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1. South Vietnam (information up to 0830 EST)

a. Diem's regime is toppling before a coup launched shortly after noon today Saigon time (midnight Washington time--there is a difference of 12 hours.)

b. The coup group, headed by Army Gen. "Big" Minh, apparently has gained or is gaining the backing of all major combat units in the Saigon area.

c. Special Forces chief, Col. Tung is prisoner of the coup forces and Special Forces units are putting up no further resistance.

d. The Presidential guard, too, has been largely neutralized, and the palace, evidently with Diem still holding out in it, is currently under siege.

e. Coup leaders, we understand, plan to set up an exclusively civilian government as soon as the coup is consolidated.

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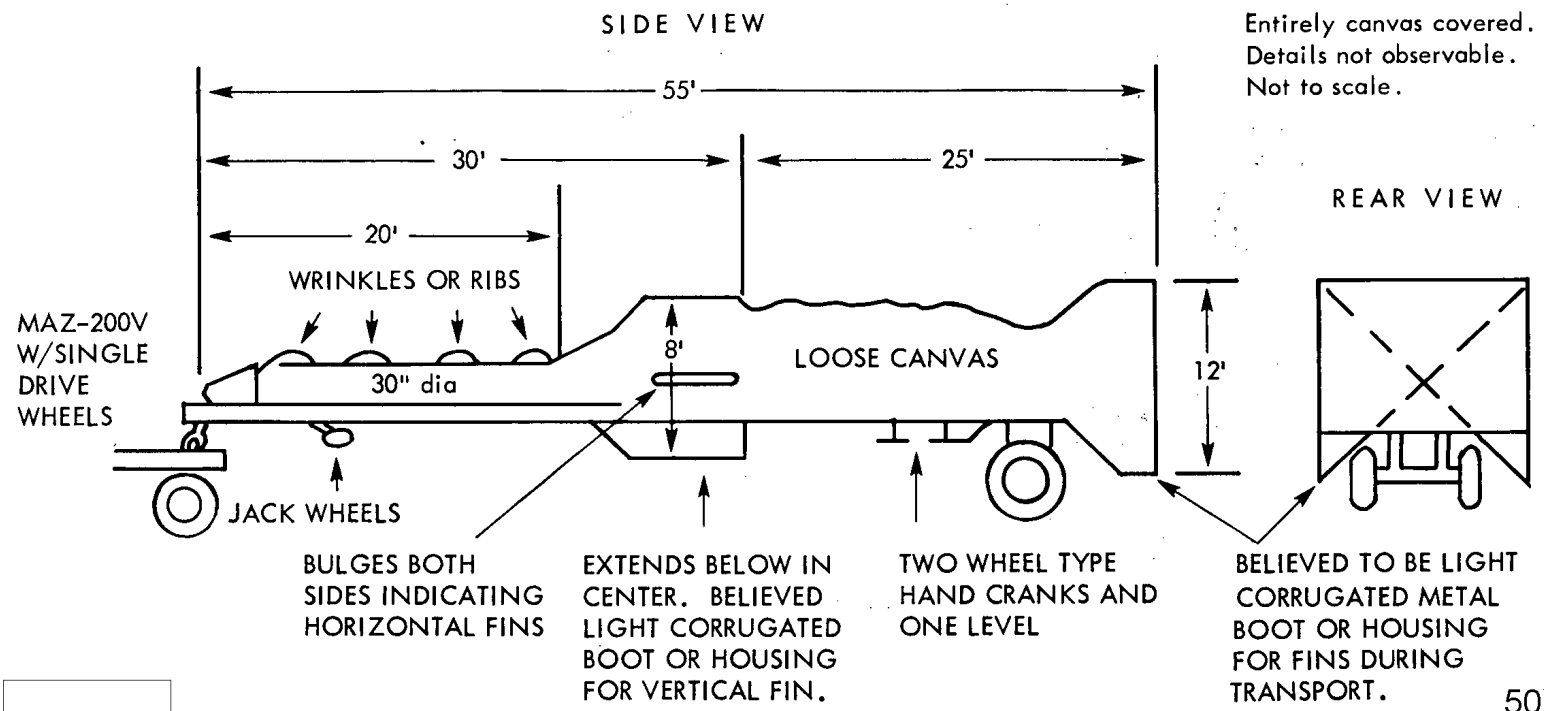
POSSIBLE ABM MISSILE SEEN AT MOSCOW - OCTOBER 1963



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2. USSR

a. A new missile, so far still under canvas, has shown up in rehearsals for Moscow's upcoming October anniversary (7 November) parade.

b. It is appearing in company with known SAM types, but it appears too large to be an antiaircraft missile.

c. We think it may be our first look at a Soviet antimissile missile. If so it would be a likely candidate for the probable ABM system now under construction at Leningrad.

3. Communist China

a. [redacted] the Chinese may be getting ready to try to put a [redacted] satellite into orbit. They could do this with the SS-4, 1,100-mile missile [redacted]

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4. Morocco-Algeria

a. Ben Bella and King Hassan returned to their respective capitals yesterday amid heroes' welcomes. Both, of course, claim victory.

b. On balance, we would give Hassan the edge in the outcome: he got the cease-fire he was after and an Algerian commitment to discuss a date for negotiations; apparently he made no commitment to return to the status quo ante.

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d. There is still minor skirmishing; the cease-fire goes into effect at midnight tonight.

e. Algiers, meanwhile, has put on a festive air, celebrating the ninth anniversary of the start of the war for independence. Even a Moroccan delegation is aboard for the occasion to attest to the improved atmosphere.

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5. Saudi Arabia - Yemen

a. Faysal has agreed to continuation of the UN mission for another two months, and he says he will not supply the Royalists during this period.

b. He made it clear to Ambassador Hart, however, that in so doing, he was looking to us to get some substantial action out of the Egyptians in the interim.

c. Otherwise we expect he will resume aid.

d. He probably could use the extra time anyhow to round up planes and some mercenary pilots to help defend against resumed Egyptian attacks.

e. In Yemen, meanwhile, some 400 Soviet specialists are leaving for home. Evidently they were working on the air field now nearly complete at el Rawdha. About 200 others are still at the field and another 400 are working on other projects, mostly roads.

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6. Morocco, Egypt, Algeria

a. Nasir [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] 50X1
[redacted] deeply committed in Algeria. 50X1

[redacted]

c. [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] Ships 50X1
and equipment keep coming.

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7. British Guiana

a. The London conference ended yesterday without agreement.

b. At its close, Jagan was handed a substantial setback when Sandys stipulated a proportional representative system for new popular elections next year and decided to leave the voting age at 21.

c. Jagan, we understand, was stunned by these decisions in favor of his opposition. Some of his advisers are said to be urging him to resign, but he has given no indication of his intentions.

d. Sandys has refused to set a date for independence, as requested by both Burnham and Jagan, until after a new constitutional conference following next year's elections.

8. Pakistan-India

a. We think Wednesday's firefight across the cease-fire line in Kashmir was touched off by the Pakistanis.

b. Earlier reports that this was their intention have pointed to a desire to generate new international pressure for a settlement. Also,

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they want to try to show how US aid to India endangers them.

c. The tinder is dry in this area where the Indians have nearly 40,000 men within reach, and the Pakistanis around 25,000.

d. There probably will be other incidents, but we think both sides will try to keep them localized.

9. Haiti

a. Duvalier's enemies [redacted] will attempt to shoot him [redacted] 50X1 50X1

c. Assassination would seem to us to have more chance of success.

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10. Laos

a. Colonel Siho, chief of the 8,000-man internal security force, [redacted] has lost confidence in Phoumi and would no longer support him. 50X1 50X1

b. The two have been at odds [redacted]

c. Siho has maintained contact with left-wing elements and would not be above casting his lot with them.

d. Phoumi has long counted on three of Siho's "elite" battalions stationed near Vientiane to discourage opposition coup attempts.

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NOTES

A. Berlin We expect Western military patrols in East Berlin will soon be subjected to new harassment. The Russians probably know we will stop patrolling rather than submit to controls, and the East German police have been acting in recent weeks as if they will soon try to make us do just that.

B. Iraq-Syria Steps toward merger of the two countries continue with a Syrian delegation arriving in Baghdad today [redacted] 50X1 [redacted] The closer these two 50X1 get, the worse relations become between them and Jordan. There is talk of a break in relations. [redacted] 50X1

C. Latin American Youth Congress Chile has bowed out of hosting the Havana-sponsored Latin American Youth Congress. Planned for this past August, it was postponed until March to give the Cubans time to generate more enthusiasm among Latin Americans. Brazil is a likely alternative site.

D. Afghanistan With former Prime Minister Daud out of the way, King Zahir is moving to reduce Afghanistan's almost complete dependence on the USSR for military training. He has told his defense minister to line up a lot more men for courses in Western Europe and the US.

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1. South Vietnam

a. The deaths of Diem and Nhu just about wrap up the generals' coup.

b. Not all versions of the story are the same, but it would appear that the brothers either committed suicide, or were done in after they surrendered. We suspect the latter.

c. The population of Saigon, in a jubilant mood today, has pulled down several symbols of Madame Nhu's authority and sacked the offices of the Times of Vietnam and another pro-Diem paper.

d. Ambassador Lodge was cheered as he drove through the streets. There have been no indications of anti-American sentiment.

e. We believe there may be some temporary dislocations in the counterinsurgency effort, particularly the strategic hamlet and paramilitary programs which Nhu had been running. Much will depend on the continuity of officialdom at the province level.

f. Initial reactions from Hanoi and Peiping have been characteristic. The US has put in "one puppet for another." We know that Viet Cong has long had standby plans to try to take advantage of a coup, but we have noted no implementation as yet.

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2. Morocco-Algeria

a. The Algerian attack on the Moroccan town of Figuig which began yesterday apparently continued after the border cease-fire was supposed to go into effect at midnight last night.

b. According to the Moroccans, the Algerians were still attacking at dawn. Rabat is making noises as if it will bring the matter before the Security Council if the attack does not stop.

c. The action looks to us like a last minute attempt by Ben Bella to improve his bargaining position. Algiers claimed yesterday that Figuig was taken well before the Bamako conference and that it would religiously observe the cease-fire. 50X1

d. The danger now lies in the prospect of a Moroccan riposte elsewhere. 50X1

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e. Even if a cease-fire does take place, Ben Bella is not out of the woods. [redacted] the Berbers, who have been lying low, are beginning again to harrass his men. [redacted] 50X1 50X1

3. Algeria-Egypt

a. Despite Nasir's reported desire to side-step deep engagement in Algeria, preparations for the concentration of an Egyptian force around Colomb-Bechar continues.

[redacted] 50X1

d. The Egyptians are still feeding us the line, which may well be true, that they are beating on Ben Bella to get him to send the Cubans home. Cairo's ambasador in Algiers told Ambassador Porter yesterday that a cease-fire would vastly improve their chances. [redacted] 50X1

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4. USSR-Algeria

a. Direct Soviet arms shipments to Algeria, which we suspected would be coming shortly, have begun.

b. The ship Leninsky Komsomol docked in Oran Tuesday

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5. France

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6. Argentina-Italy

a. US oilmen in Buenos Aires have turned up evidence that the Italian oil combine, ENI, has been hinting to the Argentines that it could be helpful in cutting out other foreign oil interests.

b. ENI has suggested that it would not only be willing to help finance the bill to buy up US and UK contracts but would also be quite willing to take over on the basis of a 75/25 split in favor of Argentina.

c. We have asked the Italian Government to call ENI off.

d. The Argentine oil trust, meantime, has informed foreign oil companies that a decree annulling their contracts will come out next week.

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7. China

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NOTES

A. Berlin We have picked up a further indication that the East Germans may be getting ready to put the squeeze on Allied patrols in East Berlin. They have cranked up a propaganda campaign against the patrols, complete with scare stories of the "atrocities" being committed by Allied soldiers.

B. USSR-US We fail to detect in Khrushchev's remarks yesterday concerning a joint moon effort any marked change from his position in March of last year when he tied such cooperation to a disarmament agreement.

[redacted] 50X1

D. USSR Space Polet I, launched at a convenient time for the November celebrations, remains in orbit. There are no indications whether a recovery will be attempted. [redacted] 50X1

E. USSR-Cuba [redacted] Khrushchev plans to visit Cuba before the end of the year. 50X1

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F. Turkey The New Turkey Party, a restive member of Inonu's coalition all summer, has finally decided to pull out [redacted] This will leave Inonu with the alternative of patching up a new coalition government with other parties or facing, as did Menderes, intervention by the military. 50X1

G. British Guiana London press speculation that elections in British Guiana may be held next summer are not well-informed, says a high Colonial Office man. The official thinks it might take a year to get ready. The Sandys decisions have as yet provoked no particular reaction in British Guiana.

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LATE ITEM

Berlin

a. As of 0900 this morning the first US "non-dismountable" test convoy with 12 vehicles and 44 men is being held up by the Soviets at the Marienborn checkpoint.

b. The Soviets are apparently not willing to buy gracefully the new harmonized procedures which we communicated to them last week. At one point they told the convoy commander that they and not the Americans or their allies dictate regulations on the Autobahn.

c. At last report, the Soviets at Marienborn had retreated from their demand that the troops dismount to an argument over dropping tailgates. On this basis, we suspect the episode may be cooling off.

d. A second convoy scheduled for today is being help up.

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1. South Vietnam

a. The generals have restored order to Saigon, released non-Communist political prisoners, reopened the schools and promised that there would be no reprisals against the troops which defended Diem.

b. They are wrestling with the formation of a largely civilian cabinet with former Vice President Tho as prime minister and some of Diem's former ministers for continuity. This cabinet will of course be under the generals' committee headed by coup leader "Big" Minh.

c. We see a few disquieting signs. Two civilian leaders, both known by the generals to have been privately critical of the Diem/Nhu regime, have been arrested.

d. All may not be well among the generals, most of whom are exceedingly distrustful of General Ton That Dinh, Saigon military governor and aspirant to the interior post. They consider him opportunistic and perhaps insane.

e. At last report Dinh was giving interviews claiming sole credit for the coup, and may be thinking of trying to seize power.

f. We have seen no signs of a significant military reaction from the Viet Cong. [redacted]

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2. Morocco-Algeria

a. The Bamako cease-fire is not yet effective, and intermittent fighting continued last night.

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d. All of this leads us to suspect that Ben Bella is having trouble in damping down the war scare which he was fanning so vigorously a short time ago. During the weekend celebrations of the Algerian revolution, he stayed away from the more violent themes, ignoring Cuba entirely.

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3. Greece

a. Papandreou's thin victory yesterday and the defeated Karamanlis' announcement he is retiring will hardly contribute to political stability in Greece.

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b. Our latest figures give Papandreou's party 42.2 percent, Karamanlis' 39.4, and the Communists 14. Papandreou will try to work out a coalition with Karamanlis' successors, but we would not rate its chances for long-term success as very good.

c. The palace, having worked in the past few days for Karamanlis defeat, now seems to be maneuvering to produce a stalemate between the two major parties. The way would then be open for a "compromise" premier more susceptible to palace influence.

d. We are inclined to think that failure by Papandreou will bring on new elections.

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e. Meantime, a government headed by Papandreou will probably try to steer a course somewhat more independent of the West than did Karamanlis. In Cyprus, Makarios, expecting stronger support from such a government, may be encouraged to a more intransigent stand on Greek-Turkish communal problems.

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4. France

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5. Italy

a. The Leone government is expected to resign tomorrow. Moro will then be tapped for another try at negotiating the opening to the left.

b. The bargaining promises to be hard and success is far from

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assured. [redacted] 50X1
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c. Though Nenni emerged from the recent Socialist congress with much of what he wanted, Lombardi retains enough strength to scuttle negotiations again.

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NOTES

A. Cuba We could not have been further off base in speculating last summer that a puzzling installation in the Sierra Maestras 100 miles west of Guantanamo [redacted] A local paper, Sierra Maestra, identifies it as a rest center and revolutionary museum. [redacted] 50X1 50X1 50X1

B. USSR-Cuba Evidence continues to come in on the departure of additional Soviet troops from Cuba. [redacted] 50X1

C. Cuban Shipping British shipowner Basil Mavrolean proposes to remove his vessels from the Cuban trade if the US will then remove them from its blacklist. Mavrolean's vessels account for almost half the present British tonnage calling at Cuban ports and are the largest single element of free world shipping to Cuba.

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D. Communist China Party officials, worried about the dry rot infecting lower echelons of the party, have been systematically checking into the matter. [redacted] 50X1

Apathy, rather than ideological deviation, seemed to be the main problem. [redacted] 50X1

E. [redacted] 50X1

F. Mexico Interior Minister Diaz Ordaz has apparently been tapped as the next president. [redacted] 50X1 50X1

[redacted] Diaz Ordaz is strongly anti-Communist and was instrumental in the Mexican effort to cut down on travel to and from Cuba. 50X1

G. Sino-Soviet Dispute On Friday, the Soviet ambassador to India, a member of the party Central Committee, told officers of our embassy that neither a World Communist meeting, nor a resumption of bilateral Sino-Soviet talks, are likely to happen soon.

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1. Berlin

a. The US convoy is still detained. There is nothing to indicate when it will be released.

b. As yet there has been no buildup of Communist forces noted

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2. South Vietnam

a. The military holds the reins of the new provisional government announced yesterday.

b. Executive and legislative powers are centered in the Revolutionary Military Council, whose Chairman, General Duong Van Minh, assumes the authority of chief of state.

c. Governmental powers, other than those concerned with budgetary, tax, national defense and security matters, are being delegated to the provisional government whose premier is former Vice President Nguyen Ngoc Tho.

d. Tho's cabinet consists mainly of civilian technicians with experience in sub-ministerial posts

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under Diem. Generals hold the key posts of national defense, information and public security; the latter is in the hands of [redacted] General Ton That Dinh. 50X6

e. It looks as though some prominent civilians, including Diem's former Foreign Minister Vu Van Mau, refused to participate in the new cabinet.

f. Madame Nhu's children are on the way to Rome and she plans to leave for there this afternoon. Diem's brother Can, who approached our consulate at Hué, has been turned over to the regime after assurances that he would receive due process of law. Labor leader Tran Quoc Buu was released by the new government early this morning.

3. Yemen [redacted] 50X1

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e. Yemeni President Sallal is in serious condition following heart attacks on Thursday and Friday of last week. He has been flown to Cairo for treatment. [redacted] 50X1

4. Algeria-Morocco

a. The cease-fire may finally have come into being with the arrival of a Malian observer at the front. He is to be followed shortly by another Malian and two Ethiopians.

b. Haile Selassie has again urged Hassan and Ben Bella to observe the cease-fire. [redacted] the African foreign ministers' conference would probably be convened in Addis Ababa in about two weeks. The conference is to appoint a commission to fix responsibility for the hostilities and to submit proposals for a settlement. 50X1

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c. Selassie arrived in Cairo yesterday from Belgrade to discuss the border fighting with Nasir.

5. USSR-Laos

a. Souvanna has told French diplomats in Moscow that the Russians have agreed to stop sending military shipments to the Pathet Lao through Hanoi.

b. He said the USSR is annoyed at the North Vietnamese practice of appropriating these modern arms for themselves and forwarding to the Pathet Lao inferior and obsolete substitutes from their own stocks.

c. The Laotian Premier also claimed that the Soviet leaders had shown a willingness, as they had to Kong Le, to supply amphibious tanks, planes, and light arms to the neutralists.

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6. Communist China

a. Peiping radio has announced that the National Peoples Congress will meet on 16 November.

b. The Congress, a large rubber-stamp group roughly similar to the Russian Supreme Soviet, used to be an annual forum for boasting about the government's achievements. However, the last session in April 1962 was held for the most part in secret.

c. Foreign Minister Chen I has said the Congress will discuss the success of efforts to "readjust" the economy and "a new national economic program." The latter may mean a stretch out of the existing Five Year Plan (1963-67).

d. Several top Chinese leaders, including Mao Tse-tung, are currently in Shanghai where they are probably meeting to thrash out the line for the upcoming Congress.

7. Yugoslavia

a. Tito got back home last Friday and said some fairly nice things about his US visit.

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b. Our embassy, recalling the early post-Cuba days when Tito focused on the "peace-loving qualities of Khrushchev," thinks it important that he has come out with the public statement that "Mr. Kennedy also wants peace to be strengthened and preserved."

c. While noting that Tito's views on the US are subject to constant change, the embassy reports that, as of now, his Washington trip has helped him to get a realistic picture of the US role in world affairs.

8. Indonesia

a. First Minister Djuanda claims his government is convinced that British intelligence engineered a recent series of incidents involving time bombs and grenades aimed at strategic military installations in Indonesia. Djuanda said news of these incidents has been closely held.

b. He told Ambassador Jones that the memory of foreign support to the rebels in 1958 was still fresh in Indonesian minds and that there was considerable suspicion that Americans were also involved in the current incidents.

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c. The ambassador denied US involvement, doubted British participation and suggested that provocation was a more likely answer. He reminded Djuanda of past Communist forgeries and tactics designed to implicate the US in subversive actions in Indonesia.

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NOTES

A. Cuba-Brazil Cuban Ambassador Roa in Rio de Janeiro [redacted] efforts to befriend Brazilian President Goulart have failed. 50X1

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1. Berlin

a. At no time while the Soviets were obstructing our convoy did we see signs of unusual Soviet military activity.

b. There was no interference with the convoy at Babelsberg.

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2. South Vietnam

a. A number of past functions of the Interior Ministry are being moved over to the Ministry of Agriculture, including the such important programs as rural affairs and strategic hamlets.

b. These functions, as keys to the counterinsurgency effort, receive substantial aid funds. Their transfer out from under Minister of Interior Ton That Dinh is probably intended to cut back some of the alarming potential for trouble making that he is accumulating.

c. This potential continues to grow. Two of Dinh's former subordinates have been proposed as commanders of the military corps areas immediately north and south of Saigon.

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d. The first Viet Cong reaction to the coup was a flurry of attacks in the Delta, particularly against strategic hamlets (now called "fortified" hamlets by coup leaders to get away from Nhu's terminology). Most have been repulsed, however, with only light government losses.

3. USSR - Polet I

a. The Soviets have apparently not maneuvered their highly touted, "maneuverable" Polet I satellite since the early moments of its first orbit.

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4. Somalia-USSR

a. Prime Minister Abdirascid has informed the West Germans, the Italians, and ourselves that arms offers we have made are too little and too late.

b. He is going ahead with Soviet offers and training programs and hopes this will not affect friendly relations with the West.

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5. Algeria

a. With the Moroccan front simmering down and war hysteria no longer appropriate to his needs, Ben Bella is once again maneuvering to keep control on the political front.

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b. At the moment he appears to be buying his foes by selling his friends.

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d. He and Boumedienne have never trusted one another, and the latter is vulnerable because he was apparently responsible for the attack on Figuig after the cease-fire. Boumedienne may not be too easy to dispose of, however.

6. Indonesia

a. The athletic Games of the Newly Emerging Forces which get under way in Djakarta next week seem to be surpassing Sukarno's fondest hopes.

b. Forty of the fifty-three countries invited are sending participants, including a number from Latin America. Communist China is sending a rousing 670 (about half are athletes).

c. The government is currently preoccupied with arrangements.

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NOTES

A. USSR-India The Indian government is under the impression that Khrushchev plans to visit Ceylon and Nepal before the end of the year and has renewed its invitation to him to visit India as well.

B. Syria The Baathist regime has been belaboring Syria's "bourgeoisie" to such an extent recently that many influential upper and middle class members are trying to leave the country. Those being scared away by talk of collectivization and elimination of private enterprise are, of course, the ones with the technical training the regime needs most. The important elements of Syrian society antagonized by the Baath have not yet coalesced into an effective opposition.

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1. South Vietnam

a. The generals have formed a 12-man Military Executive Committee headed by General Minh to control Premier Tho's provisional government.

b. They have also created a "council of sages" from nationalist and professional groups to advise on the rights of citizens and the transition to permanent government.

c. There are already complaints from some Vietnamese political elements that the government is too technical, not representative, lacking in political acumen ,and not able to hold popular support for very long.

d. The generals, aware of their own internal divisions, have formed a small group amongst themselves to take the collective pulse from time to time to lessen friction and avoid splits.

e. Diem appointees, particularly in the police and intelligence services, are still being sacked. The new police director, General Mai Huu Xuan, is hiring old associates in the intelligence business, most of whom once worked with the French.

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f. Halberstam's blow by blow account of the coup in yesterday's New York Times appears to be substantially correct. We still do not have confirmed details on how General Ton That Dinh was brought into the coup but Halberstam's account appears plausible. It also serves to reinforce the idea that Dinh will have to be watched closely.

2. USSR

a. Guy Mollet left Moscow for home highly impressed by Khrushchev; he told the French minister he would never again voice the criticisms of the Soviet leader which he leveled at the time of the Hungarian revolt.

b. Mollet came away from his two sessions with the Soviet leaders (one, eight and one half hours, the other, two hours) convinced that Khrushchev's personal power position is absolutely solid. He felt that others on the presidium are "small boys responding to the master"; he sees Podgorny not Brezhnev as the "head boy."

c. Khrushchev, says Mollet, is now a genuine world statesman, dedicated to the cause of peace. Peaceful

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coexistance and detente are not just slogans or tactical devices but are seen by Khrushchev as imperatives of international life in the nuclear age.

d. Khrushchev made this impact on Mollet without saying anything new on specific issues and in spite of a flat turn-down of Mollet's pet scheme for channeling aid to underdeveloped countries through international organizations.

3. USSR

a. A West German correspondent in Moscow, considered reliable by his embassy, reports [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] that strikes occurred 50X1
last week in the Ukrainian cities of Krivoi Rog and Odessa.

b. At Krivoi Rog (about 160 miles northeast of Odessa) workers sat down by their machines and refused to work because of the bread shortage. They demanded more wages to offset their inability to buy bread.

c. In Odessa dockworkers refused to load butter for Cuba.

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d. [redacted] neither police nor soldiers were used in either case, [redacted] did not know if or how the strikes were settled. 50X1 50X1

4. USSR-Cuba

a. We suspect that the remaining Soviet military forces in Cuba now have the status of a military aid mission; [redacted] 50X1

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c. Prensa Latina, the Cuban news agency, reports that New York Timesman Herbert Matthews, who arrived in Cuba late last month, has been touring Oriente Province with the director of the National Institute for Hydraulic Resources. [redacted] 50X1

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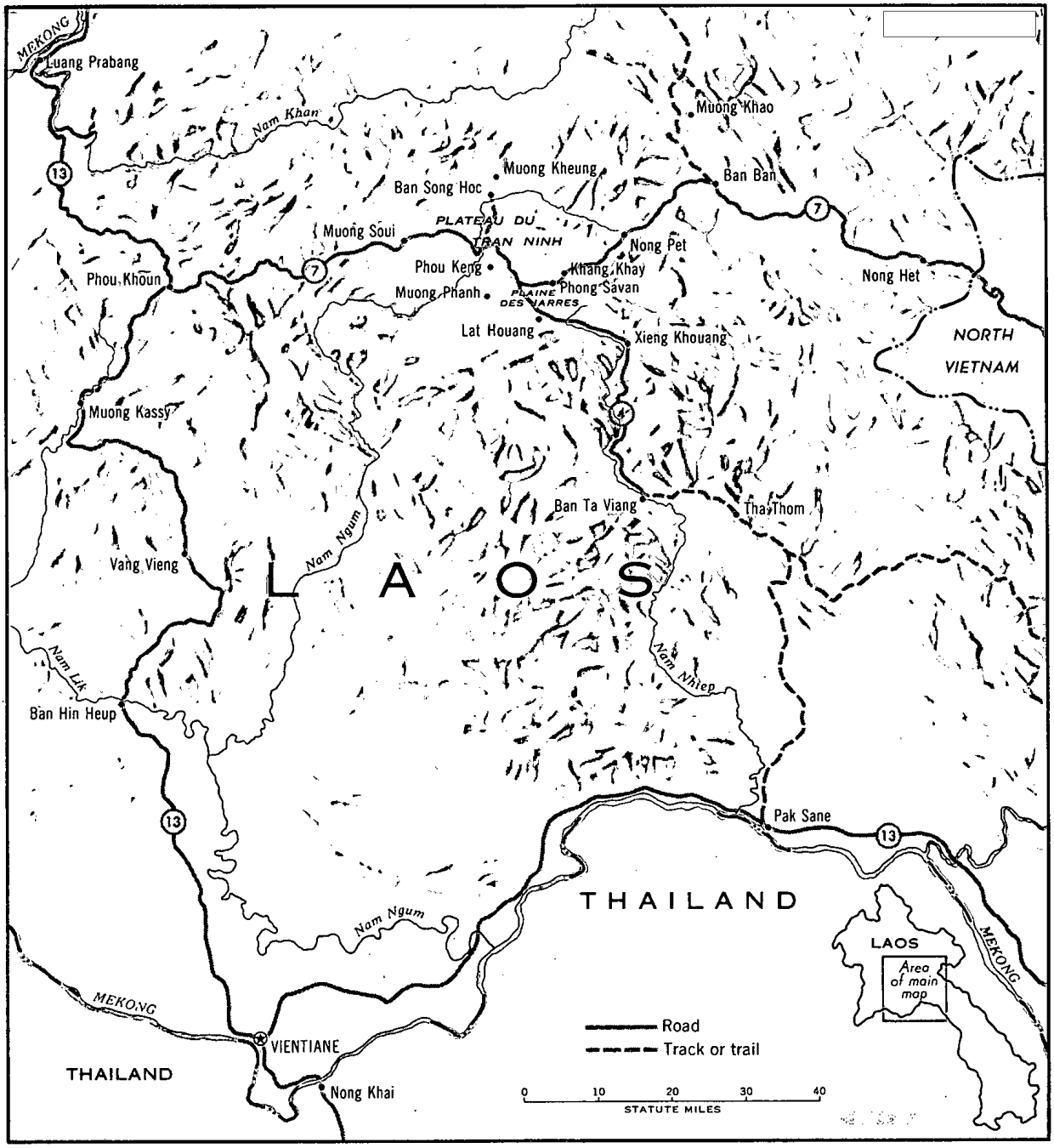

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5. Laos

a. [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] the Communists plan clearing actions [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] on two fronts: the first 50X1
across the northern edge of the Plaine des Jarres through Muong Soui and along Route 7 to Phou Khoum; the second from Xieng Khouang Ville to Tha Thom.

b. The Pathet Lao have recently stepped up their efforts to assure the security of Route 7, their major supply artery.

c. They have captured several key Meo positions along this road east of the Plaine des Jarres and have others under pressure.

d. [redacted] 50X1
these moves will be designed to link up with isolated Communist forces near the junction of routes 7 and 13.

6. Indonesia

a. [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] 50X1
First Minister Djuanda died [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] 50X1

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b. Delay on the appointment of a successor to Djuanda could result in some jockeying for position

[redacted] 50X1

7. Communist China - France

a. De Gaulle has told Ambassador Bohlen in response to a direct question that he has no intention of setting up diplomatic relations with Peiping "at this time."

b. He went on to say, however, that "sooner or later" some relationship would have to be worked out with Communist China. He added that if ever the time came when the French were contemplating recognition the US would certainly be informed in advance.

c. Ambassador Bohlen comments that De Gaulle seems to accept recognition at some future date as inevitable, but it is Bohlen's impression that this event is quite far in the future.

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8. Rumania-Yugoslavia

a. The Yugoslavs report that Rumania party boss Gheorghiu-Dej will pay them a visit within the next ten days.

b. The rumor in Belgrade is that he will sign an agreement on joint Rumanian-Yugoslav construction of a power and navigation project on the Danube.

c. Rumania has heretofore been the most reluctant of the Soviet bloc states to improve relations with Yugoslavia though it has loosened up in other departments.

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9. East Germany - Ulbricht

a. Walter Ulbricht's absence last week from the party central committee plenum for the first time in many years points up the fact that the 70-year-old leader is showing signs of physical strain.

b. Last February he cancelled an appearance at a civic celebration and was out of public view for three weeks. He later had a month's vacation in April-May and another month in July-August.

c. The party plenum seems to have been run by Politburo stalwart Erich Honecker; [redacted] 50X1

d. This would lead to the conclusion that Ulbricht's day-to-day personal direction of East German affairs is no longer quite as essential in maintaining party unity and internal security as it once was. [redacted] 50X1

10. Venezuela

a. The sabotage of the Creole Petroleum Company's pipeline last Monday is the eighth time in 18 months that this has happened.

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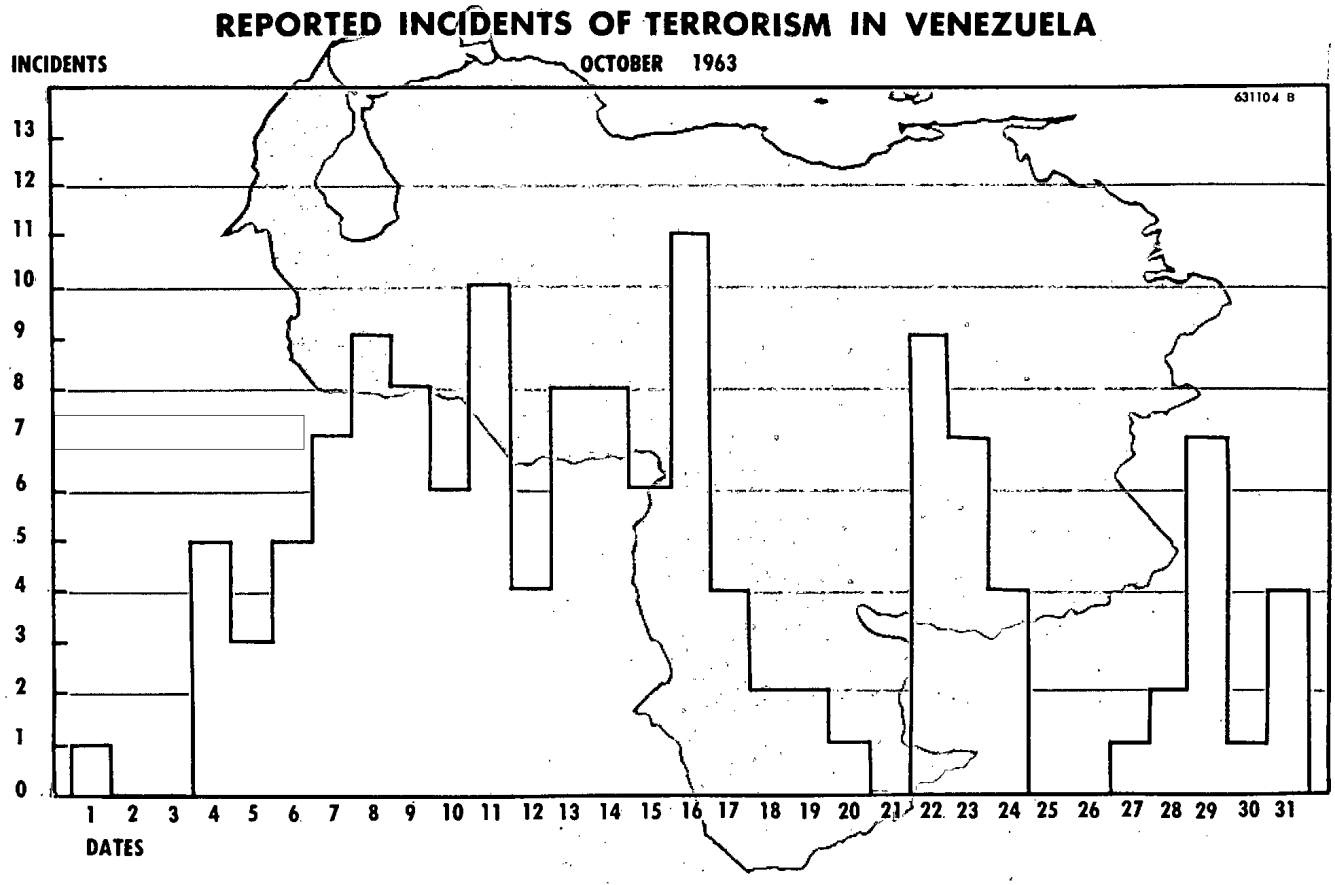

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b. President Betancourt's decision in early October to augment police forces with army units has succeeded in reducing terrorism in Caracas but has been less effective in the outlying areas.

c. The attached chart records the number of incidents in October. We look for even more this month as the date for presidential elections approaches.

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NOTES

A. Rumania A Rumanian news agency official has pressed visiting Washington Post European Correspondent Walter Estabrook to establish a permanent news office in Bucharest. Estabrook told legation officials that the Post had been negotiating with the Soviet Government for some time on opening an office in Moscow. He said that if these talks continued to drag on he would recommend that his paper open a bureau in Bucharest.

B. Dominican Republic [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] the pro-Castro 14 of June Political 50X1
Group (APCJ) intends to raise the flag of armed insurrection [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] 50X1
[redacted] While Dominican 50X1
military leaders are alert to possible APCJ moves, we cannot dismiss the possibility that something may get started.

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1. Berlin

a. A French convoy of non-dismountable size cleared the Marienborn checkpoint without incident this morning. A similar British convoy is set to make the run now that the French got through Babelsberg.

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b. The next test US convoy is now scheduled for Tuesday.

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c. Ambassador Kohler discussed the autobahn holdups with Gromyko and Kosygin at last night's Kremlin reception. Kosygin played down the seriousness of the incidents, remarking that "soldiers sometimes are too eager to fulfill instructions", but Gromyko insisted that Soviet ground rules had to be obeyed if incidents were to be avoided.

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2. South Vietnam

a. The Viet Cong is moving as expected to exploit post-coup dislocations in the government's counter-insurgency effort.

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b. The rate of small-scale Communist attacks has doubled since the coup. These have been for the most part probing actions and government forces have responded well.

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c. Government troops are being shifted from Saigon back to operational areas in the expectation that the Viet Cong will supplement these small-scale efforts with larger-scale efforts against soft targets.

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d. The Communists' "liberation radio" is urging the Viet Cong to greater efforts to "change the balance of forces at this favorable juncture."

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e. Along with this, there are signs that the Communists, believing that the potential is probably there, are trying hard to encourage dissension among the generals and their followers. One broadcast, beamed at Saigon, pointed out that "some are promoted, others are passed over."

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3. Laos

a. Souvanna returns to Vientiane today optimistic and determined to have another go at a reconciliation with the Pathet Lao.

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b. He apparently intends to renew his proposal, which the Pathets have rejected in the past, to move

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the Laotian administrative capital to Luang Prabang and demilitarize it. He claims to have Soviet support for this.

c. General Phoumi has told Ambassador Unger that criticism of Souvanna from the right is mounting. Unger comments that the period following the premier's return is likely to be a delicate one. 50X1

d. The Pathet Lao have chosen this juncture for their sharpest action since the end of the rainy season. Yesterday they hit neutralist positions in the Plaine des Jarres with what was described as a 1,000-man attack supported by artillery, mortar and machine-gun fire. The neutralists say the attack was repulsed. 50X1

4. Morocco-Algeria

a. Although Algiers and Rabat have restrained their forces from further fighting since Monday, the cease-fire is precarious.

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b. Both countries are trying to improve their military dispositions along the disputed frontier and both are receiving additional military help.

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c. Egyptian shipments continue.

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f. The border war has done little to solidify Ben Bella's position. An old foe, Belkacem Krim, has returned to Algiers

50X1

5. France

a. The General Assembly was told yesterday that France will have a nuclear striking force of 15-20 Mirage IV bombers by the end of next year.

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b. This forecast, unlike the speculation which De Gaulle's government has been encouraging the press to disseminate, is probably not far off the mark. We believe that the first production aircraft will come off the line next month.

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c. Thereafter, French plans call for the delivery of one or two a month until the programmed force of 50 is reached late in 1965 or early 1966.

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6. British Guiana

a. Jagan's response to the setbacks he received at last week's constitutional talks is beginning to take shape.

b. He is staying on in London to press for early independence without a British-imposed election scheme, while his party chairman has turned up in Georgetown denouncing the "unbelievable subservience" of the British to the paranoic Americans.

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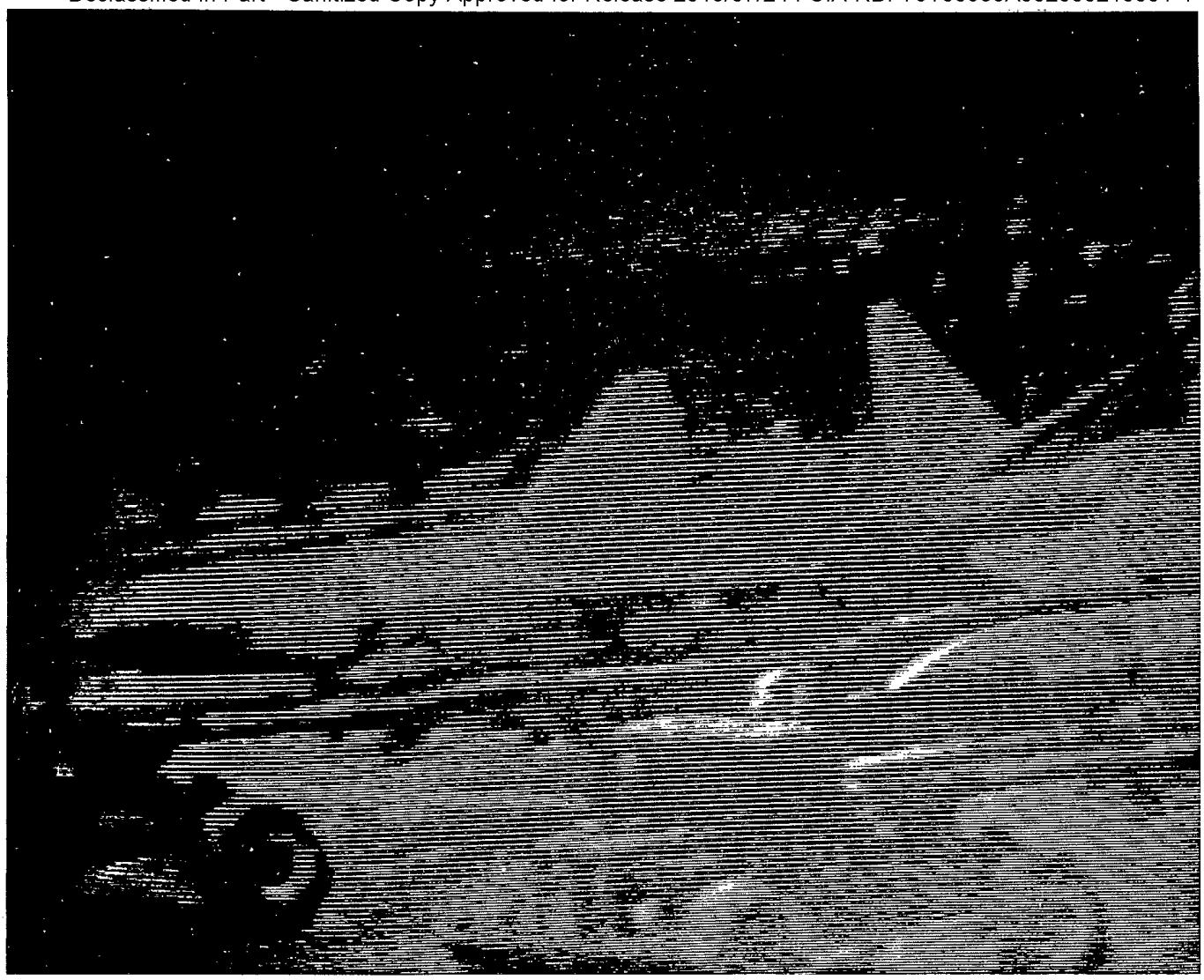

PROBABLE SOVIET ANTIMISSILE MISSILES

Approximately 50 feet long, these missiles were displayed publicly for the first time in the Moscow parade on 7 November.

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c. The government-sponsored agricultural workers union has begun a new drive to capture control of Indian sugar mill workers, the largest single group of organized laborers in the country. Jagan's organizers are pulling out all the stops, telling the Indians that they must join up now or lose to the "black man" everything that Jagan has gained for them.

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7. USSR

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NOTES

A. British By-elections Prime Minister Home won his seat in Commons with a margin only slightly under the Conservative margin in this constituency in the 1959 election. In Luton, however, Labor took a Conservative seat. Luton is the sort of prosperous, middle class area, in the past firmly Tory, in which Labor has been making inroads lately. 50X1

B. Venezuela-Cuba Some of the weapons in the cache uncovered by security forces in Venezuela may have been of Cuban origin. 50X1 50X1 50X1

C. Dominican Republic The armed insurrection by pro-Castro elements has been delayed by the arrest of key operatives. 50X1 50X1

D. Jordan Husayn has had reports of a possible Baathist coup attempt against him and has arrested Jordanian Baath members. Last summer he jailed about 40 Baathists, including the Jordanian party's secretary general, and these are still under detention. the arrests should forestall any attempt in the near future. 50X1 50X1 50X1 50X1 50X1

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E. USSR-Cuba The Soviet passenger ship Gruziya apparently landed some military personnel at Mariel [redacted] 50X1

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F. USSR-Iraq Five Soviet officers are in Baghdad to iron out the wrinkles in Moscow's military aid program. They are trying to placate the Iraqis about certain unfulfilled contracts and to deal with SAM equipment which has been crated for return to the USSR. 50X1

G. Italy-MLF The Italian ambassador to NATO has suggested to Ambassador Finletter that the US should move quickly to get the outgoing Italian government committed to the MLF. This looks like an attempt to make more difficult Moro's task of negotiating an "opening to the left." In fact, Nenni Socialists are already complaining to Embassy officials about alleged US "pressures" for a definite Italian commitment right now. 50X1

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1. BERLIN:

A. JUDGING FROM GROMYKO'S REMARKS TO KOHLER THURSDAY ON ACCESS TO BERLIN, WE EXPECT THE SOVIETS WILL SHORTLY PRESENT A FORMAL STATEMENT CALLING FOR URGENT FOUR-POWER TALKS ON THIS AND OTHER QUESTIONS RELATING TO BERLIN'S STATUS.

B. THE BRITISH PLAN NO FURTHER CONVOYS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS, AS THERE IS NO TRAINING NEED FOR THEM, AND THEY DO NOT WANT TO RUN THEM FOR TESTING PURPOSES ONLY.

2. CUBA-USSR:

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A. ANOTHER ARMS SHIPMENT TO CUBA

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3. CUBA-USSR:

A. CASTRO IS GIVING THE SOVIETS AND THE CHINESE IN HAVANA SEPARATE BUT EQUAL TREATMENT.

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B. HAVING FAILED TO SHOW UP AT THE CHINESE NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION LAST MONTH, HE SKIPPED TOWN THURSDAY TO AVOID THE SOVIET ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION. SO, APPARENTLY, DID DORTICOS AND RAUL CASTRO.

C. A POLISH CORRESPONDENT ON THE SCENE NOTED IN A DISPATCH TO WARSAW THAT CASTRO HAD ATTENDED JUST ABOUT EVERYONE ELSE'S RECEPTION THIS YEAR AND THAT THE SOVIET AFFAIR WAS KEPT GOING INTO THE EARLY MORNING HOURS IN THE EXPECTATION THAT CASTRO WOULD ARRIVE, AS HE USUALLY DOES, LATE.

D. THEN, WITH TONGUE IN CHEEK, THE POLISH CORRESPONDENT WRITES THAT CUBAN POLITICAL CIRCLES SAY IT WOULD BE AN ERROR TO DRAW ANY CONCLUSIONS FROM CASTRO'S ABSENCE BECAUSE "IN REVOLUTIONARY DIPLOMACY THIS TYPE OF THING HAS NO MEANING WHATEVER."

4. FRANCE - SOUTH VIETNAM - CANADA:

A. THE FRENCH TAKE A DIM VIEW OF THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT IN SAIGON DESPITE THE LIBERAL SPRINKLING OF PRO-FRENCH OFFICIALS IN IT. 50X1

B. BEHIND THIS ATTITUDE LIES A BELIEF THAT THE PRESENT SET-UP IS LIKELY TO HEAD IN WHAT PARIS FEELS IS THE WRONG DIRECTION, I.E., TO SEEK A MILITARY INSTEAD OF A POLITICAL SOLUTION.

C. ALSO, WE ARE SURE, THE FRENCH DISLIKE THE CURRENT

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REGIME'S CLOSENESS TO US.

D. THE CANADIAN ICC COMMISSIONER COX ALSO TAKES A DIM VIEW OF THE NEW REGIME, WHICH HE APPARENTLY CONSIDERS A CREATURE OF THE US, AND IS PROBABLY SO REPORTING TO OTTAWA.

5. COMMUNIST CHINA:

A. PEIPING, FOR THE FIRST TIME, IS BEGINNING TO ALLOW NON-COMMUNIST INDUSTRIAL TECHNICIANS INTO THE COUNTRY AND IS SHOWING A WILLINGNESS TO LET CHINESE TECHNICIANS GO ABROAD FOR TRAINING, PARTICULARLY TO JAPAN, BRITAIN, AND HOLLAND.

B. THIS HAS BEEN PROMPTED BY THE RECENT CONCLUSION (AFTER THREE YEARS OF WINDOW-SHOPPING) OF SEVERAL CONTRACTS FOR WESTERN AND JAPANESE SYNTHETIC FIBRE AND CHEMICAL FERTILIZER PLANTS.

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6. NATIONALIST CHINA - JAPAN:

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7. NOTES:

A. USSR: AMBASSADOR KOHLER'S GENERAL COMMENT ON THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVITIES WAS THAT THEY WERE MODERATE, ROUTINE, AND CONTAINED NO HINT OF ANY NEW POLICIES OR DECISIONS ON INTERNAL OR FOREIGN FIELDS.

B. BRAZIL-USSR: FORMER BRAZILIAN AIR MINISTER CARVALHO IS ON HIS WAY TO MOSCOW AT SOVIET INVITATION. 50X1 WE SUSPECT HE WILL LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITIES OF AIRCRAFT PURCHASES. HE WILL PROBABLY ALSO DISCUSS CIVIL AIR ROUTES.

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1. South Vietnam

a. The expected purge of provincial bosses is now in full swing.

b. In Saigon, there are signs of a tendency for the leadership to divide between those favoring French methods of administration and those who are more oriented toward the American way of doing things.

c. This tendency is also reflected in differences over whether a multiplicity of parties and groups should be encouraged or whether an effort should be made to work toward a two party political system.

d. Among the casualties of the fighting in Saigon were records of the land reform office. Already lagging at least two years behind schedule, this will make it harder to get the program going again.

2. Panama-Venezuela

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3. Morocco-Algeria

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c. Cease-fire commissioners now on the scene are trying to set up a demilitarized area and will probably succeed in arranging some withdrawals.

d. Even so, Morocco and, presumably, Algeria intend to hold on to what they have by assigning non-military personnel to take the place of any military personnel withdrawn.

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4. Cambodia

a. Sihanouk has made another call for a neutralist government in Saigon.

b. He appears to believe that the neutralization of South Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia is the only way to cope with the longer run Communist threat to his country.

c. Meanwhile, his radio continues to re-broadcast his threat of last week to dump western aid and rely entirely on Communist China unless the anti-Sihanouk clandestine transmitters in the area cease their broadcast.

d. Soviet MIG aircraft and a variety of military vehicles contracted earlier this year are now starting to arrive.

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5. Mexico

a. Moderate, centrist Presidential candidate Diaz Ordaz will be coming under increasing fire from the pro-Communists and the far left who are determined to block his election.

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b. Under the circumstances, we expect he will steer clear of identification with the US in the coming months. He may well use the Colorado River problem, for instance, to prove his championship of Mexican nationalism.

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NOTES

A. Laos Souvanna told Ambassador Bowles that he got nothing from the Soviets; neither assurances of support in general nor a commitment to try to get the Polish ICC commissioner to be more constructive. Meanwhile, Kong Le apparently still thinks the USSR will aid him rather than the Pathet Lao.

B. USSR The Soviets launched an earth satellite vehicle in the early hours this morning (Washington time). It may be another in the recoverable COSMOS series, [redacted] 50X1

C. Brazil Goulart's military are taking special measures in anticipation of strikes scheduled for tomorrow in the petroleum industry. While these measures may only be intended to ~~Ber~~preserve public safety and order, there is always the chance that Goulart may use such a pretext to move against his chief opponent, Lacerda.

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1. **Panama-Venezuela-Colombia**

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3. Saudi Arabia - Yemen

a. Ambassador Hart thinks Faysal will not agree to extending the UN mission again when its mandate expires on 4 January.

b. He feels Nasir's pledge to take out 5,000 troops is not nearly enough to satisfy Faysal and believes that by mid-December the crown prince will be willing to risk the departure of "Hard Surface."

c. Faysal might hope that an escalation of the conflict would then force the US and UN to do something drastic.

d. Hart says UN mission chief General Gyani agrees and sees little chance of Nasir's complying with the Bunker agreement for at least a year.

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4. Algeria

a. AFP reports a wave of speculation in Algiers on the status of Defense Minister Boumedienne.

b. He has not been seen publicly for several days and missed the reception at the Soviet Embassy celebrating the 7 November revolution.

c. [redacted] 50X1
the defense minister might be eased out because of his free-wheeling activities. He had been directing operations on the Moroccan border when Algerian forces temporarily ignored the cease-fire agreement.

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NOTES

A. Egypt Egyptian reaction to the foreign aid bill amendment has been predictably strong. Ambassador Badeau reports that Nasir is said to have talked of nothing else when he met Willy Brandt in Cairo on 8 November. Egyptian news media are having a field day and putting most of the blame on alleged Israeli influence.

B. Turkey Turkish military leaders may soon take a stronger hand in the government in order to offset the growing strength of the opposition Justice Party. The Justice Party--composed largely of supporters of the old Menderes regime--is likely to emerge from local elections on 17 November as the country's majority party. The party's influence will be boosted even more if Premier Inonu, whose coalition government is shaky, is forced to turn to it for political support.

C. Berlin A nondismount size US convoy of 13 vehicles cleared Babelsberg and Marienborn checkpoints without difficulty this morning. The only hitch was about a one-hour wait at Babelsberg while the Soviet commander finished his Wheaties.

D. US-USSR An AP dispatch this morning says the USSR has arrested Yale Professor Fred C. Barghoorn as a spy. The US Embassy has been informed but has not been allowed to see him. Barghoorn is identified as an expert on Soviet affairs who formerly served in the embassy in Moscow (1942-47) and is in the USSR on leave from Yale.

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LATE ITEM

Iraq-Syria

a. The arrest on Monday of doctrinaire Baathist Party leader Saadi by more moderate party elements has touched off another burst of gunfire in Baghdad. Fragments of the national guard and air force refused to take his arrest lying down and jets have attacked the presidential palace this morning.

b. However, Defense Minister Ammash and his party cadres within the army appear to be siding with the moderates, and the situation at last report is calming down.

c. Fortunately for the moderates, those army units opposed to the Baath are for the most part stationed in the north fighting the Kurds and were thus unable to capitalize on the confusion in the party's ranks. However, they may yet move.

d. In any case, the Baath has been split and seriously weakened by the arrest of Saadi. The latter, who has a strong following in the lower levels of the party, has favored rapid socialization and early union with Syria.

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e. Should the Iraqi Baath fall from power, we doubt that the Syrian party can survive either. The latter is also in political convulsions, but with the opposite tendency apparently coming out on top.

f. General Amin al-Hafiz, commander of the army, has succeeded moderate Baathist Premier Bitar. His rival General Muhammad Umran, leader of the doctrinaire Syrian Baathists, has been named as deputy prime minister and one of Umran's followers has been appointed Chief of Staff.

g. These contradictory tendencies in the Iraqi and Syrian branches of the Baath probably lie behind the recent muffling of unity talk. Syrian military units are still stationed in Iraq, however.

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1. South Vietnam

a. The new military leaders are out to revive cooperation with the once-powerful politico-religious sects in the delta.

b. Brigadier General Nguyen Huu Co, new corps commander for the provinces south of the Mekong River [redacted] considers support from the Hoa Hao and Cao Dai sects of prime importance in developing popular support in the countryside.

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c. Co does not want the sects to set up their own armies again but plans to use their followers in the government's paramilitary forces.

d. Premier Tho has also indicated that he and General Minh hope to use the two sects and Catholic elements as well to breathe new life into the strategic hamlet program.

2. Laos

a. A clearing operation by neutralist and right-wing troops to oust enemy forces from key positions near the Plaine des Jarres is running into trouble.

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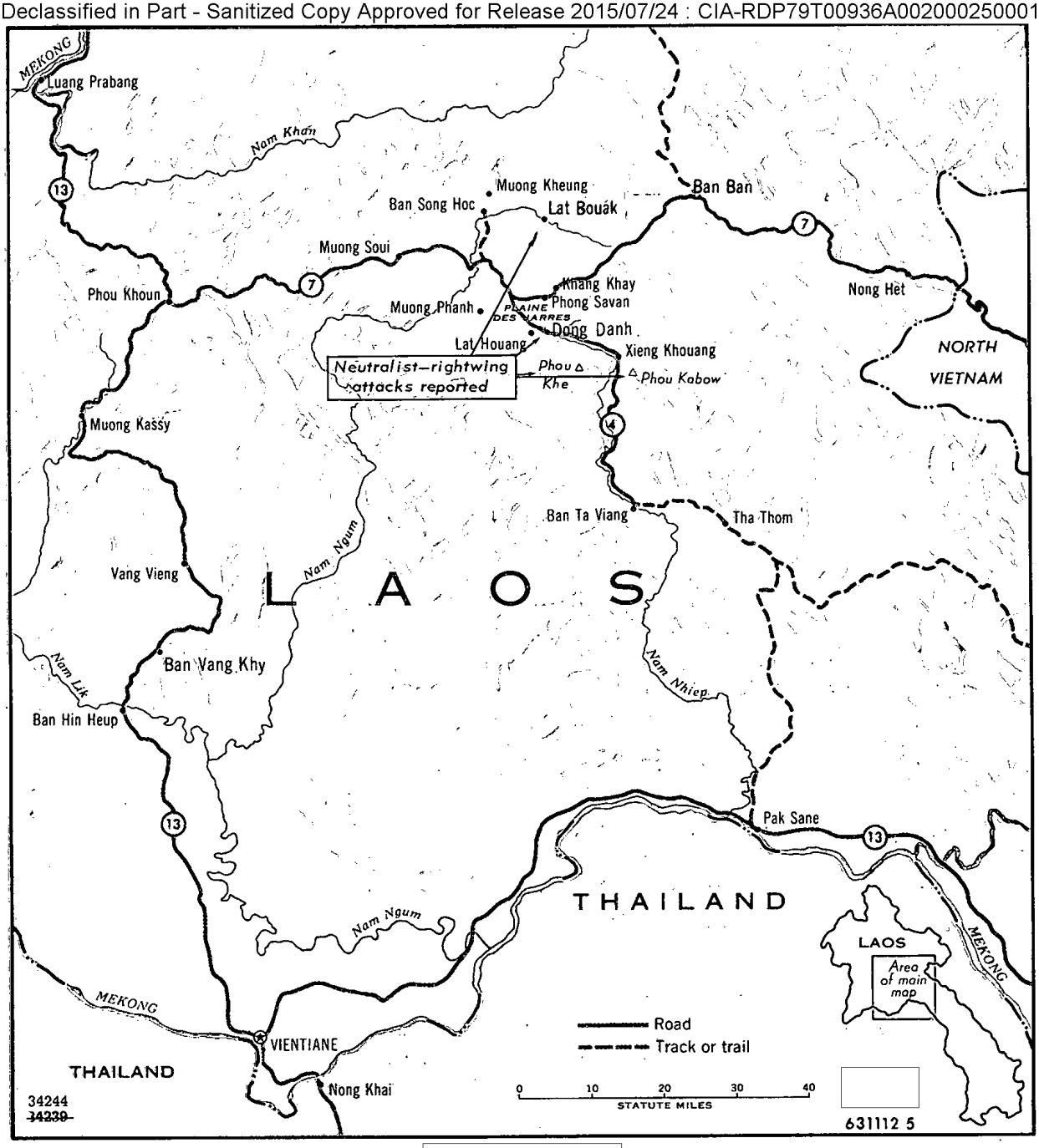

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b. The Pathet Lao are counter-attacking in the Lat Boua region north of the Plaine. Neutralist positions in the Lat Houang area have also come under fire.

c. The neutralists have been trying to strengthen their positions north of the Plaine to get the jump on an expected Pathet attack in this area. They also want to take the high ground commanding the Route 4 supply route from Xieng Khouang town.

d. They would in fact very much like to take the town itself, but we give them little chance.

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NOTES

A. Burma The Ministry of Home Affairs is meeting Thursday on the deportation of ten foreign Christian missionaries, headed by two Americans, old Burma hands, whose families have been working with the border tribes for many years. They are alleged to be "stirring up trouble contrary to the security of Burma." This is another example of Ne Win's xenophobia and could have been touched off by the recent coup in South Vietnam. [redacted] 50X1

B. USSR Our embassy's initial reaction is that Barghoorn's arrest is probably in retaliation for our arrest of the Amtorg chaffeur Igor A. Ivanov who was involved in the Butenko espionage case. Efforts of our consul to see Barghoorn have been unsuccessful.

C. Yemen-Egypt The Yemeni tribes are demanding additional tribute for their continued loyalty to the republican regime. The regime does not have the money, and has not been able to pay its army and civil servants in three months. Cairo will undoubtedly cough up, but Nasir cannot be too happy about it, especially since there is no end in sight.

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E. Nationalist China [redacted] 50X1

F. Cuba Reuters' correspondent Alan Oxley has been expelled after being held nine days on charges of espionage. Oxley, the last resident newsman from an English-speaking country, was arrested over 15 times in his three-year assignment in Cuba.

G. Algeria One Fadeyev, a Soviet general described as "head of Russian instruction," has turned up in Algeria. On Sunday he visited Bedeau [redacted] 50X1 The few Soviet military personnel previously known to be in Algeria are aiding in mine removal near the Tunisian border. [redacted] 50X1

H. Iceland Prime Minister Olafur Thors is resigning on doctor's orders. Bjarni Benediktsson, the minister of justice, is expected to be installed as his successor tomorrow. Our embassy anticipates no changes in the composition or policies of the government as a result of Thors resignation.

I. Colombia [redacted] 50X1 [redacted] arrival of the El Cisne off Rio Hacha near the northwestern tip of Colombia. [redacted] 50X1 50X1 50X1

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1. Cuba-USSR

a. Three Soviet passenger ships arrived in Cuba during the past month with Soviet military personnel aboard.

b. We estimate some 1,500 Soviet military personnel have thus arrived.

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2. Cuba

a. Raul Castro's reference to a conscription law forthcoming on 1 December for all males between 17 and 45 fulfills a promise made by Fidel last July.

b. At that time Castro admitted frankly that one of the law's main purposes was to make sure there were no parasites in the Cuban economy.

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c. Raul also referred to some 7,000 Cuban soldiers now enrolled in "special weapons" courses.

d. In addition to those at the SAM sites, this category probably includes those training in communications, radar, cruise missiles, and anti-tank or tactical missiles.

3. NATO

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4. North Vietnam - France

a. North Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Van-dong has told the French delegate in Hanoi that, although US-inspired, the coup in Saigon was a step in the right direction.

b. This comes from a report given Ambassador Bohlen [redacted] 50X1

c. Pham is said to have expressed the view that the US would eventually tire of fighting, and, when this happened, Hanoi would show itself to be as flexible as it is now rigid.

d. Pham added that now was not the time for negotiations.

e. The belief that the US would ultimately tire of the war, after which a "political solution" would be possible, is a standard French line, [redacted] 50X1

f. It is a view we are sure Pham Van-dong shares.

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5. Communist China

a. We estimate grain losses since August from flooding in the North China plain to be in the neighborhood of five million tons.

b. Even so, Peiping has made no effort to start contracting for grain imports which will soon be sorely needed.

c. The world market is becoming tight, and sources to supply even the five million tons imported this past year will be difficult to find.

d. Peiping is, nevertheless, busy buying machinery in Western Europe, for the first time in recent years, and may not intend to buy much grain abroad despite the suffering that might ensue.

6. Yemen - Saudi Arabia - Egypt

a. Yemeni leaders say they would welcome a chance to talk with the Saudis, whether in Yemen or at some neutral site. They will not go to Jidda.

b. The Egyptians (at least those in Yemen) say they, too, would like to see some accommodation worked out between Yemen and Saudi Arabia.

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c. Nasir would want a say in any decision reached, but we are sure he would welcome an agreement which would permit a substantial Egyptian withdrawal without serious damage.

d. Faysal's views on the proposed talks are not yet clear, although he will probably hold out for participation by a member of the Imam's family, which would not be a promising condition.

e. He has said, however, that he could put up with any regime in Sana so long as it was not Egyptian.

7. Indonesia

a. Foreign Minister Subandrio is now also First Vice Prime Minister and number-two man after Sukarno, who took to himself the post of Prime Minister.

b. Subandrio, who has been standard bearer for Sukarno's anti-Malaysia campaign, thus came out best in the cabinet shuffle that followed Djuanda's death.

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c. This has meant a drop in relative standing for more moderate Defense Minister Nasution.

d. The two Communist cabinet members remain in the cabinet, but still without portfolio.

8. Cambodia-US

a. Sihanouk continues his ranting.

b. In a three-hour speech at a "press conference" yesterday he said withdrawal of US aid would be an "immense relief" and he hopes it will happen by the end of the year "to put an end to humiliations which are intolerable to us."

c. Peiping, delighted, is meanwhile publicizing a message from Sihanouk expressing thanks for Peiping's "disinterested assistance... for the consolidation of our economic independence and particularly for the creation of our state industry."

d. Peiping's total economic assistance to Cambodia in the past eight years has been less than $50 million (all in grants). Ours totals over $250 million.

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e. Ambassador Sprouse says Sihanouk is overworked and exhausted. A rigorous diet is not helping.

f. On top of this, Sprouse says, Sihanouk's fears of overthrow and assassination have been magnified by the events in Saigon and he is convinced CIA is inciting his enemies.

g. Ambassador Sprouse believes Sihanouk's tirade was delivered without any consultation with his advisers and that moderating influences are now working on him. He sites preliminary reports of a later speech in which Sihanouk said he recognized the usefulness of US economic aid and that he would leave the decision of whether or not to continue military aid to the Cambodian armed forces.

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NOTES

A. Iraq All army division commanders have declared their loyalty to the Bakr regime. Baghdad is quiet and the curfew has been lifted. Although calm is restored, moderate Baathists, who are probably stronger in the government than in the party, will continue to have trouble with the radical faction.

B. Communist Bloc - Egypt - US Ambassador Badeau says Communist diplomats in Cairo have shown greatest interest in getting details of the Gruening amendment and the foreign aid bill. They seem particularly interested in its effect on the PL-480 program in Cairo.

C. Britain The British press has not been so kind as ours in reporting on Lord Home's first day in Parliament. Even Tory media say he lost points, particularly on domestic issues.

D. Canada-US Canadian manufacturers are clamoring to get in on the tariff rebate scheme which is intended to promote exports and reduce US "domination" of Canadian industries. So far it applies only to automotive products, but our embassy is not so sure the government will leave it at that unless we put our foot down hard.

E. Pakistan-Japan As they said they would, the Japanese denied Pakistan's request for onward air rights from China to Tokyo. The Pakistanis think we put the Japanese up to it.

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1. INDONESIA-MALAYSIA: 50X1

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B. [redacted] ACTIVITY ALONG THE BORDER IS SPREADING, 50X1

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C. [redacted] INDONESIAN PLANES BUZZED VILLAGES INSIDE SARA- 50X1

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D. THE BORDER, HOWEVER, IS POORLY DEFINED. [redacted] 50X1

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[redacted] THE CHANCES FOR A SERIOUS AIR INCIDENT 50X1

ARE INCREASING. [redacted] 50X1

2. USSR-BERLIN:

A. THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN BONN HAS COMMENTED THAT THE RECENT AUTOBAHN INCIDENTS WERE APPROVED BY MOSCOW AND WERE INTENDED TO DEMONSTRATE THE NECESSITY FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON ACCESS ROUTES.

B. [redacted] THE AMBASSADOR 50X1

PREDICTS MORE INCIDENTS "IN ORDER TO REMIND THE WESTERN POWERS THAT THE QUESTION OF THE RECOGNITION OF EAST GERMANY HAS TO

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BE RESOLVED IN SOME FORM."

C. UNTIL THE CLIMAX OF THESE INCIDENTS AT SOME UNSPECIFIED LATER DATE, MOSCOW WILL TRY TO FIND WEAK SPOTS IN THE WESTERN NEGOTIATING POSITION, THE AMBASSADOR SAID.

D. EAST GERMAN PROPAGANDA MEANWHILE CONTINUES TO CLAIM THE WEST HAS NO LEGAL RIGHT TO USE THE AUTOBAHN. THE EAST GERMAN FIRST DEPUTY PREMIER ALSO SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE GDR HAD ONLY "TEMPORARILY TRANSFERRED" CONTROL OF ALLIED TRAFFIC TO THE USSR.

E. A FLAP YESTERDAY OVER THE FIRING OF FLARES NEAR WESTERN AIRCRAFT IN THE CORRIDORS HAS FIZZLED OUT. US AUTHORITIES IN GERMANY NOW DISCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY OF DELIBERATE HARASSMENT.

3. BURMA:

A. COUP TALK IN RANGOON IS BECOMING MORE SPECIFIC AS DISSATISFACTION WITH THE NE WIN REGIME CONTINUES TO MOUNT.

B. [redacted] THE FIRST STEP WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE 18 NOVEMBER. THIS WILL INVOLVE A "CATALYTIC INCIDENT" INTENDED TO COALESCE ELEMENTS HOSTILE TO THE REGIME, POSSIBLY USING BUDDHIST CLERGY OR STUDENT GROUPS. 50X1

C. OPPOSITION LEADERS HOPE THIS INCIDENT CAN BE ARRANGED BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT CONCLUDES AN AGREEMENT WITH A COALITION OF COMMUNIST INSURGENT GROUPS.

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D. NE WIN, HOWEVER, APPARENTLY STILL HAS THE LOYALTY OF THE MILITARY. WHILE HE DOES, AN ATTEMPT TO OUST HIM WILL REQUIRE A LENGTHY BUILD-UP OF POPULAR DISSATISFACTION.

4. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. VIET CONG GUERRILLAS HAVE CONTINUED WIDESPREAD AGGRESSIVE ACTIVITY AT RECORD HIGH LEVELS THROUGH THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE WEEK SINCE THE COUP.

B. SOME 1,021 INCIDENTS, INCLUDING MORE THAN 200 SMALL SCALE ATTACKS--MORE THAN TWICE THE NORMAL WEEKLY FIGURES--WERE RECORDED DURING THE WEEK ENDING 13 NOVEMBER.

C. DUONG VAN MINH SAID YESTERDAY THAT ELECTIONS "MIGHT BE HELD" IN SIX TO TWELVE MONTHS, ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNMENT'S PRESS AGENCY.

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5. IRAQ:

A. THE TURNABOUT IN BAGHDAD HAS CONFUSED JUST ABOUT EVERYONE.

B. THE EXTREMIST ELEMENTS SUPPORTING EXILE ALI SALIH SAADI--LED BY THE NATIONAL GUARD--REFUSED TO ACCEPT HIS OUSTER EVEN AFTER THEIR COUP FAILED AND BROUGHT ABOUT AN IMPASSE.

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PREMIER BAKR AND DEFENSE MINISTER AMMASH, WHO APPARENTLY REMAINED NEUTRAL, CALLED THE BAATH'S INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP TO BAGHDAD TO TAKE CHARGE.

C. THE LEADERSHIP APPARENTLY DECIDED THAT OUSTING THE MODERATES--FOREIGN MINISTER SHABIB, INTERIOR MINISTER JAWAD, ET AL--WAS THE ONLY WAY TO RESTORE PARTY DISCIPLINE.

D. SAADI, WHO DID GO TO MADRID RATHER THAN [redacted] 50X1

[redacted] TO DAMASCUS, HAS ASSERTED HE HAS WON AND 50X1

WILL RETURN TODAY. WE ARE NOT AT ALL SURE THIS WILL BE THE FINAL SOLUTION.

E. THE INTENTIONS OF AMMASH, WHO HAS BEEN CAUTIOUS THROUGHOUT AND WHO HAS GOOD CONNECTIONS WITH PARTY CELLS IN THE MILITARY, REMAIN UNCLEAR. THERE IS A CHANCE THAT HE MIGHT SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD AN ARMY MOVE TO COUNTER THE EXTREMISTS AND THEIR NATIONAL GUARD SUPPORTERS, WHOSE GROWING INFLUENCE IS PROBABLY RESENTED BY THE REGULAR MILITARY. BLOODSHED WOULD PROBABLY FOLLOW.

F. AT THIS MOMENT, HOWEVER, ALL REPORTS SAY THAT BAGHDAD IS AT LEAST SUPERFICIALLY QUIET.

6. SOMALIA:

A. THE MILITARY AID AGREEMENT RECENTLY SIGNED WITH THE USSR APPARENTLY IS A STANDARD SOVIET LONG-TERM PROGRAM TAILORED TO MOGADISCIO'S EMPTY PURSE.

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7. NOTES:

A. BRITISH GUIANA: JAGAN'S PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY WILL HOLD WIDESPREAD DEMONSTRATIONS ON 17 NOVEMBER TO PROTEST LONDON'S DECISION ON PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION. THERE WILL BE A DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE THE US CONSULATE GENERAL, BUT THE GUIANIAN SECURITY CHIEF HAS ASSURED US THERE WILL BE NO VIOLENCE. THE PARTY IS ALSO PLANNING A BOYCOTT OF BRITISH AND US GOODS.

B. USSR: COSMOS 21, LAUNCHED LAST MONDAY WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO ESTABLISH WHAT ITS MISSION WAS.

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C. COMMUNIST CHINA: THE CHINESE TRADE FAIR WILL BE OPENED IN MEXICO CITY NEXT MONTH BY PEIPING'S NUMBER ONE CULTURAL PROPAGANDIST, KUO MO-JO. HE WILL BE THE HIGHEST

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RANKING CHINESE OFFICIAL EVER TO VISIT A LATIN AMERICAN NATION OTHER THAN CUBA. THE CHINESE WILL PROBABLY PRESS FOR PERMANENT TRADE AND PRESS REPRESENTATION.

D. FRANCE: THE OCTOBER POLL ON DE GAULLE'S POPULARITY--PUBLISHED IN FRANCE-SOIR ON TUESDAY--SHOWS 46% SATISFIED, 40% NOT, AND 14% "DON'T KNOW." THE 40% DISSATISFIED MATCHES THE PREVIOUS HIGH DURING THE MINERS' STRIKE LAST MARCH AND IS 6% ABOVE LAST AUGUST'S FIGURE. ECONOMIC COMPLAINTS ACCOUNTED FOR 54% OF THOSE DISSATISFIED, WHILE 15% OF THOSE APPROVING SAID THERE JUST WAS NOT ANYONE BETTER AVAILABLE.

E. SYRIA: [redacted] 50X1

[redacted] UNIDENTIFIED SYRIAN MILITARY ELEMENTS MAY 50X1

SOON TRY A COUP. [redacted] 50X1

[redacted] THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THE 50X1

BAATHIST TROUBLES IN IRAQ WILL SPILL OVER INTO SYRIA AND ENCOURAGE ANTI-REGIME ELEMENTS TO MOVE.

F. INDONESIA: THE INDONESIANS ARE STILL WORRIED THAT THERE IS A UK-US PLOT AGAINST SUKARNO. OUR EMBASSY REPORTS THAT SUBANDRIO AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN QUESTIONING AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS AND FOREIGN DIPLOMATS IN DJAKARTA ON THE SUBJECT. THE EMBASSY HAS NOTED A MARKED INCREASE IN SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AROUND SUKARNO, WHO NOW USES HIS OWN CAR AS A DECOY WHILE HE RIDES IN ANOTHER.

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H. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: [redacted] 50X1

[redacted] THE CASTROIST OPPOSITION IS STILL TALKING ABOUT AN ARMED UPRISING [redacted] 50X1 50X1

I. BARGHOORN: REUTERS AND UPI NOTE THAT RADIO MOSCOW AND SOVIET NEWSPAPERS--NOT INCLUDING PRAVDA--HAVE REPORTED FULLY ON THE PRESIDENTIAL PRESS CONFERENCE. THE NEWS SOURCES REPORT THIS HAS RAISED CAUTIOUS HOPE FOR SETTLING THE CASE, BUT TEMPER IT BY POINTING TO A TASS DISPATCH ATTACKING THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR BUILDING AN AIR "IRON CURTAIN" AROUND THE SOVIET SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL DELEGATION VISITING THE US. [redacted] 50X1

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--16 NOVEMBER 1963

1. IRAQ:

A. THE "INTERNATIONAL COMMAND" OF THE BAATH PARTY HAS TAKEN CHARGE OF THE PARTY IN IRAQ, AND IS TRYING TO RESTORE PARTY DISCIPLINE AND CONTAIN INTERNECINE PARTY WARFARE.

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C. BAGHDAD IS QUIET, AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT.

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2. CUBA-VENEZUELA:

A. [redacted] ARMS CACHE DISCOVERED ON THE NORTH COAST OF VENEZUELA [redacted] CAME FROM CUBA. 50X1 50X1

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3. ISRAEL-JORDAN:

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B. IN THE MT. SCOPUS ENCLAVE NEAR JERUSALEM, ISRAELI TROOPS ARE AGAIN HARASSING ARAB VILLAGERS WHO LIVE JUST OUTSIDE ISRAELI-OCCUPIED TERRITORY. IN THE LATRUN AREA WEST OF JERUSALEM THE ISRAELIS HAVE BEGUN TO PLOW AND PLANT LARGE SEGMENTS OF A "NO MAN'S LAND" BETWEEN JORDAN AND ISRAEL.

4. LAOS:

A. THE NEUTRALIST AND RIGHT-WING CLEARING OPERATION HAS PETERED OUT IN THE FACE OF PATHET LAO RESISTANCE.

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B. IN TYPICAL LAOTIAN FASHION, THE PARTICIPANTS ARE HEADING BACK TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. KONG LE AND PATHET GENERAL SINGKAPO ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET TODAY IN THE PLAINE DES JARRES ON SINGKAPO'S INVITATION.

C. WE DOUBT THAT ANY MORE WILL COME OF THIS THAN OF THE INNUMERABLE PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS.

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5. NOTES:

A. ARGENTINA: ILLIA LAST NIGHT ANNULLED THE OIL CONTRACTS. HIS DECREES CALL FOR THE TREASURY MINISTER TO PRESENT A REPORT ON THE OIL PROBLEM. THIS PRESUMABLY WILL SERVE AS A BASIS FOR A COMPENSATION SETTLEMENT TO BE DECIDED IN THE COURTS.

B. CANADA-BULGARIA: CANADIAN ABILITY TO DELIVER ON THE WHEAT DEALS WITH EAST EUROPE IS BEING TAXED TO THE LIMIT. ALTHOUGH THE BULGARIANS HAVE BEEN PRESSING FOR DELIVERY OF 200,000 TONS BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR THE CANADIANS SAY THEY WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL APRIL WHEN THE ST. LAWRENCE OPENS. OUR LEGATION IN SOFIA THINKS BULGARIA MAY SOON TRY TO GET WHEAT FROM THE US.

C. UK: DENIS HEALEY, LABOR'S DEFENSE SPOKESMAN, HAS TOLD OUR EMBASSY THAT IF THE MLF PROPOSAL SURVIVES AND ALTERNATIVE COURSES REMAIN BLOCKED, THEN A LABOR GOVERNMENT WOULD FINALLY COME AROUND TO JOINING MLF RATHER THAN STAYING OUTSIDE. HE SAID THIS VIEW WAS SHARED BY HAROLD WILSON AND PATRICK GORDON WALKER ALTHOUGH FOR OBVIOUS REASONS IT COULD ONLY BE FOUND IN "SMALL PRINT" PARTY STATEMENTS ON GENERAL MLF POLICY.

D. SOUTH KOREA: THE REGIME IS USING MORE POLICE PRESSURE IN THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN FOR THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY THAN IT DID IN LAST MONTH'S UNCOMFORTABLY CLOSE PRESIDENTIAL

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ELECTIONS. IF THE POLICE GET TOO HEAVY-HANDED THERE COULD BE TROUBLE IN THE CLOSING DAYS OF THE CAMPAIGN, WHICH ENDS ON 26 NOVEMBER.

E. FRANCE - SOUTH VIETNAM: A FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR BOHLEN THERE IS REAL DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE QUAI D'ORSAY AND DE GAULLE ON VIETNAMESE POLICY. HE SAID THAT DE GAULLE HAD FLATLY OVERRULED THE QUAI'S RECOMMENDATION THAT FRANCE IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZE THE NEW SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT. THE OFFICIAL SPECULATED THAT DE GAULLE WAS ATTEMPTING TO SHOW HIS INDEPENDENCE OF THE US, BUT THAT HE WAS ALSO ACTING ON A VAGUE BELIEF THAT SOME FORM OF NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT BE NECESSARY IN THE FUTURE.

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G. BRAZIL: THE BRAZILIAN SENATE HAS FOR THE FIRST TIME EXERCISED ITS CONSTITUTIONAL PREROGATIVE TO CONVOKE AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF CONGRESS, PROBABLY TO PREVENT GOULART FROM TAKING SOME ACTION TO EXPAND HIS POWER--SUCH AS DECLARING A STATE OF SIEGE--WHILE THE LEGISLATURE IS ADJOURNED. THE LARGEST VOTE FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION--SET FOR 16 DECEMBER TO 8 MARCH--CAME FROM GOULART'S NOMINAL ALLIES, THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS.

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H. BARGHOORN: FOLLOWING IS THE TASS ANNOUNCEMENT: "AS IT WAS REPORTED EARLIER, THE STATE SECURITY ORGANS IN MOSCOW ARRESTED FOR ESPIONAGE AMERICAN CITIZEN FREDERICK CHARLES BARGHOORN WHO WAS IN THE USSR AS A TOURIST. THE INVESTIGATION CONFIRMED THAT HE WAS ENGAGED IN INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE USSR. THUS THE SOVIET ORGANS HAD EVERY GROUND TO PUT F.C. BARGHOORN ON TRIAL. BUT IN VIEW OF THE CONCERN OF THE US HIGH OFFICIALS OVER F.C. BARGHOORN'S FATE THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT DECIDED MERELY TO EXPEL HIM FROM THE SOVIET UNION."

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LATE ITEM

IRAQ:

A. THE IRAQI ARMY UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT AL-SALIM ARIF HAS OUSTED THE BAATHIST REGIME. A MILITARY JUNTA HAS ASSUMED POWER AND THE BAATH'S NATIONAL GUARD HAS BEEN ORDERED DISSOLVED.

B. ALL ARMY UNITS APPEAR TO HAVE ALIGNED THEMSELVES WITH THE NEW REGIME. THE ARMY MET WITH SOME RESISTANCE FROM NATIONAL GUARDSMEN IN BAGHDAD AND THE CITY IS NOT YET QUIET. NO CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED AMONG THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

C. ARIF, FIRST NAMED PRESIDENT AFTER THE 1958 COUP AND ACTUALLY QASIM'S DEPUTY, LATER FELL OUT WITH QASIM AND WAS AT ONE TIME CONDEMNED TO DEATH. HE IS GENERALLY PRO-NASIR, BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE NASIR TRUSTS HIM.

D. BAATH FOUNDER MICHEL AFLAQ, SYRIAN LEADER AMIN AL-HAFIZ, SYRIAN CHIEF OF STAFF SALAH JADID,AND LEADERS OF BAATH BRANCHES IN JORDAN AND LEBANON HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN CAUGHT IN BAGHDAD BY THE COUP.

E. THE SYRIAN BAATHIST REGIME, WHOSE EXISTENCE IS NOW SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZED, HAS CONDEMNED THE COUP [redacted] 50X1

[redacted] NON-BAATHIST ARMY ELEMENTS MAY WELL ATTEMPT TO 50X1 SEIZE POWER IN DAMASCUS WHERE BAATHIST COFOUNDER SALAH AL-DIN BITAR HAS ASSUMED POWER.

F. CAIRO RADIO IS UNDERSTANDABLY GLEEFUL.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--18 NOVEMBER 1963

1. BARGHOORN:

A. JUDGING BY WHAT BARGHOORN TOLD OUR EMBASSY IN LONDON, HE WAS THE VICTIM OF A FLAGRANT PROVOCATION.

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C. THE EMBASSY LONDON REPORT MAKES NO MENTION OF THE "DEPOSITION" OF BARGHOORN WHICH GROMYKO, IN HIS STATEMENT TO CHARGE STOESSEL IN MOSCOW, THREATENED TO PUBLISH SHOULD THE US CAST DOUBT ON THE JUSTIFICATION FOR BARGHOORN'S ARREST.

2. USSR-BERLIN:

A. THE SOVIETS REPLIED ON SATURDAY TO THE WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS OF 29 OCTOBER ON AUTOBAHN PROCEDURES.

B. THEY CLAIM A 29 JUNE 1945 MEETING OF THE ALLIED COMMANDERS IN CHIEF ESTABLISHED THAT SOVIET MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES "CONTROL" THE PASSAGE OF PERSONS AND GOODS OF ALLIED FORCES THROUGH SOVIET CHECKPOINTS.

C. MOSCOW SET OUT ITS PROCEDURES AS FOLLOWS: "VERIFICATION OF PERSONNEL IS ALLOWED IN THE VEHICLES IF THE TOTAL DOES NOT EXCEED AN AVERAGE OF TWO OR THREE MEN PER VEHICLE NOT INCLUDING DRIVERS. IN THIS CASE VERIFICATION CAN BE MADE WITH TAILGATES DOWN OR WITH TAILGATES UP IF A COUNT IS THEN POSSIBLE."

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3. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. THE NEW MILITARY RULERS ARE HAVING THEIR DIFFICULTIES.

B. REMARKS MADE BY CAO DAI LEADER, GENERAL LE VAN TAT, UPON HIS RETURN TO SAIGON SUGGEST THAT THE SECTS WILL PUT CONDITIONS ON GIVING THE GOVERNMENT ACTIVE SUPPORT.

C. THE NEW FREEDOM OF THE PRESS MAY BE SHORT LIVED. AN INFORMATION MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS SAID THAT THOSE PAPERS WHICH REPEATEDLY PRINT FALSE OR HARMFUL STORIES WILL BE CLOSED DOWN.

D. [redacted] MORALE IN THE SECURITY SERVICES HAS FALLEN AS A RESULT OF NEW APPOINTMENTS MADE BY POLICE DIRECTOR GENERAL XUAN. ON THE OTHER HAND, A TIGHTER CHAIN OF COMMAND IN THE ARMED FORCES, LONG SOUGHT UNDER DIEM, IS GOING INTO EFFECT. 50X1

E. THE PHILIPPINES EMBASSY HAS HANDED OVER FORMER MINISTER OF CIVIC ACTION HIEU TO SOUTH VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES AFTER RECEIVING GUARANTEES OF HIS SAFETY. THERE HAD BEEN TWO ATTEMPTS BY MOBS TO SACK THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY AND TAKE OUT HIEU. IN BOTH CASES THE ARMY WAS CALLED OUT TO DISPERSE THE CROWDS.

F. THE BRITISH AND AUSTRALIAN EMBASSIES IN PARIS BELIEVE FRANCE PLANS TO RESUME NORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SAIGON THIS WEEK WITHOUT FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT. [redacted] 50X1

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4. JAPAN - NATIONALIST CHINA:

A. TOKYO, IN RESPONSE TO TAIPEI'S FURIOUS REACTION, IS CHANGING ITS MIND ON DISPOSITION OF THE RECENT DEFECTOR FROM THE MAINLAND.

B. HE WILL PROBABLY NOW BE TURNED OVER TO THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS RATHER THAN BE ALLOWED TO RETURN DIRECTLY TO THE MAINLAND. ALSO JAPAN WILL LET THE NATIONALIST EMBASSY HAVE ANOTHER CRACK AT CONVINCING HIM TO COME TO TAIPEI.

C. OUR EMBASSY IN TAIPEI COMMENTS THAT WHILE A FAVORABLE RESOLUTION OF THE CASE WOULD PREVENT A FURTHER DRASTIC SLUMP IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IT IS NOT GOING TO MAKE THEM MUCH BETTER. TAIPEI IS STILL VERY ANXIOUS ABOUT THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF AN EXPANSION OF JAPANESE TRADE WITH THE MAINLAND.

5. USSR-IRAN:

A. SOVIET PRESIDENT BREZHNEV WAS DUE IN IRAN YESTERDAY TO PROBE IRANIAN SUSCEPTIBILITY TO FURTHER SOVIET GESTURES.

B. THESE SO FAR HAVE CONSISTED OF AN INCREASE IN CULTURAL EXCHANGES, FAVORABLE PROPAGANDA ON THE SHAH'S LAND REFORM PROGRAM, AND THE EXTENSION OF A $39 MILLION CREDIT.

C. BREZHNEV WILL PROBABLY NOT MAKE ANY MAJOR OFFER OF AID, HOWEVER, SINCE AN IRANIAN POLITICAL QUID PRO QUO DOES NOT SEEM TO BE IN THE CARDS.

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6. NOTES:

A. BURMA: NE WIN HAS BROKEN OFF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST INSURGENTS AND IS CRACKING DOWN ON MEMBERS OF THE PRO-COMMUNIST NATIONAL UNITED FRONT, OVER 400 OF WHOM HAVE BEEN ARRESTED. THIS MAY COOL OFF HIS OPPOSITION, WHICH HAS BEEN VERY RESTIVE LATELY.

B. LAOS: KONG LE AND PATHET GENERAL SINGKAPO AT THEIR MEETING ON SATURDAY DECIDED ON TALKS "EVERY TUESDAY AND SATURDAY" LEADING TO A MEETING BETWEEN SOUVANNA AND SOUPHANNOUVONG. THEY ALSO AGREED TO ISSUE CEASE-FIRE ORDERS TO THEIR FORCES WHEREVER IN CONTACT. THIS WILL PROBABLY CALM THINGS DOWN FOR THE MOMENT, BUT IT LEAVES THE PATHETS FREE TO CONTINUE ENGAGING THE MEO AND THE RIGHTIST FORCES.

C. ARGENTINA: THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR IN BUENOS AIRES TOLD HIS BRITISH OPPOSITE NUMBER LAST FRIDAY THAT AFTER A HARD STRUGGLE ROME HAD NOW GIVEN HIM "VETO POWER" OVER THE ACTIVITIES OF ENI. HE SAID THERE WOULD BE NO ATTEMPT BY THE ITALIANS TO "COME IN WITH A STAB IN THE BACK OPERATION" EXPLOITING ANNULMENT OF US AND UK COMPANIES' OIL CONTRACTS.

D. RUMANIA-YUGOSLAVIA: PRESIDENT GHEORGHIU-DEJ'S VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA IS DEFINITELY ON FOR NOVEMBER 22-30. [redacted] 50X1

[redacted] RUMANIA HAS BEEN THE MOST RELUCTANT OF THE SOVIET BLOC STATES TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH BELGRADE. 50X1

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E. ITALY: THE ATMOSPHERE IN ROME IS A BIT STRANGE. [redacted] MORO CALLED THE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF TO ASK THAT A MAJOR EXERCISE INVOLVING 10,000 CARABINIERI SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY BE CALLED OFF, ON GROUNDS THAT IT WAS MEANT TO "INTIMIDATE" HIM AND THE OTHER POLITICIANS NEGOTIATING THE OPENING TO THE LEFT. AFTER MUCH SCURRYING AROUND AMONG MILITARY AND POLICE AUTHORITIES, THE EXERCISE WAS CANCELLED AT THE LAST MINUTE. [redacted] 50X1

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LATE ITEM

Cambodia - US aid

a. Sihanouk has climaxed a series of threats to cut off US aid by staging a show against the US in a publicly held National Congress in Phnom Penh today.

b. There, after surfacing alleged agents of Khmer Serei who confessed to US and South Vietnamese backing, Sihanouk engineered a vote by acclamation renouncing, effective immediately, all US aid and calling for withdrawal of US military personnel and civilian advisers.

c. Rumors in Saigon that a coup against Sihanouk is imminent apparently have fed Sihanouk's fears that a US-sponsored move against him is afoot. This could account for his most recent outburst.

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1. Iraq

a. The Iraqi army is apparently in full control. The curfew has been lifted during daytime hours.

b. Almost universal army disgust with the freewheeling National Guard, strong arm of the Baathist extremist faction, made it easy for Arif to marshal military support behind him. The guard has now been disbanded.

c. The outlook of the new regime has yet to become clear. Baghdad radio has not yet spoken against the Baathist Party, only against the National Guard, and many Baathists remain in high places, particularly in the military.

d. Former Foreign Minister Shabib, leader of the moderate Baathist faction, now in exile in Beirut, has warmly praised the army's action. He may well return to Baghdad.

e. The Baathist Party high command, caught in Baghdad at the time of the takeover, is apparently being allowed to return to Damascus today.

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f. This evidently includes party founder Aflaq, rumored earlier to have been killed.

g. Baghdad radio is, of course, also making pro-Nasir noises.

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2. Syria

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3. Sino-Soviet Dispute

a. Peiping has cut loose with another (fifth in a series) major polemical tract which heaps abuse on Khrushchev personally.

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b. In earlier screeds, the Chinese suggested to both the Soviet people and the Soviet party that they get rid of Khrushchev.

c. Now, however, Peiping is making similar suggestions to the Soviet military by pointing out that Khrushchev's continuation in office will result in disintegration of the Soviet military establishment.

d. Apparently this blast is the Chinese answer to Moscow's call for a letup in the argument.

e. Its appearance pretty well scotches rumors and reports abroad recently that the two disputants may be edging toward some accommodation.

4. Venezuela

a. The chief of the Venezuelan air force intimated to our air attaché Sunday night that a request might be forthcoming shortly for US assistance in aerial reconnaissance.

b. The Venezuelans are particularly concerned about the clandestine introduction of arms by sea; they are also still trying to find the hidden airstrip which they believe guerrillas are using.

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5. British Guiana

a. Jagan is under fire from within his own party as well as from the opposition.

b. He says he has tried in vain to persuade his colleagues that what he did in London (i.e., appeal to Sandys to break the conference impasse) was in his country's best interest.

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NOTES

A. Turkey Early returns from the Turkish provincial and local elections have the opposition Justice Party running well ahead. The military are already restive and have warned against any popular demonstration arising out of the elections. They may feel compelled soon to take a stronger hand in the government.

B. NATO - East Germany The NATO Council today will consider the proposal to relax restrictions on travel in the West by East Germans. We stand only about a 50 percent chance of retaining these restrictions.

C. Communist China Communist press representatives from a number of countries (Italy, France, Finland, Sweden, East Germany) are being recalled from Peiping and not replaced. [redacted] 50X1

D. South Vietnam - France France has recognized the new regime in Saigon. There was no public declaration [redacted] 50X1

E. Finland-USSR Finnish President Kekkonen goes to the USSR again, beginning 29 November, for a "private visit" at Khrushchev's invitation.

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1. Iraq-Syria

a. Although sporadic gunfire continued through the night in Baghdad, the army is in control.

b. Arif has plans to announce the make-up of his cabinet today. It will probably contain some "mild" Baathists.

c. He permitted Syrian strongman Hafiz and Michel Aflaq, the founder of the Baath Party, who were caught in Baghdad by the coup, to fly back to Damascus yesterday after the Syrian radio suddenly stopped vilifying the newest Iraqi regime.

d. Arif and his colleagues obviously hope to reach an understanding with the Syrian regime. We doubt very much if they are interested, however, in the meaningful political and military unity the previous regime was aiming for.

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2. Venezuela

a. The Communist effort to frustrate the presidential election (1 December) continues.

b. An illegal transmitter was heard yesterday in Caracas calling for a 48-hour general strike and urging listeners to arm themselves against the Betancourt government.

c. Roving bands of Communist-led terrorists sought to enforce the generally unsuccessful strike with gunfire. There were at least nine deaths (some reports go as high as 19). Guerrilla activity in rural areas is also being stepped up.

d. The government has jailed an added 200 extremists in the wake of yesterday's violence and plans are afoot to detain 1,500 more.

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3. South Vietnam

a. Ton That Dinh, whom we had earlier identified as the least reliable of the generals' group, is trying to use his position as security minister to build himself an independent political base.

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b. He has been visiting provincial cities to "explain" the military takeover and receive expressions of loyalty. He has continued to spread the idea that the coup was largely his own doing.

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5. Egypt

a. Pamphlets and posters bitterly lampooning Nasir, especially for his involvement in Yemen and Algeria, have appeared on the streets of Cairo and Suez.

b. Such public expression of anti-Nasir sentiment is highly unusual.

c. It is still in a very low key, however, and there is no sign of organized opposition.

d. We do not consider Nasir to be in any immediate danger of overthrow, though he could be forced to modify unpopular policies if the discontent spreads.

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6. Bolivia

a. The return last week of Vice President Lechin, who has been on ice as Bolivia's ambassador in Rome, will heat things up in La Paz.

b. The city has already witnessed four minor demonstrations which Embassy La Paz attributes to left-wingers encouraged by Lechin's presence.

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7. Cambodia

a. Sihanouk may have finally painted himself into a corner on US aid.

b. He has followed up yesterday's emotional public renunciation with an official request to our embassy for talks on the subject.

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c. We are always reluctant to predict just what Sihanouk will do next, but he may hope, perhaps expect, that the US will press him to retain some of our aid, even on his terms.

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NOTES

A. Congo [redacted] Adoula will finally announce this morning the expulsion of all personnel of the Soviet and Czech embassies. This move has been hanging fire ever since security officials turned up evidence several weeks ago implicating personnel of these embassies in antigovernment activities. [redacted] 50X1

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C. Sino-Soviet Peiping has been quick to exploit the opening provided by Barghoorn's release. To the Chinese this affair is an object lesson in how Khrushchev knuckles under to US pressure without getting a thing in return.

D. USSR-Cuba [redacted] passenger ships [redacted] have docked and departed. Some of them brought in rotational troops and all of them took out Soviet personnel. [redacted] it is possible that as many Soviets went out as came in. [redacted] 50X1 50X1 50X1 50X1 50X1 50X1

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F. Japan Ikeda does not appear to be in any particular trouble in tomorrow's elections. The long-range trend toward the left in popular vote will probably be apparent, but Ikeda's Liberal Democratic Party should retain a safe majority in the next Diet. The leftists have tried to turn rising prices and last week's twin disasters into election ammunition, but without marked success.

G. Indonesia Djakarta is trying to round up support for making Sukarno's little Olympics, the "Games of the New Emerging Forces," a permanent thing. [redacted] 50X1

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I. Brazil A new round of army promotions and shifts in command are due [redacted] Anti-Goulart elements [redacted] ranks will be further thinned. Congenital plotters on the far right are talking coup [redacted] 50X1 50X1 50X1 50X1 50X1

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1. Iraq

a. The new 21-man cabinet appears to be a coalition of Arab nationalist elements including four members of the moderate wing of the Baath Party. The regime is still dominated by the military, with eight cabinet posts.

b. The new prime minister, Tahir Yahya, is sympathetic to the Baath Party [redacted] 50X1 50X1 50X1

c. The political affiliation of eight of the new ministers is not known, but the key interior post is in the hands of an anti-Baathist nationalist.

2. Indonesia

a. Defense Minister Nasution has been ordered by Sukarno to make conciliatory statements on Malaysia while on his trip abroad.

b. The Dutch chargé who reported this explained that Nasution was chosen for this job because Sukarno was irritated with the ultra-tough line the defense minister has taken.

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c. The chargé has no information on the motives behind this switch. Our embassy thinks it may be a move to pave the way for exploratory talks by Foreign Minister Subandrio at Bangkok with his Thai and Philippine counterparts. It may also be meant to provide a more receptive attitude for Nasution's visit here.

d. Our embassy thinks Nasution went in for his Malaysia sabre rattling on Sukarno's orders, or at the very least, with the president's tacit support. Sukarno may feel Nasution has stolen some of his thunder.

3. Congo

a. Adoula still did not get around to announcing the expulsion of all Soviet and Czech embassy personnel yesterday. However, his people managed on Tuesday afternoon to corral and hog-tie the Soviet counselor and press attaché before they could eat-up all the incriminating papers in their possession.

b. The Russians are now being held at Ndolo prison.

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c. The Belgian ambassador thinks these papers are probably genuine. He says the Russians have made the mistake of underrating the Congolese and have stumbled into a surete trap.

d. The Congolese also picked up two Czech diplomats but have since released them. This morning they arrested the correspondent of the Soviet news agency.

4. Ethiopia-Congo

a. Haile Selassie is planning to withdraw all Ethiopian troops from the Congo in January [redacted] 50X1 50X1

b. The two battalions of Ethiopians provide the guts of the UN operation. They had been slated to stay until June and are likely to be very difficult to replace.

c. The Emperor reportedly ordered the withdrawal on grounds that the troops are urgently needed in Ethiopia, particularly in view of the Soviet military accord with Somalia.

d. Our ambassador has asked to see the Emperor, as well as the prime minister and foreign minister, to press for reconsideration.

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5. Yemen

a. Military activity has slackened but the stalemate continues.

b. Egypt still has about 32,000 troops in Yemen [redacted] 50X1

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6. Turkey

a. The opposition Justice Party, heir of the old Menderes regime, appears to have won a victory in Sunday's nationwide local elections on the basis of incomplete returns.

b. The collapse of Prime Minister Inonu's coalition government appears increasingly likely. Though a new coalition may be formed, there will be considerable resistance to the retention of Inonu as prime minister.

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c. Justice Party members will be putting on pressure for early national parliamentary elections. However their party leaders do not believe the Turkish military, which ousted Menderes in 1960, would permit them to take over if they won new elections.

d. They will probably try to work out some rapprochement with the armed forces.

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A. Cuba [redacted] 50X1

B. Berlin Local East German troops [redacted] appear to have been responsible for turning high powered searchlights on pilots taking off from West Berlin's Tempelhof airfield on 14-16 November. There were five such incidents. [redacted] There have been no further incidents reported since. 50X1 50X1 50X1

C. Albania-USSR A Radio Tirana broadcast has accused Khrushchev of personally releasing Barghoorn for fear that Moscow's wheat deal with the US might collapse. The Albanians are on record as preferring to eat grass rather than to kowtow to the West, but they are not above eating Chinese wheat acquired from Western sources.

D. Iran-USSR The Soviet Union's timing seems to be off in Iran. [redacted] a twin engined plane was shot down in Iranian territory yesterday by Soviet jet fighters who violated Iranian air space. The Iranians say that the plane was on a photographic mission in connection with the 50X1

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government's land reform drive. The pilot was injured and his two passengers were killed. The incident comes at a time when Soviet President Brezhnev is visiting Tehran. He addressed a joint session of parliament today.

E. Venezuela Police seem to have restored order in downtown Caracas, but terrorism continues elsewhere. The slum district of Caracas to which the terrorists retreated is under virtual martial law. Among other things, the Dupont paint warehouse at Maracaibo was set afire and totally destroyed.

F. World Peace Council The WPC meeting in Warsaw next Thursday may wind up in another free-for-all. The Chinese Communist delegation, although not intent on disrupting the conference, plans to attack the WPC president's report [redacted] 50X1 50X1

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1. USSR:

A. "GRIFFON", THE SOVIET ANTIMISSILE DISPLAYED IN THE 7 NOVEMBER MOSCOW PARADE, APPEARS DESIGNED ONLY FOR USE WITHIN THE ATMOSPHERE.

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2. CAMBODIA:

A. SIHANOUK HAS GIVEN THE FRENCH IN PHNOM PENH FORE-WARNING THAT HE PLANS TO REVIVE HIS NEUTRALITY GUARANTEE PROPOSALS.

B. HE WANTS THE TWELVE GENEVA CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS TO MEET IN SOME ASIAN CITY, "AT THE GREAT POWERS' EXPENSE," TO WORK OUT A NEUTRALITY GUARANTEE DECLARATION.

C. THE FRENCH SAY THEY PLAN TO RESPOND FAVORABLY AND HOPE WE WILL TOO, LEST SIHANOUK OTHERWISE TAKE THE FINAL IR-REVOCABLE STEP INTO THE COMMUNIST BLOC.

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D. MEANWHILE PEIPING HAS DECLARED IT WOULD GIVE "ALL-OUT SUPPORT SHOULD CAMBODIA ENCOUNTER ARMED INVASION INSTIGATED BY THE US OR ITS VASSALS."

E. MEANWHILE MINISTER OF DEFENSE LON NOL HAS INTIMATED TO GENERAL TABER THAT THE CAMBODIAN MILITARY DOES NOT APPROVE OF TERMINATION OF US AID. CAMBODIAN MILITARY OFFICERS HAVE MADE IT PLAIN THAT THE US RETAINS A RESERVOIR OF GOOD WILL WITHIN THE COUNTRY'S MILITARY.

3. NOTES:

A. CUBA-US: A PRENSA LATINA ITEM YESTERDAY DATELINED NEW YORK, SAYS THE STUDENT COMMITTEE FOR TRAVEL TO CUBA HAS STARTED ORGANIZING ANOTHER TRIP, HOPEFULLY TO INCLUDE AS MANY AS 500 STUDENTS THIS TIME. OVER 100 ARE SAID TO HAVE APPLIED SO FAR.

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C. DENMARK-USSR: DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER HAEKKERUP, VISITING KHRUSHCHEV ON THURSDAY, PRESENTED HIM WITH A MADE-IN-DENMARK ROCKING CHAIR, EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT IT WOULD NOW BE POSSIBLE TO ROCK IN RHYTHM IN BOTH THE KREMLIN AND THE WHITE HOUSE. APPARENTLY KHRUSHCHEV WILL BE MAKING HIS SCANDANAVIAN TOUR NEXT SPRING.

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D. JAPAN: YESTERDAY'S JAPANESE ELECTION DID NOT CHANGE THE GENERAL BALANCE BETWEEN CONSERVATIVES AND SOCIALISTS IN THE DIET. [redacted] 50X6 THE SOCIALISTS GAINED A FEW SEATS, BUT FELL SHORT OF THEIR GOAL OF BREAKING THE "ONE-THIRD BARRIER."

E. INDONESIA-US: INDONESIAN OFFICIALS ARE LETTING IT BE KNOWN INDIRECTLY, VIA THE OIL COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES, THAT SUKARNO MAY WELL HOLD UP SIGNATURE OF THE LAW RATIFYING OIL CONTRACTS WITH THE BIG THREE UNTIL THE US POSITION ON AID TO INDONESIA IS "CLARIFIED." US AID THEY SAY WAS PROMISED BY WILSON WYATT AS PART OF A "PACKAGE DEAL" FOR SETTLING WITH THE OIL COMPANIES.

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For this day, the Checklist Staff can find no words more fitting than a verse quoted by the President to a group of newspapermen the day he learned of the presence of Soviet missiles in Cuba.

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Bullfight critics ranked in rows
Crowd the enormous plaza full;
But only one is there who knows
And he's the man who fights the bull.

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1. North Vietnam - South Vietnam

a. North Vietnamese leaders are pressing their campaign for neutralization of South Vietnam.

b. They can count on Cambodia's support. Prince Sihanouk has said he believes neutralization of South Vietnam to be the only way to keep his country and the rest of the area from falling eventually into Communist hands.

c. The French feel the same way. [redacted] 50X1

d. [redacted] 50X1 [redacted] the North Vietnamese have talked Souvanna into backing the neutralization proposition in the UN. 50X1

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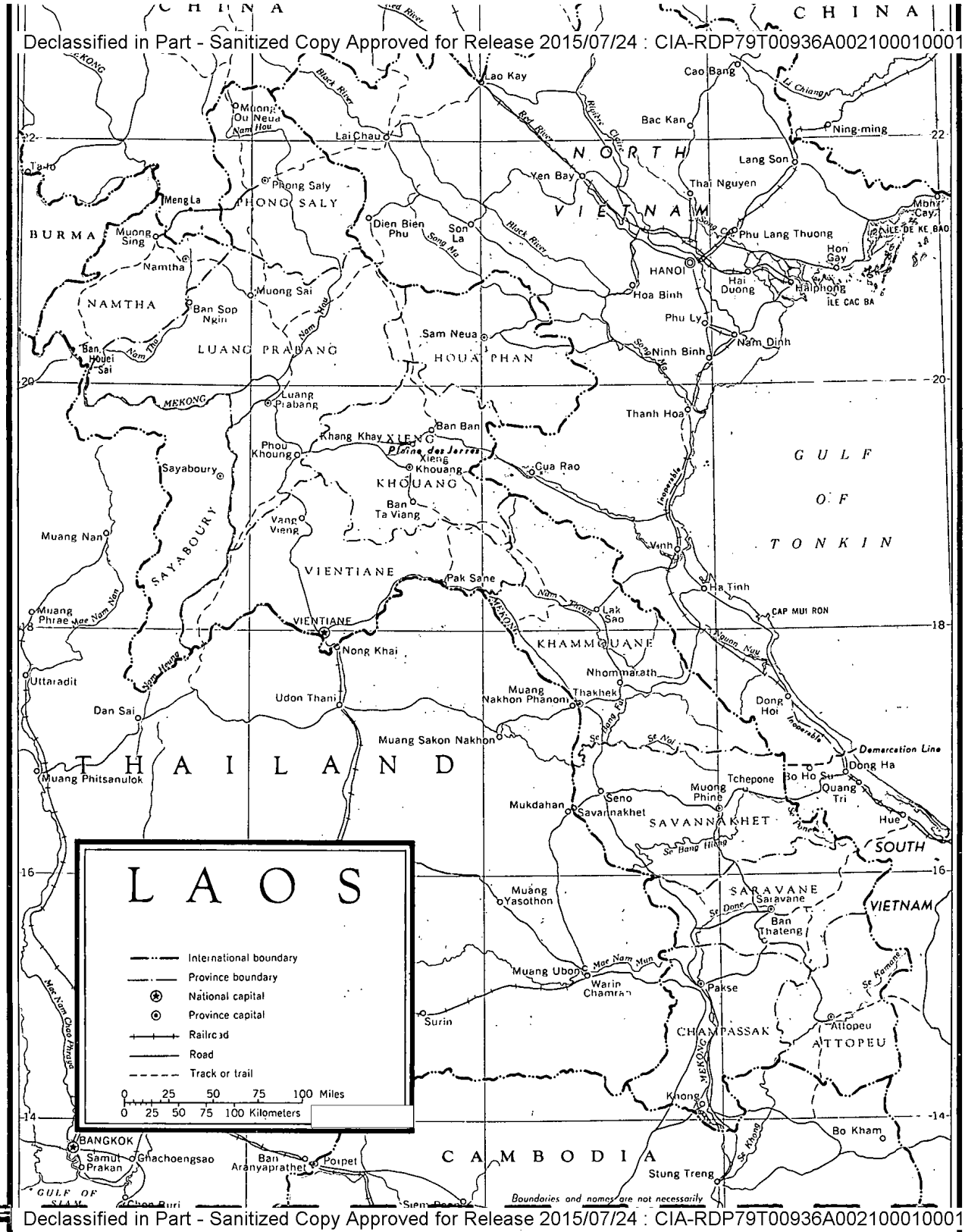

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f. As part of the same campaign, the North Vietnamese have told the French they believe sentiment is growing in the US for withdrawal of US forces. They reportedly plan to keep the heat on to encourage it.

g. Hanoi is at the same time trying quietly to encourage the belief that it is ready to be reasonable.

h. [redacted] North Vietnamese leaders feel that neutrality for South Vietnam and eventual reunification is the only way they, too, can escape from Peiping's clutches. 50X1

2. Laos

a. As is usual in Laos, the tentative agreement for a cease-fire reached last week between Kong Le and Pathet Lao commander Singkapo came to naught.

b. Each side accuses the other of planning to use a cease-fire to screen preparations for larger attacks.

c. There is scattered fighting in the Plaine des Jarres. Lao Army, neutralist, and Meo guerrilla elements are jointly engaged in a limited offensive in the Vang Vieng

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area north of Vientiane on Route 13. They hope to gain control of that town and its small airfield.

d. We have been anticipating an expansion of the fighting with the recent advent of the dry season.

3. Cambodia

a. Sihanouk knows his actions against us have increased his vulnerability to the Communist bloc, and he is looking to the French to bail him out.

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c. He apparently hopes that the availability of French aid will enable him to keep his balance with the Communists and fend off their pressure.

d. The French have told our Embassy in Paris that plans are afoot for French Defense Minister Messmer to go to Cambodia in January.

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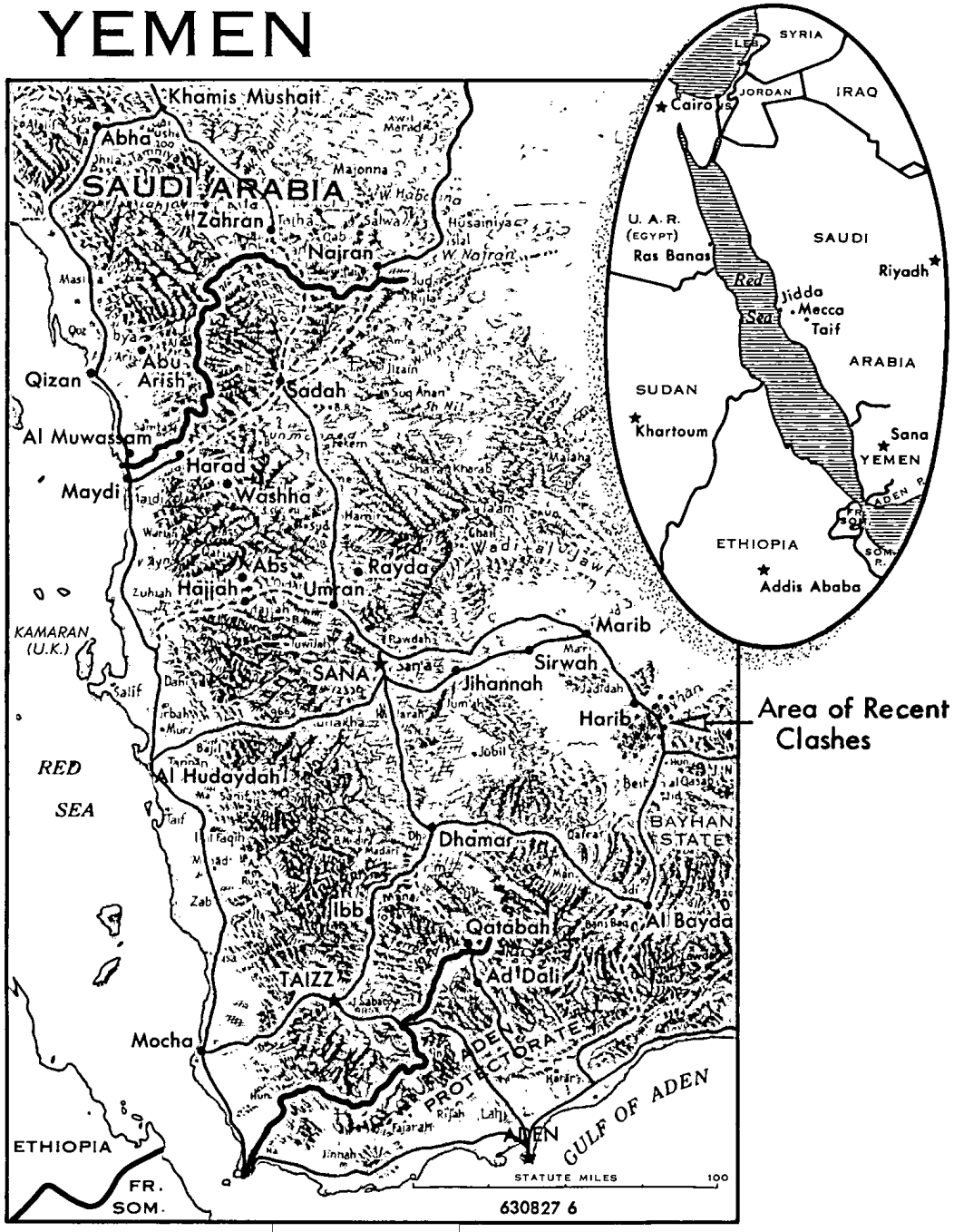

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e. Sihanouk's actions toward the US have not been universally popular. This is particularly true among government officials, the business community (who have reason to fear stepped-up nationalization), and the military, where the US retains a considerable reservoir of goodwill.

f. Indications are that Sihanouk will try to win fuller support by creating new feuds with neighboring South Vietnam and Thailand. This is a gambit he has used to advantage in past difficulties.

4. Yemen-Egypt

a. A number of Yemeni leaders have told us they want the Egyptians to get out of the Yemen. They want to be left alone to solve their own problems.

b. This is especially true of those Sheikhs with large tribal followings.

c. A general uprising against the Egyptians is not likely at the moment, but the longer they remain, the greater the possibility of major pro-government tribes deserting to the royalists.

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d. Nasir, with some 30,000 troops in the Yemen, has grudgingly promised to pull out 5,000 before the end of the year. So far there has been no sign he is preparing to do so.

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5. Italy

a. The Christian Democrats and Socialists have finally reached an agreement on cabinet assignments and a program for a "centerleft" coalition government.

b. Negotiations were especially tough, but apparently President Kennedy's death acted as a catalyst, to bring the two together.

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d. With Moro premier, Nenni will probably become vice-premier. Saragat, who is pro-US and pro-NATO, is most likely to be named Foreign Minister.

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NOTES

A. India-USSR The Indian military attache in Moscow feels that the Russians are dragging their feet in the matter of military assistance for India. Meanwhile, we have a report (not yet confirmed) from New Delhi that Defense Minister Chavan has decided to look to us hereafter for fighter aircraft.

B. USSR Our Embassy in Moscow has gotten word of strikes recently at Ryazan, near Moscow, and in Leningrad. The cause of the Ryazan incident is not clear, but bread shortages apparently were behind the Leningrad strikes. Similar disturbances were reported last month from several points in southern Russia.

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1. Iraq-Syria

a. The shaky new accommodation between the two countries following the recent coup in Iraq has been threatened by Syria's action in granting asylum to Ali Saleh Saadi, the exiled leader of the extremist wing of the Iraqi Baath.

b. Saadi had arrived in Syria unannounced following a brief stay in Madrid. [redacted] 50X1

c. Both regimes continue to be troubled with internal dissension with affairs in one deeply tangled with those in the other.

d. In Syria [redacted] 50X1 the Baathist regime is split between moderates who desire a broadening of the government's power base, and a doctrinaire faction which wants to keep all control of the government in Baathist hands. 50X1

e. In Iraq, the pull is more away from the Baathists. Two ministers have threatened to resign unless the government adopts an openly pro-Egyptian policy. Nevertheless the government feels secure enough to ease up on curfew and transport restrictions imposed since the coup.

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f. Iraq has announced that the military union with Syria remains in force, and that a new commander of the joint armies will be announced soon.

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2. Laos

a. [redacted] government forces had finally secured Vang Vieng and its airfield, long held by the Pathet Lao [redacted] also [redacted] the capture of Ban Namone farther south on Route 13. 50X1 50X1 50X1

b. The neutralist, rightist Lao Army, and Meo tribal guerrilla forces hope to sustain their coordinated clearing action until remaining Pathet Lao pockets in this area north of Vientiane are cleared.

c. Such operations in Laos have often been followed by a Communist riposte. [redacted] 50X1
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3. South Vietnam

a. According to press reports, Viet Cong attacks on Sunday wiped out two of the government's strategic hamlets in the central highlands about 250 miles north of Saigon.

b. More than 1,000 inhabitants in the hamlets--who are minority tribesmen--are missing and possibly have fled into the mountains. They abandoned a significant quantity of weapons to the Viet Cong.

c. These attacks not only suggest continued erosion of the government's programs to win over tribal support, but also signal that stepped-up Viet Cong pressure against the new regime is spreading to the north.

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d. This Communist effort is aimed at discrediting the post-Diem regime before the new leadership is able to get its feet on the ground and capture the loyalty and respect of people in the provinces.

e. Although the Viet Cong still continues to draw its main strength from local recruiting, a steady stream of cadre and training personnel continues to make its way to the south from North Vietnam along the Laotian border.

f. We are now reasonably sure that at least 784 persons infiltrated from the north during 1963 and the actual total may be much higher.

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4. USSR

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5. USSR-Berlin

a. Embassy Bonn feels that the Soviet Union may be seeking at least a temporary modus vivendi on the autobahn without prejudicing its juridical position, which can be used to cause difficulties there in the future.

b. The embassy bases this on the Soviet replies to the Western notification to the USSR on 29 October regarding harmonized convoy procedures--two oral statements on 16 November and a note of 21 November.

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c. The Soviet note was designed to make a record, showing that the USSR exercises "control" of the autobahn and that the recent incidents resulted from US refusal to comply with "existing procedures."

d. On the other hand, the Soviet procedures described in the oral replies seem to reflect actual Allied practices, though there is enough ambiguity to afford the USSR flexibility in any future actions.

6. Brazil

a. The danger of an immediate coup against the Goulart regime has receded with the reported decision of Second Army Commander General Bevilaqua not to join the coup plotters.

b. Bevilaqua, [redacted] may have been asked to hand over his command [redacted] as part of a series of reassignments made by President Goulart to keep the military off balance.

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c. On the other side of the coin, there is widespread belief that Goulart himself will at some time resort to a coup to establish an authoritarian regime.

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e. [redacted] Goulart [redacted] seems either out of touch with reality or very poorly informed. Public opinion is not with him and the tradition that political power should only be transferred constitutionally is very strong in the army, coup reports notwithstanding. 50X1 50X1 50X1

f. The biggest danger from this quarter is that the opposition may resort to some illegal act, giving Goulart the excuse to take over.

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NOTES

A. Ethiopia-Congo Haile Selassie has acceded to our ambassador's request and is rescinding his earlier decision to withdraw the 1,743-man Ethiopian contingent from the UN force in the Congo.

B. Communist China - Africa [redacted] Premier Chou En-lai will leave in mid-December for a tour of some Afro-Asian countries. He is to stop first in Egypt and then visit several other African countries including Guinea, Ghana, and Mali. Chou would be the highest ranking Chinese leader ever to visit Africa. [redacted] 50X1

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C. Indonesia-Philippines [redacted] President Sukarno plans to go to Manila this Thursday to confer with Philippine President Macapagal. No reasons have been advanced for the visit. Our chargé guesses that it is an Indonesian move to head off Philippine recognition of Malaysia. 50X1 50X1

D. Venezuela The terrorists have struck again, this time firing six US-owned oil and gas pipelines near the northeastern city of Puerto la Cruz. The elections are still on for Sunday, and we look for a maximum effort from the pro-Castro terrorist organization.

E. Congo We now have word that 49 members of the Soviet Embassy, including dependents, left Leopoldville on Saturday aboard a Sabena flight for Brussels. They are expected to book onward passage for Moscow. It is reported that the Congolese will allow one Russian without diplomatic status to stay to look after Soviet property.

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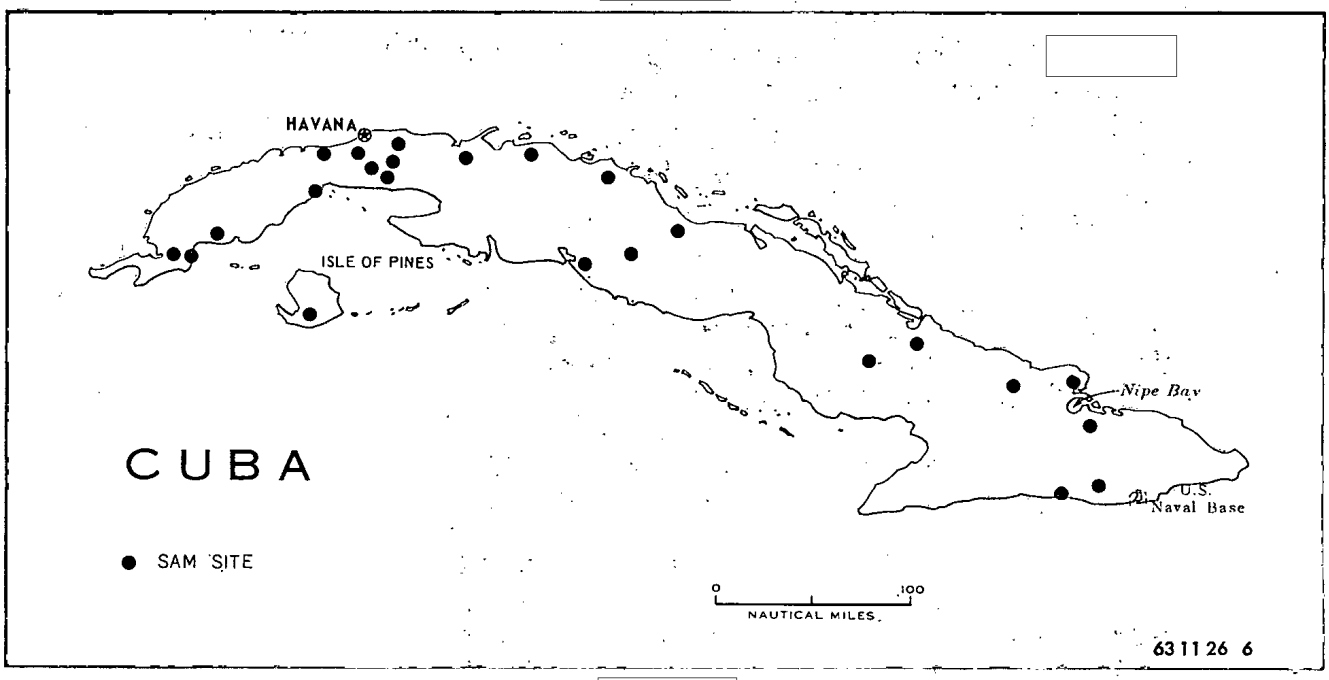

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1. Cuba

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b. [redacted] photography [redacted] shows [redacted] six SAM sites in western Cuba. These sites are in addition to those at which we noted the presence of Cuban interpreters as we reported on Saturday.

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[redacted]

e. The purpose, it appears, was to shift the mission of the system from an area defense of the island as a whole to point defense of specific targets, particularly Havana. [redacted]

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2. Syria-Iraq

a. Syrian leaders have acceded to pressure from Iraq and have expelled Iraqi Baathist extremist Ali Saadi. He has gone to Athens

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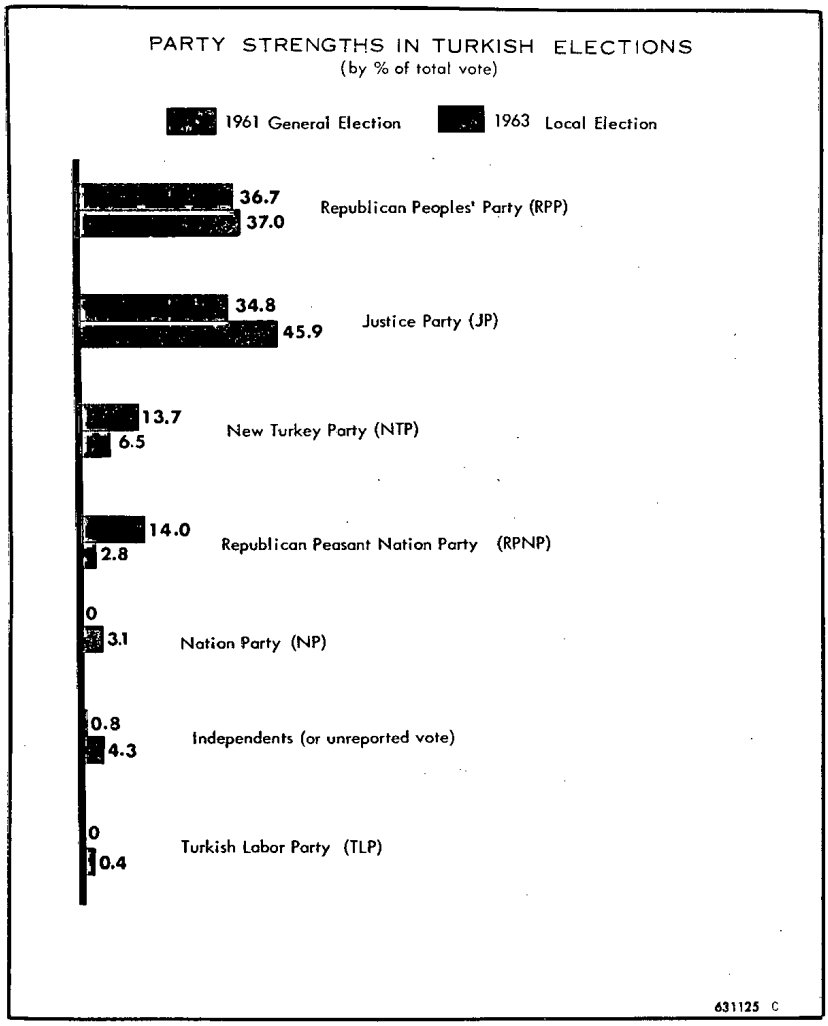

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b. This is an earnest of the desire of moderate Baathist leaders in Damascus to preserve workable relations with Iraq, partly as a counterbalance to Cairo and partly to preserve what remains of Baathist influence in Baghdad.

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3. Turkey

a. Prime Minister Inonu's coalition government is about to collapse.

b. It has long been shaky. Last week it was dealt a severe setback when the opposition Justice Party, heir of the Menderes regime, emerged from local elections as the country's majority party.

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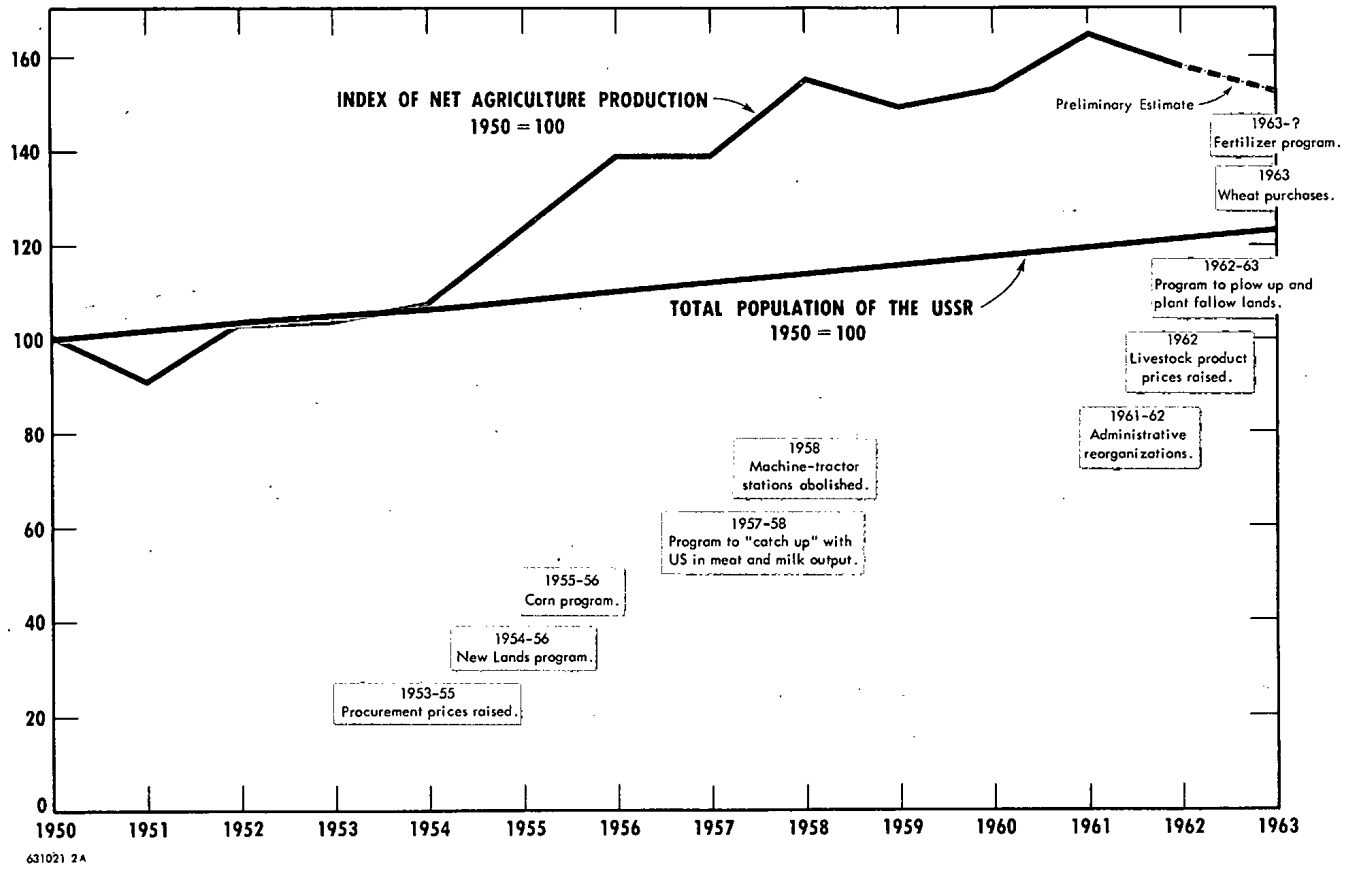
MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN SOVIET AGRICULTURE



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SOVIET GRAIN PRODUCTION

(million metric tons)

	ALL GRAINS		WHEAT ALONE	
	Soviet Official	US Estimate	Soviet Official	US Estimate
1958	141	125	77	63
1959	126	100	69	55
1960	134	100	64	46
1961	137	115	67	55
1962	148	115	71	57
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c. Now the Peasant Party, one of the three in the coalition, has voted to pull out, and probably will do so as soon as Inonu gets back from Washington. Another partner, the Turkey Party, has wanted to pull out [redacted] 50X1

d. A new coalition is at least a theoretical possibility, with a number of independents taking the place of the Peasant Party, but Inonu probably would not be prime minister.

e. The military are working for an all-party coalition. This way, they feel, they could keep tabs on the Justice Party, but the Justice Party is not likely to buy this arrangement.

f. As matters now stand, the military would take over the government itself before it would let the Justice Party form one.

4. USSR wheat

a. [redacted] 50X1 the decision to buy wheat abroad was taken to avoid lowering reserves, which he has described as ample for one or two years. We think the situation is more serious than that.

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b. This year's harvest was clearly very bad. The weight of evidence suggests that Soviet grain stockpiles have been far drawn down this year and are not sufficient to protect the country from another poor harvest.

c. Our estimate is that total grain production each year since 1958 has been well below that year's level of 125 million tons, while the population has continued to grow.

d. We have seen [redacted] 50X1
signs of extensive slaughtering in anticipation of fodder shortages during the winter. This runs counter to Khrushchev's oft-stated plan to build up the livestock industry.

e. We have also noted that the extensive wheat purchases weaken the USSR's gold reserves at a time when it hopes to expand its imports of machinery for a huge chemical fertilizer program.

f. In addition, we have seen signs of stringent measures to protect the grain supply, accompanied by public discontent in some areas over the absence of bread.

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5. Communist China - Argentina

a. Peiping last week contracted for some 300,000 tons of wheat (cost about $20,000,000) from Argentina.

b. This adds to the 1,000,000 tons just contracted for with Australia, but is still far below the 5,000,000 tons the Chinese have normally imported in recent years. Additional suppliers will be hard to find.

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6. Czechoslovakia-USSR

a. Czech President and party boss Novotny has gone to Moscow, evidently for economic talks, judging by the composition of his delegation.

b. Novotny's background of Stalinist excesses have put him on the wrong side of Khrushchev. They also have given rise to control problems, particularly in the fractious Slovak party where pressures for liberalization have made their mark.

c. Party problems and Novotny's leadership may thus also come under review.

d. A curious sign of the times is the fact that, although President Novotny is in Moscow, the presidential flag has remained up at the official residence. It might simply have been an oversight, but the symbolism will not be lost to the people in Prague.

7. Cambodia

a. Cambodia, as expected, has asked the Geneva co-chairman to call the Geneva conference participants together (in Djakarta) to discuss measures "to ensure the internationally guaranteed and controlled neutralization of Cambodia."

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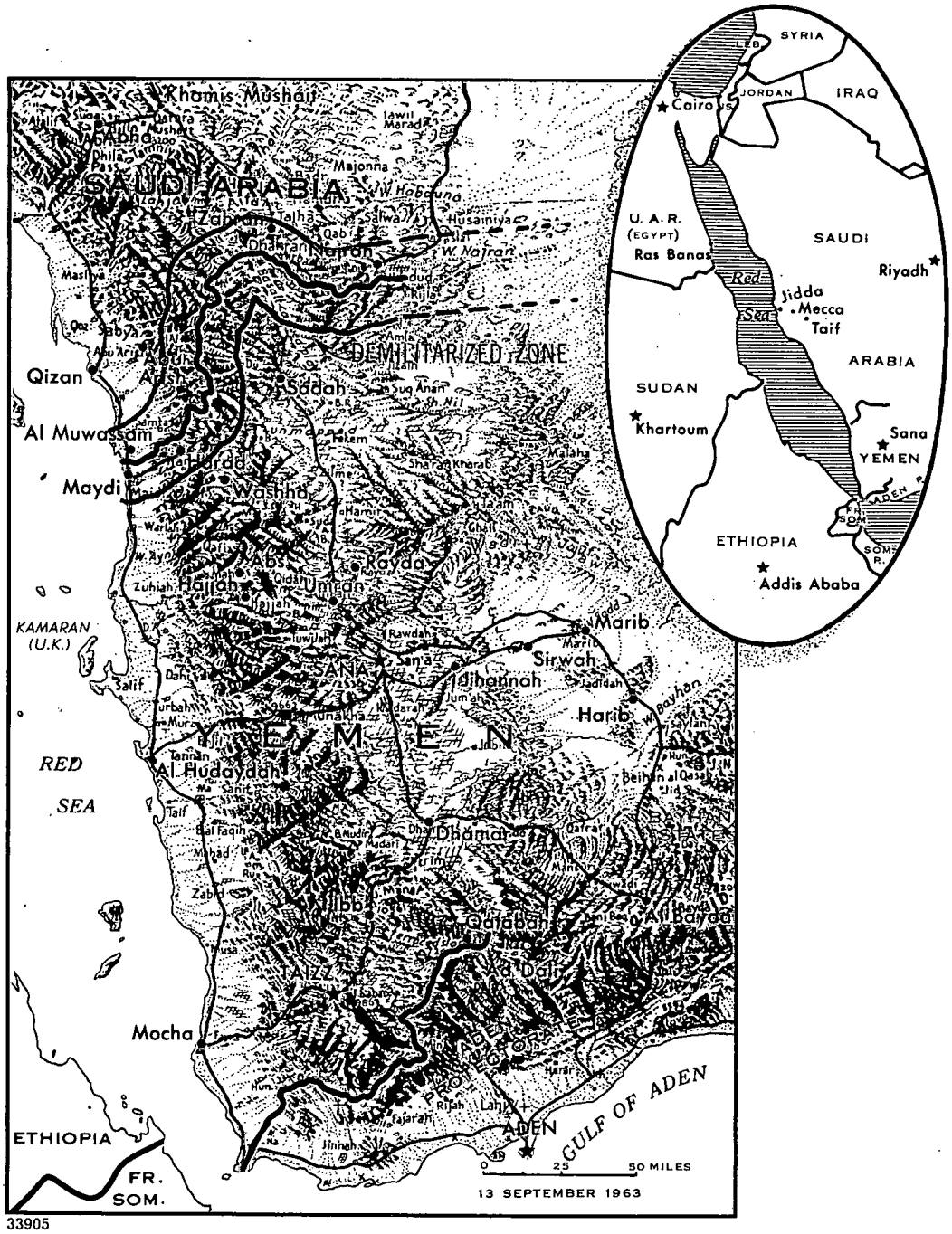

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b. Last year when this came up, the French were inclined to go along with some such idea.

c. They have indicated to us that they still feel Sihanouk should not be turned down, and Sihanouk is obviously hopeful that they will exert pressure on us and the British.

d. Sihanouk seems to be hoping for at least a rump session attended by conferees who are willing to do his bidding.

8. Egypt-Yemen

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9. Congo

a. Opposition leftist Congolese exiles, operating from Brazzaville across the river, are reported to be plotting to assassinate Congolese Premier Adoula and some of his ministers.

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d. Adoula's government already knows that this group of left-wing subversives, which now numbers about 50, is being helped by the Communist bloc.

e. It operates fairly freely in the loose circumstances which now obtain in Brazzaville. Its activities may soon become a serious source of friction between the two countries.

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NOTES

A. South Korea With 85 percent of the vote in, Pak Chong-hui's Democratic Republican Party has already won an absolute majority in the National Assembly elections held yesterday.

B. Venezuela The country's three major presidential candidates were the targets of unsuccessful assassination attempts yesterday as Communist-led terrorists moved into the final week of desperate attempt to wreck next Sunday's elections. A US Embassy official was also the intended recipient of a "Christmas package" containing a bomb. Yesterday a US rubber warehouse was set afire and destroyed by terrorists.

C. Indonesia-Philippines [redacted] 50X1

D. Indonesia-Malaysia Indonesian-inspired press reports yesterday claimed a British military plane was shot down near the North Borneo border. [redacted] 50X1 50X1 50X1

E. Cuba [redacted] 50X1

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F. Cambodia Cambodia is cutting its diplomatic representation abroad to a bare minimum as an austerity measure following curtailment of US aid. Sihanouk announced last week that this would be done, saying that missions in Communist countries would not be affected since those countries "protect" Cambodia. Curiously enough, among the missions being closed down are those in New Delhi and Rangoon.

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G. USSR-US Pravda this morning reports on Gromyko's talks with President Johnson, giving top play to Senator Fulbright's remarks about the desirability of a meeting between the President and Khrushchev.

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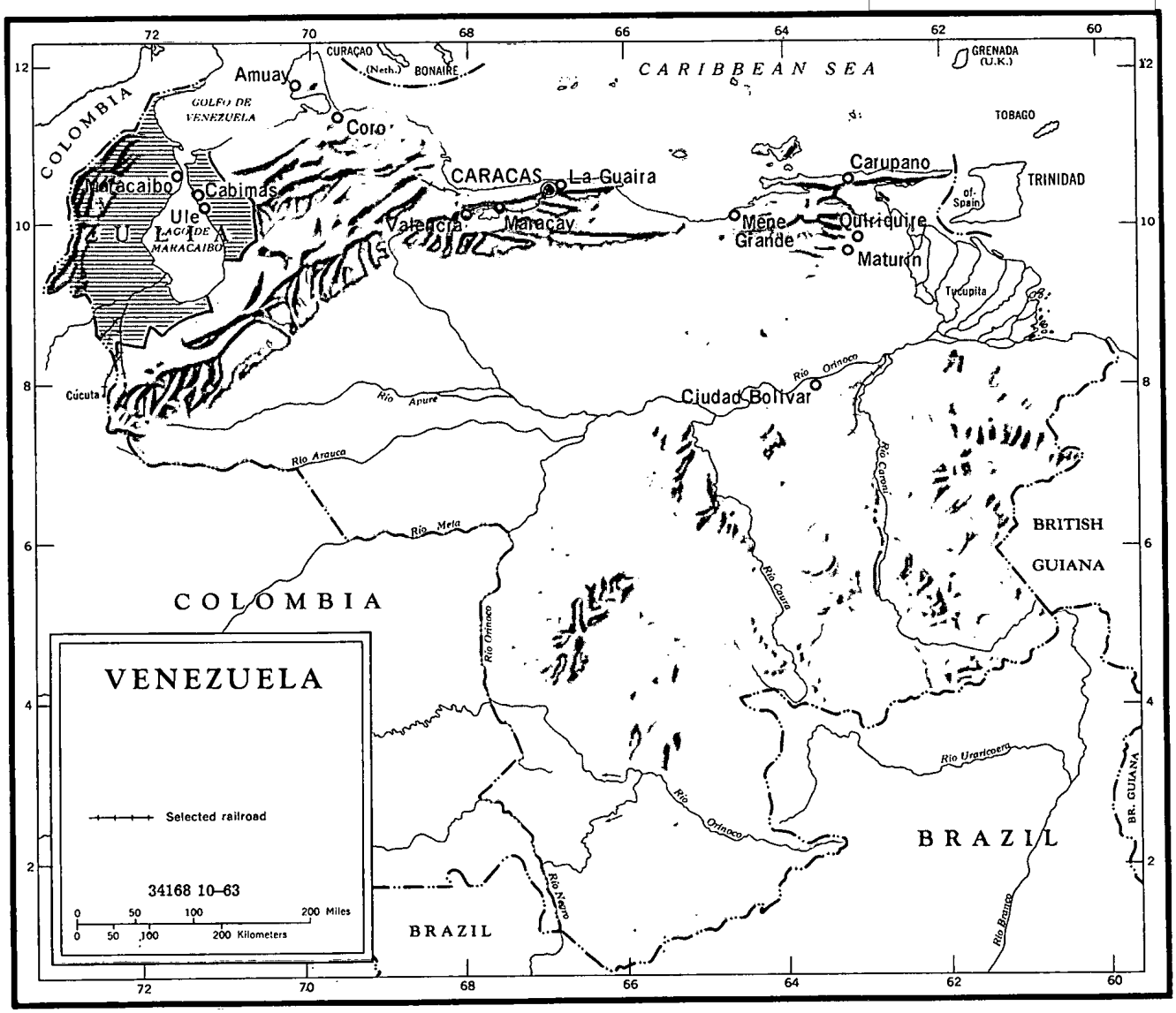

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1. Venezuela

a. The country's six presidential candidates have swung into the home stretch of their campaigns. So have the terrorists, who are still trying hard to sabotage next Sunday's vote.

b. There is little doubt that the terrorist effort has all-out Cuban support. Castro looks on Venezuela as his prime target in Latin America and would do everything in his power to prevent President Betancourt from finishing his term.

c. So far, the terrorists have tried to intimidate the candidates by harassing political rallies, bombing their party headquarters in various cities, and threatening them with assassination. They have tried to scare voters from the polls by creating a general atmosphere of lawlessness. Kidnappings, like the one yesterday morning of Colonel Chenault, are part of the pattern.

d. The government counterattack is under the personal direction of Betancourt, who is as determined to finish out his term and turn over power to a freely-elected successor as Castro is to prevent this.

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e. Yesterday it was announced that the carrying of firearms by anyone outside the security forces was forbidden until the elections are over.

f. Some 3,000 reservists have been called up to protect the polls. Leaves are being cancelled and all security forces are maintaining a high state of alert.

2. South Vietnam

a. We now have a fuller account [redacted] of the Viet Cong attack on two mountain villages [redacted] 50X1 50X1 50X1

b. This account makes it clear that the earlier press versions, which spoke of 1,000 missing villagers, were highly colored.

c. Our present information is that the attack, in company strength, was successfully repulsed. The Viet Cong suffered some 30 casualties; government losses were six killed, three wounded and 39 missing.

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d. As is usual in these cases, the villagers began to trickle back once the Viet Cong left.

e. This episode aside, we see a number of indications that the Communists will try to sustain the higher level of military activity they have kept up since the coup.

f. The Communist radio has called for more attacks in an effort to destroy strategic hamlets and "develop" Viet Cong forces.

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3. Israel

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4. **USSR-India** [redacted] 50X1

c. [redacted] 50X1
there are some Indians who have doubts about the Soviet willingness to live up to the letter of their military aid agreements with New Delhi.

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5. Burma

a. Ne Win has followed up his action in breaking off talks with the Burmese Communists by arresting over 700 of their number.

b. Ne Win had been trying to lure the faction-ridden Communists into a "national front." However, he found the demands of the Communist negotiators, some of whom had only just returned from long exile in Peiping, to be impossible.

c. This will probably lead to renewed fighting between the army and Communist guerrillas in the hills.

d. More trouble can also be expected from the rebellious ethnic minorities like the Karens and the

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Kachins, whose demands for greater autonomy have been rejected in Rangoon.

e. US officials on the spot doubt that the army, hobbled by poor leadership and its many political responsibilities, will be any more effective in dealing with the problem this time than in past anti-insurgency campaigns.

6. Cambodia

a. Sihanouk has signed an accord setting up regular air service between Cambodia and Communist China. A similar agreement with Hanoi is in the works.

b. These lines are significant largely as gestures by Peiping and Hanoi to bolster Sihanouk's sense of importance. Neither would be a paying proposition commercially and both could flounder before the first paying passenger enplanes unless rights to overfly Laos can be obtained.

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7. Greece

a. It looks more and more as if Papandreou, who squeaked through to a narrow upset victory over ex-premier Karamanlis in the 3 November elections, will not be able to form a government.

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b. His party does not have a parliamentary majority, so he needs support from either Karamanlis' party on the right or from the Communists. [redacted] 50X1 50X1 50X1

c. The military has [redacted] let it be known that it would consider Papandreou's acceptance of Communist support as sufficient reason for a coup d'etat. 50X1

d. [redacted] 50X1 50X1 50X1 Should Papandreou fail to form a government, the palace intends to pass the mandate to Karamanlis, believing that he too would fail.

e. This would then open the way [redacted] for a compromise premier more amenable to palace influence. 50X1

8. Brazil

a. President Goulart and his opponents are keeping political tensions in Brazil high.

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b. Comments by Goulart, that "social disaster" is sure if his program is not passed soon, have drawn sharp rejoinders from moderate and conservative figures and have fed rightist coup plotting.

c. Strains are also growing in the military following the arrest of a young officer who refused last month to execute an order to arrest Governor Lacerda, a leading conservative spokesman [redacted] 50X1
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A. USSR [redacted] 50X1

B. Rumania-US Rumanian officials are about to award a US firm, Ferguson and Company of Cleveland, Ohio, a $32 million contract to help build the huge Galati steel plant. The Rumanians are pressing ahead with this project in the face of Soviet efforts to discourage it in various ways, most importantly by refusing to underwrite the scheme to any substantial degree.

C. Turkey The New Turkey Party has followed the Peasant Party in withdrawing from the present three-party coalition government. This means that the coalition has to all intents and purposes collapsed, even though no formal action will be taken until Prime Minister Inonu returns from Washington this weekend.

D. Thailand [redacted] Sarit [redacted] is in critical condition. [redacted] the most likely successor would be Thanom Kittikachorn, now deputy prime minister and minister of defense. [redacted] 50X1 50X1 50X1 50X1 50X1

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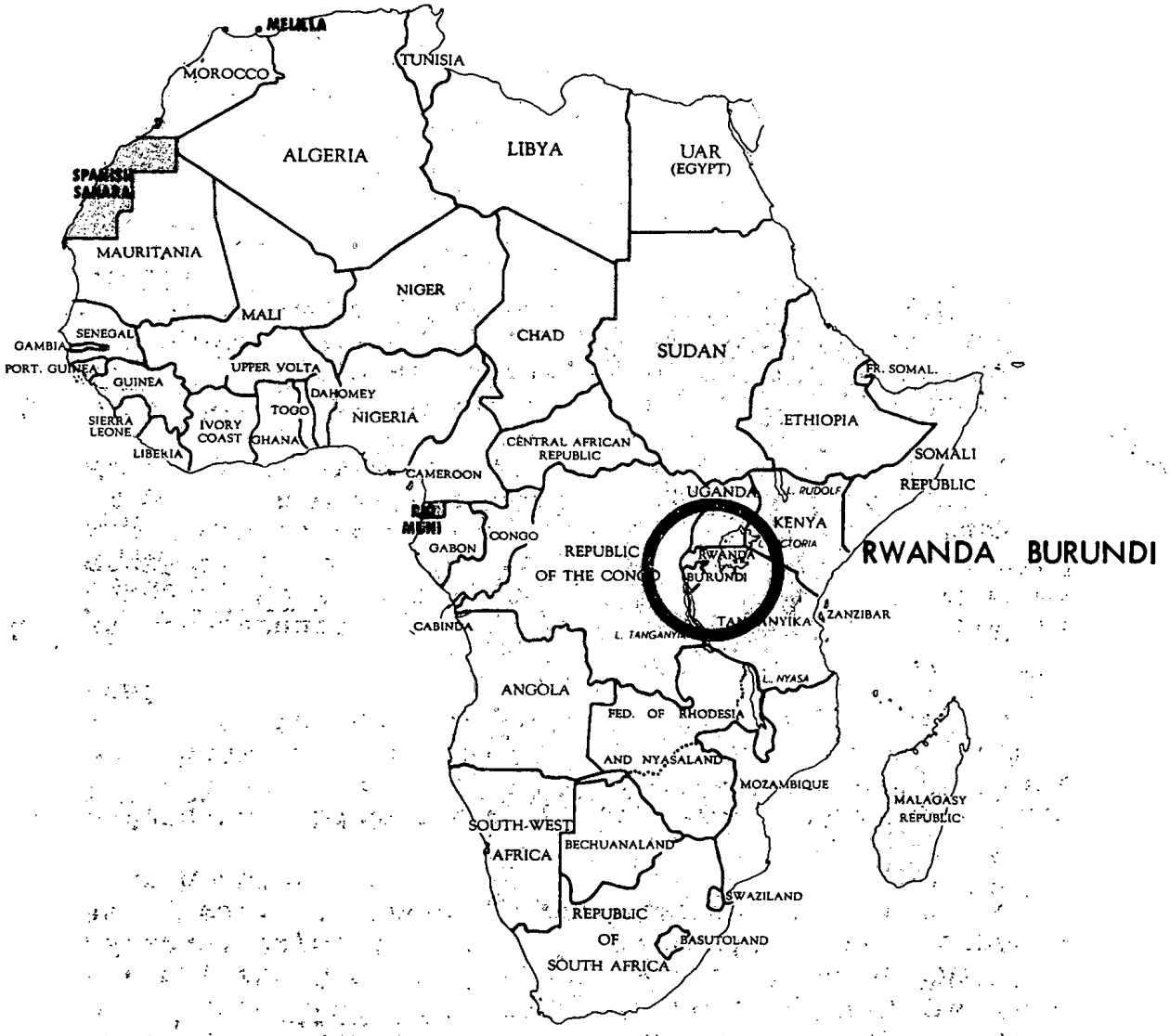

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E. Indonesia-Philippines [redacted] 50X1

F. Indonesia Djakarta is giving every indication that it will hold up final action on the long-pending oil contracts with US companies in an attempt to smoke us out on the question of US aid policy toward Indonesia.

G. Rwanda-Burundi Tribal refugees from Rwanda, now in Burundi, seem bent on making trouble between the two countries. Some 3,000 of their number were reported yesterday to be moving toward the frontier. They have little military capability, but blood could flow and require UN intervention.

H. USSR-Congo [redacted] 50X1

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1. USSR

a. TASS has finally announced that the USSR will conduct another series of ICBM firings to the Pacific during the period 2 December to 25 January.

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2. Venezuela

a. President Betancourt is still determined to hold the national elections next Sunday, barring a major catastrophe such as the assassination of one or more of the leading candidates.

b. A party cannot substitute a candidate for one who does not survive until election day; the results of an election held after an assassination would be challenged in the courts and probably voided.

c. Most observers forecast victory for Raul Leoni of Betancourt's Democratic Action Party. However, the election of socialist Jovita Villalba of the Republican Democratic Union is a possibility.

d. About one quarter of the registered voters are youths going to the polls for the first time, and they may push up Villalba's total. Also, the Communists, who have said they will boycott the elections, may vote for Villalba if they believe their votes will defeat Leoni.

e. In any event, the period between the elections and the inauguration in March will be a bad one. The Communist-directed Armed Forces

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of National Liberation (FALN) will probably increase their efforts to disrupt the constitutional succession, which would be the first in Venezuela's history.

f. Meanwhile, in the wings are the military leaders who may well intervene if they find Betancourt's successor not to their liking.

g. Though President Betancourt has taken personal charge of the search to locate Colonel Chenault and those responsible for his kidnapping, his efforts so far have come to nought. The only news has been from a Caracas editor who had a call yesterday morning from a woman saying the colonel was safe.

3. Cuba-Venezuela

a. The discovery of a large cache of weapons of Cuban origin, announced by Venezuelan authorities yesterday, provides the best evidence to date of major Cuban support for Latin American subversives.

b. There is definite proof to support the Venezuelan claim. The three tons of weapons found include light automatic rifles and

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submachine guns identified as among those shipped to Cuba [redacted] in 1959 and 1960. There were also mortars, bazookas, recoilless rifles, and ammunition of US manufacture.

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d. The cache was found on 1 November on a beach in Falcon State in the north, scene of the most active guerrilla effort. The Venezuelan government assumes that the weapons were sent from Cuba by sea.

e. Caracas will lay formal charges concerning the arms cache before a special meeting of Latin America Foreign Ministers scheduled for December. After that it will ask that the Council of the Organization of American States be convoked for consultation on the matter.

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4. Communist China - Afro-Asia

a. More information on Chinese Premier Chou En-lai's Afro-Asian swing is beginning to leak out.

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c. The press in Mali says Chou, accompanied by Foreign Affairs Minister Chen Yi, will visit Algeria, Mali, Ghana, Guinea, Somalia, Tanganyika, and Albania.

d. The Pakistanis have just informed our ambassador that they have agreed to a state visit by the two Chinese in mid-February at the conclusion of their two month tour.

5. Cuba

a. Another London shipping firm says it is willing to abandon its Cuban trade.

b. Embassy London has been advised by Papadakis and Co., Ltd. that it is prepared to keep its two ships involved in the trade from calling at Cuban ports when their charters run out next January.

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c. Papadakis is probably asking the same price for its action as Basil Mavrolean did recently--removal of its ships from the US blacklist. Papadakis operates 19 ships totalling more than 200,000 tons.

d. Mavrolean's vessels account for almost half the present British tonnage calling at Cuban ports and are the largest single element of free world shipping to Cuba.

e. The outcome of Mavrolean's offer is not yet clear.

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A. South Korea President-elect Pak Chong-hui's success in winning control of the unicameral legislature in Tuesday's elections improves prospects for smooth operation of the new constitutional government. However, political stability will still depend on Pak's willingness to rule with moderation. If he interprets this victory as a popular mandate to pursue an aggressive authoritarian program, he could provoke serious unrest.

B. Indonesia-Philippines President Sukarno's visit to Manila is on again for 4 December, according to the Indian ambassador to Djakarta. He assumes its purpose is to head off Philippine recognition of Malaysia.

C. Thailand Prime Minister Sarit appears to have taken a further turn for the worst. [redacted] 50X6 50X1

D. Rwanda-Burundi Prompt action by Burundi security forces appears to have halted the march of tribal refugees on Rwanda [redacted] 50X1 There is little doubt that the refugees, who carried only a handful of modern arms and were poorly organized, would have been badly mauled by Rwandan troops if they had crossed the frontier.

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E. Colombia Pro-Castro members of the terrorist National Liberation Army (ELN) are believed responsible for the recent wave of bombings in Colombia's major cities. At least a dozen bombs were set off in Bogota during the last two nights. Two of the bombs failed to explode after being placed close to the residence of the chief of US Naval Mission,

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1. Venezuela

a. Election campaigning ended at midnight, but boosters for the several candidates continued to mill about streets of Caracas in defiance of terrorist threats to shoot anyone who ventured out for the next three days.

b. The terrorists, it seems, were all but drowned out by the carnival air.

c. The FALN, meanwhile, is trying to bargain off Colonel Chenault for as high a price as it can, demanding variously release of all its comrades, of all women detained by the government, and of the six hijackers who have been returned from Trinidad to custody in Venezuela.

2. Sino-Soviet dispute

a. The Chinese Communists will have nothing to do with the idea of bilateral talks with the Soviets under present circumstances.

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d. Moscow, for its part, has apparently stopped thinking about another gathering of world Communist party representatives.

e. The feelers it put out after the conclusion of the test-ban treaty were received coldly by some of the fraternal parties. They felt such a meeting could only make matters worse with the Chinese.

f. Indeed, Peiping saw this to be Moscow's purpose, and when the idea failed to take hold,the Chinese took it to be a setback for Khrushchev personally.

g. Their reaction to Khrushchev's subsequent call for a cessation of open argument was to press the offensive, and this they have been doing in roundly abusive terms since.

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h. The forthcoming Afro-Asian visits by Chou En-lai and Chen Yi have awakened suspicions that the Chinese are in hot pursuit of a second Bandung-type conference--a more rewarding enterprise from their point of view.

3. USSR

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4. Kenya - Communist Bloc

a. The Soviet Bloc will soon gain an important propaganda outlet in Nairobi, communications hub for East Africa.

b. Plans are for a state-controlled news agency to be set up by the Kenyan government when it

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achieves independence on 12 December. This will fall under the jurisdiction of communications minister Oneko, who has well developed contacts within the Soviet Bloc.

c. TASS has already agreed to equip the new agency, and Kenyan requests for further financial and techincal help are being discussed in Prague and Moscow.

d. Kenyan journalists have been training in Prague and, on return, will find ready employment in the new agency.

5. Czechoslovakia-USSR

a. Czech President Novotny returned from Moscow on Thursday after signing a renewal (for another 20 years) of the treaty of friendship and mutual assistance.

b. He apparently got little else out of Khrushchev. The final communique was conspicuously cool.

c. There were no Soviet concessions, nor were there the usual references to Czech "progress" or to public support for Novotny's leadership.

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6. South Vietnam

a. The first suicide by burning to occur under the new regime was witnessed today by bystanders at a crowded intersection in Saigon where a young girl went up in flames.

b. A note she left behind said she was protesting the war of Vietnamese against Vietnamese. At the intersection are three villas which house the ICC delegations.

c. There were no Buddhist overtones.

d. Some think the Viet Cong encouraged her, but if they did, they did not write her script. They would have said it is the Americans who are fighting the Vietnamese.

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NOTES

A. South Vietnam Plans are now afoot to shuffle South Vietnam's Corps commanders so that General Khanh, considered by General Harkins to be the best of the lot, will take over in the crucial delta (IV Corps) area. [redacted] 50X1

B. Cuba-USSR [redacted] Soviets in Cuba, [redacted] 50X1 50X1 [redacted] our own estimate of 4,000 to 7,000. Some withdrawals continue. 50X1

C. Cambodia-Vietnam Sihanouk seems to feel that cutting off his nose to spite his face was not enough. Now he says he will formally recognize North Vietnam if the US does not silence the Khmer Serei radio. [redacted] 50X1 50X1

D. Indonesia-Cambodia [redacted] 50X1 50X1

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E. Coal and Steel Community Coal and Steel community members at their next meeting on Monday will probably vote to raise community steel tariffs by an average of nine percent. This would bring the tariffs of each member into line with Italy's, the highest in the community. Only the Dutch oppose the idea.

F. [redacted] 50X1

G. Brazil-US A press report from Rio cites "well informed sources" to the affect that Goulart plans soon to invite Mrs. Kennedy to visit Brazil so that Brazil can pay her the honors which it had planned to render the late President.

H. Cuba-Morocco [redacted] 50X1

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