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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

1 NOV. 1961
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SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY (LEADING ORGANS)

PRESIDIUM

<u>FULL MEMBERS</u>		<u>CANDIDATE MEMBERS</u>	
OLD	NEW	OLD	NEW
A.B. Aristov	L.I. Brezhnev	V.V. Grishin	V.V. Grishin
L.I. Brezhnev	N.S. Khrushchev	Ya. E. Kalnberzin	K.T. Mazurov
Ye.A. Furtseva	A.N. Kosygin	A.P. Kirilenko	V.P. Mzhavanadze
N.G. Ignatov	F.R. Kozlov	D.S. Korotchenko	Sh.R. Rashidov*
N.S. Khrushchev	O.V. Kuusinen	K.T. Mazurov	V.V. Shcherbitsky*
A.N. Kosygin	A.I. Mikoyan	V.P. Mzhavanadze	
F.R. Kozlov	N.V. Podgorny	M.G. Pervukhin	
O.V. Kuusinen	D.S. Polyansky	P.N. Pospelov	
A.I. Mikoyan	N.M. Shvernik	G.I. Voronov	
N.A. Mukhittdinov	M.A. Suslov		
N.V. Podgorny	G.I. Voronov		
D.S. Polyansky			
N.M. Shvernik			
M.A. Suslov			

SECRETARIAT

OLD	NEW
N.S. Khrushchev - 1st Secy	N.S. Khrushchev - 1st Secy
F.R. Kozlov	P.N. Demichev*
O.V. Kuusinen	L.F. Illichev*
N.A. Mukhittdinov	F.R. Kozlov
M.A. Suslov	O.V. Kuusinen
	B.N. Ponomarev*
	A.N. Shelepin*
	I.V. Spiridonov*
	M.A. Suslov

*Individuals elected to Presidium or Secretariat for first time.
Listed below are their other current positions.

Demichev - Party 1st Secretary, Moscow City

Shcherbitsky - Premier, Ukrainian Republic

Illichev - Head, Propaganda & Agitation Department of
the Party's Central Staff

Shelepin - Chairman, Committee of State Security (KGB)
under the Council of Ministers, USSR

Ponomarev - Head, International Department of
the Party's Central Staff

Spiridonov - Party 1st Secretary, Leningrad Oblast

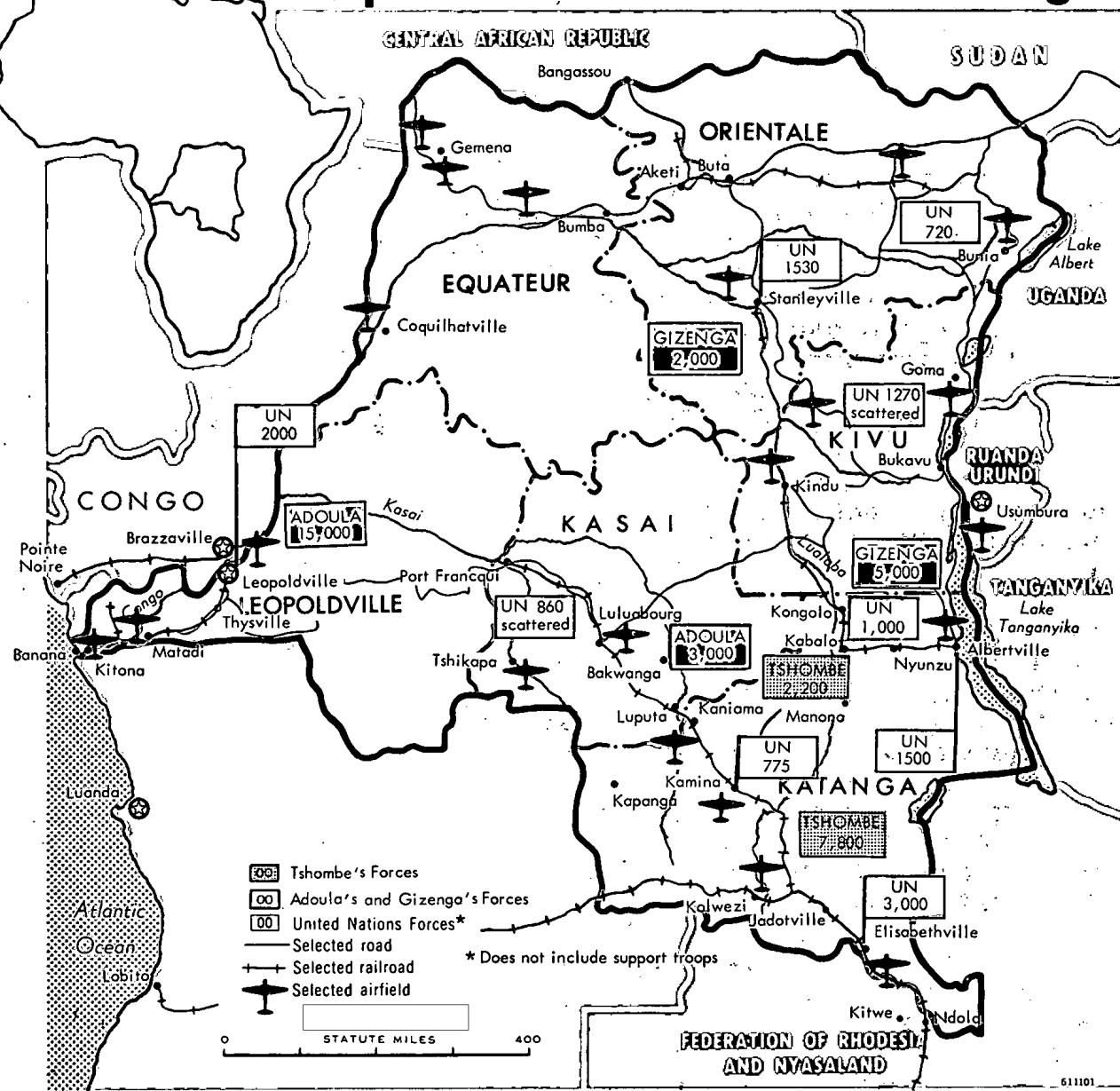
Rashidov - Party 1st Secretary, Uzbek Republic

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1. Soviet party changes

- a) The reshuffling of the top party command announced yesterday leaves the central core of the leadership--Khrushchev, Kozlov, Mikoyan, et al--pretty much intact, with most of the changes falling among the second tier. The shaping of Soviet policy appears to remain essentially in the same hands;
- b) the policymaking Presidium has been cut from 14 to 11 full members while the Secretariat, the party's administrative arm, has been increased from 5 to 9. We see these as part of a periodic refurbishing of the upper echelons.
- c) the changes include a shift in the party's top level agricultural leadership, a reflection of persistent difficulties in that area, and the demotion of the party man most involved in relations with Albania. 50X1

Republic of the Congo



2. Congo

The stage is being set for a new period of tension and crisis:

- a) Gizenga may now have as many as 5,000 troops in the area bordering on Katanga. By moving troops out of Stanleyville for this build-up, however, Gizenga is gambling with the security situation in his own backyard;
- b) UN sources in Leopoldville, meanwhile, say that Adoula government forces are trying to capture an airstrip just inside the Katanga border. The UN shows no inclination to intervene;
- c) a telephone call by Tshombé, before he left Elizabethville, indicates that he is in Geneva to make contact with the representative of an unnamed foreign power which has offered financial and diplomatic support. 50X1
- d) Soviet representative Zorin says he plans to raise the Congo issue in the Security Council soon. 50X1

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3. Baghdad "buzzing with rumors" of anti-Qasim move

Our Embassy reports widespread Iraqi feeling that Qasim is "nearing the end of his rope" and notes that his popular support has declined sharply in recent months. Dissident military elements may be encouraged by the impending departure of Qasim's trusted chief of General Staff for several months [] in Europe. 50X6

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- A. The US Mission in Saigon finds a nearly unanimous desire for the sending of US troops to South Vietnam. Most Vietnamese merely want the reassurance of having a US presence in the country but concede that a combat role for US troops could eventually arise.
- B. Finland's non-Communist parties are making efforts to work out a common front to deal with renewed pressure from Moscow. The Soviet note to Finland has produced a crisis atmosphere in Sweden, which fears for its own neutrality. 50X1
- C. A Laotian rebel message yesterday stated that the Meo guerrilla attack on Xieng Khouang town is continuing, contrary to earlier indications that it had ended. [REDACTED] 50X1
- E. There were two Soviet nuclear tests at Novaya Zemlya yesterday morning. [REDACTED] 50X1
[REDACTED]
- F. In Algeria, Moslem demonstrations are causing widespread disorders. Our latest information indicates, however, that the security forces still have the situation in control.

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1. Congo

a) Our best guess is that France is the unnamed foreign power which may have offered financial and diplomatic support to Tshombé. We doubt that top French officials have made any definite commitments, but some lower-ranking officials have hinted to Tshombé aides that French help would be forthcoming. Yesterday the French Foreign Office told our Embassy Tshombé was in Geneva for "apparently valid medical reasons" and that the French Government was "making every effort" to prevent his entering France.

b) Public order is deteriorating in Stanleyville, in the wake of Gizenga's overthrow of the provincial government and his despatch of additional troops toward Katanga.

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2. Argentine navy alerts its units to revolt plot

It fears an early attempt by various Peronista and nationalist elements under a retired Peronista general who led a similar effort last November. While the plotters would hope to exploit rising discontent and current labor difficulties, we believe the armed forces would move swiftly to quell such an uprising.

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3. West German governmental negotiations still underway

Our Embassy reported Tuesday, however, that public and political confidence in Adenauer's ability to form a government is "collapsing" and that he has appeared to lose his touch in tactical maneuvering.

if the matter is not settled this week, President Luebke will present his own candidate to Parliament--probably either Erhard or Bundestag President Gerstenmaier. Defense Minister Strauss, "completely occupied" with the problem, has withdrawn an invitation to General Norstad to visit Bonn.

4. Finns may consult with Moscow in response to Soviet note

a) The Finnish Foreign Minister, in Copenhagen enroute home, said yesterday "if the Soviets want to talk, we'll talk." His number two man, in Helsinki, is going to recommend that a diplomatic delegation only go to Moscow but that the Finns not admit that either they or the Soviets are menaced from the West.

b) Lange of Norway views the note most seriously and feels it could mean the beginning of a takeover in Finland.

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5. Laos

Pathet Lao and Kong Le reinforcements have been sent to Xieng Khouang, presumably for stronger moves against the Meos, whose artillery fire apparently continued yesterday despite Vientiane's orders to avoid further combat. Communist delegates at Geneva are using the affair to charge the US with responsibility for the "provocative" actions of Phoumi's forces.

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- A. [redacted] rumored plots against Qasim. [redacted] 550X1
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- B. Havana has issued instructions to invite peripatetic Field Marshal Montgomery to visit Havana on 1 January, probably to be part of the cast for the celebration of the Castro regime's third anniversary. [redacted] 50X1
- C. Almost all important Indian newspapers have condemned Soviet nuclear tests. Some have shown sympathy for the US position.
- D. There was a nuclear test yesterday [redacted] at [redacted] 5(50X2
Semipalatinsk, [redacted] 50X1
[redacted]

WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--1 November 1961

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

South Vietnam: Communist forces continue their efforts to undermine the Diem government by sabotage and terrorism and to expand the Viet Cong areas of military control in South Vietnam, particularly in the plateau area.

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1. Berlin developments

- a) In recent days the East Germans have held up several US military patrols in East Berlin for an hour or better;
- b) the Soviet representative at the Berlin Air Safety Center has said that if US flights which "violate the sectoral border" continue, "they will be considered as violators of the state border with all the consequences which a violation entails";
- c) the West German press generally interprets the delegation of Allied border controls in Berlin to the West Berlin police as playing into Soviet hands because it reinforces the claim that the intersector border is an East German state border.

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2. French-Algerian negotiations

Talks may be resumed--possibly as early as next week--despite Wednesday's violent Moslem demonstrations. However, we look for a move from European extremists in both France and Algeria aimed at blocking a negotiated settlement. French [redacted] making little progress in their efforts to break the Secret Army Organization in Algeria.

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3. Summary of Soviet Pacific missile tests

The primary purpose of the series was to test a second-generation ICBM to extended range, with space-related objectives subsidiary. During the firing period, beginning 13 September and ending 28 October, eight test vehicles were put into the general impact area, while at least three are believed to have failed in flight. The two new-type vehicles involved have been tentatively identified as an ICBM, which may be smaller than the first-generation missile, and a vehicle being developed as a space booster. Both types have been undergoing tests over shorter ranges since the first of this year.

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4. Merchant mission nearing crucial stage

Ambassador Merchant, now in Karachi, is about to begin a last round of discussions with the Pakistanis and Afghans. He has so far found little common ground between the two and is not confident of success. From Kabul, however, Ambassador Byroade reports general optimism, which he suspects may be based on an exaggerated expectation of Pakistani concessions and which he fears could produce a strong anti-US reaction if the mission fails.

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5. Argentine tinderbox

Peronists, Communists, the military, and Nationalists are all laying plans to take advantage of the crisis caused by the current railway strike and the general strike called for November 7. Chances of overt action resulting in a dramatic change are lessened by the fact that all factions are aware of each other's maneuvering. It seems clear, however, that even if Frondizi weathers this crisis, his position will be weakened.

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- A. Leopoldville and Elizabethville are carrying on a war of claims and counterclaims but there is virtually no hard information on the military situation along the Katanga border. Desultory fighting apparently continues.
- B. Peiping has so far shown considerable self-restraint in reacting to Moscow's condemnation of Albania and Stalin. We think it likely that the Chinese are marking time until they have worked out their rebuttal, probably in time for anniversary celebrations to be held in both Moscow and Tirana next week.
- C. There were two nuclear tests at Novaya Zemlya yesterday,

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1. Berlin

a) East Germans have recently removed the permanent barriers at the Brandenburg Gate, in the British sector. They may be preparing to require that Allied officials use this entry, rather than Friedrichstrasse in the American sector, in the hope that the British would prevent further US armed probes.

b) East German Kampfgruppen (factory militia used to bolster internal security), and possibly reservists, are apparently on some form of preparatory alert. [redacted] 50X1

c) Our review of information on West Berliners shows a net exodus of about 500 a week. Permanent departures of mostly older business and professional people are about 1500 a week and are only partly offset by an influx of young workers attracted by high pay and fringe benefits.

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3. Laos

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- a) Meo firing on Xieng Khouang appears to have ceased. Meanwhile, enemy troops are mounting an assault against nearby Meo base camp.
- b) On recent nights, light enemy harassing fire has been placed on a Mekong ferry point near Vientiane over which cross most imports from Thailand.
- c) The Boun Oum government is still avoiding a meeting with Souvanna at his headquarters. Souvanna, pleading poor health, has now asked the King to receive his "report"--possibly his cabinet selection--via an aide.

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4. [redacted] Soviet
forces in East Germany
reinforced

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[redacted] the USSR may have reinforced [redacted] 50X1
forces in Central Europe by as much
as four divisions. We are not yet
convinced that there is sufficient
evidence to support such an estimate.
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B. Our embassy in London believes the measures proposed in the Queen's speech to reinforce the army (limited retentions and recalls of draftees) are stopgaps designed more to prevent further army deterioration than to increase its fighting potential.

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D. Moscow agencies involved in economic and military relations with underdeveloped countries appear to be preparing administratively for at least a continuation of economic and military aid to Syria. [redacted]

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FOR THE PRESIDENT

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1. NEHRU

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NOTICE OF THE UN APPEAL AND EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN LEST THE SOVIET
ACTIONS CAUSE OTHERS TO BEGIN ATMOSPHERIC TESTS.HE IS DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER RECENT CRITICISM OF INDIA IN 50X1
THE US AND IS INTENT ON CONVINCING US LEADERS THAT INDIA IS PURSUING
A "BALANCED" FOREIGN POLICY NOT DETERMINED BY "TWO STANDARDS."C. KRISHNA MENON AND NEHRU BOTH FEEL THAT THE 50X1
ONLY WAY TO INFLUENCE KHRUSHCHEV TOWARD A MODERATE COURSE IS TO REMAIN
ON FRIENDLY TERMS, THAT "YOU CAN INFLUENCE KHRUSHCHEV ONLY BY NOT
BEING AGAINST HIM," AND THAT MOSCOW IS THE ONLY DETERRENT TO AN
AGGRESSIVE CHINESE POLICY TOWARD INDIA. 50X1

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2. CONGO ARMY WITHDRAWN FROM KATANGA:

A. KATANGAN MERCENARIES SENT FROM ELISABETHVILLE APPARENTLY PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN ITS DEFEAT.

B. ADOULA, NOW MORE RESENTFUL OF THE UN'S FAILURE TO ELIMINATE THE MERCENARIES, WILL PROBABLY ORDER RENEWED LOBBYING FOR A STRENGTHENED UN MANDATE. THE DEFEAT WILL ALSO WEAKEN ADOULA IN HIS SHOWDOWN WITH GIZENGA, WHOSE RETURN TO LEOPOLDVILLE HE HAD ORDERED BY 5 NOVEMBER.

C. CONGO ARMY UNITS MAY STILL TRY A LINKUP WITH FORCES LOYAL TO GIZENGA MOVING TOWARD KATANGA FROM THE NORTH.

D. TSHOMBE HAS LEFT FOR HOME FROM GENEVA. WE ARE STILL NOT SURE WHAT HE WAS UP TO THERE.

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3. SOVIET NUCLEAR TESTS:

A. WE ARE NOT YET ABLE TO DETERMINE SOVIET INTENTIONS REGARDING THE CONTINUATION OF NUCLEAR TESTS. ON THE ONE HAND, A TASS STATEMENT STRONGLY IMPLIES THAT THE USSR WILL CONTINUE TESTING, IF THE US RESUMES ATMOSPHERIC TESTS, IN ORDER TO AVOID BEING AT A MILITARY DISADVANTAGE.

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THE AREA AROUND NOVAYA ZEMLYA WAS
 CLOSED FOR "MANEUVERS" ONLY UNTIL 15 NOVEMBER. THERE HAVE BEEN NO
 SIGNS YET OF CLOSING DOWN AT SEMIPALATINSK.

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4. SATELLITE REACTIONS TO SOVIET PARTY CONGRESS:

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POLISH LEADERS FEAR THAT THE "ERA OF
 LIBERALISM WHICH IT SEEMS TO PORTEND FOR THE USSR" WILL RESULT IN
 "UNCONTROLLABLE" PUBLIC PRESSURES FOR GREATER FREEDOM IN POLAND.
 EAST GERMAN PARTY OFFICIALS, UNEASY OVER MOUNTING POPULAR CRITICISM
 OF ULRICHT, HAVE BEEN TOLD NOT TO "DEAL TOO MUCH WITH THE TOPIC OF
 THE PERSONALITY CULT" IN PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

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5. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:

A. RAMFIS TRUJILLO CLAIMS THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT SURVIVE
 UNLESS THERE IS ACTION BY FRIDAY TOWARD PARTIALLY LIFTING OAS ECONOMIC
 SANCTIONS. HE IS UNDER PRESSURE FROM OFFICIALS LINKED TO THE FORMER
 DICTATORSHIP WHO FEEL THEIR SURVIVAL HINGES ON HIS RETENTION OF POWER.
 ON THE OTHER HAND, THE OPPOSITION CONTINUES TO SEEK RAMFIS'

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RETIREMENT, AND ANY EASING OF SANCTIONS PRIOR TO HIS RETIREMENT WOULD PROBABLY BE VIEWED BY THE PUBLIC AS THE LOSS OF THE OPPOSITION'S PRINCIPAL PROTECTION AGAINST REPRESSION.

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6. MERCHANT TALKS WITH AFGHANS:

A. AMBASSADOR MERCHANT'S "FINAL SECOND ROUND TALK" WITH THE AFGHANS ENDED ON A PESSIMISTIC NOTE. MERCHANT'S PROPOSAL FOR AFGHAN MOVES TOWARD SETTLING THE DISPUTE WAS REJECTED "AS IN NO WAY CORRESPONDING WITH THE AFGHAN POSITION." MERCHANT DESCRIBES THE AFGHAN COUNTERPROPOSALS AS "DIRECTLY CONTRARY TO THE PAKISTAN POSITION." THE AFGHANS THROUGHOUT THE TALKS TOOK THE LINE THAT PAKISTAN WAS ENTIRELY TO BLAME FOR THE SITUATION AND THAT THE "SOLUTION WAS NOT IN AFGHANISTAN'S HANDS."

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1. South Vietnam

a) Viet Cong activity of all kinds-- military actions, sabotage and terrorism-- increased considerably last month: 523 incidents, a new high, were recorded during the last week of the month;
b) Moscow and Peiping are hard at work trying to arouse international alarm over the Taylor mission;
c) We continue to receive evidence on the arrival of North Vietnamese regulars in South Vietnam. A recent Viet Cong message noted violations of an order "about secrecy and the careful destruction of all papers, photographs, materials, clothing and the property of recruits who have come down."

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2. French-Algerian negotiations reported underway

A top level Algerian rebel official has informed our Ambassador in Tunis in strictest confidence that serious negotiations are now in progress. The official believes that substantial headway has already been made. The two sides are said to be trading step-by-step concessions, with the key bargaining issues being rebel guarantees for the European settlers in return for French relinquishment of its Sahara claims.

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3. Showdown nears in Ecuador

The struggle for control of the government between President Velasco and Vice President Arosemena is approaching a climax, as rioting continues in Quito and Guayaquil. The Vice President, who has leftist labor and student backing, is attempting to have the legislature, which he heads, unseat Velasco. The legislative building is now surrounded by troops on Velasco's orders. The President, meanwhile having accepted the resignation of the cabinet, is trying to rally new support from the center and right. Although he apparently retains the support of the military, the situation

is touch-and-go. (State, military and CIA reports) 50X1 5UX1

4. Brazilian regime continues to flounder

The government, hampered by division of authority between President Goulart and Prime Minister Neves, is making little headway against rising inflation. Public confidence in the regime is slipping and there is growing opposition from both left and right. Extremist military plotters are again becoming active but appear to lack wide support. A newly-formed leftist political grouping, the National Liberation Front, may, by picking up the Quadros following, represent a serious threat. 50X1

5. Congo

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b) the Leopoldville government's forces following their total withdrawal from Katanga, are also in a state of near anarchy.

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6. Soviet Revolution celebrations

- a) There was no major keynote address on the anniversary eve, for the first time in Soviet history, the leadership apparently wanting to rest on what was said at the Party Congress;
- b) preliminary information on the military parade indicates that little in the way of new equipment was on display. Fuller reports from our military attachés will be available soon;
- c) the scheduled high-level meeting of Bloc leaders in conjunction with the anniversary has apparently been cancelled. The Chinese, smarting over the Albanian issue, are believed to have balked.

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- A. Police and the armed forces are on the alert in Argentina with a general strike under way since last midnight. There have been no reports of serious violence.
- B. It now appears virtually certain that the nuclear test series at Novaya Zemlya has ended. Testing may, however, be continued at the Semipalatinsk area. [redacted] 50X1
- C. President Betancourt has confirmed to our Ambassador that Venezuela plans to break diplomatic relations with Cuba if it can assure the safety of asylees in its Havana embassy. This could, however, be a big if.
- D. The Shah of Iran has apparently decided to postpone elections indefinitely, hoping to meet public criticism with a more vigorous reform program. [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] 50X1
- F. A recent article in the Soviet press discounting the effects of radiation, points to some apprehension on that score among the Soviet public despite Moscow's almost total news blackout on its nuclear tests.
- G. Sihanouk's public statements continue highly charged. He is now quoted as saying that he would like to fight the Thais and that he would enter Bangkok with the aid of Chinese Communists forces. Our embassy in Phnom Penh feels, nevertheless, that he is cooling down some and is not likely to abandon his neutrality for the present.

- H. The arrival of a Polish economic mission in Niger on 4 November may foreshadow the first acceptance of Bloc aid by one of the Brazzaville group. Other members of the group, facing domestic criticism of excessive pro-Westernism, may follow suit.
- I. Peiping has announced the destruction of a Chinese Nationalist reconnaissance plane on a mission over the Liaotung Peninsula on 6 November.

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1. Ecuador

The situation as of early this morning appeared to be as follows:

- a) President Velasco was forced to resign by the military leaders a few hours after Vice President Arosmena was jailed.
- b) The military then named Supreme Court Chief Justice Camile Gallegos acting President.
- c) However, a private Ecuadorean radio network claims that Arosmena, released from arrest, has been proclaimed President by Congress, in accordance with the constitution. This network went off the air shortly after this announcement.
- d) The military leaders have resented Arosmena's pro-Cuban policy and his failure to crack down on leftist agitation and are expected to move further against him. More leftist disturbances are expected if the military deny him the presidency.

2. Laos

Souvanna told newsmen yesterday that:

- a) He would accept Hin Heup, the site of earlier talks, as a "three prince venue."
- b) Another deadlock "certainly would" mean full scale resumption of hostilities and would cause him to abandon the attempt to form a new government.
- c) Before formation of a government, agreement must be reached on a cease-fire, military integration, elections and the National Assembly.
- d) Phoumi was unacceptable as Defense Minister, but not as Vice Premier although this would "oblige me to some concession" to the Pathet Lao.

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4. USSR seeking to step up military aid to Afghans

[redacted] Mar-shal Sokolovsky, after completing an inspection tour several weeks ago, told the Afghan chief of staff he would recommend a new Soviet military mission to reorganize and re-equip Afghan forces.

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5. Congo

a) Congo army units which withdrew from northwest Katanga in disorder are now regrouping.

b) UN officials in the Congo do not intend to intervene. They view the Leopoldville operations against Katanga as legitimate "police action" aimed at installing a responsive administration in northern Katanga.

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c) Gizenga still refuses to return to Leopoldville from Stanleyville.

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- B. Current activities by Soviet space support vessels seem to bear out Khrushchev's intimations yesterday that there would be no sophisticated space launchings in the immediate future. Those in the Pacific are enroute to Vladivostok. Some remain in the Atlantic, but are still in port at Conakry, Guinea. [redacted] 50X1
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- C. Ramfis Trujillo sent word to the US Consul General yesterday that he will not speak to him, to Mr. McGhee, "or any one about any business matters until after favorable OAS action."
- D. Our Embassy in London believes that the majority of the responsible public would now support a US or UK decision to resume testing in the atmosphere.
- E. British businessmen in Hong Kong have told US officials that the deal for the sale of 20 Viscount transports to China has been completed.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

9 NOV. 1961

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1. Changeover in Ecuador

- a) Arosemena is scheduled to be sworn in as President today, following the collapse of army opposition to him yesterday. There is almost universal approval within Ecuador of the constitutional solution of the crisis, and Arosemena will begin his term with a broad spectrum of political support. He is faced, however, with the same serious economic problems which brought his predecessor's downfall, and his policies will be under constant critical scrutiny by the military as well as by leftist and rightist political factions;
- b) Arosemena has a record of anti-US bias and has shown some sympathy for the USSR following a recent visit there.
- c) there are indications, however, of a tentative deal between Arosemena and the center and right. Cabinet appointments announced so far include a number of moderate Socialists and Conservatives, but no known Communists or radical leftists.

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2. Albanians counterattack
Khrushchev

At the celebrations of their party anniversary in Tirana, they have bitterly denounced Khrushchev, labelling him "anti-Marxist" among-other things, and have detailed a list of long-standing grievances against him. Moscow could probably ignore the polemics if they were not accompanied by an extensive airing of the Bloc's dirty linen, including charges of persistent Soviet economic, political and military pressure. Peiping too, has reaffirmed 50X1 its defiance in a message to the 50X1 Albanians specifically endorsing their "correct" policy.

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A. Security forces in Argentina appear to have successfully checked public disorder arising from the 3-day general strike which is scheduled to end today.

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C. Further details on the equipment displayed during the 7 November military parade in Moscow reveal only one novelty: a truck-mounted missile which probably indicates that the Soviets have developed a mobile short-range missile system intended for ground forces and possibly submarines.

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WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--8 November 1961

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

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

South Vietnam: Communist forces continue their efforts to undermine the Diem government by widespread guerrilla attacks, sabotage, and terrorism in order to expand Viet Cong areas of control in South Vietnam.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

10 NOV. 1961
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1. Berlin

a) Moscow appears to be stepping up pace of its efforts to bring the West to early negotiations.

b) The Soviet Ambassador in Bonn has been told to see Adenauer, Khrushchev received Bonn's ambassador yesterday, and Gromyko urged Ambassador Thompson to see Khrushchev.

c) Gromyko, in informal remarks to Western ambassadors on Tuesday, made no mention of a peace treaty and said that negotiations could be limited to West Berlin access and status. He insisted on demilitarization and termination of the occupation status, but said the USSR would provide the "most formal guarantees" that East Germany would respect an agreement. Financial and economic ties between Bonn and Berlin could be maintained, but West Berlin could not be part of West Germany.

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2. Bloc Military Movements

a) The maneuver phase of the Warsaw Pact exercises may finally be starting, involving Soviet, Polish, Czech and East German units.

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3. South Vietnam

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[redacted] Viet Cong attacks of the past week in widely separated provinces were launched to counter South Vietnamese sweeps rather than as a new phase of large scale offensives, but that attacks with up to 1000 men can be increasingly expected where Communist intelligence indicates they will result in a Viet Cong military advantage.

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b) While the majority of responsible South Vietnamese appear to favor the introduction of US troops, several South Vietnamese cabinet ministers and Diem's advisor, his brother Ngo Dinh Nhu, feel that the introduction of US combat troops would be a public admission of South Vietnamese failure and additional grounds for Communist propaganda. They prefer technical or logistical units.

c) Viet Cong units, informed of a rumor that in November Americans will directly command troops of "Diem, Chiang Kai Shek, Thailand and the Philippines" in South Vietnam, have been told to report the presence of foreign troops and describe their weapons, including "all types of poisonous gas." The Viet Cong may be preparing to counter the proposed defoliant program. We would also not be surprised to see a general "biological warfare" propaganda campaign similar to that launched during the Korean War.

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4. Laos

- a) Peiping radio threatened yesterday that the Geneva talks had reached a point where "no more negotiations are possible"; there had to be a choice between a coalition government or the "outbreak of war."
- b) During the past two weeks, the Soviet representative at Geneva, repeatedly urging the rapid formation of a coalition government, has expressed concern over the danger of a "renewed outbreak of military action."
- c) Meanwhile, in Laos there has been no progress toward a political settlement. Souvanna has now issued a call for tripartite talks on the 17th in the Plaine des Jarres--a site still probably unacceptable to the Boun Oum government, which wants the talks at Hin Heup.

[redacted] renewed fighting if talk^{50X1}
break down, Souvanna did say the
present situation could go on "for
weeks or months." [redacted]

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5. Albania further isolated

- a) All Bloc ambassadors, except China's, are being called home-- leaving behind charges d'affaires.
- b) The Albanian regime, understandably apprehensive about further more serious measures, has restricted food consumption, has issued instructions for evacuation and mobilization measures in the event of emergency, and has cordoned off the Soviet compound in Tirana.

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A. Communist and left-wing groups are angry over the composition of the new Ecuadorean cabinet.

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D. Raul Castro was seen in Sofia on Sunday and in Bucharest on Monday, apparently enroute to Moscow.

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F. [redacted] the French underground nuclear test 50X1
in the Sahara, which we had expected early in November, may have been delayed [redacted]

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H. The Soviets may now have offered to airlift food and other supplies to migrating Pushtoon nomads stranded in Afghanistan after being turned back at the border by the Pakistanis.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

11 NOV 1961
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1. Origin of story on
Soviet German propo~~SAL~~

Our Embassy in Moscow has definitely established that American correspondents there got their story on the "Knew" 4-point proposal from Soviet sources. Ambassador Thompson interprets the maneuver as a Soviet effort to speed up moves toward negotiations.

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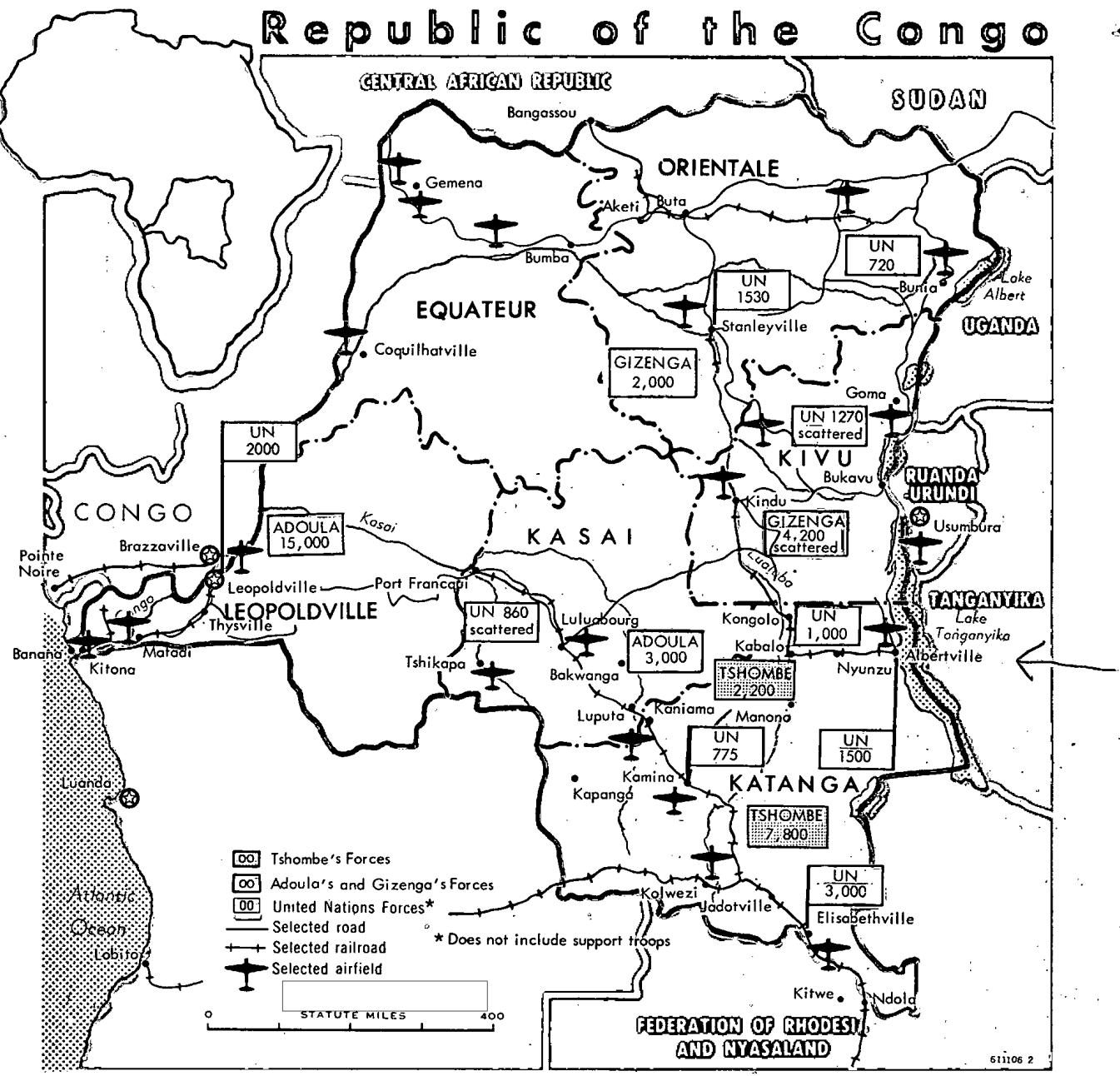
2. Soviet feelers on
disarmament negotia-
tions

Their UN representatives have lately been trying to sound out our position through the Canadians. They told the latter earlier this week that they would welcome further bilateral discussions with the US on disputed points, such as the make-up of the negotiating forum, and that they hope to renew negotiations "early next year." Other statements to the Canadians indicate that they would like to avoid extensive debate on disarmament in the UN.

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4. Algerian developments

De Gaulle's recent public admission that the Provisional Government has the majority of the Algerian population behind it removes what has been a major obstacle to the success of current negotiations by easing the rebel government's fears for its own future in Algeria. At the same time, he has been offering very little consolation to the European settlers, who may take out their frustrations in the demonstrations scheduled for this weekend.

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5. Congo

The Katangan government has lost Albertville in northeast Katanga to a Gizengist force which invaded from Kivu province to the north. The Tshombe government, whose hold on the Baluba tribal areas in northern Katanga has been tenuous, offered virtually no resistance.

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however, [] preparations are under way for some sort of Katangan military reaction.

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6. Khrushchev comments
to Italian elaborated

In addition to reports carried in the press on Khrushchev's interview late last month with Codacci-Pisanelli, head of the Interparliamentary Union, our Embassy in Rome has learned the following: (1) Khrushchev said that he had abandoned his December 31 deadline on an East German peace treaty "in order to remove the quality of ultimatum"; (2) he told the Italian that he should tell the US, French and British that Khrushchev really wanted to negotiate; (3) when Codacci observed that negotiations implied readiness to modify positions, Khrushchev replied that he understood and that Codacci should pass that on, too.

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- A. The sudden but brief show of military might in Ciudad Trujillo on Thursday is still unexplained. Our Consul there, who saw President Balaguer just before the demonstration, reported him to be confident that all was normal in the armed forces.
- B. Former President Inonu was chosen premier of Turkey yesterday more than 3 weeks after the election which returned the country to nominal civilian rule. This outcome should mollify the military, whose patience with civilian politics had already begun to wear extremely thin.
- C. An outbreak of anti-American violence is threatening in Bolivia, where leftist and Communist agitators are getting a receptive hearing for allegations that the US is to blame for economic distress. The government, miffed over the recent cancellation of an aid credit, might make only token gestures to curb street demonstrations.
- D. Ambassador Kennan reports considerable embarrassment in Belgrade over a number of recent rebuffs from Moscow, including renewed heresy charges at the Soviet Party Congress. He notes that doubts about the soundness of Belgrade's demonstrative support of Soviet foreign policies are already prevalent in some sections of Yugoslav officialdom.
- E. The Venezuelan government, which expects its intended diplomatic break with Cuba to be the signal for anti-Betancourt disturbances, is taking preventive security measures.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

13 NOV. 1961
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1. Laotian developments

Boun Oum appears to be relenting in his resistance to a meeting with Souvanna in the latter's stronghold in the Plaine des Jarres. Phoumi, however, in his latest conference with Ambassador Brown, was as adamantly opposed as ever, and there are indications that he will seek to come to Washington for consultations. Souvanna, meanwhile, has again accused the Vientiane government of stalling and forecasts renewed hostilities unless negotiations are resumed.

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2. Congo situation

- a) The Adoula government, contending that it will fall shortly unless it can show progress against Katanga, is anxiously seeking "two or three jets" from the US to assist in an offensive. Accompanying these requests are intimations that Leopoldville will turn to the Bloc unless we oblige;
- b) there are unconfirmed press reports of new fighting in northern Katanga between Katangan and anti-Tshombé forces;
- c) General Lundula, commander of Gizengist forces in Oriental Province, has been coaxed into talks with the government in Leopoldville but Gizenga continues to hold out in Stanleyville.

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3. Arosomena seeking
to mend fences
with US

He has declared, through an intermediary, that his government would be neither leftist nor anti-US and that he hopes for US approbation. In some of his first policy statements he has made a bid to hold the loyalty of leftist and Communist supporters

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4. Dominican Republic
sanctions

The Venezuelans are not happy about our plan to seek a partial lifting of OAS sanctions against the Dominican Republic, but Betancourt will not make an issue of the matter and has promised to use his influence with the press to soft-pedal adverse reaction. Our consulate in Ciudad Trujillo reports, meanwhile, that rumors are prevalent there that the Dominican military hopes that the opposition's reaction to this development will be violent enough to give them a pretext for moving in.

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5. Anti-Western influence
grows in Mali

The Mali government's request for the withdrawal of the small US military training mission leaves virtually a clear field for the Soviet military advisers now there and for further military aid agreements with the Bloc.

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- A. [redacted] the Hungarian envoy to the US recently went out of his way to convey this message: the first half of 1962 will see a notable improvement in East-West relations including a visit by President Kennedy to the Soviet Union.
- B. Adenauer has said that he will raise "certain conceptions" on Berlin during his visit to Washington. These may include an outline of how far Bonn is prepared to go in recognizing the status quo in East Germany. Ambassadors Grewe in Washington and Kroll in Moscow are returning to Bonn for consultations on 15 November.
- C. President Gargia is described as "running scared" on the eve of Philippine elections scheduled for Tuesday. His opponent, Vice President Macapagal is gaining ground. A close race could be accompanied by electoral disorders and irregularities.
- D. The Japanese [redacted] talks with S. Korea [redacted]
[redacted] emphasized future cooperation rather than past disputes [redacted]

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

14 NOV. 1961
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1. South Vietnam

a) On Thursday, a Viet Cong directive ordered a buildup of units whose mission would be the deep penetration of the "enemy's internal positions" and the destruction of "the evil Ranger units."

b)

[redacted] the Chinese Nationalists had received unofficial requests for aid from Laos and South Vietnam. South Vietnam's most recent request was for light arms and uniforms.

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[redacted] aid for the local militia forces--as opposed to regular defense forces--is involved and that "possibly Taipei could provide the aid it was inconvenient for the US to provide."

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2. France-Algeria

a) The hunger strike since 2 November by Algerian rebel vice-premier Ben Bella and some 4,000 other Algerian prisoners may yet jeopardize French-Algerian negotiations.

b) Although Algerian representatives had indicated to US diplomats, in Tunis and New York, that this issue would not affect the present exchanges and that substantial progress had been made, Ben Bella has now been forcibly hospitalized. The French fear that his death would lead to the collapse of the talks.

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2. France-Algeria (Cont'd)

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3. West Germany

Foreign Office officials say that:

- a) Ambassador Kroll--being recalled to Bonn after his unauthorized initiatives to Khrushchev--would get a "severe dressing down" but only Adenauer could decide to fire him and "who knows what he plans."
- b) Kroll made another proposal to Khrushchev, not earlier reported, for better Bonn-Moscow relations, including establishment of consulates and a cultural agreement. He made his own assessment that the Soviets would make no further unilateral moves in Berlin while the prospect of negotiations remains.
- c) Soviet ambassador Smirnov, as of yesterday, had not yet seen Adenauer, but probably would before Adenauer came to the US.

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- A. Soviet Marshal Sokolovsky, who inspected the military program in Afghanistan in October, is enroute to Morocco, presumably as the Soviet representative at the ceremonies commemorating the late King Mohammed's restoration to power in 1955.
- B. We have seen numerous reports on East German alerts, largely of East German para-military and security units, centering on a period around 15 November. We have no good information pointing to any particular internal or East-West development and are inclined to believe that the alerts are associated with military exercises in East Germany. [REDACTED] 50X1 50X1
- C. There appears to be another ferment of anti-Qasim activity. Qasim, however, is heavily guarded of late and is probably aware of the coup rumors. [REDACTED] 50X1 50X1
- D. [REDACTED] the party school run for Latin American Communists in Peiping--a six-month course for [REDACTED] party students--has been closed down as a result of Sino-Soviet differences. [REDACTED] 50X1 50X1 50X1 50X1

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

15 NOV 1961
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1. Congo situation

The UN command is providing considerable indirect support--though no combat forces--to varied anti-Tshombé elements trying to split Northern Katanga away from Elizabethville. Control of the area is now divided erratically between Baluba tribesmen, the UN, and military forces directed by the Adoula government and/or Gizenga. The Tshombé government cannot decide whether to fight for the area or to draw its defense line further south.

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2. Thais consider stalemate best alternative for Laos.

Prime Minister Sarit yesterday turned down our Ambassador's plea that he use his influence with Phoumi and Boun Oum to bring about a meeting with Souvanna. He predicted that hostilities would resume soon in Laos, but then backed off somewhat, saying that he believed the best thing would be a stalemate with neither negotiations nor hostilities.

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A. The latest press reports on the Philippine election show President Garcia running behind Vice President Macapagal by more than 700,000 with 60 percent of the ballots counted. However, late returns may make the race closer. 50X1

B. The Shah has apparently accepted US and British advice against taking personal control of the government and is prepared, for a time at least, to give Prime Minister Amini a relatively free hand.

E. [Redacted] 50X1
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E. [Redacted] North Vietnam intends to send 10 regular regiments, 10 companies of special forces and ten small groups of political activists into South Vietnam before the end of the year. 50X1

F. Even the Yugoslavs in Mali are expressing concern over the speed with which that country is slipping toward domination by the Bloc.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

16 NOV. 1961
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1. Albania

a) [redacted] since late September the Albanians have made several efforts to obtain French and Italian credits.

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b) [redacted] during early November Chinese officials in Tirana enjoyed unrestricted movement and that Chinese technicians were arriving in increasing numbers.

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c) Ambassador Thompson, commenting on the Greek proposal that the West should help Albania in this time of need, argues that the Chinese are stuck with supporting Albania, doing so will add to Sino-Soviet tension and we should therefore let Hoxha stew in his Stalinist juice.

d) Security and mobilization measures continue. While these undoubtedly reflect the regime's apprehension over some Moscow-inspired move against it we think they are also designed to galvanize popular support.

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2. West Germany

a) Adenauer has told Ambassador Dowling of his "annoyance" with Kroll over his talk with Khrushchev, but said he appreciated Kroll's abilities and the relationship he has developed with Khrushchev.

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3. South Vietnam

Most of a thirty-man South Vietnamese reconnaissance unit--one of several in the southern Laos-Vietnam border area--was captured on Saturday by a Vietnamese Communist unit near Attopeu in southern Laos. Hanoi and Peiping may be inhibited by not wanting to admit the presence of Vietnamese Communist in Laos, but they may still use the incident to bolster their propaganda charges that South Vietnam is interfering in Laotian affairs.

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4. Soviet nuclear tests
newly detected

a) Two previously undetected very low yield, high altitude nuclear detonations of 21 and 27 October near Sary Shagan were probably associated with the Soviet anti-missile program, although we doubt that the nuclear devices were carried by anti-missile missiles.
b) We have also determined that there was a previously undetected low yield test near Novaya Zemlya on 4 November--shortly after a [redacted] test which we did detect.

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5. Dominican Republic

a) The two Trujillo brothers returned yesterday from Bermuda. President Balaguer says he will resign if this means a reversal of policy.
b) We are not sure of Ramfis' role or intentions. We know he has been under strong family pressure to return to old line Trujillo rule. He has also told Balaguer he intends to resign.
c) If Ramfis and Balaguer both resign, a military takeover is almost certain, but we don't think such a regime could last long in the face of local and Hemispheric opposition.
d) Prior to the unexpected return of the Trujillo brothers, Dominican government news media had reacted enthusiastically to the US statement recommending a partial lifting of OAS sanctions.

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Nasir is seeking 50X1
control over the Free Yemeni Movement of exiles who want to 50X1
set up a republic. 50X11

- B. Singapore seems ripe for a possible outbreak of violence within the next few days. More strikes are scheduled and tensions now prevalent may be exacerbated by the Prime Minister's presentation to the Assembly of the proposed scheme to merge Singapore with Malaya and British Borneo territories. British and Singapore officials think any rioting can be contained.
- C. A meeting of the Warsaw Pact, or of its political committee, may be coming up next week. Most likely agenda items would appear to be: Albania and the Berlin-German problem.

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WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--15 November 1961

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

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

Southeast Asia: There have been no material changes in the situations in South Vietnam and Laos.

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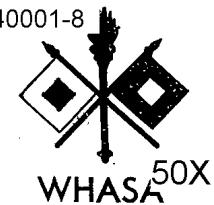
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PRESIDENTS INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**1. CONGO: A) THE SITUATION IS NO BETTER.****B) THE UN COMMAND HAS BEEN TOLD TO CONTACT GIZENGA, TO INVESTIGATE THE RECENT MACABRE EVENTS, AND TO SEAL OFF KINDU AND DISARM CONGO TROOPS THERE.****C) [REDACTED] GIZENGA [REDACTED] HAD PLANNED TO** ^{550X1}**RETURN TO STANLEYVILLE TO INAUGARATE HIS NEW "NATIONAL LUMUMBA PARTY" TODAY. LEOPOLDVILLE POLITICIANS DO NOT LIKE THE IDEA OF THIS NEW PARTY.****D) TSHOMBE IS APPARENTLY MOVING TROOPS TOWARD NORTHERN KATANGA, POSSIBLY TO RETAKE ALBERTVILLE, IN THE NORTHEAST.** ^{50X1}**HIS FORCES IN NORTHWEST KATANGA WOULD OPPOSE ENTRY OF CONGO OR UN TROOPS. IN ELIZABETHVILLE ITSELF, EUROPEAN RESIDENTS ARE PREPARING TO RESIST AN EXPECTED UN ROUNDUP OF ALL WHITES OF MILITARY AGE.****E) AMBASSADOR GULLION IS STRUCK BY THE APPARENT RECEP-**
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2. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC : A) RAMFIS TRUJILLO IS EXPECTED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY TOMORROW "WASHING HIS HANDS OF THE AFFAIR."

B) PRESIDENT BALAGUER BELIEVES THAT RAMFIS' UNCLEs, HECTOR AND ARISMENDI, WHO REFUSE TO LEAVE, ARE PLANNING A COUP FOR TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY AND WOULD PURSUE A POLICY OF STRONG SUPPRESSION. HE URGES MAXIMUM US PRESSURE ON THEM INCLUDING NEW SANCTIONS AND MILITARY THREATS.

C) WITH THE PUBLIC NOW LEARNING OF RAMFIS PLANS, THERE IS DANGER OF SERIOUS RIOTING, AND MODERATE OPPOSITION LEADERS ARE TRYING TO SNOWBALL CURRENT STRIKES INTO A NATIONWIDE WORK STOPPAGE.

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3. FINLAND: A) THE SOVIETS ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH PRESIDENT KEKKONEN'S DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT AND HIS CALL FOR NEW ELECTIONS AND INSIST THAT A "QUALIFIED" DELEGATION COME TO MOSCOW FOR FORMAL CONSULTATIONS UNDER THE 1948 TREATY AS REQUESTED IN THE ORIGINAL SOVIET NOTE. WE FEAR THE SOVIETS MAY PRESS FOR SOME FINNISH SPECIFIC MILITARY ACTION, SUCH AS ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL SOVIET MILITARY EQUIPMENT OR AIR DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS.

B) THE US EMBASSY FORECASTS A SHARP DROP IN FINNISH MORALE AS THE REALIZATION GROWS THAT THE DEGREE OF INDEPENDENCE FINLAND CAN MAINTAIN WILL DEPEND ENTIRELY ON THE SOVIETS AND NOT ON ANYTHING THE FINNS CAN DO.

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4. FRANCE-ALGERIA: A) ALTHOUGH THE BEN BELLA HUNGER STRIKE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE HAVING AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE SECRET TALKS

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BETWEEN THE FRENCH AND THE ALGERIAN REBELS, WE DOUBT THAT FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS CAN BEGIN UNLESS HE ENDS HIS STRIKE OR IS RELEASED. THE FRENCH SAY THE LATTER IS IMPOSSIBLE. MEANWHILE, DISTURBANCES IN MOROCCO OVER THE BEN BELLA ISSUE ARE ALSO POSSIBLE IN THE ABSENCE OF SOME FAVORABLE AND DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENT IN PARIS.

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6. LAOS: A) THE THREE LAOTIAN PRINCES NOW PLAN TO MEET IN VIENTIANE BEGINNING ON 24 NOVEMBER. AMBASSADOR BROWN HAS WARNED THAT THE US MUST SUPPORT PHOUVI IN HIS DEMANDS FOR A CABINET FORMULA WHICH HE WOULD CONSIDER A SUFFICIENT SAFEGUARD FOR A CONSERVATIVE BEACHHEAD.

OTHERWISE, BROWN SAYS, WE MUST BE PREPARED FOR A COMMUNIST LAOS.

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7. TURKEY: A) THE CONTINUED INABILITY ^{MIGHT} TO GET AGREEMENT ON A CIVILIAN CABINET ~~THAT~~ TRIGGER A NEW MILITARY COUP. AT LEAST TWO GROUPS OF YOUNGER OFFICERS--WITH SOME SUPPORT WITHIN THE RULING JUNTA--ARE MAKING PLANS TO OVERTHROW THE PRESENT MILITARY

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LEADERSHIP AND RESTORE AUTHORITARIAN RULE. SHOULD THEY MOVE, DIFFER-^{50X1}
ENCES PREVAILING BETWEEN THE MORE ZEALOUS JUNIOR OFFICERS AND^{THEIR} SENIORS
~~GRIMES~~ MIGHT WELL DEGENERATE INTO FIGHTING BETWEEN AND WITHIN
MILITARY UNITS.

NOTES

1. THERE ARE FRAGMENTARY INDICATIONS THAT FURTHER NUCLEAR TESTING,
MAY TAKE PLACE IN THE KAPUSTIN YAR AREA, THE RANGEHEAD USED BY THE
SOVIETS FOR TESTING SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES AND SHORT AND MEDIUM-
RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILES. THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN TWO NUCLEAR TESTS
THIS YEAR AT KAPUSTIN YAR, ONE IN SEPTEMBER AND ONE IN OCTOBER.

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2. ONE OF THREE SOVIET "SPACE SUPPORT" VESSELS WHICH HAVE BEEN IN
PORT IN CONAKRY, GUINEA, SINCE EARLY OCTOBER HAS SLOWLY BEEN MOVING
SOUTH FOR A WEEK. WE THINK THEY MAY AT LAST BE READYING FOR ANOTHER
SPACE SHOT, POSSIBLY EITHER A MANNED OR A LUNAR OPERATION, BUT IT

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3. CAIRO,

MAY SOON 50X1

GET TU-16 JET MEDIUM BOMBERS. WE DON'T KNOW HOW MANY

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5. THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT, DESPITE SOME OUTBREAKS OF VIOLENCE
OVER ITS BREAK WITH CUBA, APPEARS TO HAVE THINGS IN HAND.

6. IN EL SALVADOR, WHERE THE ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS HAS BECOME A
BITTER ISSUE, THERE IS GROWING LIKELIHOOD OF AN ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW
THE REGIME. THE POWERFUL "14 FAMILIES" HAVE MOUNTED A MAJOR
PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE REGIME, AND AGAINST THE US, FOR ITS
REFORM PROGRAM AND WE ARE SEEING MORE AND MORE REPORTS THAT THE

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OPPOSITION IS TRYING TO BUY MILITARY SUPPORT FOR A COUP.

8. THE SOVIET-CHINESE ALBANIAN EMBROGLIO SHOWS NO SIGNS OF ABATING AS PRAVDA HAS PRINTED A TOGBATTI STATEMENT MENTIONING CHINESE SUPPORT ON ALBANIA AND THE CHINESE HAVE PUBLISHED HOXA'S SPEECH REVILING KHRUSCHEV.

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ATTENTION: MR. BROMLEY SMITH

SITUATION REPORT ON THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

(NOTE: INFORMATION AS AVAILABLE TO THE OFFICE OF CURRENT INTELLIGENCE, CIA AT ~~1200~~, EST, 19 NOVEMBER)

IN A SPEECH JUST COMPLETED

1. ~~THE DOMINICAN ARMY AND PRESIDENT BALAGUER ANNOUNCED THAT HECTOR AND ARISMENDI WOULD LEAVE WITHIN A FEW HOURS AND THAT HE WAS ASSUMING SUPREME COMMAND OF THE ARMED FORCES.~~

2. ~~A DECISIVE FACTOR IN THE APPARENT SUCCESS OF CONTROL~~ DOMINICAN AIR FORCE ~~IS~~ STATEMENT EARLY THIS

MORNING DECLARING ITS SUPPORT FOR BALAGUER AND DEMANDING THE OUSTER OF HECTOR AND ARISMENDI TRUJILLO. THE AIR FORCE, WHICH HAS ITS OWN LARGE GROUND UNITS, IS THE ONLY ARM OF THE DOMINICAN ARMED FORCES WITH AN EFFECTIVE MOBILE FIGHTING CAPACITY. ITS OFFICERS ARE SEVERAL CUTS ABOVE THOSE IN THE ARMY, AND YESTERDAY A NUMBER OF IN-

FLUENTIAL OFFICERS PRIVATELY INDICATED ~~TO A US OFFICER THEIR GEN. SANCHEZ,~~ SUPPORT FOR BALAGUER. THE NOMINAL HEAD OF THE AIR FORCE WAS, HOW-

EVER, IN A BELLICOSE AND INTRANSIGENT MOOD YESTERDAY AND HAS NO GREAT ~~ACCORDING TO A LATE REPORT, HE HAS NOW BEEN REPLACED~~ REGARD FOR BALAGUER. IT IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE HOW MUCH OF A FACTOR WAS

THE THREAT OF US DEMONSTRATIONS ~~WAS~~ IN THE DECISION TO ISSUE THE

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AIR FORCE DECLARATION. THE NAVY HAS FOLLOWED THE AIR FORCE WITH A DECLARATION SUPPORTING BALAGUER.

3. PRESIDENT BALAGUER ISSUED A DECREE ESTABLISHING A STATE OF PROBABLY ED NATIONAL EMERGENCY EARLY TODAY WHICH ALSO STRENGTHEN HIS HAND. SV

4. HECTOR AND ARISMENDI TRUJILLO, APPARENTLY TAKEN ABACK BY THE FIRMNESS OF THE US POSITION AND POSSIBLY BY AN INABILITY TO LINE UP SUFFICIENT SUPPORT WITHIN THE MILITARY, TOLD BALAGUER LATE LAST NIGHT THAT THEY "HAD NO THOUGHT" OF A COUP. BALAGUER, SKEPTICAL, "CHUCKLED" WHEN HE TOLD US CONSUL GENERAL HILL OF THIS. AS LONG AS THE AIR FORCE REMAINS HOSTILE TO THEM, WE DOUBT THAT HECTOR AND ARISMENDI WOULD BE ABLE TO EXECUTE A SUCCESSFUL COUP. WE DON'T NOW KNOW WHETHER THEY HAVE GIVEN UP OR ARE STILL TRYING TO LINE UP SUPPORT. WE ARE STILL WAITING TO SEE THEIR ACTUAL DEPARTURE.

5. RAMFIS TRUJILLO, WHO HAS INDEED WASHED HIS HANDS OF THE AFFAIR, WAS LAST REPORTED ENROUTE TO EUROPE.

6. THE TWO LEADING OPPOSITION GROUPS OFFERED THEIR SUPPORT TO BALAGUER YESTERDAY.

7. THE STRIKE SITUATION WHICH PARALYZED CIUDAD TRUJILLO LATE LAST WEEK APPEARS TO HAVE EASED. DOMINICAN CITIZENS IN THE CAPITAL ARE REPORTED BY US PRESS REPRESENTATIVES TO HAVE DEMONSTRATED JOYFULLY AT THE SIGHT OF US WARSHIPS OFF THE COAST EARLY IN THE DAY, IN

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<p>APPARENT RECOGNITION OF US SUPPORT AGAINST ANY RESTORATION OF DICTATORIAL GOVERNMENT. THE RADIO STATION OWNED BY GENERAL ARISMENDI TRUJILLO HAS PETULANTLY COMPLAINED ABOUT US INTERFERENCE IN DOMINICAN DEVELOPMENTS.</p>					

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Nuclear test ban talks

- a) Ambassador Thompson reports that Gromyko told Western ambassadors at a reception Friday that Moscow would accept US-UK proposals for a renewal of negotiations on an atomic test ban. No date was mentioned.
- b) Unconditional Soviet acceptance of the US-UK proposal would be a complete departure from their stand that the test question be considered only in the context of general disarmament.
- c) We have seen nothing more of the fragmentary indications of preparations for a nuclear test at Kapustin Yar

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2. Adenauer-Kroll-Khrushchev

- a) The US Embassy in Bonn notes an "incredible" situation. Kroll is returning to Moscow, allegedly not instructed to talk about Berlin, but soon to be Khrushchev's guest on the Black Sea.
- b) It sees Adenauer as expecting some new Soviet bilateral pitch which could result in diminished pressure on West Germany and even Berlin and which he thinks Kroll could best exploit. (b) (c) (d)
- c) The Embassy has heard "reliably" that Kroll, in justifying to President Luebke his famous talk with Khrushchev, said that Ambassador Thompson had congratulated him and had said he would recommend to President Kennedy that the ideas advanced by Kroll should be followed up.

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3. Finland

- a) Kekkonen's planned visit to see Khrushchev on Friday may be a last ditch effort to stave off consultations on defense matters.
- b) Yesterday in an election campaign speech Kekkonen described West German Defense Minister Strauss' trip to Norway as an "incredible disservice to us."
- c) Non-Communist leaders are worried. The Agrarian Party Secretary seems to assume that Finland in the end has no choice but to accede to any Soviet demand. Finnish Communists are displaying arrogance and self-assurance.
- d) Despite their extreme worry, the Finns are not showing panic. Life goes on as usual, with everyone hoping for a solution.

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4. [redacted] recommend going ahead with Volta project in Ghana

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[redacted] not to do so 50X1
would risk losing Ghana. [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] Nkrumah is 50X1
firmly in power and will remain so, 50X1
barring assassination. [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] the economic outlook to be go 50X1
and [redacted] Nkrumah will follow an 50X1
independent course in East-West
relations, while socializing certain
aspects of the economy. [redacted] 50X1

5. South Vietnam

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Reporting as of late last week is not encouraging. Viet Cong influence still appears on the increase throughout South Vietnam; government security operations appear to be having little effect on the widespread Viet Cong guerrilla, terrorist and propaganda operations. The psychological situation in Saigon was "momentarily stable but still highly volatile pending the hoped-for, US-inspired new phase in the war," with some uneasiness over the absence of a visible aftermath to General Taylor's visit. The Diem government was being openly criticized, but coup plotting appeared to be temporarily in abeyance. [redacted]

NOTES

- A. Press reporting to the contrary, current and recent field training activity of bloc forces in western Poland, Czechoslovakia and East Germany does not appear to constitute a coordinated Warsaw Pact maneuver. It appears, rather, to comprise separate field exercises, in some instances at divisional or army level. [redacted] 50X1
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- B. The Tito-Nasir-Nehru communique contains no surprises. It did, though, note "a certain improvement in the international situation" and expressed pleasure with efforts toward negotiations on Berlin.
- C. President Garcia is still unwilling to concede the Philippine election to Macapagal and we think he may yet try some maneuver to stay in office or to keep Macapagal out.
- D. We are inclined to believe that new East German construction yesterday on the Berlin wall is psychological warfare--to strengthen the impression that the border and the wall are inviolable.
- E. Although most of the Algerians have ended their 19-day hunger strike, Ben Bella and two other leaders are reportedly still holding out.
- F. Phoumi may prove difficult over the three princes meeting in Vientiane. Souvanna and Souphanouvong apparently want to bring [redacted] troops [redacted] for their security and Phoumi doesn't like it. 50X1

- G. Turkish politicians, under strong military pressure, finally reached agreement Saturday on the distribution of posts in a coalition cabinet under Inonu. Such a cabinet will probably get an initial vote of confidence, but its future does not appear bright.
- H. US Consul General Hill, who yesterday had a "most interesting day," heaps credit on Balaguer and on the responsibility of the opposition groups. He notes that, prior to their departure, the main concern of Hector and Arismendi Trujillo was to get their money out so they could live in exile in the accustomed fashion.

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The Soviets repeated Saturday their claim to have solved
the problem of developing an anti-ballistic missile system.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

21 NOV. 1961
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1. Indian-Chinese Communist
Border Dispute

Nehru's disclosure of more Chinese incursions during the past 18 months will increase pressure on his government to strengthen military forces on the border. With national elections due next February, the Indians may put on a show of strength at the frontier even though this could well lead to further clashes with Chinese border units.

Soviet officials continue to view Chinese bull-headedness on this issue as a grave error which is driving Nehru into the arms of the West.

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2. France-Algeria

De Gaulle is reported preparing to address a meeting in Strasbourg on 24 November of some 2500 officers of all services, including representatives from all overseas bases. His purpose is not clear but he may be contemplating some decisive move in the Algerian situation and/or against the OAS, and may wish personally to lay down the law to the armed forces. OAS sympathizers are known to be apprehensive.

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- A. Khrushchev told Indian delegates attending the Party Congress that the USSR was conducting nuclear tests "only because we know that the United States has greater atomic power than we. The bombs we are exploding today are probably not known to the West. We must show them that we are ahead in some fields. This is the only effective deterrent to war." 50X1
- B. 50X1
- C. Walter Ulbricht may be in the Soviet Union. Khrushchev is on a trip to the Soviet Far East, and apparently landed in Novosibirsk this morning. He is scheduled to meet Kekkonen there on 26 November. 50X1
- D. Reporting on the Dominican situation indicates that it is calming down, although Consul General Hill sees a faint possibility of an attempt by some military interests in the north to upset Balaguer's regime by force.
- E. The Greek Foreign Minister has a "feeling" that something "drastic" will be engineered by Yugoslavia "very soon" against the Albanian regime. Ambassador Kennan doubts the Yugoslavs have either the capability or intention for such an intrigue.

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1. Berlin

- a) The Communists have now placed steel beams in a zig-zag pattern across the autobahn from West Germany between the Soviet and US checkpoints before it enters West Berlin. As so far constructed this barrier only slows down traffic. We do not know its purpose, but it may be a prelude to new harassments.
- b) During the new construction on the Berlin Wall over the weekend, East Germans tried a new series of harassments of US patrols in East Berlin--going so far as to rip radio antenna off several vehicles. They may be attempting to get a rise out of the members of the patrol as another means of dramatizing East German control in East Berlin.

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2. Vietnam

- a) Hanoi has recently published in book form a compilation of writings by North Vietnam's military chief, General Giap, who led Ho Chih Minh's forces against the French. According to the standards set forth by Giap, the transition from guerrilla warfare into mobile warfare is marked by the appearance of battalion-sized units--now the case with the Viet Cong.
- b) South Vietnamese casualty figures (killed, wounded and captured) have increased markedly over the past two months and casualties for 1961 may double those of 1960 (6700). The US Embassy fears a serious drop in military morale if the trend continues.

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3. West New Guinea

General Nasution, Indonesian Minister of National Security, has asked that the US not support the Dutch UN resolution on West New Guinea lest the US position "and that of its friends in Indonesia" be endangered. He sees no solution emerging from this UN session and wants the US to continue to be able to talk with both sides. He feels he can stave off a military solution as long as there is real hope for a political solution.

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4. Venezuela

Ambassador Stewart believes Betancourt would be "terribly disappointed" if President Kennedy does not visit Venezuela. Betancourt is confident he is now in a position to prevent trouble from the leftists. He believes he has convinced President Lleras of Columbia that a visit there by President Kennedy would be "impractical."

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5. USSR-Iran

There have been new Soviet-Iranian exchanges in Moscow over foreign bases in Iran. The Iranians have renewed their offer of a guarantee against missile bases; the Soviets have repeated their demand for one covering all foreign bases, but do not appear to be pressing hard now.

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6. Dominican Republic

Ciudad Trujillo yesterday was a sea of joyous confusion. Balaguer appears to be gaining control over the military, and his main problems now are to cope with increasing Castro/Communist agitation and organizational activities and to prevent some newly returned opposition leaders from inciting the crowds to irresponsible action.

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7. Laos

- a) As of yesterday the Boun Oum government was still boggling at the size of the security guard Souvanna and Souphanouvong wish to bring to Vientiane for the meeting of the three princes still scheduled for November 24-27.
- b) The Chinese Communist presence in Phong Saly province in northwest Laos is growing. Technicians have been arriving--principally for work on a road from Yunnan, a consul is now there, and Chinese light transports have recently been making daily flights into the area.

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A. Cairo, through its official news agency, yesterday lambasted President Kennedy in the strongest terms we have seen since last April. His Seattle speech is characterized as "full scale war on neutralism" and in this he "is no different from Khrushchev." His "deeds" include the recent Syrian revolt and "the attempt to isolate India from the neutral and nonaligned front."

B. We have reason to believe East Germany's Ulbricht flew to Moscow on Monday. We don't know why, but Moscow may wish to make changes in the East German party leadership or new initiatives on the Berlin and German issues may be brewing.

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C. Preparations for a new Soviet space shot appear to be stepping up. There is one tentative indication it will be manned. No date has been forecast, but it may be fairly soon.

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E. The Soviet civil airline apparently no longer runs through service to Peiping.

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F. Ambassador Kennan sees more signs that the Yugoslav government is preparing to charge the US with having cut off aid as a form of political pressure and to renounce any intention of accepting further aid.

- G. President Kekkonen has expressed his thanks for President Kennedy's "thoughtfulness and for the inconspicuous way in which his message was delivered." He described Secretary Rusk's press statement as "most helpful."
- H. The Albanians are putting out more feelers about expanding trade with the West. They seem to be interested in buying US wheat and in selling chrome and nickel to the US.

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1. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:

A. AS THE WAVE OF NATIONAL JUBILATION SUBSIDES SOME EXTREMIST AND STUDENT PRESSURE TO OVERTHROW BALAGUER IS DEVELOPING. SO FAR HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO KEEP THE LID ON, AND HAS CONSIDERABLY STRENGTHENED HIS REGIME BY THE APPOINTMENT OF STRONG MODERATE OFFICERS TO KEY MILITARY POSTS. THE RIOTING YESTERDAY WAS APPARENTLY UNORGANIZED AND FADED AWAY DURING BALAGUER'S SPEECH LAST NIGHT, IN WHICH HE ANNOUNCED HE HAD MADE CONTACT WITH OPPOSITION PARTIES WITH A VIEW TO ELECTIONS.

B. CRITICISM BY THE EXTREMIST OPPOSITION OF US ACTIONS DURING THE CRISIS HAS NOT AROUSED SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT, EXCEPT OF COURSE FROM CUBA. BALAGUER, IN HIS SPEECH, SAID THE US NAVAL UNITS HAD APPEARED "UNEXPECTEDLY" AND HAD NOT BEEN REQUESTED, BUT THEIR PRESENCE WAS "JUSTIFIABLE."

C. CIUDAD TRUJILLO NOW HAS ITS ORIGINAL NAME BACK--SANTO DOMINGO.

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2. INITIAL LINE-UP ON FRENCH PLAN FOR A LOOSE EUROPEAN CONFEDERATION: ALL THE OTHER EEC COUNTRIES WOULD PREFER CLOSER INSTITUTIONAL TIES THAN THOSE PROPOSED BY FRANCE, BUT WEST GERMANY,

ITALY, AND LUXEMBOURG WILL PROBABLY BE WILLING AFTER SOME HARD BARGAINING TO GO ALONG WITH THE FRENCH IN THE BELIEF THAT EAST-WEST TENSIONS MAKE SOME FIRST STEP IMPERATIVE. THE EX BELGIANS AND DUTCH, ON THE OTHER HAND, WANT TO POSTPONE NEGOTIATIONS IN ORDER NOT TO COMPLICATE BRITAIN'S ENTRY INTO THE EEC. THE BRITISH PROBABLY HAVE NO SERIOUS OBJECTIONS TO THE FRENCH PLAN.

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3. PAK FACES RENEWAL OF FACTIONALISM ON HIS RETURN TO SOUTH KOREA: HE HAS MANAGED SO FAR TO BALANCE OFF A GROUP OF SENIOR OFFICERS LED BY HIS DEPUTY YI CHU-IL AGAINST THE EXTREMIST YOUNGER OFFICER GROUP LED BY SECURITY CHIEF KIM, BUT KIM WILL PROBABLY NOW DEMAND THE OUSTER OF YI AND HIS SUPPORTERS. PAK'S OWN POSITION MAY HAVE BEEN WEAKENED BY SOUTH KOREAN FEAR THAT HE DID NOT OBTAIN NECESSARY AID FROM THE UNITED STATES. (CIA CABLE)

4. CONGO: TIDE APPARENTLY FLOWING AGAINST GIZENGA FOR THE MOMENT:

A. X PARLIAMENT HAS REAFFIRMED ITS ALMOST UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF ADOULA AND CRITICIZED GIZENGA'S ABSENCE. (THE LATTER'S ACTIVITIES REMAIN OBSCURE).

B. BOTH INTERIOR MINISTER GBNYE, A FORMER GIZENGA SUPPORTER, AND STANLEYVILLE COMMANDER LUNDULA HAVE APPARENTLY GIVEN UP ON GIZENGA, BUT MAY TRY TO TAKE OVER HIS NEW PARTY AND USE IT AGAINST ADOULA.

C. WE HAVE SOME INDICATION THAT KATANGA FORCES ARE MOVING TO RETAKE ALBERTVILLE FROM STANLEYVILLE FORCES.

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5. KHRUSHCHEV'S ATTACKS ON STALIN EMBARRASS CZECH PARTY:
PARTY BOSS NOVOTNY IS TRYING TO LAY THE REVIVED GHOST OF PARTY
SECRETARY RUDOLF SLANSKY, WHO WAS EXECUTED IN 1952 BY THE PRESENT
PARTY LEADERSHIP--INCLUDING NOVOTNY--ON STALIN'S ORDERS. NOVOTNY,
WHILE JUSTIFYING SLANSKY'S EXECUTION, HAS PUBLICLY PUT RESPONSIBILITY
FOR IT ON HIS PREDECESSOR GOTTLWALD, WHO DIED IN 1953. HIS ATTACK
ON THE HERETOFORE HIGHLY HONORED GOTTLWALD WILL HAVE A FURTHER UN-
SETTLING EFFECT ON THE PARTY.

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6. WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--22 NOVEMBER

A. NO SINO-SOVIET BLOC COUNTRY INTENDS TO INITIATE DIRECT
MILITARY ACTION IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

B. SOUTH VIETNAM: VIET CONG SUBVERSIVE AND MILITARY
ACTIVITY CONTINUES AT A HIGH RATE, WITH NO INDICATION THAT THE
SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT CAN EFFECTIVELY REVERSE THE TREND IN
THE NEAR FUTURE. THE VIET CONG MAINTAIN THE CAPABILITY OF CONDUCT-
ING LARGE-SCALE ATTACKS ON PRE-SELECTED TARGETS IN SOME AREAS OF
THE COUNTRY AT ANY TIME.

C. BERLIN: THE COMMUNISTS CONTINUE THEIR PRESSURE ON
THE WEST'S POSITION IN BERLIN. FURTHER HARASSMENTS AGAINST ALLIED
ACCESS RIGHTS MAY BE ANTICIPATED.

7. NOTES:

A. WE HAVE MADE OUR FIRST IDENTIFICATION OF AN OPERATIONAL
SOVIET NUCLEAR-POWERED BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE IN THE PACIFIC.
THIS MAKES AT LEAST 29 SUBMARINES EQUIPPED TO LAUNCH BALLISTIC

MISSILES, SEVEN OTHERS--CONVENTIONALLY POWERED--IN THE PACIFIC,
AND SIX NUCLEAR AND 15 CONVENTIONAL BASED NEAR MURMANSK. WE DO
NOT THINK ANY OF THESE CAN LAUNCH WHILE SUBMERGED.

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B. ANOTHER SYMPTOM OF SINO-SOVIET STRESSES: THE CHINESE 50X1
HAVE STOPPED USING SOVIET CHANNELS TO SELL GOLD

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C. EMBASSY HELSINKI BELIEVES FINLAND IS IN MUCH BETTER
SHAPE TO WITHSTAND SOVIET ECONOMIC SANCTIONS THAN IN 1958, WHEN
THE USSR WAS ABLE TO BRING DOWN THE FAGERHOLM GOVERNMENT BY
CUTTING OFF TRADE, AND COULD WEATHER SUCH A STORM WITH MODERATE
OUTSIDE AID. KEKKONEN MEETS KHRUSHCHEV TODAY.

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F. GARCIA HAS STILL NOT CONCEDED THE PHILIPPINE ELECTION.
THERE ARE CONTINUED MUTTERINGS THAT HE WILL ATTEMPT TO REVERSE IT,
BUT MACAPAGAL'S POSITION IS GROWING STEADILY STRONGER.

G. DE GAULLE'S PUBLIC SPEECH YESTERDAY AT STRASBOURG
CONTAINED NO SURPRISES.

H. MEXICO IS SHOWING ITS FIRST SIGNS OF BEING WILLING TO
TAKE SOME ACTION AGAINST CUBA.

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ALIA--OF BEING WILLING TO HELP ONLY ON "THE CONDITIONS THAT IT
EXPLOIT VIETNAM WITH A POLICY OF IMPERIALISM."

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2. KEKKONEN-KHRUSHCHEV MEETING.

A. ALTHOUGH KHRUSHCHEVS REMARKS YESTERDAY SEEMED TO IMPLY
THAT HE HAD NOT MODERATED HIS DEMANDS FOR CONSULTATION ON DEFENSE
MATTERS,

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B. KHRUSHCHEVS PUBLIC EMPHASIS OF HIS "GRAVE CONCERN" OVER
ACTIVITIES OF "RIGHT-WING GROUPS" IN FINLAND SEEKS TO US TO IMPLY
THAT KEKKONEN PAID FOR ANY SUCH AGREEMENT WITH POLITICAL CONCESSIONS.
ONE
KHRUSHCHEV HAS ALREADY ACHIEVED ~~THE~~ GOAL WITH THE WITHDRAWAL OF
~~THE~~ KEKKONENS ~~PROJECT~~ OPPONENT FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

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C. THE HELSINKI PRESS HAS RECEIVED, BUT SO FAR HAS NOT PRINTED, A RUMOR ORIGINATING IN LONDON THAT THE US AND BRITISH AMBASSADORS CALLED ON KEKKONEN WITH "SOME ~~E~~ SORT OF PROPOSAL" BEFORE HE LEFT FOR NOVOSIBIRSK.

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3. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: THE MODERATE OPPOSITION GROUPS, WHICH ARE SUPPORTED BY THE BULK OF THE POPULATION, HAVE SO FAR BEEN UNABLE TO AGREE AMONG THEMSELVES AND WITH BALAGUER ON A COALITION GOVERNMENT. OPPOSITION LEADERS, WHILE GIVING BALAGUER CREDIT FOR HIS ROLE IN DISSOLUTION OF THE TRUJILLO REGIME, GENERALLY FEEL HE IS STILL TAINTED BY HIS LONG ASSOCIATION WITH THE TRUJILLOS. BALAGUER, HOWEVER, FEELS THE OPPOSITION HAS NO CASE WITH THE TRUJILLOS GONE, AND IS UNWILLING TO "HAND THE GOVERNMENT" TO IT. THE MILITARY WILL BE TEMPTED TO ASSUME BY DEFAULT MANY CIVIL FUNCTIONS UNLESS AN EFFECTIVE COALITION IS SOON FORMED.

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4. LAOS: REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE PRINCES HAVE AGAIN FAILED TO AGREE ON SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING IN VIENTIANE, AND SOUVANNAS AND SOUPHANNOUVONGS DELEGATES HAVE RETURNED TO XIENG KHOUANG. PHOURI, HOWEVER, HAS [REDACTED] STATED HIS WILL^{50X1 SS} TO ALLOW BOTH PRINCES TO BRING A FULL COMPANY OF TROOPS, IN WHICH CASE THEY MAY WITHDRAW THEIR DEMAND THAT HE "DEMILITARIZE" VIENTIANE. THE PRESENCE IN THE CITY OF SOVIET AMBASSADOR ABRAMOV MAY PROVE

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HELPFUL. CHINESE FLIGHTS INTO PHONG SALY HAVE STOPPED.

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5. CONGO: STANLEYVILLE COMMANDER LUNDULA, WHO IS EVIDENTLY
ACTING AS A "SLEEPER" FOR THE EXTREME NATIONALISTS, HAS ASKED
WHETHER HE SHOULD AT THIS TIME COOPERATE
WITH ADOULA OR TURN AGAINST HIM. THIS MESSAGE THROWS SOME DOUBT
ON THE SINCERITY OF HIS BREAK WITH GIZENGA

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B. GHANA IS REPORTED WILLING TO RETURN A BATTALION TO THE UN
FORCES IN THE CONGO IF IT IS NOT USED OUTSIDE LEOPOLDVILLE FOR THE
TIME BEING, AND IF GHANAIAN SOVIET-BUILT AIRCRAFT WITH SOVIET PILOTS
MAY BE USED TO SUPPORT THEM.

C. THESE AND OTHER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS ARE BRINGING US TO
SUSPECT THAT THE RADICAL AFRICAN STATES--IN COLLUSION WITH THE
SOVIETS--CONSIDER CONDITIONS RIPE FOR A STEPPED-UP EFFORT TO
INFLUENCE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CONGO.

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6. NOTES:

A. ADENAUERS OFFICE HAS ANNOUNCED HE HAS FLU, AND WILL PROBABLY BE UNABLE MEET DE GAULLE NEXT WEEK. HE IS DESCRIBED BY GERMAN OFFICIALS IN BONN
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EXTREMELY PHASED WITH HIS WASHINGTON VISIT.

B. THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE CRITICISM IN THE WEST GERMAN PRESS OF US ACTION IN THE TRAIN INCIDENT ON THURSDAY, ALTHOUGH ALL PAPERS DEPLORE THE NECESSITY OF HANDING THE REFUGEE BACK TO THE EAST GERMANS. THE LATTER CLAIM THAT BY SO DOING THE US HAS ACKNOWLEDGED EAST GERMAN SOVEREIGNTY.

C. WHAT WAS APPARENTLY INTENDED TO BE AN ALBANIAN FEELER FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE US APPEARED LAST WEEK IN A NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED BY A COMMUNIST-DOMINATED ALBANIAN EMIGRE GROUP IN BOSTON. THE PAPER ACCUSED THE USSR OF REFUSING FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS TO ALLOW ALBANIA TO APPROACH THE US, AND CLAIMED GREECE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR WASHINGTONS LACK OF "ANY GREAT INTEREST" IN RELATIONS WITH ALBANIA.
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D. IN COMMENTING ON PRESS ALLEGATIONS THAT US-CHINESE COMMUNIST NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE SALE OF WHEAT ARE UNDER WAY, OUR CONSULATE-GENERAL IN HONG KONG NOTES THAT TWO DELEGATIONS OF US WHEAT ASSOCIATION OFFICIALS PASSED THROUGH THAT CITY LAST MONTH. THERE IS NO CONFIRMATION THAT EITHER GROUP HAD ANY ~~SECRET~~ CONTACT WITH THE CHINESE, BUT THE CONSULATE SMELLS A RAT.

E. FRANCE IS APPARENTLY PLANNING TO WITHDRAW FROM MOST OF ITS FACILITIES AT THE KENITRA (PORT LY~~A~~TEY) NAVAL BASE IN MOROCCO EARLY NEXT YEAR. THIS WILL LEAVE THE US AS THE MAJOR OCCUPANT OF THE BASE AND THE PRIMARY TARGET OF MOROCCAN PRESSURES.

F. THE FRENCH ARE EXPECTED TO DELIVER ABOUT 40 MIRAGE III FIGHTERS TO ISRAEL BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR; THESE AIRCRAFT WILL MATCH MIG-21S THE EGYPTIANS HAVE ORDERED FROM THE USSR. 50X1

G. IN A PUBLIC STATEMENT YESTERDAY, THE ~~XHOMERIAN~~ INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY ACCUSED THE NETHERLANDS OF ATTEMPTING--WITH ~~SUPERIOR~~ SINISTER INTENT--TO INVOLVE THE US NAVY IN THE SEARCH FOR MICHAEL ROCKEFELLER. THE DUTCH HAVE IN FACT DECLINED AS UNNECESSARY OUR

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LATE ITEM

Negotiations in Dominican Republic coming to a head

The moderate opposition has asked Balaguer to appoint Fiallo Secretary of the Armed Forces--which would make him constitutional successor to the Presidency--and then to resign. The opposition believes Balaguer has agreed and that it has the support of the military in this proposal. Hill, when he reported, had not had a chance to talk to Balaguer.

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1. Laos: Phoumi, under pressure, accepts compromise on security arrangements.

A. The princes' meeting in Vientiane is now tentatively scheduled for this week, but another meeting of representatives to make final arrangements is still necessary, and further delays are not unlikely.

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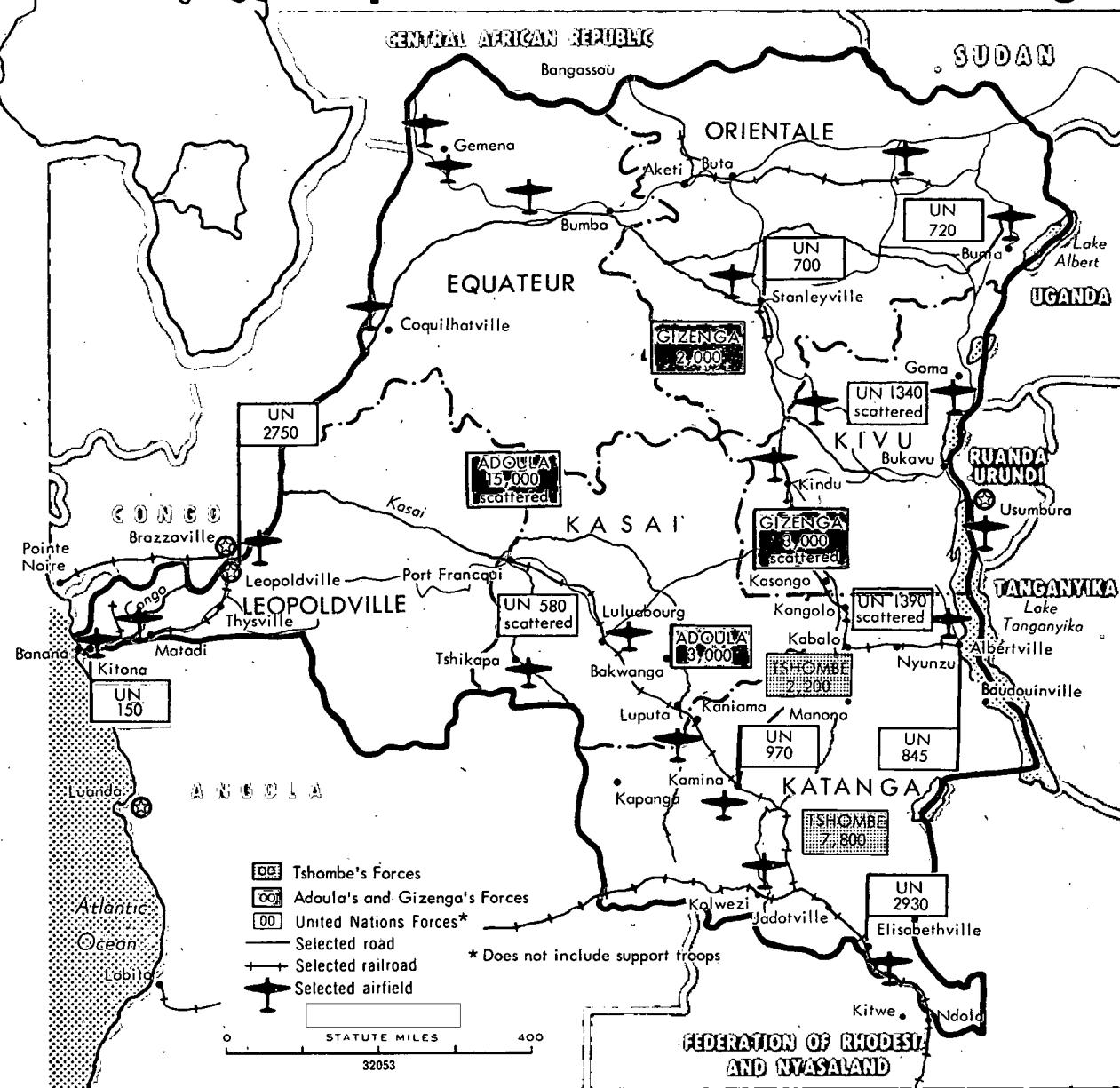
B. Soviet Ambassador Abramov assisted Brown in arranging the compromise. He impressed Brown as extremely anxious to avoid a resumption of hostilities, specifically stating that it would result in Chinese intervention.

2. Attempt to overthrow government of El Salvador may occur in next few days.

The "Fourteen Families," strongly opposed to the present reform-minded provisional government, have purchased the support of a number of army officers. Loyal army officers are looking for a way to block the coup.

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Republic of the Congo



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3. Friday's UN resolutions open way for new moves against Katanga

A. Tshombé has responded defiantly to the resolution, which, although limited, does authorize the UN to use force in ousting his mercenaries. The UN is planning for renewed operations, but is probably short of troops for a full-scale campaign in Katanga. Action against Tshombé's mercenaries, however, would leave him more vulnerable to Gizengist incursions from the north. Katanga claims it repelled another attack by Leopoldville forces yesterday.

B. [redacted]

[redacted] Lundula, rather than acting as a sleeper for the extreme nationalists, is genuinely puzzled as to which group of nationalists he should support. [redacted]

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4. Vietnam

A. North Vietnam has protested strongly to the Geneva Co-chairmen against increased US military support of Diem.

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C. [redacted] today's Saigon press suggests that the campaign against "conditions" on US aid is continuing. [redacted]

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5. Lightner analyzes
Ulbricht's report
to the East German
Central Committee

He thinks Ulbricht was attempting to "explain away" postponement of the peace treaty. While following Khrushchev's lead in defining the framework for negotiations, Ulbricht took an extreme bargaining position, ruling out any East German concessions in return for de facto recognition and demanding--inter alia--reduction of Western troop strength and elimination of Western "subversive" activities in the city. [redacted]

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6. Spanish concern over
Spanish Sahara

The Spaniards have once again shown their hypersensitivity to US African policies. They made a strong protest to our Embassy in Madrid against an alleged statement by Ambassador Bonsal--which he did not make--to the Moroccans suggesting that Spain should give Morocco hegemony over Spanish Sahara. We can expect further buffeting from both sides over this sensitive issue.

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NOTES

- A. There was some sort of incident off Portuguese Goa Friday night. The Portuguese claim they beat off an invasion; the Indians say a merchant ship was fired on and a fisherman killed. Nehru said [redacted] that India is "taking some steps" to prevent 50X1 further Portuguese firing.
- B. Algiers apparently had one of its bloodiest weekends yet, with both Moslems and the OAS active.
- C. Egypt has asked the US for 300,000 tons of rice under PL 480.
- D. The USSR has protested to our Embassy "the use of tourism for spying purposes."

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1. Dominican groups remain at loggerheads.

- a) A nationwide general strike, called by the National Civic Union, is now in progress. We are not able to say yet how much it has caught on.
- b) the strike call came after the opposition and President Balaguer reached an impasse over the former's demand that the government be turned over to a junta dominated by it.
- c) Balaguer, whom the opposition accuses of bad faith in his negotiations with it, believes that he has enough backing from the military to control the situation. He has received a pledge of support from armed forces chief Echavarria.
- d) our consulate in Santo Domingo is apprehensive, however, that the breakdown in negotiations will encourage moves by extremists of left and right.

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2. French-Algerian negotiations making progress

the negotiations, interrupted by the Ben Bella hunger strike, are again making good headway. Although some of the rebel negotiators are skeptical of De Gaulle's ability to make a settlement stick, the meetings have apparently succeeded in removing, at least tentatively, the fundamental political problems, with the remaining issues being mainly economic.

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3. Dissension in South Vietnam Government

- a) Several top military officers, some of whom have been generally circumspect in the past, are now telling our representatives in Saigon that they are determined to force a shake-up in the government in the near future and that there is no other route to reform. They appear to be hoping for some form of US approval before going further.
- b) the disgruntled officers are particularly bitter toward Diem's brother and principal adviser, Ngo Dinh Nhu and the latter's wife, whom they represent as the real powers in the regime and the main opponents of changes.
- c) press criticism of US policy which was touched off by Ngo Dinh Nhu, is continuing. President Diem, following a protest by our Ambassador and the remonstrances of several of his senior advisers, has ordered the campaign tempered but not ended.

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A. The Chinese Communists appear intent on doing considerable lobbying for their point of view at next month's meeting of the World Federation of Trade Unions in Moscow. Their insistence on arguing against Soviet positions at a similar meeting held in Peiping in June of last year, which incensed Moscow, was the signal for the reopening of the Sino-Soviet ideological dispute and the withdrawal of Soviet technicians from China.

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C. The Austrian government is fearful that it is to be the next object of Soviet pressures. It expects a concerted Soviet effort to block Austrian association with EEC during trade negotiations scheduled to open in Vienna the first of next month.

D. Nyerere, prime minister of Tanganyika, evidencing extreme neutralistic fears of offending the Soviet Bloc,

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E. Quadros [redacted] plans to return to Brazil at the beginning of next year to reenter politics. Quadros [redacted] still has his sights on recapturing his country's highest post.

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1. Congo

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UN forces in Elizabethville will be at extremely low strength during rotation of units in early December, and will be hard put to maintain security, much less move against Tshombé's régime.

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C. The city of Stanleyville is in desperate condition as a result of Gizenga's activities, the further breakdown of Congolese army discipline, and disastrous floods which have virtually destroyed electric power and water supplies.

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2. Dominican Republic

Yesterday's events led to an agreement in principle between Balaguer and the opposition to form a coalition, hold elections in January, and inaugurate a new President in February. This compromise was achieved when Balaguer met the effective general strike with a threat to turn his office over to the military. The split between the armed forces and the opposition has been widened by yesterday's actions, however, and chances for a stable solution have been damaged. General Rodriguez, the new commander of the armed forces, has been described by members of the OAS subcommittee as "another Trujillo in the making," while the more moderate opposition leaders may be losing control to extremist elements.

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3. Laos: [princes'] meeting negotiations again break down

After further quibbling yesterday among their representatives [redacted]

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[redacted] the leader of the Xieng Khouang group suddenly broke off talks and left Vientiane, apparently against the wishes of the Soviet Ambassador. Subsequently Souvanna and Souphanouvong again proposed to Boun Oum a meeting Friday at the cease-fire line. [redacted]

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4. Touré's jailing of teachers' union leaders arouses considerable popular opposition in Guinea

The union leaders have charged Touré with failure to improve living conditions, corruption and inefficiency. They seem, however, to be motivated by personal grievances against Touré rather than by differences in political orientation. Touré is trying to restore his prestige by dramatic anti-Western measures. He has nationalized one foreign-owned bauxite firm (Guinea may have half the free world's bauxite deposits) and is dickering with the USSR for construction of a large hydroelectric plant. [redacted]

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- A. The USSR has made only the briefest mention of the President's interview with Adzhubei in any medium except Izvestia. 50X1
- B. There were two successful Soviet ICBM shots to Kamchatka [redacted] 50X1
- C. Embassy Paris has been told by the French Foreign office that the De Gaulle-Macmillan talks "did not go well" and that De Gaulle stood firm against immediate negotiations with the USSR. He indicated, however, that he might change his position if Adenauer urged him. [redacted] 50X1
- D. General Clay sees in Socialist newspaper comment on the train incident last week a danger that the Socialists may open a major attack on Adenauer for his close relations with the US.
- E. The 1962 trade agreement between Finland and the USSR, signed two hours after release of the Kekkonen-Khrushchev communique, provides for a 25 percent increase in trade. It is likely to reverse the trend of the last few years toward decreasing Finnish economic dependency on the USSR. 50X1
- G. Sukarno was non-committal when asked by Ambassador Jones about the Pope case. Jones believes that US support for a formula that would "settle" the West New Guinea problem would help Pope considerably.

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1. Dominican Republic

- a) The general strike is still in effect but appears to be tapering off. Army chief General Rodríguez and opposition leader Fiallo were both in a highly agitated state yesterday when they called on our Consul but seemed to realize the dangers of letting the situation get out of hand.
- b) Considerable progress was made in the political negotiations yesterday but some points of disagreement still remain.
- c) The National Civic Union is now considering calling off the strike with or without a political agreement.

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2. Bloc treatment of Adzhubey interview

Another Soviet newspaper, Soviet Army, has published Izvestiya's account of the interview. The Polish press has published a partial account, highlighting the President's assessment of US-USSR relations as unsatisfactory, the priority of the Berlin and German issue, the hope for early negotiations,

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3. Libyan military elements contemplate revolt against King

A group of officers loyal to General Lataiwish, who was ousted as chief of staff by the King on Wednesday, are in a defiant mood and are discussing plans for an uprising in support of the general. The plotters control some important military assets, but the King apparently has wind of their plans and, if the military take action, would probably turn his internal police organization, which is smaller but rated more effective, against them. In the event of a real crisis, the King would probably also call for support from the British military units stationed in Libya.

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4. Indonesia speeding military build-up

a) Yesterday, Sukarno indicated to Ambassador Jones that he wants a "where do we go from here?" talk with him as soon as UN developments on West New Guinea are clear. Jones believes that if a political solution fails, military action is "well nigh inevitable."

b) Djakarta's military build-up is getting a big assist from the USSR's military training program and accelerated shipment of military equipment. Two Soviet submarines are scheduled for delivery early next month, another two in January--this on top of substantial deliveries already made this year, including jet planes, small warships and weapons.

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c) An Indonesian military purchasing mission arrived in Washington yesterday seeking, among other things, surface-to-air missiles.

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5. Syria prepares for elections

Extreme security measures are being taken throughout the country on the eve of tomorrow's elections to the constituent assembly. The borders were closed yesterday to prevent the entry of UAR agents seeking to disrupt the elections. The army is exerting its influence in favor of a moderately-inclined assembly, but with political parties banned and over 1800 candidates scrambling for 172 seats, the electoral outcome is bound to be a mixed bag.

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6. Some European reactions
to Soviet-Finnish
situation

a)

Khrushchev

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has done no more than suspend his demands for military conversations, that he has already succeeded in changing Finnish political picture, and that he has made Finland a hostage for the good behavior of the Scandinavian countries.

b) Our Embassy in Stockholm, sees the Swedes as too optimistic over Kekkonen's mission to the Soviet Union and fears they may be ripe for Soviet use as an unwitting intermediary with the Danes and Norwegians any time Khrushchev chooses to squeeze Finland further.

c) Danish attention is focussing on the relation between the Finnish situation and the Baltic command proposal. A typical press comment is that Finland is being made into a Soviet "watchdog" over the rest of Scandinavia.

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A. Our consulate in Elizabethville reports that the situation there continues to be "electric," with tempers running very high on both sides.

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C. The Chinese Communist foreign ministry yesterday issued a statement--the strongest yet from Peiping--saying that it "cannot remain indifferent" to US actions in South Vietnam. North Vietnam, meanwhile, is fanning out special envoys to a number of neutralists countries--India, Indonesia, and Cambodia so far--in a bid for support for its position vis-a-vis South Vietnam.

D. The latest canvass of Latin American sentiment indicates that the 4 December OAS meeting will approve the proposal for a foreign ministers meeting on Cuba

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E. The Moroccan government has given some indications--our Ambassador calls them "disquieting"--that it may press for a revision of its bases agreement with the US in the direction of earlier relinquishment than now scheduled.

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WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--29 November

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

The Communists continue their pressure on the West's position in Berlin. Further harassments against Allied access rights may occur.

Viet Cong subversive and military activity continues at a high rate, with no indication that the South Vietnamese Government can effectively reverse the trend in the near future.

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