula talks continue--in a desultory way--with a few procedural questions agreed, but nothing substantive. Adoula has spoken favorably of Tshombé for the first time, but is convinced he will not sign a meaningful final communiqué. An important form of pressure on Tshombé to do so went by the boards last week when Union Minière decided to raise dividends, to resume payments to the Katangan Government, and not to make any payments in escrow or otherwise to the central government.

3. Soviet Bloc conclave

Tirana has issued an official statement complaining that Albania was not invited to the top-drawer Bloc economic council meeting which got under way today in Moscow. China, North Korea and North Vietnam have apparently not sent observers, as they have normally done in the past. Delegations from Eastern Europe are heavily larded with top economic planning and foreign trade officials. There are no defense or foreign affairs personnel present.

4. Mao Tse-tung

We have been watching for some time signs of Mao Tse-tung's declining energies and competence. He has not yet assumed the sinecure position of "honorary chairman" of the party created for him in 1956; he probably feels that to do so at the present low point in his party's fortunes would entail too serious a loss of face. Nevertheless his own references to weakening powers, his generally unimpressive (and increasingly rare) public performances [redacted]

[redacted] suggest that for practical purposes the 68-year-old leader is already out of the picture.

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- A. The three princes meeting gets under way tomorrow with fair prospects for agreement on several major issues. Phoumi may prove tractable at the outset hoping Souphanouvong will snarl things up.
- B. The French National Assembly today defeated by a wide margin a motion to censure the Pompidou government for its Algerian policy. It was promoted by rightwing and Algerian deputies who had hoped for support from those dissatisfied with De Gaulle's European policies.
- C. Heavy publicity being given recent incidents between South Koreans and US troops has whipped up popular feeling against the US and has resulted in new pressure from Seoul for early negotiations on a status of forces agreement.
- D. [Redacted] 50X1
- E. A gastroenteritis epidemic in Honduras, apparently from contaminated milk, has already claimed the lives of over 65 children and threatens to reach even more disastrous proportions. Ambassador Burrows has asked for urgent US Navy and AID assistance.
- F. Our embassy in Moscow reports that the Soviet government has now made teletype lines available on a rental basis to all Western news agencies having Moscow bureaus. Soviet telecommunications officials, meanwhile, have hinted that Moscow would welcome discussions with us in diplomatic channels concerning VOA broadcasts and the problem of Soviet jamming.

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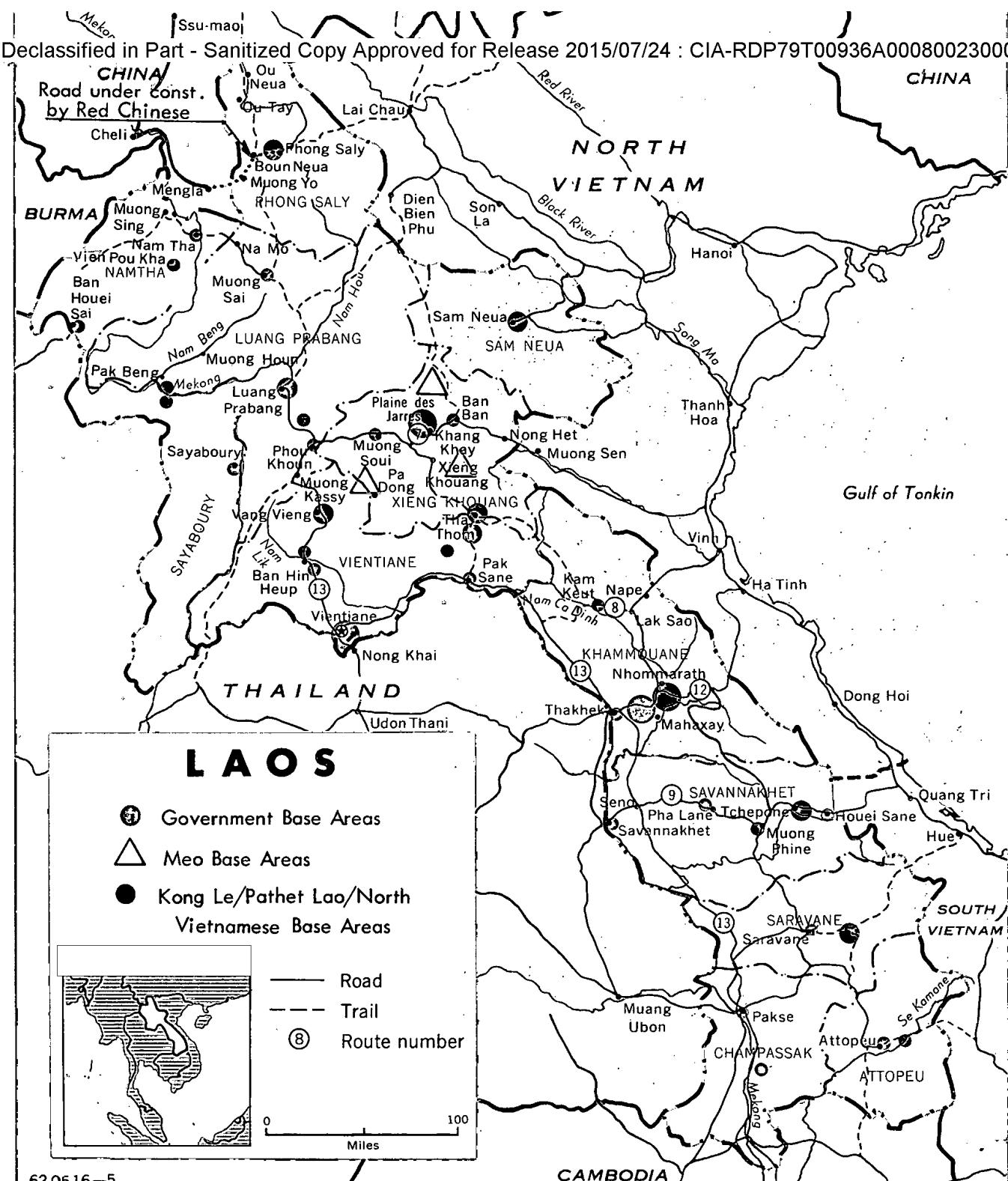
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1. Laos

a. First press reports of the meeting at Khang Khay today state that the three parties have agreed on allocation of the defense and interior ministries. [redacted] word yet from official sources on what actually happened.

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b. If these reports are true, it would appear that the avuncular lecture Sarit gave Phoumi on Sunday has been effective. Sarit told him to [redacted]

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c. Airlift activity to southern Laos has increased again. [redacted]

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2. France-Algeria

[redacted] the more militant elements of the OAS have disregarded Jouhaud's appeal for an end to terrorism. Assassinations and bombings have been resumed. Jouhaud has still not been executed.

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3. Berlin

During the past week the East Germans have been building fortified bunkers along the wall. There are at least fourteen facing the US sector. This and other recent construction seem designed to provide protected positions for firing into West Berlin if further incidents occur.

4. South Korea

Ambassador Berger believes the student demonstrations yesterday were a genuine expression of popular resentment and were not government inspired.

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5. Ruanda-Urundi

The UN General Assembly, which is reconvening today, will probably set 1 July as the date for independence in Ruanda-Urundi. The chances of avoiding chaos and bloodshed seem poorer than ever.

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7. Syria

Prime Minister Azmah's proposal yesterday for gradual moves toward federal union with Egypt will probably be considered a stall by both Nasir and Nasir's followers in Syria. We do not expect Azmah to last much longer but cannot presently foresee the manner of his fall.

8. Factionalism in the Bulgarian Communist Party

Zhivkov in his efforts to de-Stalinize the Bulgarian party. Zhivkov's hold on the party presently depends largely on Stalinist working-level bureaucrats. Although they support him and obey his orders, his policies--even those aimed at eradicating Stalinism--appear to pass "through a Stalinist prism" before they are carried out.

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- B. Chinese Communist propaganda is beginning to display some irritation over Soviet offers of aircraft to India at a time of Sino-Indian tension. 50X1
- C. The French are playing the De Gaulle - Macmillan talks as a great success. They claim that De Gaulle is no longer skeptical of British intentions and is convinced that Macmillan has "chosen Europe" over the Commonwealth. 50X1
- D. The elections in Ecuador showed some swing to the right. This has somewhat lessened pressure for a military coup against Arosemena, but the military leaders are still waiting for him to remove leftist elements from his government.

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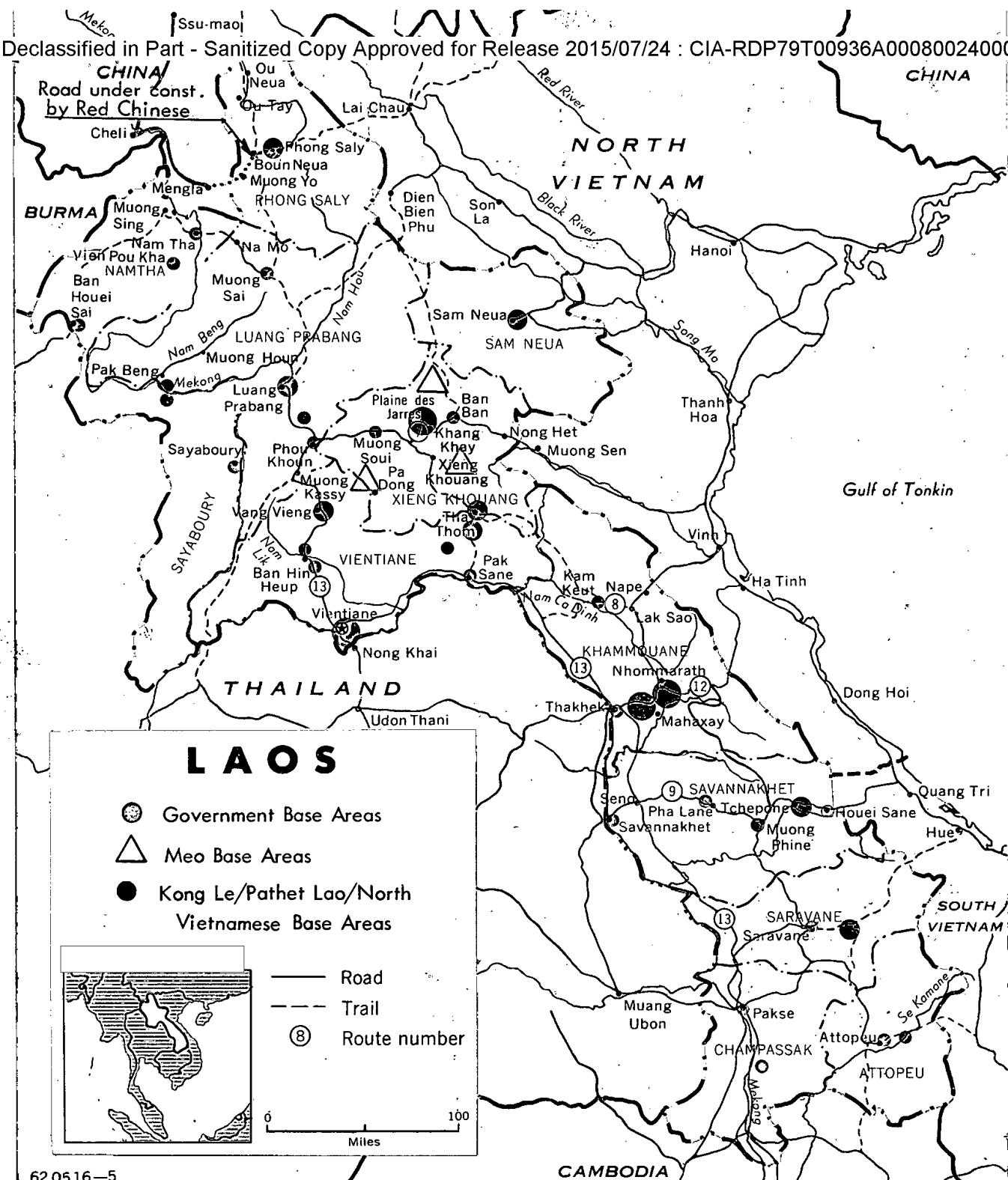
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1. Laos

a. The principals emerged all smiles from yesterday's meeting in the Plaine des Jarres, having agreed that forces would remain intact and, tentatively, on the following distribution of portfolios: for Vientiane, Education (Phoumi) and Finance; for Souphanouvong, Information; for Souvanna himself, Defense and Interior. Remaining key cabinet posts, including Foreign Affairs, go to the neutralists.

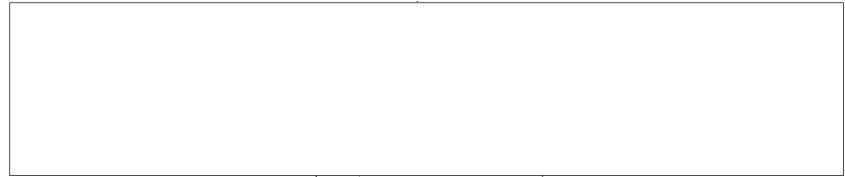
b. Phoumi is hopeful that today's session will settle remaining questions and draft an agreement.

c. Souphanouvong may yet prove sticky. He will try to hold out for a 7-3 distribution of the neutralist portfolios in favor of the Xieng Khouang "neutrals," (Phoumi wants 6-4) and he has withheld approval so far of the proposal that major questions regarding defense and interior be decided unanimously by the three.

d. The North Vietnamese and Pathet Lao continue to force pro-Souvanna troops out of positions in the northern border area. Their arrogance and high handed tactics have at least put the neutralist group on its guard. The neutralist commander in Phong Saly is now talking of joining other Lao factions in an effort to prevent the North Vietnamese and Communist Chinese from taking over Laos.

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2. Indian MIG purchase



Nehru told Gore- 50X1  
Booth there had been no final decision,  
but that his government was "predisposed"  
to the MIGs. He said he would be  
glad to see Sandys next week [redacted] 50X1

3. Turkey

Inonu has yet to form a new government.  
He probably is awaiting developments in the opposition Justice Party  
which has now come under control of  
those willing to cooperate with him.  
The military have given Inonu a free  
hand so far, but they are making plans  
to take over if he fails to form an  
effective cabinet soon.

4. French [redacted]



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5. Berlin

a. The USSR yesterday presented each of the three Western powers in Berlin with a note protesting "provocations" by West Berlin police; we assume this refers to recent instances wherein West Berlin police have returned the fire of East German border police.

b. The Soviet controller at the Berlin Air Safety Center has again asserted the view that the Soviets have equal right to operate in the corridors. Protesting our use of the corridors for round-robin flights, the Soviet official pointed out that the corridors extend all the way from Berlin to Frankfurt, Hanover and Hamburg and implied we might see some non-stop Soviet flights over West Germany.

6. Late Laos item

Late press reports this morning suggest that little further was accomplished at today's meeting in Khang Khay. We are awaiting details. Another meeting is scheduled for Monday.

NOTES

- A. The USSR launched another second-generation ICBM from Tyuratam yesterday. This was the eighth straight successful firing of this missile to Kamchatka this year.
- B. The Communist Party in Mexico, having failed to get any support from other leftist groups, appears ready to give up the idea of mass demonstrations during President Kennedy's visit.
- C. [redacted] Cuba will give up its fight for the Latin American Security Council seat in favor of Brazil, because Brazil's presence would be "more useful" for Cuba. Cuba may hope by promising this, to avoid being read out of the Latin American group at the UN. [redacted] 50X1
- D. The atmosphere in Caracas remains extremely tense in the wake of the Puerto Cabello affair.
- E. In San Salvador, more student demonstrations against Moscoso and the US were scheduled for last night, but the absence of reporting suggests they were no more serious than those of the night before.
- F. De Gaulle gives a nation-wide address today at 3 PM Washington time.

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1. Laos

a. Phoumi told Ambassador Brown yesterday that he was encouraged by the fact that the three princes had agreed at the Khang Khay meeting to the principle of unanimity in the conduct of foreign affairs as well as the operations of the Defense and Interior Ministries. He indicated, however, that he was not satisfied with several of Souvanna's proposals for the division of cabinet posts and that he objected to some of the people Souvanna has nominated for top positions. We anticipate more hard bargaining on these matters on Monday when the three sides gather again for what may well be a decisive meeting.

b. Pro-Souvanna forces in northern Laos are still receiving at least token assistance--such as small quantities of medicines--from Communist China, despite their currently strained relations with the Pathet Lao and Viet Minh. The fact that these supplies are picked up at the border suggests that the Chinese have not yet established their own logistic pipeline into Laos.

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2. Communist China - South Vietnam

We are in possession of firm evidence that Peiping, presumably anxious to get American forces out of Southeast Asia, is attempting to convene an international conference to negotiate a settlement of the South Vietnam problem.

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3. USSR

a.

last month Khrushchev told a group of Soviet officials he had decided to postpone the next Soviet nuclear test series for six to eight months. This fits with what we know of activity around Novaya Zemlya, which has died down after a period during which it looked as if tests were imminent.

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b. A Category "C" test vehicle was launched from Tyuratam to the Kamchatka Peninsula last night. The Soviets thus achieved their fourth success in six tries at firing this improved "second-generation" missile during 1962.

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4. Bloc economic conference

The strictly routine conference communiqué issued in Moscow last night was out of harmony with a meeting requiring the presence of so many top-drawer Communist leaders. It will probably be at least several days before we receive any meaningful information as to what actually went on. We note, however, that the communiqué reflected the Sino-Soviet cleavage by announcing that Mongolia, a staunch Moscow supporter, has been promoted to full membership in CEMA, whereas the other Asian Communist countries are not even listed among those attending the meeting as observers.

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6. Indonesia - West  
New Guinea

a. Sukarno seemed to agree with Jones yesterday that there is not much difference between the Indonesian and Dutch approaches to the Bunker proposals. "The light was dawning" on the prospects for a resumption of talks, he said, but he indicated that the sun would not rise above the horizon until he had received ironclad assurances that the Dutch were willing to transfer the administration over West New Guinea to Indonesia prior to a plebiscite.

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b. In West New Guinea, Dutch authorities say they have the military situation well in hand, and that steps are being taken to stop Indonesian airdrop of men and supplies.

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the Indonesians have, in fact, suffered heavy casualties, and that some army officers are developing doubts of their ability to maintain an effective guerrilla force in New Guinea, let alone mount an all-out invasion any time soon.

7. South Korea

a. Prime Minister Song Yo Chan told Ambassador Berger yesterday that he had submitted his resignation, to become effective in a week or ten days. This, coming on top of other indications of mounting strains within the ruling junta, suggests that South Korea is about to enter another period of political instability, the outcome of which we are unable to predict.

b. Students, meanwhile, are still emotionally worked up over the status-of-forces issue, and there was a small demonstration this morning at Taegu, 150 miles southeast of Seoul. Rumors are rife that the students are being goaded to go back into the streets by various anti-government groups who hope to benefit from fishing in any troubled waters they might be able to stir up. Security forces are on the alert, but their effectiveness is suspect since they basically sympathize with the students.

NOTES

- A. Peiping, scarcely veiling a threat to unleash a new surge of humanity against Hong Kong's ramparts if it is ignored, has warned the British three times in the past few days against facilitating the movement of Chinese refugees to Taiwan.
- B. In Angola, Holden Roberto is said to be on the verge of making common cause with Communist-oriented insurgents in response to pressure from certain Asian-African states, and because he lacks the material wherewithal to keep his forces operating as an independent entity.
- C. Tomorrow's local elections in Italy, involving about 10 percent of the electorate, should provide the best evidence to date on how well Fanfani's "opening to the left" type of government has gone down with the public.
- D. The clandestine Viet Cong radio announced on Tuesday that US Sergeant George Fryett, who disappeared from Saigon last Christmas, is in Communist hands and in good health. He is alleged to have expressed regret for having involuntarily participated in "armed aggression" against South Vietnam, and to have petitioned for "amnesty" which, we suspect, will be granted for its propaganda value.
- E. The Soviet Ambassador to Cuba left for home on Friday reportedly grumbling that it was well nigh impossible for him to carry out Moscow's rigid instructions and at the same time please the Cubans, who were forever changing their minds on what they wanted from the USSR and when they wanted it.
- F. [redacted] the Soviets have begun to put pressure on Lebanon to grant them air transit routes through Beirut.

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LATE LAOS ITEM

The Pathet Lao radio this morning announced that the three princes have initialed an agreement on the distribution of portfolios. Souphanouvong is listed as first deputy prime minister, Phoumi as second deputy. The broadcast also claims that the princes will meet again tomorrow to sign a final agreement, that the coalition government will present itself to the King in Luang Prabang next Monday, and that a joint delegation will take off for Geneva one week later.

1. Laos

a. With Phoumi at last bowing to the formation of a coalition government and Souphanouvong said to be giving up his insistence on a privileged position, the odds are slightly in favor of the three parties coming up with a formula at their meeting today.

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b. Since Vientiane intends to go through the motions of following constitutional procedures, our guess is that any new government will not be a going concern before July at the earliest.

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2. South Korea

Government leaders were not pleased yesterday when they were informed of our unwillingness to discuss the problem of criminal jurisdiction over US personnel until constitutional government is restored. They have, nevertheless, taken additional steps to keep the lid on, but we believe that a new round of anti-American incidents is likely.

3. Communist Bloc  
leaders meeting

The declaration put out by the Communist leaders Saturday, this time meeting as the "Political Consultative Committee of the Warsaw Pact," gave relatively moderate treatment to the German problem, but was otherwise virtually meaningless.

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We are still in the dark on what else went on; relations with Albania and China were undoubtedly discussed.

4. South Vietnam

Our Saigon Embassy has received an advance copy of the ICC report on South Vietnam (due for release yesterday.) Ambassador Nolting is favorably impressed by its over-all tone, and satisfied that the cause-and-effect relationship between North Vietnamese subversion and US intervention comes through loud and clear. The Communists seem to have read the report the same way and, judging by Hanoi's furious propaganda charges that the ICC has acted "illegally," are out to discredit it.

5. Algeria

Algerian nationalist leaders, meeting in Tunis last week, [redacted] 50X1  
[redacted] elected Ben Bella to be the [redacted] 50X1  
secretary-general of their post-inde-  
pendence political organization. It  
is, therefore, probably no coincidence  
that nationalist pronouncements, in  
the past few days, have begun to glorify  
the Algerian National Army and have  
taken on a stronger anti-French colora-  
tion. This and Algerian reaction to  
the new wave of OAS activity do not  
bode well for the future of the European  
community. [redacted]

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6. Peru

In Peru, press reports of the early election returns are conflicting as to who is ahead. It seems, however, that the three top contenders--Haya de la Torre, Odria, and Belaunde--are so closely bunched that none may gain the 34 per cent of the total vote required for election. (There are four other candidates.) In such an event, the congress elects the president.

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7. Indian Politics

a.

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[redacted] the general feeling is that his reign is nearly over. There are indications that the scramble to succeed is already under way. The first test of factional strength in the ruling Congress Party is likely to take place next week when Krishna Menon's supporters will attempt to prevent the election of conservative Finance Minister Desai to the position of deputy party leader in Parliament.

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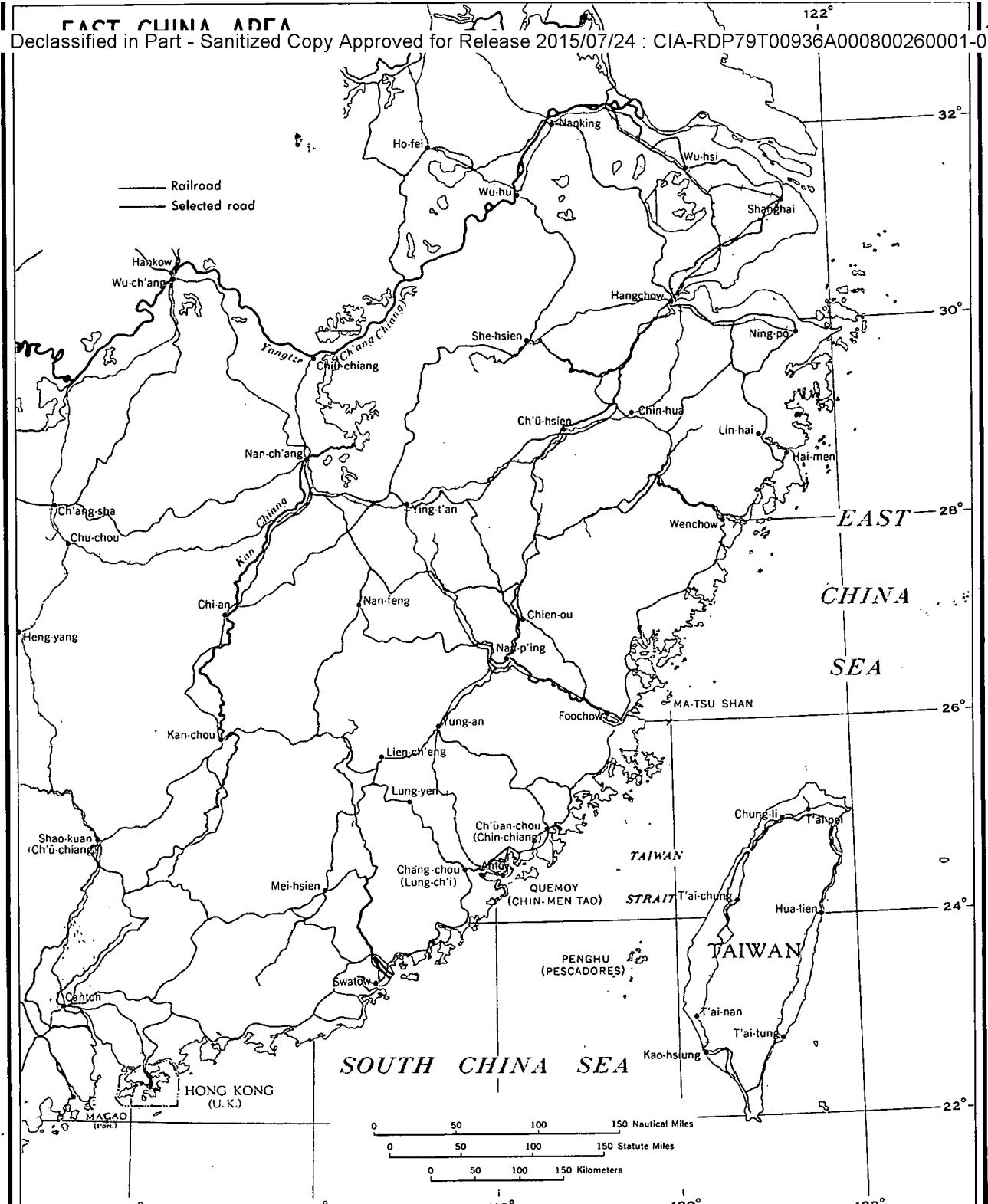
b. Menon's campaign for MIG-21's (and for the reduction of India's dependence on US aid in general) is apparently intended to weaken Desai.

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**EAST CHINA AREA**

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8. Chinese Communist  
military movements

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[redacted] a high level  
of alert over most of China. There  
are indications of the movement of at  
least three divisions--and probably  
considerably more--from north and  
central China, apparently toward the  
south. We are unable yet to deter-  
mine the reason: reaction to  
Nationalist preparations, civil unrest,  
and flood difficulties have been sug-  
gested, but none completely fit the  
picture. There are already approximately  
a half-million troops in the areas  
facing Taiwan.

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NOTES

- A. Ambassador Rice reports that the Dutch are unlikely to make any public statement, as demanded by Indonesia, which smacks of agreement to transfer the administration of West New Guinea before negotiations are resumed.
- B. The Bonn cabinet is scheduled this week to consider whether, and under what circumstances, it should grant a large line of credit to East Germany for the purchase of machinery and industrial goods from West Germany.
- C. A Soviet fighter aircraft yesterday tailed one of our transports on a flight in the southern corridor to Berlin. This is the first incident of this nature since the Soviets stopped their harassment activities in the corridors last March. 50X1
- D. [REDACTED] high-level Soviet military delegation to visit Ghana. The Russians, we suspect, will come prepared to offer Nkrumah something more substantial in the way of military assistance than the training of a few cadets in the USSR and a modest gift of small arms, their limit to date. 50X1
- F. Communist China is again shopping for wheat in Australia.

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1. Laos

a. The three princes are scheduled to put their signatures on a formal coalition agreement today. Souvanna,

[redacted] will then begin the moves leading up to submission of the new government for the King's approval, probably early next week.

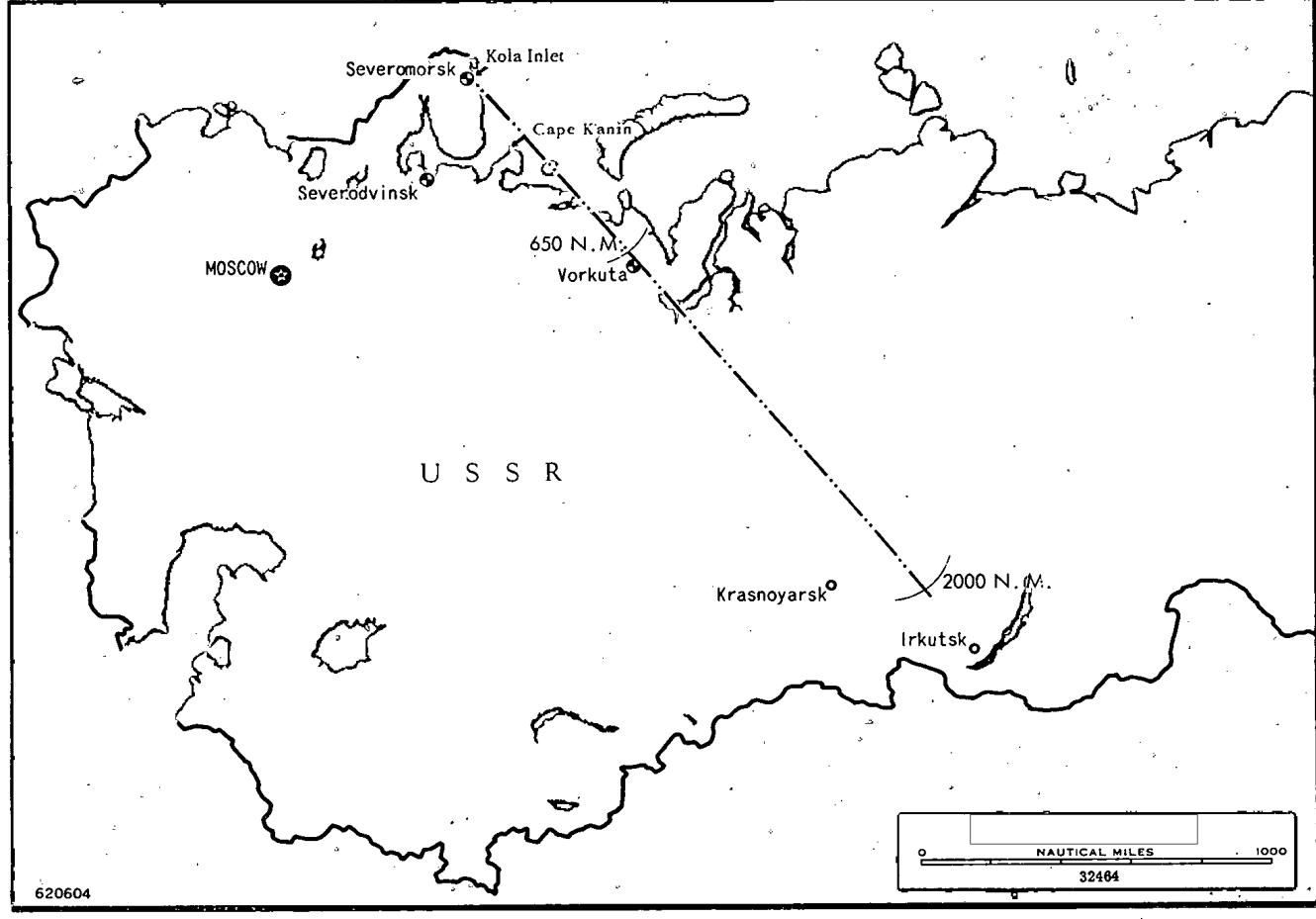
b. As recounted to Brown by Phoumi, Souvanna is due the credit for taking the negotiations over the last hurdle. The meeting came close to foundering over how many places were to go to "neutralists" based in Vientiane. Phoumi says that Souvanna's insistence that Souphanouvong give ground on this issue produced a table-pounding and furniture-kicking exchange between the two princes before Souphanouvong yielded.

c. This display of firmness by Souvanna seems to have had its effect in giving Phoumi a somewhat more hopeful view of the future than before. Brown quotes him as saying "I think this will work out."

d. Pathet Lao broadcasts yesterday were listing Souphanouvong as first deputy premier and Phoumi as second deputy, but the agreement in fact gives them equal footing.

e. The Thais are showing alarm over the cabinet slate, particularly over the appointment of Quinim as foreign minister.

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2. Soviet submarine missile system

There is virtually conclusive evidence of the launching of another ballistic missile by a nuclear-powered Soviet submarine last Friday on the Northern Fleet test range. We cannot say positively that the missile reached the range's 2,000-nautical-mile limit but there are some indications that it did.

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[redacted] this weapons system has passed out of the research stage into its operational-development phase.

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3. Peruvian election

With 25% of the votes still uncounted, none of the three major candidates has a clear hold on the necessary 34%. Amidst a stream of partisan claims and counterclaims, however, there are some signs that Belaunde has pulled ahead. Furthermore, Embassy Lima sees a good chance that, if the election goes to the Peruvian congress, Belaunde will come out on top, although it seems doubtful that any of the three candidates could form a viable government without making a deal with one of the other two.

4. West New Guinea

Van Roijen told Ambassador Rice in The Hague yesterday that the Dutch cabinet is ready to negotiate on the basis of the Bunker plan, that the Dutch want a quick solution to the New Guinea question, and that they are willing to transfer administration to Indonesia prior to a plebiscite.

NOTE

- A. Moscow has named a second-ranker as its new ambassador in Havana. The new man had been the Embassy Counselor before Ambassador Kudryavtsev was recalled last week.

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1. Chinese Communist  
military buildup  
in Strait area

a.

[redacted] evidence  
of a major military buildup in the  
coastal area opposite Taiwan. At least  
five infantry divisions are being de-  
ployed into the area. These divisions  
have apparently had some sort of special  
status in the past, perhaps because  
they had been given a priority on  
modern equipment. We are accumulating  
evidence which suggests the involvement  
of a number of other units.

b. We are also beginning to see  
what looks like preparations for an  
accompanying air buildup. At least  
three airfields in the area are ap-  
parently being reactivated; two of  
these became operational during the  
Strait crisis in 1958. The only  
unusual naval activity noted to date  
is the presence--as yet not firmly  
established--in the area of two sub-  
marines. This would be the first  
time Chinese submarines have ventured  
this far south.

c. Thus, with evidence coming in  
that a new force, possibly elite and  
specially equipped, may be forming in  
the Strait area, we cannot discount  
the possibility of offensive action  
against the offshore islands. We  
are still more inclined to believe  
these moves are a reaction to Nationalist  
preparations, of which the Communists  
must surely be aware. We note the  
absence to date of a build-up in "exter-  
nal menace" propaganda which we would  
expect to precede a military adventure  
designed to distract attention from  
internal troubles. [redacted]

2. Laos

a. Plans are for the new government to be presented to the King next Monday in Vientiane and for the first cabinet meeting to be held immediately thereafter, also in Vientiane.

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3. Peru

Results of the election are still not clear. However, the armed forces, having decided that election of Belaunde is best for the country, evidently mean to ensure that one way or another this will be the outcome. They have told Belaunde he will win by 40,000 votes,

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Haya's party has threatened a general strike if Haya loses through fraud, and, as the party controls most of Peruvian labor, any strike called would probably be effective. Wide-spread civil disturbances are a real possibility.

4. Kuwait

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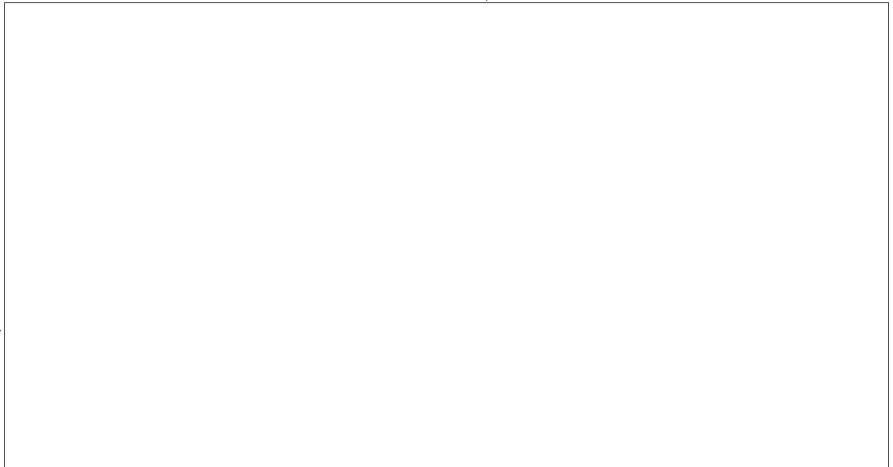
5. South Vietnam

[redacted] the first  
time [redacted] presence in South Vietnam of 50X1  
North Vietnamese Army headquarters 50X1  
above battalion level. [redacted] 50X1  
[redacted] personnel subordinate 50X1  
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[redacted] --both in the northern 50X1  
half of the country--were North Viet-  
namese Army regulars. [redacted] 50X1  
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6. Algeria



NOTES

- A. South Korean Prime Minister Song Yo Chan, responding to our representations, says he will remain on as Prime Minister for the time being. Mutual suspicions within the ruling junta remain, however, and the chances for political stability in the coming weeks are still not good.
- B. East German police authorities believe tension is rising over the food situation. The populace is apparently convinced the regime will, as usual, follow Moscow's lead and raise food prices. This has led to panic buying, rumors of rationing, and long disorderly queues. [redacted] 50X1
- C. As expected, the East Germans [redacted] have registered a strong protest against Adenauer's plan to visit West Berlin on 17 June. They contend his use of a western military aircraft for this purpose would be a flagrant abuse of the air corridors. [redacted] 50X1 50X1
- D. In the already highly charged atmosphere, further public disorders seem likely to follow President Betancourt's public promise yesterday to move against the two far-left parties and their deputies in congress.

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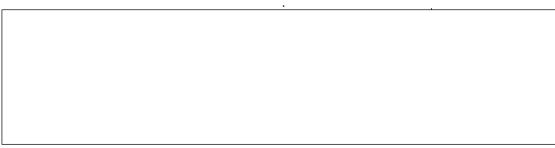
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1. Taiwan Strait

Chinese army and air force units continue their move into South China opposite Taiwan; we now think that at least six divisions are involved.

[redacted] while still falling 50X1 short of providing confirmation, have nevertheless strengthened our suspicions that Chinese submarines have also been deployed in the Strait area.

2. Laos

a. The first steps to implement Tuesday's agreement are set for today when Souvanna is due to report to the King in Luang Prabang, and Phoumi to the National Assembly in Vientiane.

b. In the meantime, our side is doing everything possible to persuade Souvanna to attend the Geneva conference which we are aiming to reconvene on 2 July.

3. Communist China - Cambodia

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4. Non-aligned nations meetings

a. A "summit meeting" of the Casablanca Powers (sans Nkrumah, who is staying home to run a "world peace assembly") is to convene tomorrow in Cairo to consider ways and means of fostering African unity. We look for Nasir to dominate the show and to use it as a sounding board for promoting his current pet project--next month's economic conference of unaligned states.

b. Meanwhile, several states that are to participate in the economic conference have formally invited Cuba to attend.

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5. USSR

[redacted] missile  
was successfully launched [redacted]

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6. Peru

The final outcome of Sunday's election remains up in the air, but latest press reports indicate that the back country vote, now coming in, may have turned the tide in favor of Haya de la Torre. [redacted]

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7. USSR-Sudan

In their eagerness to conclude a civil air agreement, the Soviets are reportedly prepared to bow to Khartoum's insistence that non-Sudanese crews (presumably even Americans) be allowed to fly its planes over Soviet territory. With this major roadblock out of the way, a final agreement is likely to be buttoned-up before very long.

## USIB WATCH COMMITTEE MEETING

13 June 1962

The Committee reaffirmed its conclusion that no Sino-Soviet Bloc country intends to initiate direct military action in the immediate future, but gave close attention to the sharp buildup of Chinese Communist ground force strength in areas adjacent to the Taiwan Strait. It advanced several explanations for this buildup, including: a) the strengthening of defenses against the possibility of Nationalist operations against the mainland; b) preparations for offensive action against the offshore islands; c) a desire to divert the attention of the US away from the Southeast Asian theater. In reaching its primary conclusion, the Committee [redacted]

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[redacted] noted that the activities of the Soviet and satellite armed forces appeared normal, and examined the current situations in Berlin, Laos, and Indonesia. On Laos, the Committee foresees the present de facto division of the country continuing for some time, despite the recent agreement of the three princes.

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- A. In South Korea, the sloppy handling of the recently decreed currency devaluation is arousing popular distrust of the government, thus adding a new element of uncertainty to the uneasy situation there.
- B. With expenditures steadily rising and revenues declining, Iran is getting into a financial bind which will probably stimulate Tehran to ask for emergency US assistance, perhaps within the next couple of weeks.
- C. Adenauer, anxious to see some measure of European political unity achieved before he leaves the scene, is saying that if the Benelux countries continue to hang back, a start should be made by the formation of a Franco-German-Italian union.
- D. President Macapagal has twice, in the last fortnight, publicly addressed himself to US-Philippine relations in distinctly conciliatory tones, giving rise to hopes his administration will dampen-down the anti-American sentiment it has helped to arouse during the past few weeks.

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## CHINESE COMMUNIST AIRCRAFT DEPLOYMENTS

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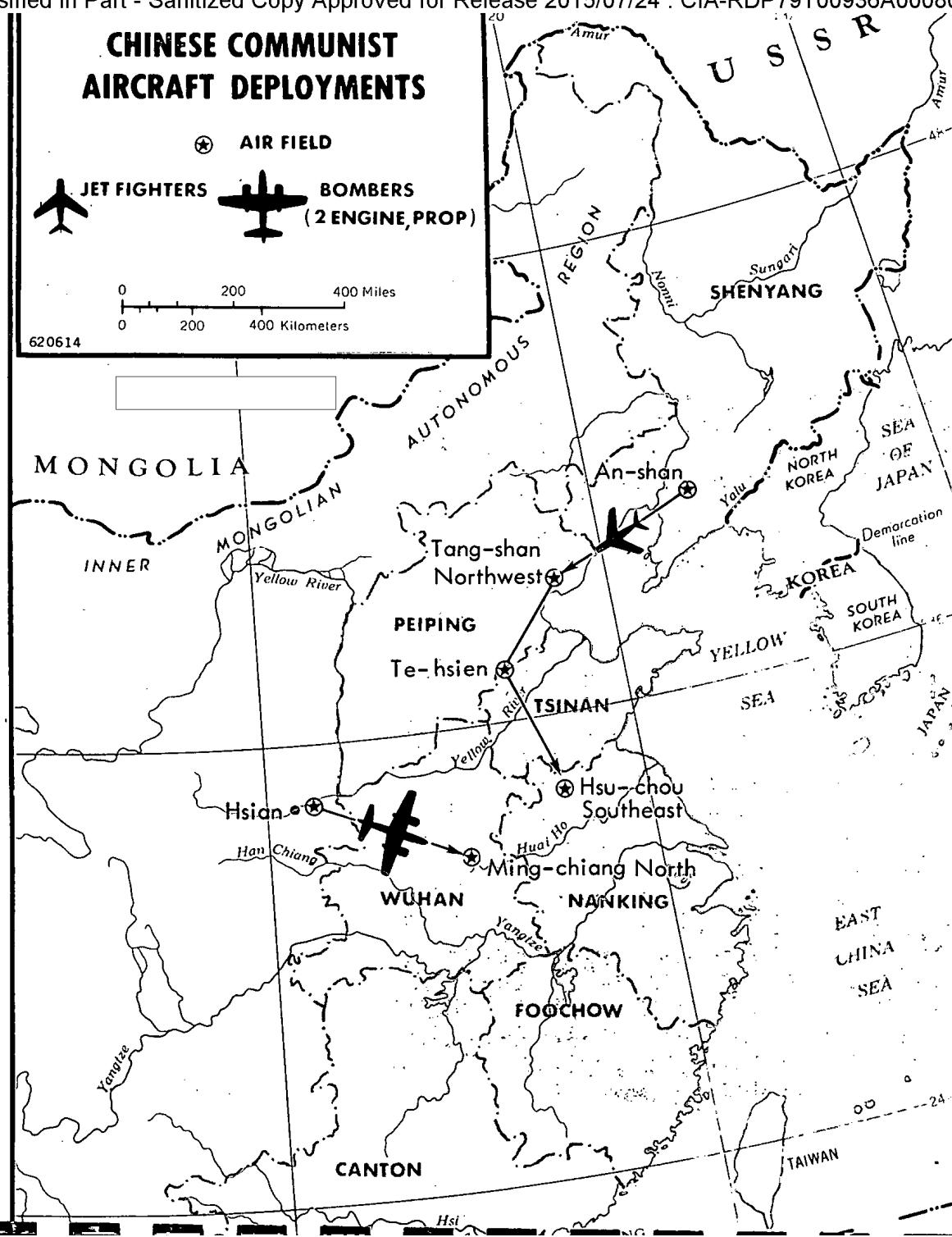


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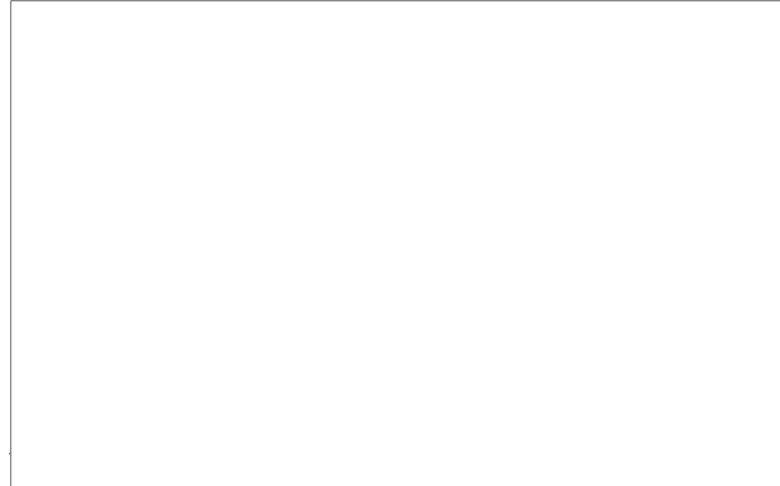
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1. Communist China

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b. [redacted] Communist China's Ambassador Wang in Warsaw has taken the unusual step of asking Ambassador Cabot to meet with him today in an unscheduled private talk. It is just possible that this meeting will shed some light on Peiping's present military intentions.

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c. Chinese Communist propaganda has recently shown concern over the possibility of a Nationalist move against the mainland. [redacted]

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2. Laos

a. Souvanna has confirmed to Ambassador Brown that he will head the Lao delegation to Geneva. Souvanna said he thought it would be a good thing for Phoumi to remain in Laos while he is away.

b. In response to Brown's remark that the use of Lao territory by North Vietnam for transit of men and supplies to South Vietnam was bad, Souvanna declared, "I will not permit it." He said he wants to go to Hanoi to ascertain the real intention of North Vietnam toward the South.

c. Quinim, the foreign minister designate, assured Brown yesterday, that he would always hew to a strictly neutral line.

3. Thailand-Cambodia

The Thais began reinforcing their Cambodian border patrols Wednesday. We believe this move to be related to the decision expected today by the International Court on the longstanding dispute with Cambodia over the Kao Phra Wiharn Temple. The Thais feel that the only just decision possible is to confirm their possession of the temple. Ambassador Young has warned that we are in for a violent Thai reaction and crisis if the court decides against Thailand. Sihanouk has told us Cambodia will abide by whatever decision is made.

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NOTES

- A. The Peruvian election issue will probably remain inconclusive for several more days. The count so far covers no more than 15 to 20 percent of the total vote.
- B. The two Soviet space event support ships have left their stations in the Atlantic and are now proceeding on extended resupply missions. The circumstances suggest either a temporary postponement or a major change in scheduling for the next Soviet space event. [redacted] 50X1
- C. Pravda yesterday attacked Western plans for what it calls "suspicious visits" to West Berlin next week by Secretary Rusk, Adenauer, and 40 British Labor Party MPs. It repeated verbatim the warning contained in the 7 June Soviet note to the effect that the USSR will have to take "appropriate steps" to fulfill its commitment to East Germany.
- D. The Adoula-Tshombé talks are at a virtual impasse and are now producing nothing but acrimony. [redacted] 50X1  
[redacted] 50X1
- E. [redacted] anti-regime sentiment has now built up among the East German people to the point where serious civil disturbances have become a real possibility. [redacted] 50X1  
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- G. A Sudanese military delegation leaves shortly for Moscow on what we suspect is a shopping trip for military equipment. [redacted] 50X1  
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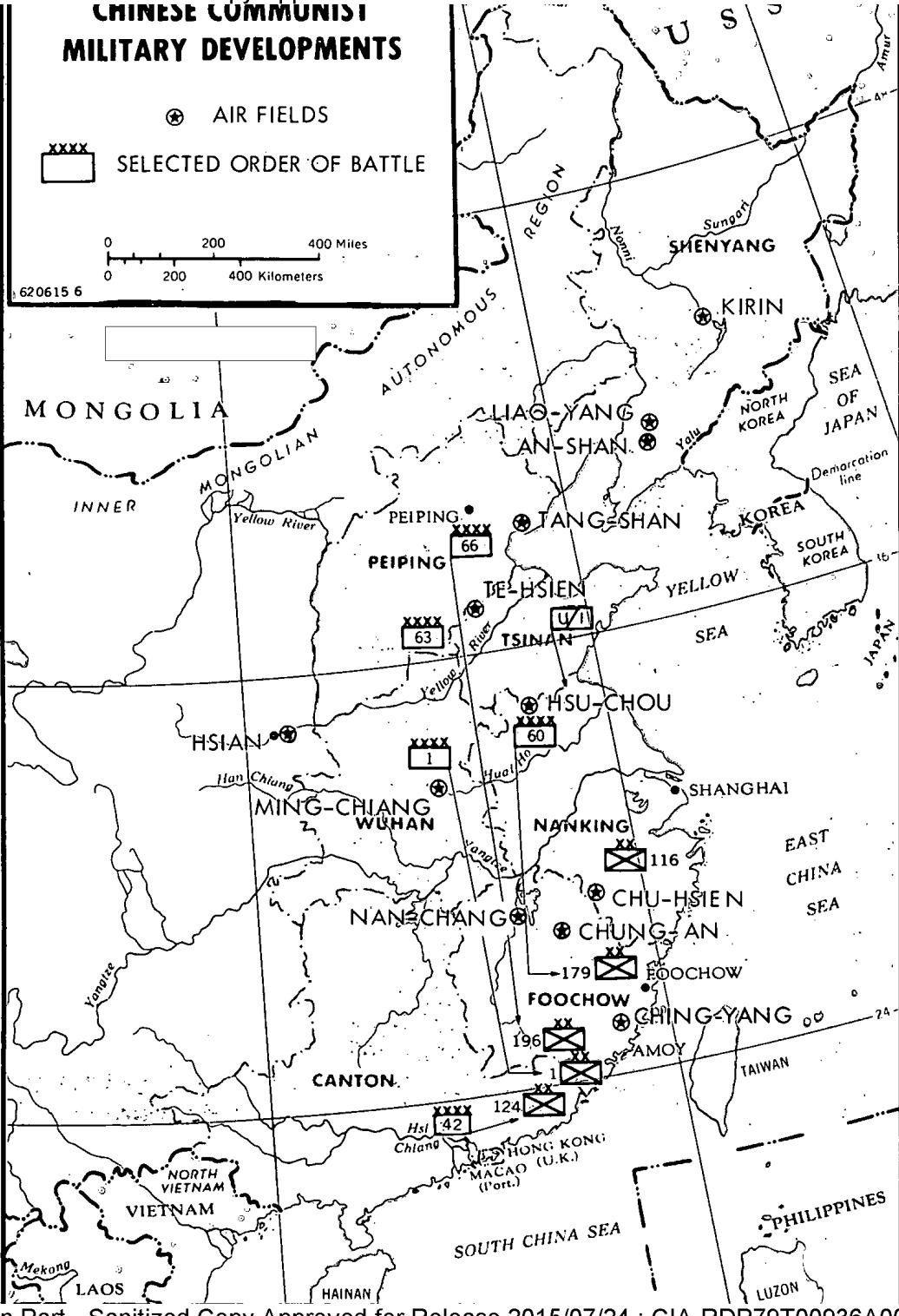
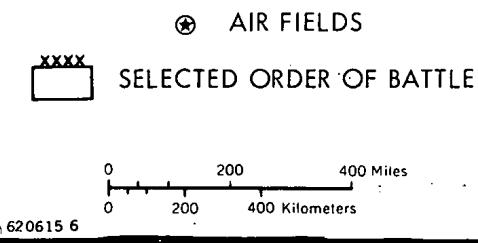
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1. Communist Chinese [REDACTED]

b. These jets are still well north  
of the Foochow Military Region opposite  
Taiwan. [REDACTED] 50X1

[REDACTED] an airfield at [REDACTED] 50X1  
Chiangyang on the coast has been newly  
activated and is prepared to receive jet  
fighters. [REDACTED] 50X1

c. On the other hand, the TU-2  
light bombers which we reported moving  
closer to the area seem to have re- 50X1  
turned to their point of departure. [REDACTED] 50X1

d. There are also additional in-  
dications of the deployment of ground  
elements into or toward the area. We  
see some evidence, not yet conclusive,  
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e. In Warsaw, the Chinese Commu-  
nist Ambassador, pleading illness, can-  
celled out of yesterday's meeting with  
Ambassador Cabot, and there is, there-  
fore, no clue as to what he had on his  
mind.

2. Laos

a. Moscow's propaganda line on Laos has now begun to show signs of leading up to a demand for US withdrawal from Thailand as a precondition for a settlement at Geneva.

b. The first step toward formal investiture of the coalition government came yesterday when the National Assembly in Vientiane gave its approval.

c. Pathet Lao and Kong Le elements [redacted] 50X1 are preparing for a "clearing" ac50X1 tition against Meo elements in an area north of the Plaine des Jarres, possibly beginning on Sunday. ( [redacted] 50X1 )

3. India

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Defense Minister Krishna 50X1 Menon will soon establish uncontested control over the three military services.

[redacted] he will have established a ma-50X1 jor base of power in the event that Nehru leaves the scene.

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4. Berlin

The Soviets and East Germans, with a wary eye on the possibility of incidents arising out of week-end ceremonies in West Berlin marking the 1953 uprising, are shoring up their security arrangements along the Berlin borders.

5. Syria

Syria closed its border with Lebanon yesterday. There are a number of antiregime plotters in Lebanon, although we have no concrete reasons for believing this move is connected with an imminent crisis in Syria's still shaky government.

6. South Korea

General Pak has accepted the resignation of his moderate Prime Minister Song Yo Chan, thus bringing the split in government ranks out into the open. Indications are that the move came from Pak, rather than Song, who had expressed to US officials his willingness to stay on in order to avert a crisis. Song's cabinet resigned en masse with him but their resignations have not yet been accepted.

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## 7. Yugoslavia-USSR

a. The Yugoslav leadership is pre-occupied over how to cope with the serious problems it foresees in adjusting to the loss of US aid and the impact of the Common Market at a time when it is still excluded from CEMA, the Bloc economic organization. Although still fearful of breaking all ties with the West, Tito is continuing his moves to improve relations with the USSR.

b. One of the most high-powered Yugoslav delegations in years is off to Moscow on Tuesday for about two weeks. Judging from the delegation's make-up--it includes a politburo member, a member of the central committee and Tito's top man on Albanian affairs--the visit should be slanted more to real business than protocol.

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B. The International Court of Justice has ruled in favor of Cambodia's claim to the Kao Phra Wikarn Temple on the Thai-Cambodian border. [redacted] the Thais are ready to use force to remain in possession of the site, which both countries view as a symbol of national prestige.

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C. Kosygin, one of the first deputy premiers under Khrushchev (Mikoyan is the other), begins a 10-day visit to Italy on Monday.

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D. A substantial number of Venezuelan Navy officers have joined in an ultimatum to the Minister of Defense demanding the removal of Communists and suspected Communists, including the CNO, from the navy. They are threatening to take matters into their own hands unless they get their way.

E. Chile is thinking seriously of resuming diplomatic relations with Moscow (broken in 1947) before year's end.

F. In British Guiana, Chedda Jagan is about to move for the dismissal of Home Minister Rai, the only bona fide anti-Communist in his cabinet and a persistent critic. If Rai decides to make a fight of it, it is just possible that he could break Jagan's very precarious grip in the Guiana parliament.

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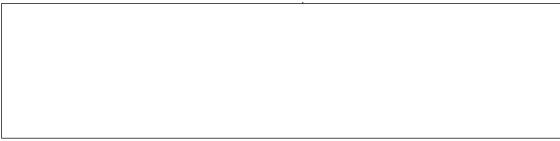
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1. [redacted] Nehru [redacted]

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contrary to the Indian government's contention, the Soviet offer to allow the manufacture of MIG engines in India carries strict security conditions.

2. Indonesia-Netherlands

a. Subandrio is pressing for U Thant to state publicly what he has already said privately, namely that in his opinion the Netherlands and Indonesia have the same interpretations of the Bunker proposal. With this, Subandrio indicates, there would be no need for such a profession from the Dutch and talks could be resumed as early as next week. Subandrio also made it clear, however, that the Indonesians envisage any further secret talks as only a brief preliminary to the opening of formal negotiations under the UN's aegis. The Dutch appear to be in a forthcoming frame of mind, but have said they would like to thrash out the maximum amount of detail at the secret level before entering the formal stage.

b. Meanwhile, four Soviet submarines are on a southerly course in the Pacific, probably bound for Indonesia. Their arrival would bring up to 12 the number of submarines delivered to the Indonesians.

3. Laos

Souvanna and Souphanouvong, who were due in Vientiane this morning, are claiming that a muddy airport has prevented their take-off and have postponed their arrival. However, both princes are balking at plans to have the King mention the National Assembly's approval of the new government in the forthcoming Royal Ordinance establishing the new regime. Their contention is that the Souvanna government gets its legal standing from the Zurich agreements and needs no sanction from the Phoumi-dominated Assembly. We believe that this sticking point is the real reason for their failure to show up on schedule.

4. Algeria

a. A spokesman for the Algerian nationalists yesterday announced that Europeans in Algeria will be granted amnesty after the July 1 independence referendum. This comes as the outgrowth of the behind-the-scenes talks between nationalist and OAS representatives which have been in progress for the past two weeks. This morning's press dispatches are reporting that the OAS in Algiers has in return declared an end to the campaign of destruction and that there had been no violence in the city up to 10 AM local time today. However, we do not yet know how solid this truce is. For one thing, the nationalist announcement is ambiguous as to whether the amnesty will apply specifically to OAS members, and, for another, it is anything but certain that the extremist wing of the OAS, centered mainly in Oran, will go along with a truce.

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b. The outflow of Europeans from Algeria has, in the meantime, reached flood proportions. By French count, 92,000 refugees arrived in the Metropole during the first 12 days of this month.

c. The Provisional Algerian Government has officially requested a formal US statement welcoming Algerian independence, including a generous offer of assistance, as soon as the results of the referendum have been announced.

## 5. South Korea

The military junta has moved to head off a recoil from the resignation on Saturday of Prime Minister Song Yo-chan, who could become a rallying-point for disgruntled elements inside and outside the regime. The government yesterday announced the arrest of 74 individuals on charges of subversion. General Pak, already president and head of the junta, has taken over as premier.

## 6. Communist Chinese economic difficulties

A shortage of funds has forced Peiping to order a curtailment in personnel in at least two diplomatic posts [redacted]

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- A. The Thais, just as apoplectic about the International Court ruling as could have been expected, announced this morning that they are sealing tight their border with Cambodia.
- B. President Betancourt has talked to the Venezuelan military [redacted] and seems to have dissuaded them from acting on their own.
- C. Adenauer's public allusion to a Franco-German-Italian political alignment seems to be generating as much opposition in Paris as elsewhere in Europe. [redacted]
- D. The UAR is sure of 19 delegations being on hand for the economic conference of developing nations, due to open in Cairo on July 9, and looks for at least 10 more. Among the Latins on the list are Cuba, Mexico and Bolivia, and there is a fair chance that Brazil, Chile and Uruguay will also accept. [redacted]

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## CHINESE COMMUNIST MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS

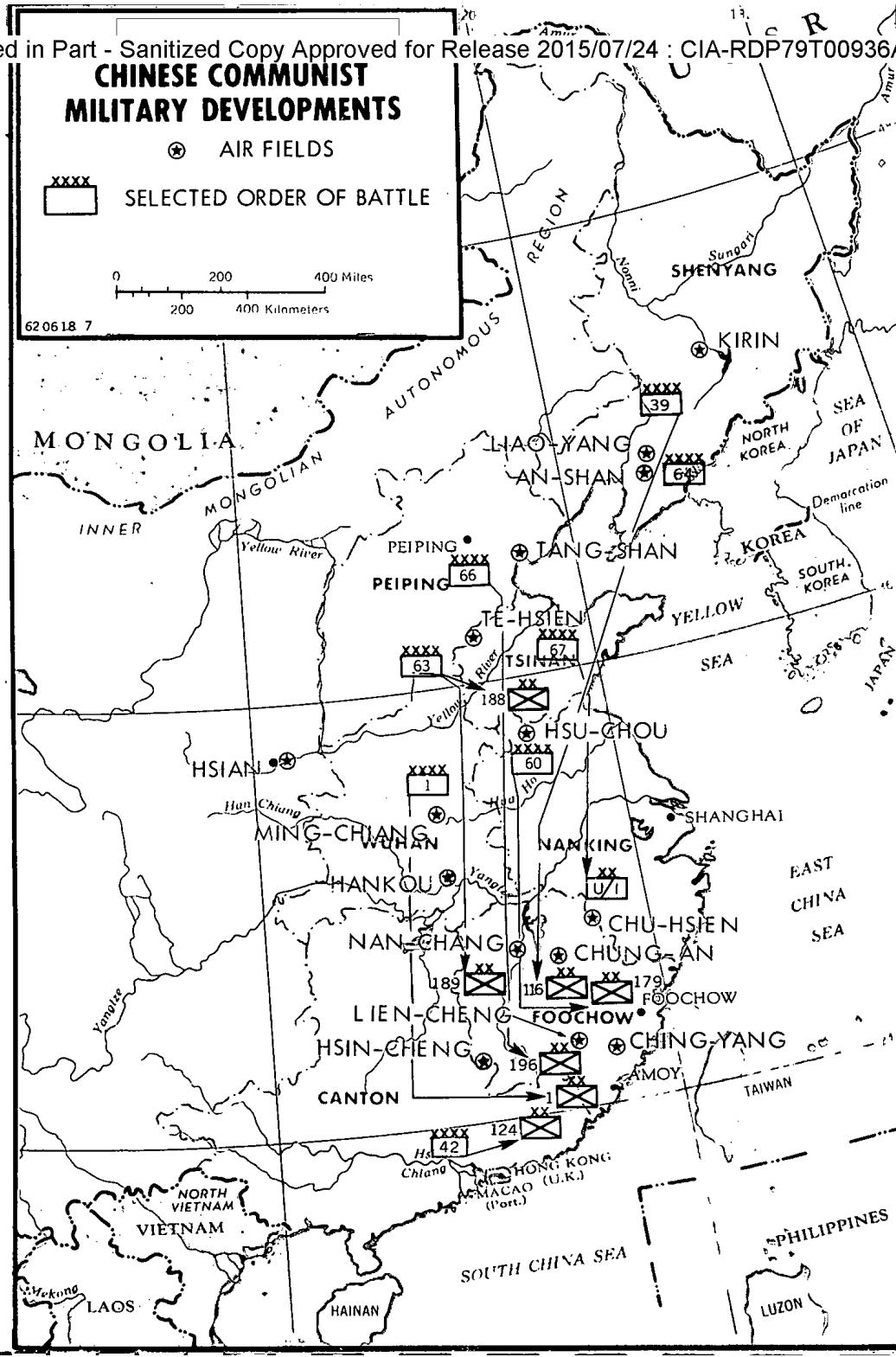
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1. Communist China.

a. As time goes on and the extraordinary Chinese Communist military buildup continues, our confidence in the assessment that this movement is primarily defensive in purpose is dwindling. We are unable to find any fully satisfactory explanation for this large movement, and we therefore feel that the possibility of some offensive action (perhaps against the offshore islands) cannot be dismissed.

b. We now have indications that yet another six, possibly eight, divisions will move into the Foochow Military Region. This would more than double the number (190,000) of ground forces deployed in the area before the current program began. Although hampered by weather, many of the jet aircraft noted en route from Northern China have now arrived in the Foochow Military Region.

c. The buildup is being carried out rapidly (with obvious prior planning), secretly (with obvious design to achieve tactical surprise), and, in the case of ground forces, on a scale far in excess of that which we would expect if a generally improved defensive posture were its sole purpose. Furthermore, we note that forces seem to be concentrating in the areas opposite the Nationalist-held offshore islands, to the exclusion of other (more likely) areas of Nationalist attack.

2. Thailand

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the Phra Wiharn temple issue confronts the Sarit regime with the gravest domestic crisis it has faced since coming to power. The regime will probably go some distance toward venting nationalistic feeling; as a starter, the Foreign Ministry in Bangkok has announced that Thai delegates to the Geneva Conference on Laos and to SEATO in Bangkok will boycott these meetings. Thai troops have been given standing orders to shoot if there is any movement from Cambodia toward the Phra Wiharn temple area. Nevertheless, behind all the bluster and furor are signs that Thai leaders will try to keep matters from getting out of hand.

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3. Laos

Press reports from Vientiane suggest that the constitutional wrinkle which halted progress yesterday was smoothed out at a meeting between Souvanna and the King early today.

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4. Canadian elections

Prime Minister Diefenbaker's Conservative Party suffered heavy losses in Monday's elections but remains in power. Final returns show the standings in the 265-seat parliament to be: Conservatives 118 (a loss of 90); Liberals 97 (gain of 46); others 49, and one undecided.

5. Algeria

As expected, this weekend's truce and amnesty agreement has been disavowed by die-hard elements in the OAS. We note that no important Moslem leader has allowed his name to be associated with the putative agreement either, and we doubt that any will. Nonetheless, the truce announcement will probably serve its primary purpose, which seems to be to allow those in the OAS who wish to give up the fight to do so gracefully.

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6. Turkey

Late press reports state that coalition talks have broken down over distribution of ministries, and Premier-designate Inonu has again submitted his resignation to President Gursel. We do not yet know the outcome of an eleventh-hour conference between the President and political leaders, but Inonu will probably again accept a request from Gursel to give it another try. Failing this, the military, perhaps with a nod from Inonu, may move in.

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- A. Belgian Queen Mother Elisabeth has abandoned plans to visit Cuba.
- B. Indonesian demands for Dutch assurances having now been met, we expect that the [redacted] talks will be resumed sometime next week.

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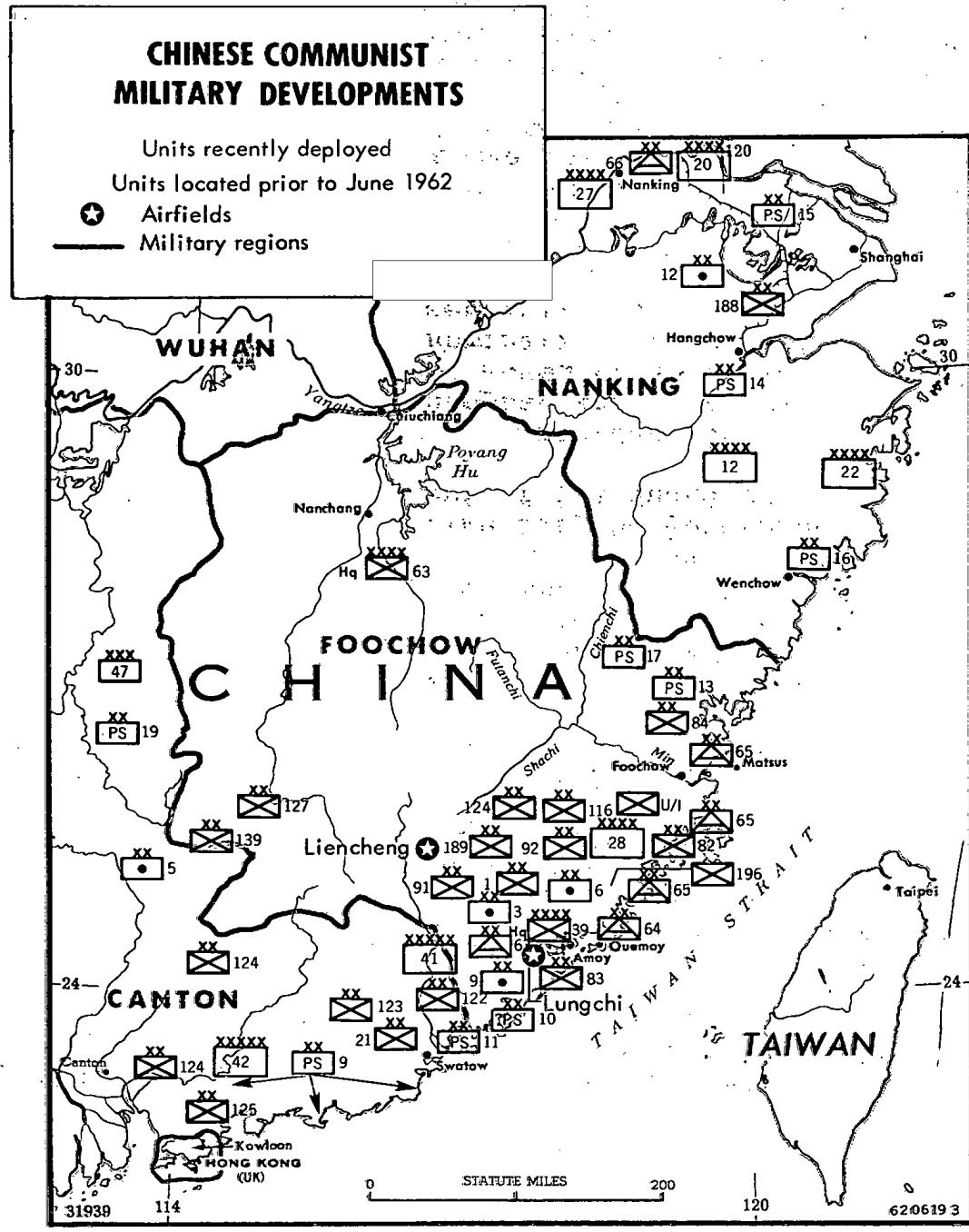
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1. Communist China

Ground and air movements into the Foochow-Amoy area continued yesterday.

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[redacted] "war preparations" and mobilization of reserves; there are some indications that civilians are being evacuated from the coastal area.

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2. Thailand

The King of Thailand [redacted] calling publicly for even tempers on the temple issue [redacted]

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[redacted] to hold back the hotheads. Ambassador Young suspects that the announcement of a boycott of the Geneva conference and SEATO meetings is a device to release pressures and win time for the government to work its way out of its quandary.

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3. Brazil

President Goulart will probably propose that foreign minister Dantas be moved up to prime minister. The nomination is certain to encounter conservative opposition in the Brazilian congress but stands a fair chance of going through. US officials in Rio are not enthusiastic about the prospect. They rate Dantas head-and-shoulders above the present prime minister, Tancredo Neves, in skill and effectiveness, but consider him a political trimmer and something of a demagogue. He was a Fascist in the 30's but now stands on the left wing of Goulart's Labor party and has sought and received Communist backing for the prime ministry.

4. Moscow lowers  
draft age

The Soviet government has reduced the draft registration age from 18 to 17. This will probably be followed by the lowering of the induction age to 18 from the present 19. We think this measure results directly from the sharp decline in birth rate during World War II. (The number of 19 year-old males has fallen from 2.4 million in 1958 to about one million this year.) By inducting two classes in one year, the Soviets will hold their forces at the present levels.

5. Argentina

President Guido is facing a new crisis in the form of heavy pressure from a hard-line military faction which wants him to move further to the right in domestic policy. Guido is ready to reshuffle his cabinet to placate the group,

[redacted] but [redacted]  
[redacted] not sure this will be enough to avert a move to supplant him.

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6. Laos

The argument over whether the National Assembly will be mentioned in the King's investiture decree continued through yesterday. Souvanna has also taken exception to what he believes to be an implication in the decree, as it now stands, that his coalition government will have only nominal authority until military and administrative integration of the opposing factors has been achieved. Phoumi is being urged by Brown--and even by the King--to give in on these points.

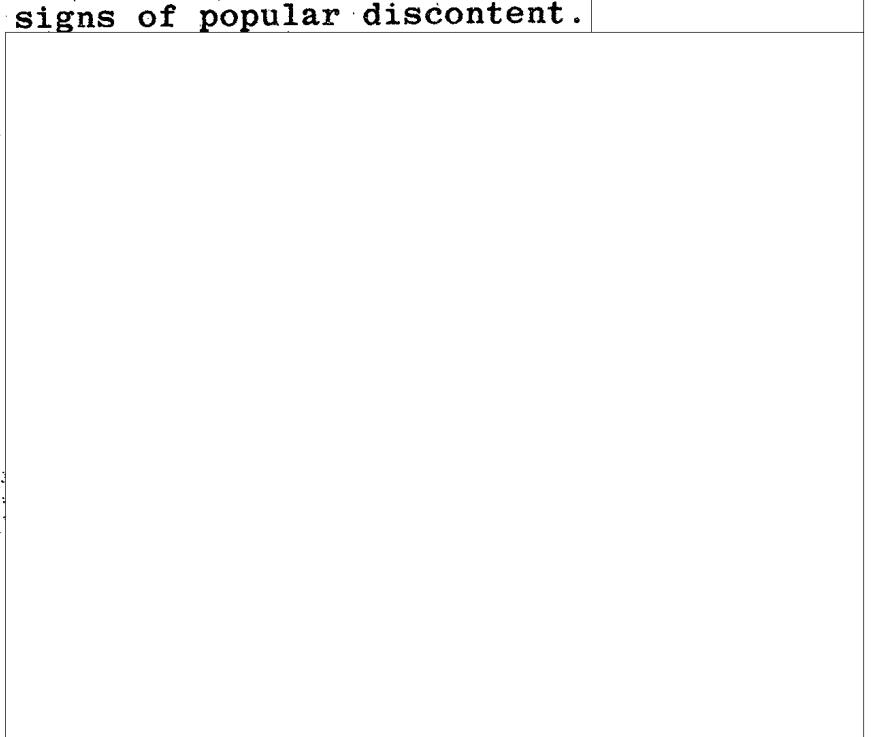
7. South Vietnam -  
Cambodia

Canadian representative on the ICC,  
the commission's investigation [Redacted] 50X1  
[Redacted] Cambodia's charge that South 50X1  
Vietnamese forces violated the Cambodia border last Saturday and that the incursion resulted in Cambodian civilian casualties--three, according to the preliminary report. Our Embassy in Saigon reports that there were three US military advisors and three US newsmen with the South Vietnamese who were in pursuit of suspected Viet Cong elements. Witnesses to the incidents are reporting the presence of "white men" and we take it for granted that Communist propaganda will play this to the hilt.

8. East Germany

We have been reporting recently 50X1  
in general terms that the East German  
government is increasingly uneasy over  
signs of popular discontent.

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A. On the eve of yesterday's action in the US House, the Dominican government had become so worked up over its sugar quota prospects that it suspended drawings from the \$25 million US loan. Ambassador Martin reports that "the Alianza, as of the moment, is at a dead stop."

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C. Ghana feels it will reap more prestige from the World Peace Assembly opening in Accra tomorrow if the gathering steers clear of ideological extremes. The generally leftist orientation of the attending delegations gives pretty good assurance, however, that whatever emerges on the disarmament question will be more pleasing to Moscow than to us.

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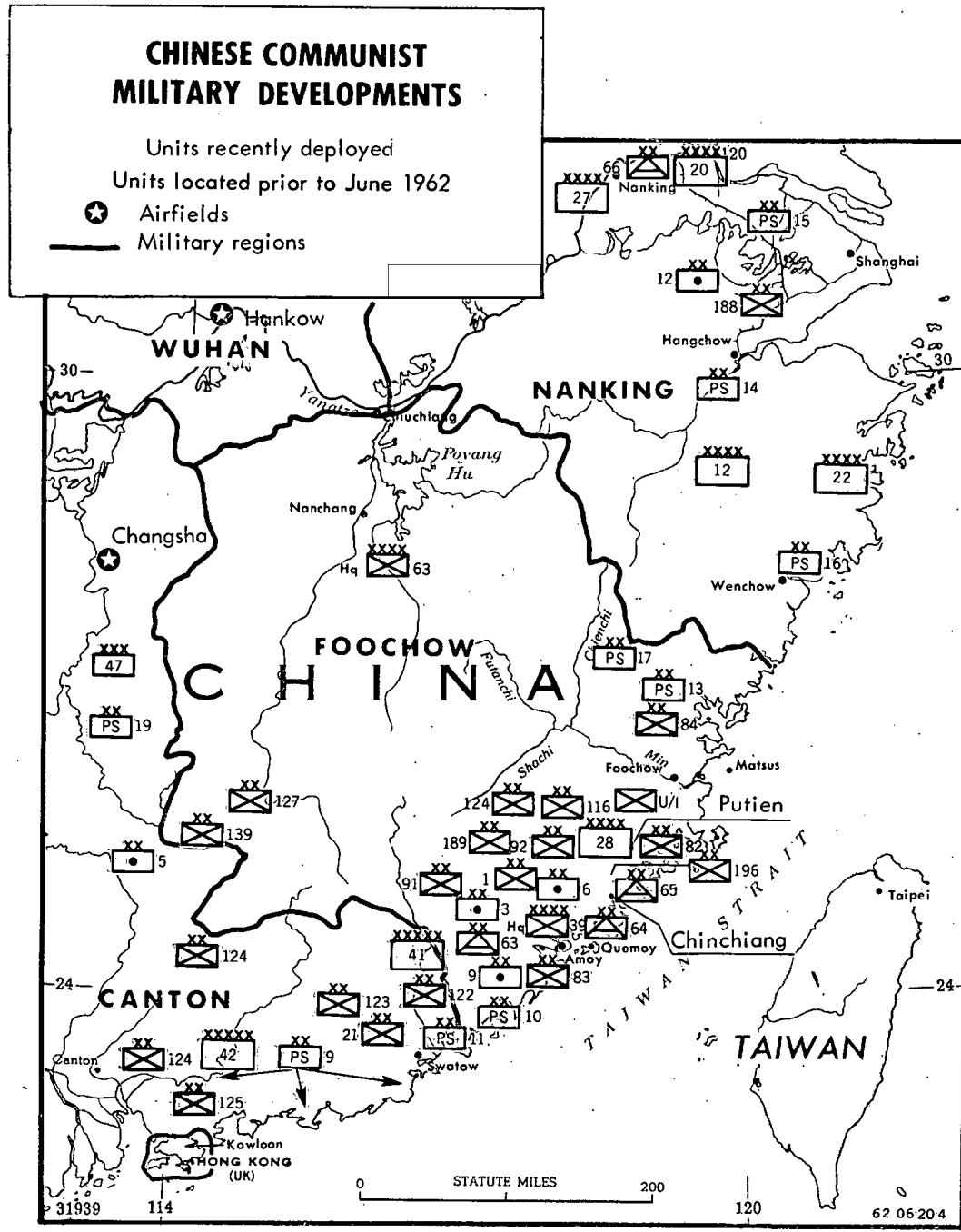
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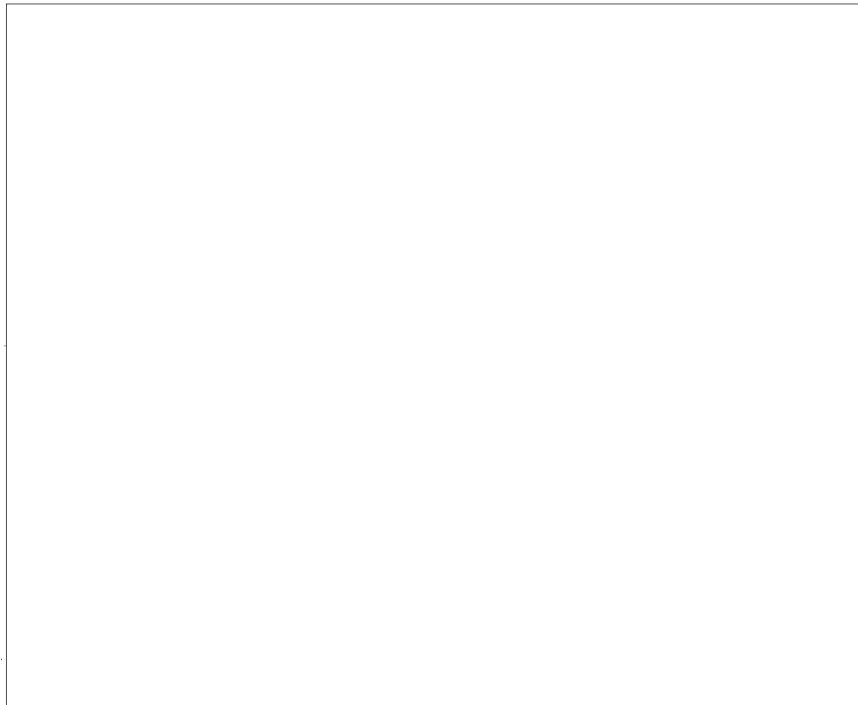


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1. Communist China

a. Concentration of forces in  
the Amoy area opposite the Chinmens  
continues.



2. Laos

Phoumi has conceded a point to Souvanna and has agreed to make no mention of the assembly in the King's investiture ordinance. Souvanna in turn has dropped his insistence that the assembly be dissolved before investiture, but has referred to Souphanouvong Phoumi's request that assembly members be present, along with others, at the oath-taking ceremony. Meanwhile, time is fast running out. The Plaine des Jarres agreement specifies that unless the new government is installed by tomorrow, the deal is off. Souvanna says he will leave for Paris on Saturday in any case.

3. West New Guinea issue

Sukarno is still holding out for even more explicit assurances from the Dutch. The Indonesian foreign ministry, however, seems to be proceeding on the assumption that negotiations will resume almost immediately and has already opened unofficial contact with the Dutch here. We have many indications that the Indonesian military continue to prepare for a larger-scale operation against New Guinea before the end of [redacted]

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4. Canadian [redacted]



5. Congo

UN representative Gardiner thinks he will need until mid-July to conclude the Tshombé-Adoula talks one way or another, but he is not sure things will hold together that long. He is trying to check rumors that an attack by government forces is under way against Kongolo and Baudoinville in North Katanga. If true, Tshombé may break things off. If false, Adoula may sense a Tshombé provocation and retire to his tent.

6. Soviet missile tests

We were unable to determine the type of an ICBM fired to Kamchatka yesterday.

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- A. Prime Minister Sarit is alleged by the press to have said today that Thailand would respect the court decision on the disputed temple. [redacted] this sounds like too much of an about face to be the whole story. 50X1
- B. The reshuffle of the Syrian cabinet yesterday has strengthened the influence of the army--now generally wary of union with Egypt. Thus bolstered, the regime may last a little longer than had earlier seemed likely, but coup plotting by pro-Nasser elements continues and will probably now be intensified. [redacted] 50X1 50X1
- C. The pro-Communist Barisan Socialist party in Singapore faces certain suppression when Singapore merges with Malaya--possibly as early as August. The party has been unable to block the merger by parliamentary action to overthrow the government and may now attempt violent action.

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**USIB WATCH COMMITTEE MEETING**

**20 June 1962**

The Committee changed its standard conclusion that no Sino-Soviet Bloc country intends to initiate direct military action in the near future. It concluded that the unprecedented Chinese Communist military buildup in the Taiwan Strait area has substantially increased China's offensive capabilities and is consistent with plans to launch an attack against the offshore islands, probably the Chinmens. [redacted]

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1. Communist China

a. We have seen no evidence of further ground deployments during the past 24 hours, but there has been a further movement of jet fighters in the direction of the East China Sea coast. [redacted]

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b. We have uncovered what may be a new clue to Chinese Communist intentions. It appears [redacted]

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[redacted] that planning for the recent troop movements by the railroad authorities concerned may have begun last February. Although this partial evidence does not permit a firm conclusion, it is enough to throw some doubt on the conjecture that the Chinese Communists have been reacting to recent rumblings from Taiwan. [redacted]

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2. Laos

The AP is reporting from Vientiane this morning that the three factions are once again completely at odds on the National Assembly issue after Phoumi doubled back on an agreement reached yesterday. We are up in the air until we learn more. It had seemed that this snag had been removed by a compromise arrangement under which the National Assembly was to vote full powers to the King, who in turn was to invest the government tomorrow without reference to the Assembly.

3. Congo

The Congo negotiations are again suspended. Tshombé broke them off yesterday after making his charges that central government forces had attacked in Katanga. This has all the earmarks of a Tshombé invention to justify his returning to Elisabethville. UN officials are, however, trying to put a scare into him, and seem to have had some effect, by telling him that they will have the full backing of "military powers" if fighting resumes. The UN chief has, in fact, called on New York headquarters to be in a state of readiness and has ordered his troops in Elisabethville to be prepared for any eventuality.

4. Algeria

OAS destruction goes on in Oran and Bone, but Algiers is returning to something like normality. Our Consul General in Algiers believes that the moderate leaders of the Provisional Algerian Government are now less worried about the OAS than about the challenge posed by the radical nationalists headed by Deputy Premier Ben Bella and backed by the Liberation Army. The French, it is suspected, are trying to give the moderates maximum time for maneuver by keeping their forces in place along the Tunisian and Moroccan borders, thereby blocking the Liberation Army's access to Algeria.

5. Thailand-Cambodia

Thai anger over the temple affair is for the moment focused mainly on the French because of the support French legal advisors provided for the Cambodian side. The Thai ambassador to Paris has been called home. Ambassador Young believes that the Thai attitude will complicate the Geneva conference and any possible operations by the French military mission in Laos.

6. Indonesia

a. Ambassador Jones suspects that the Indonesians are stalling on setting a date for the reopening of talks with the Dutch until Soviet Marshal Vershinin, who is now visiting Djakarta, leaves on June 30. The thought is that the Indonesians do not want to give offense to Moscow by announcing resumption of the US-sponsored talks while the Marshal is in Indonesia.

b. There are indications in Indonesian [redacted] that the USSR is about to deliver from 6 to 10 more TU-16 jet medium bombers to Djakarta. This would round out the number delivered at 30. [redacted]

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- A. Press dispatches from Khartoum report that Sudan has ratified the air agreement giving the USSR landing rights and onward flight privileges into Africa. There is no official confirmation yet, but we would assume the reports are true.
- B. [redacted] conference of the Casablanca powers--UAR, Morocco, Mali, Guinea and Ghana--veered noticeably in a pro-Western direction. Nasir, Touré and Keita, in particular, are said to have questioned the Soviet bloc's intentions in Africa. 50X1
- C. Sporadic bomb explosions in Guatemala City mark the revival of unrest there. [redacted] plotting against Ydigoras remains endemic. Opponents of the government based in Mexico are buying arms and supplies with funds provided in part by Cuba. 50X1
- D. The Cambodians are so far holding the lid down on their reaction to the South Vietnamese border incursion. They have made no mention of the participation of "white men" in the action.
- E. Couve de Murville has told Secretary Rusk that the French have no wish to press for a reorganization of NATO until the question of Britain's membership in the EEC has been settled.
- F. Yugoslavia is facing another shortfall in its grain crop this year, which would make the third in a row. The prospect is [redacted] that the wheat and rye crop will total only 2,800,000 metric tons, 1,200,000 tons below domestic requirements. 50X1

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1. Communist China

a. For the second day running, 50X1 we have failed to detect the deployment of any new combat units, ground or air, into the Taiwan Strait area. We now have [redacted]

[redacted] reason to believe that an overall commander may have moved into the area. We also note a general increase in merchant marine activity in east and north China coastal waters since mid-June.

b. In assessing the situation, our Taipei Embassy doubts that a large-scale Communist offensive is imminent [redacted]

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[redacted] Should the Communists ultimately launch an attack, the embassy believes that Quemoy would be the primary target.

c. Communist propaganda broadcasts during the past two weeks seem to be aimed primarily at discouraging Nationalist operations against the mainland rather than at whipping up fervor for offensive action. In any event, we remain doubtful that the Communists would have gone to so much trouble to march their troops up the hill if they had intended only to march them back down again.

2. Laos

a. Boun Oum submitted his resignation this morning thus clearing the way for the installation of the new government later in the day. Souphanouvong was due to arrive in Vientiane in time to participate in the ceremonies.

b. Souvanna departs for France tomorrow, probably not to return until after the Geneva Conference is buttoned up. During the interim, we anticipate an uneasy peace in Laos, but look for the Pathet Lao to consolidate the areas it controls. We note, in this connection, that Pathet Lao forces are continuing their systematic campaign 50X1 to squeeze Souvanna's forces out of northwestern Laos. [REDACTED]

3. USSR - North Vietnam

Ho Chi Minh unexpectedly turned up in the USSR yesterday. Of all the reasons that might be advanced for this sudden trip, we believe that the most likely one is a mutual desire to coordinate policy on South Vietnam and Laos. Furthermore, we would not be surprised if Ho's visit resulted in a call for the international conference on South Vietnam that both Hanoi and Peiping hanker for. [REDACTED]

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#### 4. India

The storm that was brewing as a result of Krishna Menon's determination to block Finance Minister Desai's bid to become the Congress Party's deputy leader in Parliament failed to break when Harekrushna Mahatab, a relatively obscure political figure, was selected for the job on Thursday without a contest. This turn of events was undoubtedly due to behind-the-scenes pulling by Nehru who is anxious to avoid any public manifestation of a struggle over the succession. As matters now stand, Desai is the nominal number two man in the government (he presides over the cabinet in Nehru's absence), [redacted]

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Menon is working hard 50X1

[redacted] to develop a politico-military power base from which he presumably hopes some day to propel himself into the prime ministership.

#### 5. Congo

Tshombé and Adoula have returned to the conference table, but it is questionable whether much progress will be achieved before Tshombé departs for Elisabethville, probably on Monday.

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6. Iraq

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[redacted] various anti-regime elemen[redacted] 50X1  
are plotting to overthrow Qasim. [redacted] 50X1

7. Peru

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pect [redacted] precautionary move 50X1  
to head off any violent reactions which  
might develop when it is announced that  
Belaunde has won the election.

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- B. The Viet Cong has warned Europeans in South Vietnam to carry identity cards in order to distinguish themselves from Americans. Although it is premature to draw a firm conclusion, such a warning, taken with the recent flurry of grenade bombings in Saigon, would seem to imply that US personnel are to be a special target of Communist harassment.
- C. Egyptian Foreign Minister Fawzi, with Cuba in mind, went out of his way earlier this week to assure Ambassador Badeau that the upcoming Cairo conference of neutral nations would eschew polemics and stick strictly to its economic knitting.
- D. The Finns are again attempting to persuade us that they must provide their forces with modern defensive arms, including guided missiles, in order to maintain their independence and fend off future Soviet pressure for military "consultations" under the 1948 treaty.
- E. In Turkey, Inonu has resumed his efforts to form a new government, and the prospects for his doing so sometime in the next few days now appear to be fairly good.
- F. The Thais, their blood pressure still running high over the International Court of Justice ruling in favor of Cambodia on the Preah Vihear temple case, say their decision to boycott both SEATO and the Geneva conference on Laos still stands.

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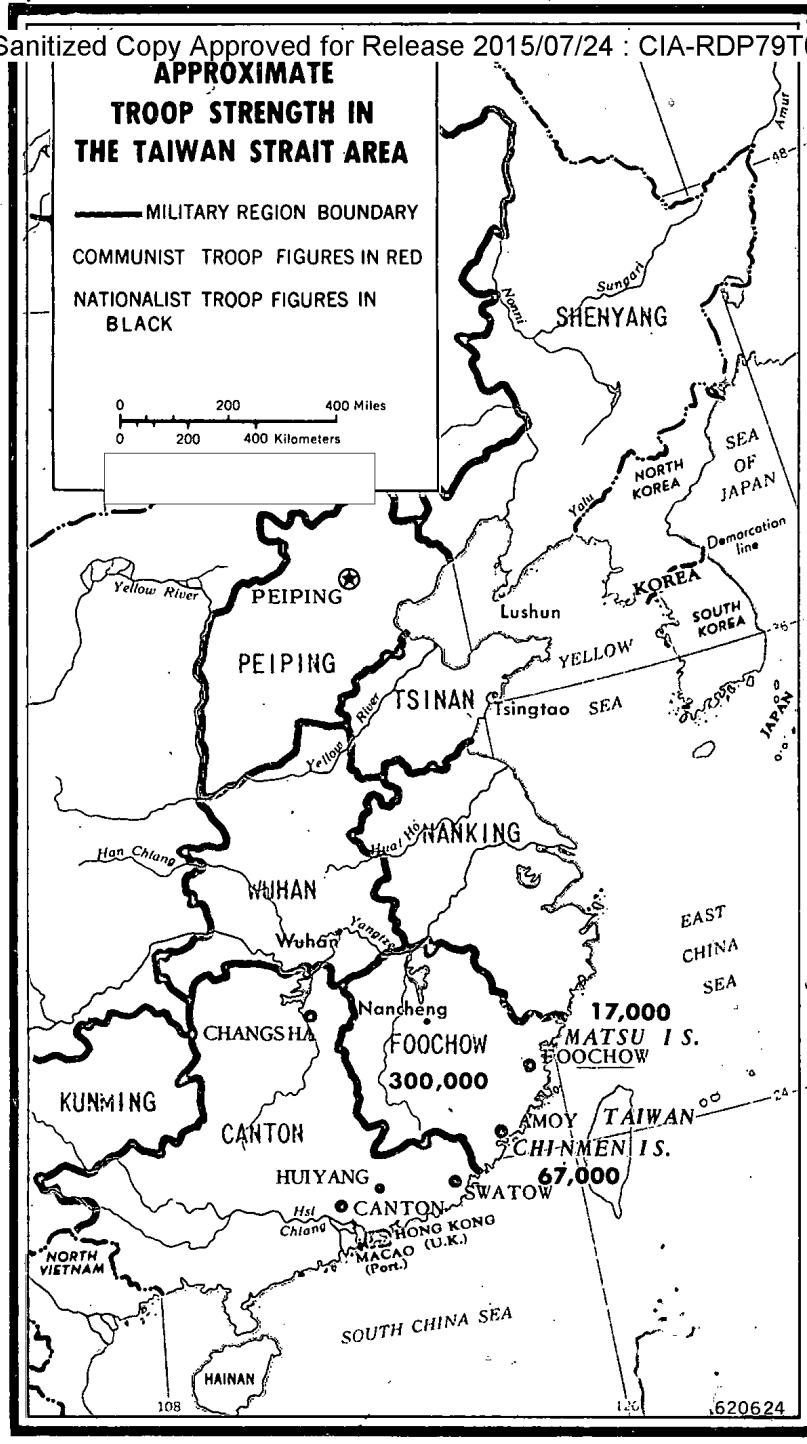
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25 JUNE 1962

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1. Communist China

a. The military buildup in the Taiwan Strait area seems to have been completed, at least for the time being. The Communists are apparently now in the process of positioning their forces in the area, but the pattern of deployment is not yet clear. There are fresh indications that civilians are being evacuated from the coastal area around Amoy and suggestions that similar activity is going on at Changsha, an air base 400 miles to the northwest.

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b. Peiping's propaganda over the weekend hammered away on the theme that a US-supported Nationalist invasion is at hand, and called on its people to meet force with force. Its ambassador in Warsaw took a similar line with Ambassador Cabot on Saturday.

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The Chinese are trying hard to give the impression that their concentration in Fukien is simply a reaction to the threat of impending major Nationalist operations; we are not willing to accept this as the whole story.

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c. Moscow yesterday finally spoke out on developments in the Taiwan Straits by publishing a strictly no-comment TASS report repeating Peiping's charges against Taipei and the US.

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2. Laos

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a. Souvanna departed for France yesterday, and Souphanouvong, who is to be in charge of the government during the interim, has taken off for the Plaine des Jarres [redacted]

[redacted] Thus, pending a final settlement at Geneva, the picture in Laos is likely to look pretty much the way it did before the new government was created.

b. We are skeptical that the Pathet Lao will honor the countrywide cease fire proclaimed yesterday by the new government. We believe they will continue to conduct "mopping up" operations in areas they dominate [redacted]

c. Yesterday's statement by the Pathet Lao Minister of Information protesting the deployment of US troops in Thailand as a threat to Laotian neutrality lends credence to the thought, [redacted]

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[redacted] that the Communists are planning to demand the withdrawal of these forces as a condition for a final settlement at Geneva.

d. Ambassador Brown did not get very far on Saturday when he pressed Souvanna for a decision to release American prisoners held by his side. Souphanouvong, it seems, is the man to see.

### 3. Indonesia-Netherlands

Prospects for an early resumption of negotiations over West New Guinea have probably been set back by Sukarno's brush-off on Saturday of U Thant's assurances that the Dutch have accepted the Bunker proposal in principle, and by his renewed insistence that The Hague publicly declare its willingness to turn over the disputed territory to Indonesia. Nor was yesterday's air-drop on the south coast of West New Guinea calculated to help matters. Under these circumstances, we cannot help but entertain suspicions that Sukarno is determined to get in a good lick against the Dutch before returning to the conference table.

### 4. Congo

A Tshombé-Adoula communiqué is supposed to come out today or tomorrow announcing agreement on procedures for ending Katanga's secession. Old Congo hands, however, want to see it before they believe it. Moreover, they (and we) are dubious that Tshombé--once he gets back to Elisabethville--will implement in good faith any agreement that may result from the current talks.

5. USSR-UAR

Cairo received an unpleasant jolt last week when Moscow flatly turned down its request for an additional large economic development loan.

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be watching for reactions to this among the other non-aligned states.

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- A. We note buried deep in accounts of Nehru's bitter speech in Parliament on Saturday, a statement that he personally felt that money would be better spent on unmanned missiles than on aircraft that would become obsolete in "three or four years." We suggest that it is barely possible that Nehru sees in this argument a plausible excuse for backing away from the MIG deal without incurring a loss of face.
- B. In Turkey, the stage seems to be set for an announcement today that Inonu has succeeded in pulling together a new coalition government after five weeks of bargaining.
- C. Belgrade is sending an economic delegation to Moscow next month with a mandate "to discuss further expansion of economic co-operation."
- D. There were several explosions in Algiers this morning, raising fears that the tenuous OAS-Moslem truce there has again broken down.

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26 JUNE 1962  
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1. Communist China

a. Again yesterday, no further military movements were detected in the Taiwan Strait area.

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b. More evidence has come in on the dispersal of civilians at various points well removed from the Strait.

these movements use such phrases as "war preparations" and "in order to avoid air raids."

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c. Peiping's propaganda is beginning to build up, all of it holding to the theme that the Chinese Communists see a threat of Nationalist aggression with US support and have prepared themselves to resist it. The Canton radio has announced the "voluntary mobilization" of workers there.

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2. Indonesia

Subandrio told Jones yesterday that his government is satisfied with U Thant's assurances on the Dutch position and that he expected to get today a go-ahead from Sukarno for a resumption of talks early next week. He said there might be more infiltration in West New Guinea but there would be no major military actions. It was also evident from Subandrio's remarks, however, that the Indonesians will be hanging on every word from The Hague up to the time talks begin for anything that sounds to them like a false note.

3. Turkey

Premier Inonu has emerged from nearly five weeks of political maneuvering in a stronger position than before. President Gursel yesterday approved a new coalition cabinet which finds Inonu supporters in the key posts. The outcome means in effect that Inonu has won the agreement of the Turkish military leadership and of his political opposition to a compromise solution on the thorny issue of amnesty for associates of executed former premier Menderes. He seems also to have extracted backing for a more austere fiscal policy.

4. Brazil

President Goulart is trying to put together a caretaker cabinet to take over from the present one, which is due to resign today so that its members will be able to run in the October elections. Under the Brazilian constitution, they are ineligible if they have held office during the preceding three months. Conservative opposition may force Goulart to back away from nominating Foreign Minister Dantas as prime minister, and he is now considering a number of alternatives of a more moderate stripe.

5. Peru

With the official vote count, now past the 80% mark, still giving none of the three candidates the margin needed for victory, the tempo of behind-the-scenes political maneuvering is increasing.

efforts by the three major parties to agree on some form of coalition do not seem to be making much headway.

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- A. Tshombé left Leopoldville for Elisabethville this morning. There was no communiqué to note for the public record the timid progress made so far. Adoula is quoted as saying after the departure that 50X1 the talks "have been just short of complete failure."
- C. Our embassy in Buenos Aires believes that the threat of a military coup against the Guido government has diminished.
- D. French authorities report a new high yesterday in the number of refugees arriving from Algeria--8,000.
- F. Mali President Keita's recent visit to the USSR netted him \$11 million in Soviet developmental aid over and above the \$44 million granted in 1961. He also obtained agreement on specific allocations under the earlier credit. The Czechs are also increasing their assistance, and the Chinese Communists are to send agricultural technicians.

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27 JUNE 1962  
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1. Communist China

a. There have been no significant changes in the military picture of the Taiwan Strait situation during the past 24 hours. However, we now have tenuous evidence that at least elements of an eighth division moved into the Fukien area during the buildup period in addition to the seven divisions believed earlier to have been deployed there.

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b. Chinese Communist propaganda remains at a high pitch, and mass rallies have been organized in the big coastal cities in southeast China. Although there has been no shift in the line being put out, we suspect that Peiping hopes to derive certain secondary benefits from its allegations that a US-supported Nationalist invasion of the mainland is imminent. The bogey of air raid, for instance, provides stimulus to the back-to-the-farm movement, and the call for the "voluntary mobilization" of workers sounds as though higher production norms are in the offing.

c. For the present, Taipei is sticking to its promise not to do anything that might be considered provocative, but is unlikely to remain silent indefinitely if Peiping keeps up its steady drumfire of denunciatory broadcasts.

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d. Moscow has not yet made any significant independent comment on the Straits situation, but Soviet propagandists are beginning to zero in on the broader target of the overall US military presence in Asia. The sudden play-up of American troops in Korea, coupled with an appeal to the UN to do something about their removal, appears to have been their first salvo. The Russians, this morning, turned their attention to Thailand where our forces, they say, are threatening the peace in Southeast Asia by preparing a "dangerous spring-board of aggression."

2. Sudan

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[REDACTED] the Sudanese military mission 50X1  
that is about to take off for Moscow  
will conclude a deal involving the ac-  
quisition of MIG aircraft. [REDACTED] 50X1

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3. Congo

Adoula, embarrassed by not being able to get very far with Tshombé in three months of palaver, now faces trouble in parliament where several deputies are out to scalp his unpopular foreign minister with a vote of censure. He has sought to meet the challenge head-on by declaring that censure would amount to a no-confidence vote. A touch-and-go situation seems in prospect, but with a little luck (and a lot of palm greasing), Adoula ought to get over this particular hurdle. Tshombé, meanwhile, will be playing a waiting game.

4. Algeria

a. There is evidence that the Egyptians, who have influence by virtue of their ability to provide military hardware, have succeeded in prevailing on Ben Bella to mute his hostility toward "moderate" Algerian nationalists. This fits with other indications that the quarreling factions have patched things up for the moment, but it seems doubtful that any truce will last long after independence is achieved. [redacted] 50X1  
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b. France, meanwhile, is urging NATO governments to recognize the new Algerian regime immediately after the 1 July referendum with a view to stealing the march on the Communist bloc.

5. Indonesia

Ambassador Bunker on Monday proposed to Dutch and Indonesian representatives that negotiations be resumed on 5 July. Subsequent news that The Hague is thinking of throwing the problem into the Security Council will probably sound in Djakarta like the false note [redacted] and be interpreted as another maneuver aimed at thwarting a settlement favorable to Indonesia.

6. Laos

Souphanouvong is due back in Vientiane today or tomorrow to take up the reigns of government. Meanwhile, several Phoumi men, who held cabinet posts in the old government, are [redacted] [redacted] sticky about giving up their ministries. The immediate outlook [redacted] is for some finger-stabbing set-to's between left and right, the outcome of which--in the absence of Souvanna's moderating influence--is difficult to predict.

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- A. Sarit this morning said that a final decision had not yet been reached as to whether Thailand would carry out its threat to boycott the Geneva conference on Laos. The tone of his comments, however, suggests that the Thais will be in their seats when the meeting reconvenes. 50X1
- B. We have observed a number of flights by Soviet aircraft within North Vietnam during the past couple of weeks which have no relationship to the Laos airlift. We speculate that the Russians are training Vietnamese crews and, since some of the flights have been at night, perhaps preparing them for clandestine airdrop missions into South Vietnam. 50X1
- D. Burundi (one of the two new nations that will emerge next Sunday from what is now the Belgian trust territory of Ruanda-Urundi) has asked for, and probably will receive, a small Ghanaian military mission to help train its security forces. 50X1
- E. The British Commission that has been studying ways and means of creating a "greater Malaysia" by merging Malaya, Singapore, and North Borneo into a single country has filed its report. Details of implementation are to be worked out when the Malayan prime minister visits London next month.
- F. Dominican army [ ] have begun to talk as though the time is about ripe for a military coup. 50X1

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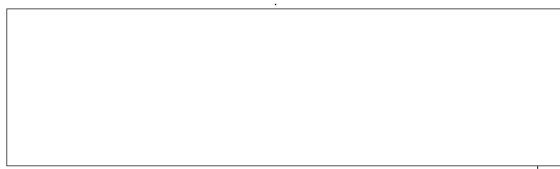
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28 JUNE 1962  
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1. Taiwan Strait

a. There is no evidence of further changes in Chinese Communist military dispositions. [redacted] 50X1

b. Nothing is in yet on reactions in either Peiping or Taipei to the President's press conference statements. However, Embassy Taipei reported yesterday that it detects a distinct shift in the Chinese Nationalists' public stance regarding mainland developments. Word has gone out to put the return-to-the-mainland talk in cold storage. Taipei now fears that the Chinese Communist stratagem is to create world pressure on the US to hold back the Nationalists from any moves against the mainland.

c. The Chinese Nationalists seemed reasonably satisfied by what our people had told them about the Cabot-Wang meeting in Warsaw. This was before yesterday's press stories on the subject, and instructions have gone out to Embassy Taipei in the expectation that the Chinese will press for more explanation.

2. Laos

[Redacted]

Yesterday, in Souphanouvong's absence, Phoumi issued a directive saying that the ministers of the outgoing Vientiane government were still "temporarily" in charge and that lower echelons should answer to them until "reintegration of administrative services of the three parties in the military and political field." This [redacted] is Phoumi's way of telling Souphanouvong that he is not alone on the stage even though Souvanna is away.

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3. West New Guinea

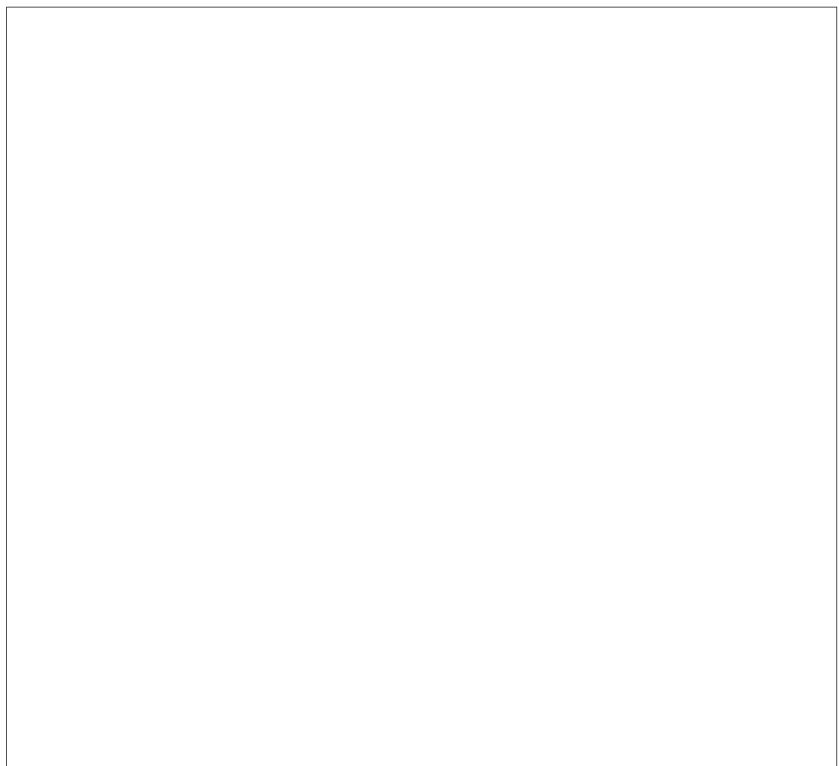
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4. European Common Market

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British accession will be at the center of the three-day EEC ministers' meeting opening in Brussels today. The chances are good that the conference can move along on a formula to accommodate Britain's obligation to India, Pakistan, Ceylon and the Commonwealth members in Africa. There is no solution in sight yet, however, on the problem of temperate-zone farm exports from the other Commonwealth countries.

5. South Korea



6. Peru

As the official count continues in slow-motion, Haya de la Torre is widening his minuscule lead. Embassy 50X1 Lima now sees a possibility that he may even yet get the necessary one-third plurality.



USIB WATCH COMMITTEE MEETING

27 June 1962

1. With respect to the Chinese Communist buildup, the Committee stated that:

The reasons for the Chinese Communist troop movements into the area opposite Taiwan remain unclear. We still have no conclusive evidence whether Peiping is planning an attack on the offshore islands or whether the recent troop movements into the area are primarily for defensive purposes. The buildup in ground force strength since early June in the Amoy area has substantially increased Chinese Communist offensive and defensive capabilities with reference to the Chinmen Islands. Although air and artillery attacks could be launched with little or no warning, we believe that some warning would probably be associated with an amphibious assault large enough to attempt the capture of the Chinmens.

2. The Committee also reaffirmed its statement that there are no indications that the USSR or European Satellites intend to initiate direct military action in the immediate future.

NOTES

A. The Brazilian Congress has turned down Foreign Minister Dantas as the new prime minister. Nothing has been heard so far from his leftist followers who have been threatening to make trouble in the streets if their man was vetoed.

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C. There was a rightist demonstration against Secretary Rusk in Lisbon yesterday but it was a puny one which quickly died.

D. The Mexican Government intends to send a delegation to the Economic Conference of Developing Countries in Cairo but has declined an invitation to serve as one of the cosponsors.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--29 JUNE 1962

1. TAIWAN STRAIT:

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A. THE MILITARY SITUATION REMAINS ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED, ALTHOUGH  
WE NOTE SOME [REDACTED] ACTIVITY IN THE CANTON AREA. [REDACTED]

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B. TAIPEI'S PUBLIC REACTION TO THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE<sup>50X1</sup>  
ON WEDNESDAY HAS BEEN LIMITED TO A CAUTIOUS ENDORSEMENT OF WHAT HE  
HAD TO SAY TO THE COMMUNIST SIDE. PEIPING STILL HAS NOT COMMENTED,  
BUT CAME OUT YESTERDAY WITH A LONG TIRADE ABOUT AMERICAN "MILITARY  
OCCUPATION" OF, AND "ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION" OF TAIWAN. TASS, HOWEVER,  
IN A BRIEF FACTUAL ACCOUNT, NOTED THE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS THAT THE  
US IS UNCERTAIN OF PEIPING'S INTENTIONS AND THAT AMERICAN "ARRANGE-  
MENTS" ARE DEFENSIVE.

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3. LAOS:

A. SOUPHANNOUVONG RETURNED TO VIENTIANE YESTERDAY, BRINGING WITH HIM SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN KHANG KHAY. HIS FIRST ACT WAS TO CALL OFF THE SCHEDULED CABINET MEETING TO GET THE NEW GOVERNMENT STARTED, CLAIMING SUCH A SESSION HAD BEEN MADE IMPOSSIBLE BY FOREIGN MINISTER QUINIM'S DEPARTURE FOR GENEVA.

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B. WE NOTE THAT RUMORS OF A RIGHTIST COUP ARE FLOATING AROUND VIENTIANE, AND DISCOUNT THEM. ANY MOVE BY PHOUMI'S HENCHMEN WOULD MEET QUICK RETALIATION; SOUVANNA'S TROOPS DEPLOYED IN THE VICINITY OF VIEN TIANE ARE UNDER ORDERS TO "MOVE IN IN FORCE" SHOULD THINGS GO AWRY THERE.

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4. ALGERIA:

A. DE GAULLE PLANS FORMALLY TO ANNOUNCE ALGERIAN INDEPENDENCE ON TUESDAY. MEANWHILE, OUR CONSULATE GENERAL, OBSERVING THE RELAXATION IN LOCAL TENSIONS, BELIEVES THAT THE TRANSFER OF POWER WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED UNDER REASONABLY TRANQUIL CIRCUMSTANCES. THE LONGER-RANGE PICTURE, HOWEVER, REMAINS BECLOUDED BY FACTIONALISM IN THE ALGERIAN CAMP WHICH TOOK A TURN FOR THE WORSE LAST NIGHT WHEN BEN BELLA--REPORTEDLY IN A MONUMENTAL HUFF--SUDDENLY LEFT TUNIS FOR TRIPOLI.

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4. NOTES:

A. IN BELGIUM, THE SENIOR PARTNERS IN THE COALITION GOVERNMENT MAY BE HEADED FOR AN EARLY FALLING-OUT OVER THE TOUCHY RELIGION-AND-THE-SCHOOLS ISSUE.

B. SUKARNO IS ORGANIZING ANOTHER AFRO-ASIAN CONFERENCE WHICH, LIKE THE 1954 AFFAIR, HE PROPOSES BE HELD IN BANDUNG, INDONESIA. HE ALREADY HAS POSITIVE COMMITMENTS FROM AT LEAST FIFTEEN COUNTRIES.

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C. WE ARE BEGINNING TO SEE EVIDENCE THAT THE VIET CONG IS INCREASING ITS FIRE POWER BY THE ACQUISITION OF HEAVY MORTARS AND ARTILLERY PIECES FROM NORTH VIETNAM.

D. THE AFGHANS [REDACTED] HAVE BEEN LOSING A LOT MORE IN THE WAY OF TRADE THAN THEY HAVE GAINED IN THE WAY OF TERRITORY AS A RESULT OF THEIR FEUD WITH PAKISTAN

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E. OUR MOSCOW EMBASSY REPORTS INSISTENT RUMORS THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO INCREASE REVENUES WITH ANOTHER ROUND OF PRICE INCREASES AND BY RENEWING THE PRACTICE OF COMPULSORY BOND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

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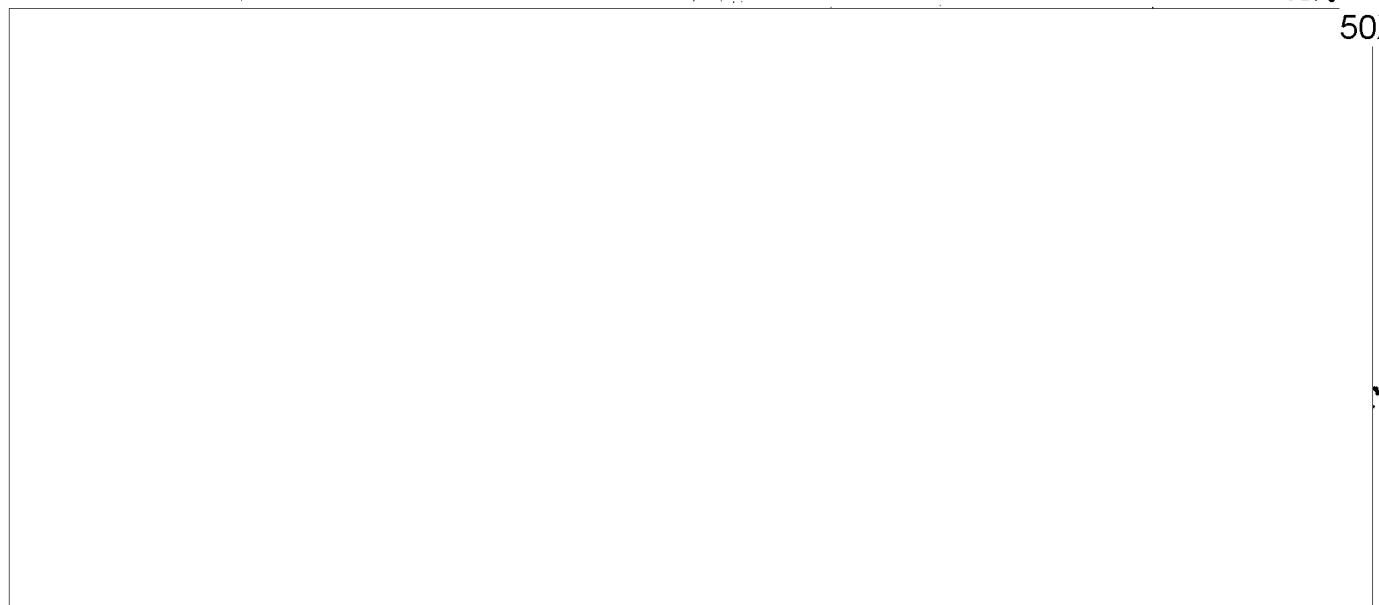
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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--30 JUNE 1962

1. COMMUNIST CHINA:

A. THERE IS NOTHING NEW TO REPORT ON THE MILITARY SITUATION.

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C. THE FIRST COMMENT IN FROM PEIPING ON THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE, A BRIEF DISPATCH, AVOIDS SAYING ANYTHING ABOUT THE CHINESE COMMUNIST MOVES WHICH PROMPTED THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT. PEIPING DWELLS INSTEAD ON CLAIMS THAT THE STATEMENT LACKS BOTH A POSITIVE DENIAL THAT CHIANG IS PLANNING AN ATTACK AND A DISAVOWAL OF US "OCCUPATION" OF TAIWAN.

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2. ALGERIA:

A. THE PROVISIONAL ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO MOVE ITS LOCUS FROM TUNIS TO ALGERIA SOMETIME BETWEEN SUNDAY AND TUESDAY IN ORDER TO BE IN POSITION TO TAKE OVER FROM THE PROVISIONAL EXECUTIVE AS SOON AS INDEPENDENCE HAS BEEN DECLARED.

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B. THE MOVE WILL PRECIPITATE SOME FAST DECISION-MAKING IN A NUMBER OF CAPITALS.

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3. PERU:

THE OFFICIAL VOTE COUNT HAS BEEN COMPLETED. HAYA DE LA TORRE HAS WON BY 14,000 VOTES OVER BELAUNDE, BUT HE DOES NOT HAVE THE REQUIRED ONE-THIRD. THE QUESTION NOW IS WHETHER THE MILITARY WILL DEMAND NULLIFICATION OR WILL LET THE ISSUE PASS TO THE PERUVIAN CONGRESS. BELAUNDE APPEARS TO BE THE LEAST LIKELY WINNER IF CONGRESS DECIDES. AMBASSADOR LOEB DESCRIBES THE EVENTS UNFOLDING IN LIMA AS "A KIND OF GREEK TRAGEDY" WHICH HE THINKS WILL LEAD INEVITABLY TO CIVIL STRIFE.

4. WEST NEW GUINEA:

A. IN RESPONSE TO YET ANOTHER INDONESIAN DEMAND THAT THEY DOT THEIR I'S AND CROSS THEIR T'S REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF THE BUNKER PLAN, THE DUTCH HAVE GIVEN NEW ASSURANCES THROUGH U THANT. ALTHOUGH IT BEGINS TO HAVE A SLIGHTLY REPETITIVE SOUND, SUBANDRIO SAYS HE IS SURPRISED AND GRATIFIED BY THIS RESPONSE AND BELIEVES SUKARNO WILL BE TOO. SUBANDRIO SAYS HE WILL TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO SET A DATE FOR NEW TALKS, BUT TOLD AMBASSADOR JONES THAT THE OFFICIAL INDONESIAN REACTION CAN COME ONLY FROM SUKARNO WHO IS RETURNING FROM BALI TODAY.

B. MEANWHILE, THE DUTCH EXPECT NEW INDONESIAN INFILTRATIONS ON WEST NEW GUINEA WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. SUBANDRIO WARNED JONES RECENTLY THAT THE INDONESIANS WOULD GO ON SUPPORTING THEIR MILITARY POSITION IN WEST NEW GUINEA, BUT AGAIN DISCOUNTED THE POSSIBILITY OF A MAJOR INVASION OR BOMBARDMENT DURING THE TALKS.

5. NOTES:

A. THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT HAS TOLD EMBASSY TEL AVIV THAT THEY WILL EXPEL SOBLEN ON SUNDAY AND PLACE HIM ON A FLIGHT WHICH WILL REACH NEW YORK BY WAY OF ZURICH AND LONDON. THEY SAY, HOWEVER, THAT THEY CANNOT TURN HIM OVER TO THE US IN ISRAEL AND THAT IT WILL BE OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ESTABLISH CUSTODY ONCE HE IS OUT OF THE COUNTRY.

B. [REDACTED] A STEADY FLOW INTO ELISA- 50X1  
BETHVILLE OF NEW TYPES, HAVING ALL THE EARMARKS OF MERCENARIES.

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