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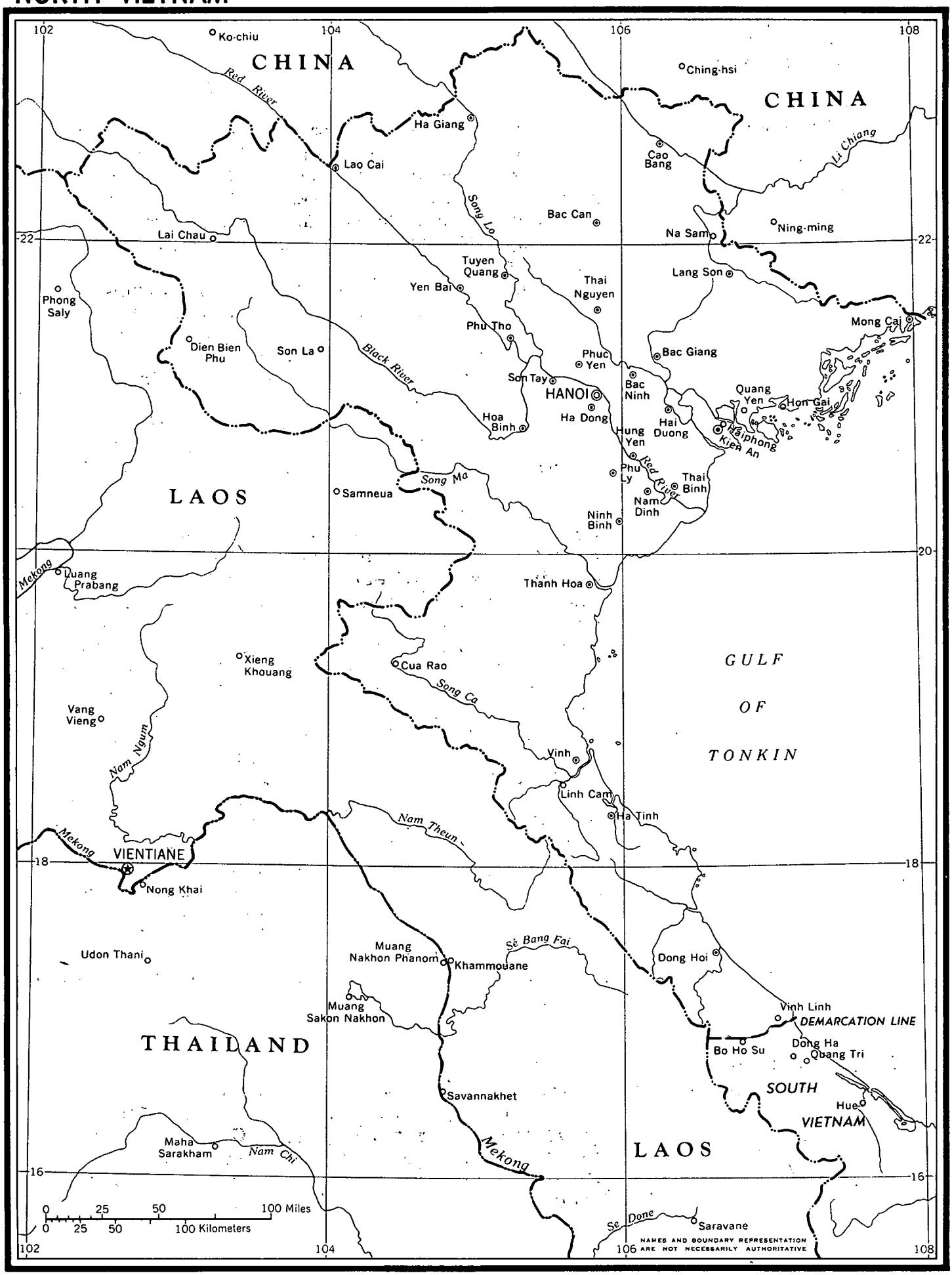

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1. Vietnam

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A new radar set up has appeared near Phu Tho, 30 miles northwest of Hanoi (see map). It includes an early warning radar and probably a target acquisition radar for surface-to-air missile sites. Intercepts connected with the 26 July shoot-down of a US drone aircraft indicated that the Soviet SAM crew was receiving azimuth and range bearings from the Vietnamese at Phu Tho.

2. North Vietnam

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3. Greece

Parliament reopened today but action on the government's motion for a vote of confidence will probably not come until later in the week.

Late press reports indicate that the opening session got well out of hand. Fighting among the delegates broke out almost immediately and the police were called in.

Greek security forces have been put on alert to deal with any public disorder.

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4. Egypt

Results of the recent talks between Nasir's envoy and King Faysal on a settlement of the Yemen war are still unclear.

5. Dominican Republic

There is mounting impatience for a settlement among Dominicans, including business and labor circles and the leaders of the largest political parties.

There are, however, important elements who do not want a solution and are looking for personal satisfaction no matter what it may cost the country. Ambassador Bunker calls it a "slippery and complex" situation, but he hopes that his negotiating team can see a provisional government installed by the middle of the month.

The present situation is examined in today's Annex.

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6. Honduras

The government lifted the state of siege over the weekend, and the capital is now quiet.

This may be only a temporary lull. 50X1

[redacted] the opposition Liberal Party is preparing its paramilitary units for armed action against the government. This kind of activity would probably be supported by Communists and other dissidents.

The Honduran security forces are alerted.

7. Colombia

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ANNEX

The Situation in Santo Domingo

Ambassador Bunker believes that sound progress has been made in the past few weeks toward a settlement. He reports that the Organization of American States negotiating team is ready to deal with the really thorny problems. These include the future role of the rebel and loyalist military, the abolition of the rebel zone, and the disarmament of civilians.

Garcia Godoy, who has been tapped to head the provisional government, has said that he will not take office until there is agreement all around on these matters. So far, Bunker has been having trouble in bringing leaders of the two military factions together. There is face to be saved on both sides, but Bunker feels the problems, though real, are not insurmountable.

For one thing, Caamano continues publicly to support negotiations. There are, however, extremists on the rebel side who want either no talks at all or talks which drag on without resolution. Caamano's chief adviser, Aristy, for example, yesterday repeated the call for a continuing struggle against "foreign invaders."

Thus,a key question is whether Caamano, given the best will in the world, can carry the bulk of his commanders along with him. Then, there is a possibility that, even if he is able to get such support, hard-core extremists will fight rather than permit the disbanding of rebel armed forces. Armed resistance within the zone might well be spotty. We estimate that out of several thousand armed partisans on the Caamano side, roughly 200-400 could be designated "fight-to-the-end" elements. The extremists may be forced to mount a guerrilla effort in the hills.

On the loyalist side, the chief obstacle to a quick settlement seems to be Imbert himself. He has been unwilling to compromise. He apparently harbors the hope that the rebels will collapse if only he can hold on long enough.

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Loyalist armed forces chieftains have hinted that they will tell Imbert to "go home" when they judge such an action is needed for a final settlement. The generals, of course, do not want to step down themselves, though the rebel side has insisted that some of them will have to go. In any case, no provisional government could govern long without the armed forces and police.

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1. Vietnam

Ghana's President Nkrumah is still unsure whether to go on a peace mission to Hanoi. 50X1

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Nkrumah's special representative, on his way back to Ghana from Hanoi, is acting as if he "has something" and has told the press that peace moves are "on hand." It is difficult to reconcile this statement with the latest defiant blasts from Hanoi and Peiping.

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2. Communist China

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3. Malaysia

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intercepts continue to reveal that installations on the Malayan peninsula are being targeted for sabotage. 50X1

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EXCERPTS FROM REPORTS OF AGANBEGYAN'S MID-JUNE CRITICISM OF SOVIET ECONOMIC ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

The structure of Soviet production is the most backward of all developed nations.

Putting new technology into industrial use continues to become more difficult.

Unemployment is a great problem and is increasing.

In the past few years there has been practically no rise in the standard of living.

Soviet defense expenditures are about the same as those of the United States but the Soviet economic base is only about half that of the US. This is a principal reason for economic difficulties.

Today's planning system is the same as that of the thirties. Gosplan's efforts to balance supply and demand plans result in serious errors.

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The USSR has senselessly followed a policy of over-industrialization for many years.

The faults of the Soviet system were summed up in the following categories:

1) The incorrect direction of the economic development of the USSR
2) The lack of coordination between the system of planning, incentives, and administration of the Soviet economy and the current demands of life

In response to a question on whether the United States or the Soviet Union had the most powerful economic system, Aganbegyan [redacted] said facetiously that the Soviet one must be the more powerful because only it could have survived such unparalleled waste of resources. 50X1

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4. USSR

The Soviets appear to be having difficulty in arriving at decisions on the economic reforms promised by the new regime last fall. A continuing debate among Soviet economic administrators and academic economists has created a stir in Moscow and probably is complicating decision making.

Part of that debate, a frank criticism of the Soviet system made in a mid-June lecture by one A. G. Aganbegyan, a 33-year-old member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, is summarized on the facing page. US Embassy sources in Moscow indicate that Aganbegyan's comments have had a major impact. 50X1

Aganbegyan's criticisms appear to US intelligence experts to be generally valid.

5. Cyprus

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6. Greece

With no resolution of the political impasse in sight, an increasing number of responsible Greek political leaders are beginning to wonder how long the Greek parliamentary system can stand the strain.

Defense Minister Kostopoulos, for example, believes the situation is promoting the possibility of a nonparliamentary government appointed by the King and based on military support. He views such an alternative, however, as ultimately disastrous to the stability of the country.

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DAILY BRIEF
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1. South Vietnam

There are rumors in Saigon of impending political trouble and possibly an attempted coup.

The speculation has been fed by the news that the ruling military directory is scheduled to meet this week. Premier Ky has told Deputy Ambassador Johnson that the meeting is a long-planned, routine session and will deal with the appointment of ambassadors and unspecified "important problems."

Ky admitted he was aware of the rumors, but said he anticipated no move to unseat him. Defense Minister Co expressed similar assurances.

Meanwhile, Ky continues preparations for trips this month to Taipei and Bangkok. He has denied that he plans to discuss the introduction of Chinese Nationalist troops to South Vietnam.

The relative inactivity of Viet Cong main force units continued for the third week, with only one battalion-size attack reported. The scale and intensity of Viet Cong terrorism and harassment was at approximately the same level as the previous week.

2. Dominican Republic

The top loyalist military and police officers yesterday restated their general support for the Organization of American States' efforts to set up a provisional government. However, they still insist on the exile of rebel military leaders.

Former president Juan Bosch has sent his party leaders a letter saying he will not return to the Dominican Republic while the Organization of American States is there. This will further split his already weakened party and improve former president Balaguer's chances of winning the election which may come next year.

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3. Greece

Anti-Papandreou parliamentarians are trying to delay the vote of confidence on the Novas government, probably to give the King time to plot his next steps. No one, apparently, expects Novas to win. [redacted] the King is considering turning to Defense Minister Kostopoulos to form a successor regime, or, failing that, trying to organize a coalition government under a nonpolitical prime minister. As a last resort, [redacted] the King will turn to a military dictatorship with a civilian figurehead. 50X1 50X1

US officials in Athens feel that the establishment of a military government would encourage the Communists to begin armed resistance. Papandreou supporters have made thinly veiled allusions to such a possibility.

4. Yemen

Cairo has launched a new campaign to pressure Saudi King Faysal into accepting the sort of agreement on Yemen the Egyptians want.

Egyptian officials have been dropping broad hints that, otherwise, the Yemeni fighting might be extended into Saudi territory. [redacted]

Reports of bombing raids remain unconfirmed, but the Egyptians are known to have been hitting very close to the border. If, as seems likely, Faysal remains firm, Nasir may well order attacks on Saudi bases.

5. Congo

Communist-supplied munitions are flowing across Tanzania and Lake Tanganyika to the Congo rebels in record quantities [redacted]. 50X1 [redacted] 50X1 increasing numbers of foreign advisers are also crossing the lake to join the rebels.

The stepped-up aid may be timed to allow the rebels below Uvira to consolidate their hold and set up a "liberated area" before a planned government offensive against them materializes. It now seems likely that the offensive will not get under way until next month.

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6. Indonesia

Sukarno has issued orders for Indonesia's withdrawal from the World Bank. Djakarta also intends to default on repaying the $65 million it owes the International Monetary Fund.

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The moves are designed for political effect. Sukarno has little patience with economic matters and apparently does not fully appreciate the damage this will do to his country's credit rating.

Besides Indonesia's withdrawal from the UN, it has left a number of other international organizations. Sukarno has lately been making admiring speeches about Cambodia's "bravery" in breaking relations with the US.

7. USSR

There is a new spate of rumors on another shake-up in the Soviet leadership. Some of this talk apparently originates within the Soviet party itself.

It is said that Brezhnev is ineffective and is about to be ousted as party first secretary. Shelepin, a younger and more aggressive man, is spoken of as the most likely replacement.

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8. USSR

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Soviet Union suggests that experimental work is in progress on an over-the-horizon radar. Among the uses to which such a radar could be put would be in an early warning system against ballistic missiles. It could also provide intelligence on US missile and space activities.

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1. South Vietnam

Rumors continue to abound of a coming political crisis in Saigon, including the departure of Ky. It is difficult, however, to pin down hard information that any specific move is afoot.

One version is that Ky intends to provoke a crisis before the arrival of Ambassador Lodge as a pretext for sidelining various politicians to keep them isolated from Lodge.

Despite denials in both Saigon and Taipei that Ky's forthcoming trip to Taiwan and Thailand is anything more than a goodwill trip, Ky does appear to have something more in mind.

In connection with the trip, Ky's foreign minister has sought Deputy US Ambassador Johnson's advice on an idea of Ky's for an Asian mutual assistance pact--"a screen behind which the US could work."

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2. Communist China

Peiping is continuing to buy gold in London. It has purchased some 20 tons during the past two weeks or so, making about 100 tons this year. It still looks as though the Chinese are trying to hedge against devaluation of the British pound.

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3. Greece

The Novas government having fallen, ex-Premier Papandreou will probably try to force King Constantine to recall him to office or to hold new elections. During recent parliamentary sessions, Papandreou's partisans staged mob scenes in which the Communists happily joined.

[redacted] that he has brought five additional infantry battalions to Athens as a "guarantee against anarchy." He disclaims any thought of a military dictatorship.

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4. Dominican Republic

Imbert still refuses to step down.

Imbert told Ambassador Bunker yesterday that his government is the "provisional government" until the "Communist cancer" can be removed. He also complained that Garcia Godoy, prospective head of a new provisional government, has not put himself on public record as an anti-Communist.

Although the loyalist military commanders still give lip service to the idea that Imbert must retire, there are signs that they are working to keep him because of their distrust of Godoy, who is bent on reforming the military if he gets into office.

5. Panama

An intercepted police broadcast indicates that the National Guard is on the alert for student demonstrations today, perhaps a "march" on the Presidential Palace. Local Communist student leaders are exploiting student unrest and probably hope to provoke an incident with the guard.

The prospects at present are that the guard can maintain order.

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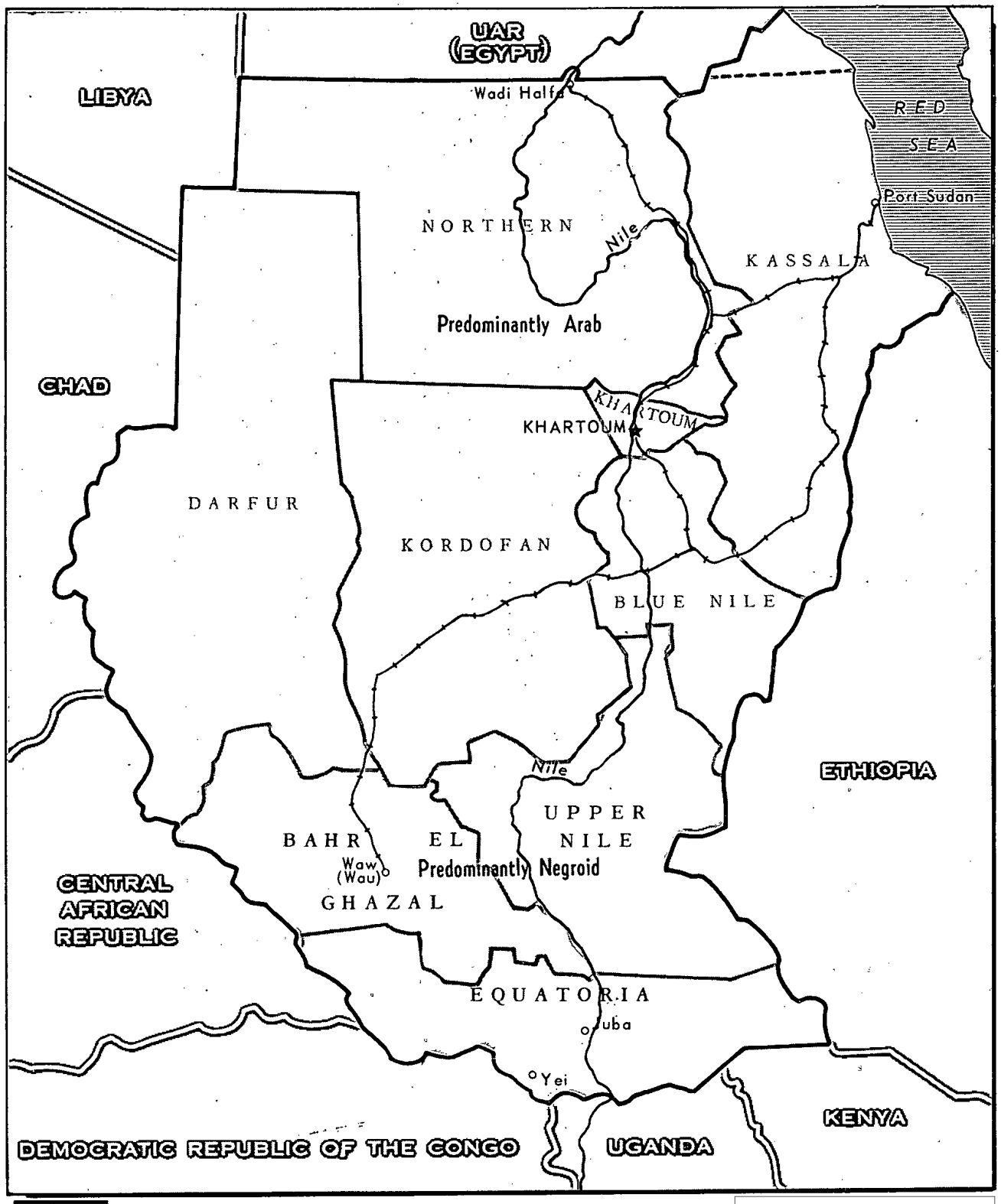

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6. Sudan

The long guerrilla campaign that dissident Negroid tribesmen have been waging in the southern Sudan seems to have warmed up considerably. Details are lacking, but several Sudanese Army units are said to be in serious trouble (see map).

Khartoum lays the blame on "foreign intervention." The Sudanese are particularly exercised over supply drops they think the Congolese Air Force has made to the rebels, and they have implied that they expect the US to put pressure on Leopoldville because the Congolese planes are US-supplied.

Our embassy in Leopoldville doubts that the Congolese Air Force has been involved, but the rebels may well have been sent or obtained help overland from the Congo.

7. Pakistan

President Ayub is indignant over the postponement of the World Bank's aid-Pakistan consortium meeting. He has been venting his spleen in anti-US speeches and he has allowed his bureaucrats to harass US local operations.

Pakistan's relations with the US thus are continuing their downward spiral. Ayub is directing a press campaign to rally support, and the stock of such pro-US personalities as Finance Minister Shoaib is declining. Given these conditions, there seems to be virtually no chance that Ayub intends to change his course.

Most Pakistani business and political people nevertheless seem convinced that the consortium, and the US, will eventually come through with the money. The consortium's next aid-pledging session is scheduled for 23 September.

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1. Vietnam

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2. South Vietnam

The Dalat meeting of the generals' directorate yesterday produced no direct challenge to Premier Ky

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Government forces in the past few days have scored local successes against the Viet Cong in several provinces. The Communists continue to keep their main force units from contact with major government forces.

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3. Egypt

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4. Indonesia

Sukarno has apparently called for another major anti-American demonstration.

US officials in Surabaya have been notified that several thousand Youth Front members will march against the consulate tomorrow morning. The consul is taking security precautions.

5. Panama

Dissatisfaction with the Robles regime continues to grow in Panama, and both legal and subversive opposition groups are searching for ways to dislodge the government.

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6. Greece

Solution to the political impasse seems as far away as ever.

The King is continuing to consult with various political leaders but no decision has yet emerged.

There has been considerable talk in conservative circles that the King is considering a nonparliamentary government based on military support. Constantine, however, claims that a military solution is out of the question.

7. Latin America

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8. Dominican Republic

No significant developments were reported today.

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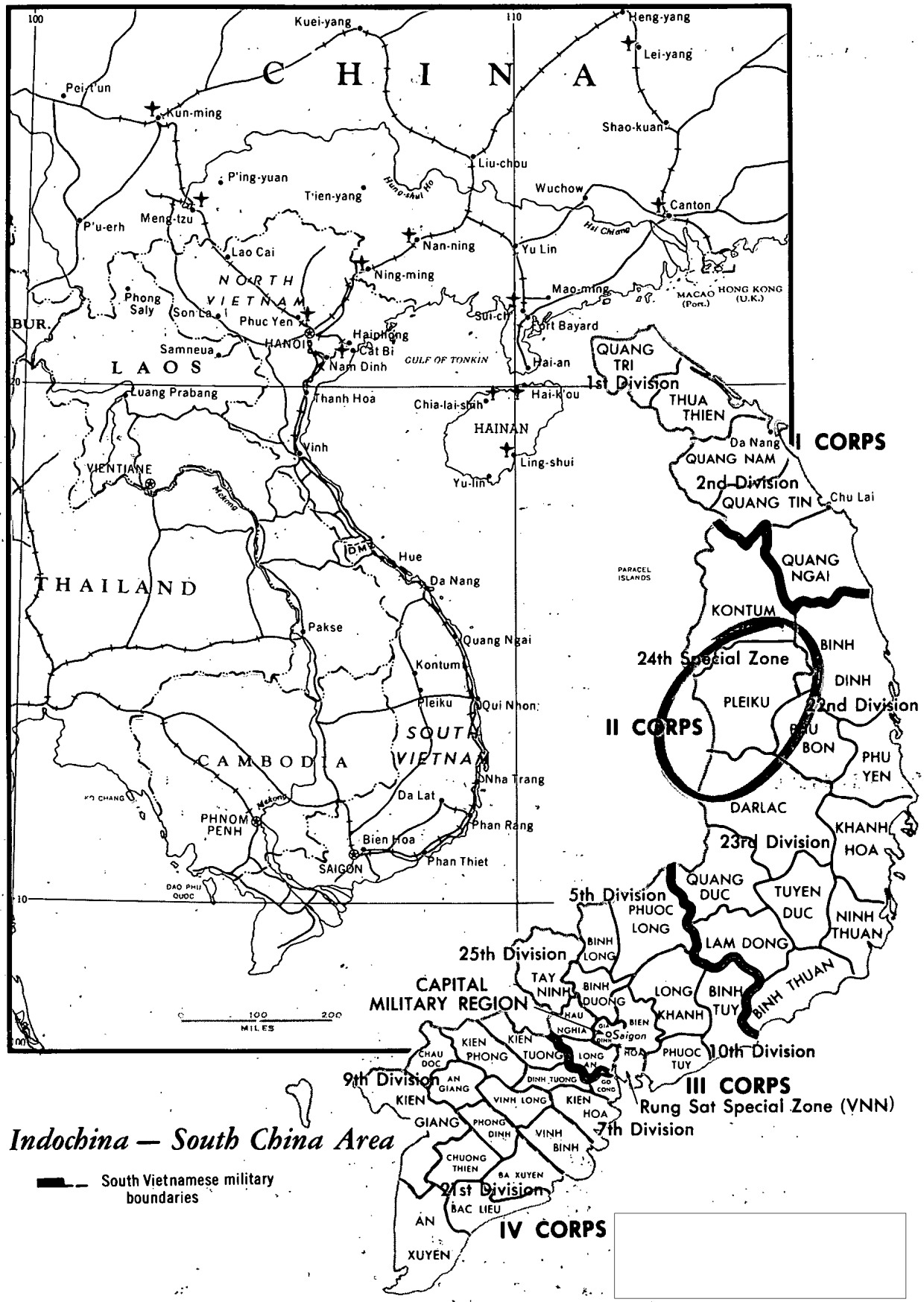

The Indochina — South China Area

South Vietnamese military boundaries

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1. South Vietnam

Five South Vietnamese battalions have now been committed to the continuing action in the area of the special forces camp at Duc Co in western Pleiku Province.

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The press is reporting a demonstration at Da Nang today against recent burning of homes by US Marines. In recent weeks there have been scattered demonstrations in the Mekong Delta area demanding an end to air and artillery strikes, which are usually attributed to US forces. While it is difficult to judge the depth of feeling reflected in such demonstrations, Viet Cong policy is to foster and inspire them whenever the opportunity is presented.

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2. Vietnam

Communist reaction to the President's 28 July statement, in particular the South Vietnamese Liberation Front 3 August communiqué, appears now to reflect concern that the US buildup is changing the military balance of power. The Front asserted its resolve to multiply its fighting forces "to make them capable of defeating the US aggressors." This contrasts with earlier claims that Viet Cong combat strength was equal to that of the South Vietnamese.

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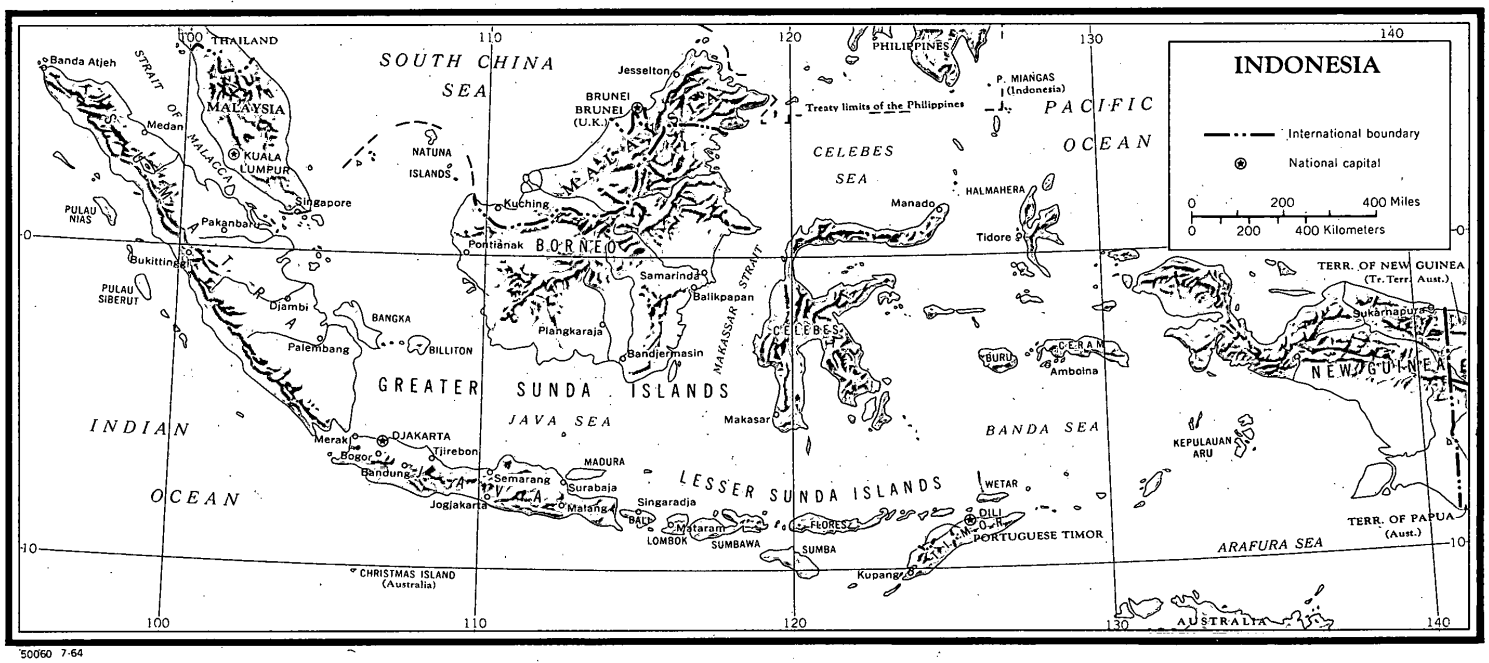

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3. Singapore

Singapore's withdrawal from Malaysia was made primarily at the insistence of the Malay leaders, who feared a new racial explosion. [redacted] 50X1

Meanwhile, however, Singapore clearly will follow a more independent policy [redacted] 50X1 50X1

4. Indonesia

All this plays into Sukarno's hands. Singapore's withdrawal from Malaysia has come just in time to give him a real victory to gloat over in his 17 August Independence Day speech.

It also strengthens immeasurably the position of those leftist elements, like Foreign Minister Subandrio, who are the principal backers of the hitherto floundering "confrontation" against Malaysia. Subandrio immediately offered to recognize Singapore and establish diplomatic relations.

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5. Dominican Republic

There has been no reaction reported yet to the "Act of Dominican Reconciliation" which the OAS issued today.

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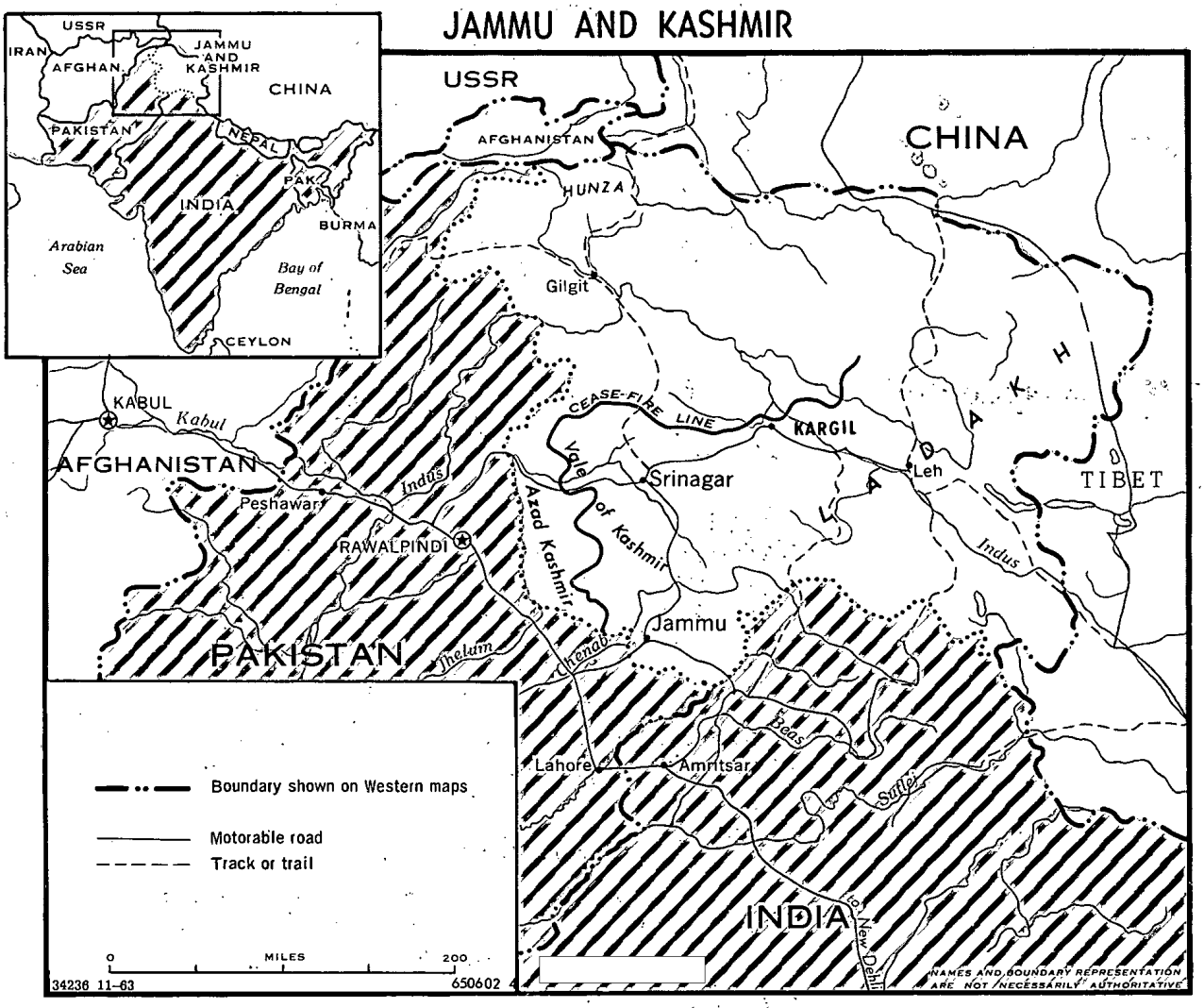

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6. Greece

No resolution to the crisis is in sight. A Center Union Party meeting has overwhelmingly rejected Stephanopoulos' request that he be allowed to accept the King's invitation to "explore" the problem of forming a government.

At the same time, however, Papandreou's parliamentary bloc is gradually being whittled away by the King's maneuvers. Perhaps because of this, Papandreou's threats to go "into the streets" are becoming more pointed. Pro-Papandreou demonstrations in turn are certain to increase the nervousness of rightist military circles.

7. India-Pakistan

The smouldering Kashmir problem may be erupting again. Today is the 12th anniversary of the first imprisonment by the Indians of the Kashmir nationalist hero, Sheikh Abdullah. The Pakistanis have seized the occasion to infiltrate sizable patrols deep into Indian-held territory, apparently to suggest a rising against the Indians.

Karachi's radio claims that an "armed rebellion" has broken out already. Karachi also says that a new clandestine "Voice of Kashmir" is broadcasting appeals to revolt [redacted] 50X1 50X1

The Indians, much exercised, are threatening on-the-spot counteraction. They have also asked Ambassador Bowles to bring all possible pressure to bear on the Pakistanis.

8. Colombia

The police are trying to round up still another group of leftist terrorists. This group, [redacted] includes Cuban-trained personnel and Spanish Communists. It entered Colombia in mid-July and planned to begin its campaign by attacking the US Embassy and other American property, possibly tomorrow, as well as by killing some prominent politicians. 50X1

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9. Peru

Leftist guerrilla activity in southern Peru [redacted] has begun. A bridge has been destroyed near Cuzco by uniformed men, probably members of the Movement of the Revolutionary Left. This will add to the strain on the government's security forces, which have been committed for some two months to a counterinsurgency effort in the east central part of the country.

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10. Sudan

Prime Minister Mahjoub has refused to show Ambassador Rountree documents which, he says, "prove" that the US has been helping the southern Sudanese rebels via the Congo. The use of forged material and Mahjoub's attitude recall the similar affair between the US and Tanzania last year. Mahjoub returned last week from a visit to Tanzania.

A virulent Khartoum press campaign is in progress, linking the US with Congolese and Israeli machinations and calling on the government to turn to Sudan's "real friends," i.e., Egypt and the USSR [redacted]

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11. Berlin

From today through 19 August the Soviets have restricted for military exercise purposes a wide east-west belt of central East Germany which cuts across the Western Access routes to Berlin. [redacted]

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If the exercise develops into a major field maneuver, there may well be some interference with allied and West German travel and transport to West Berlin.

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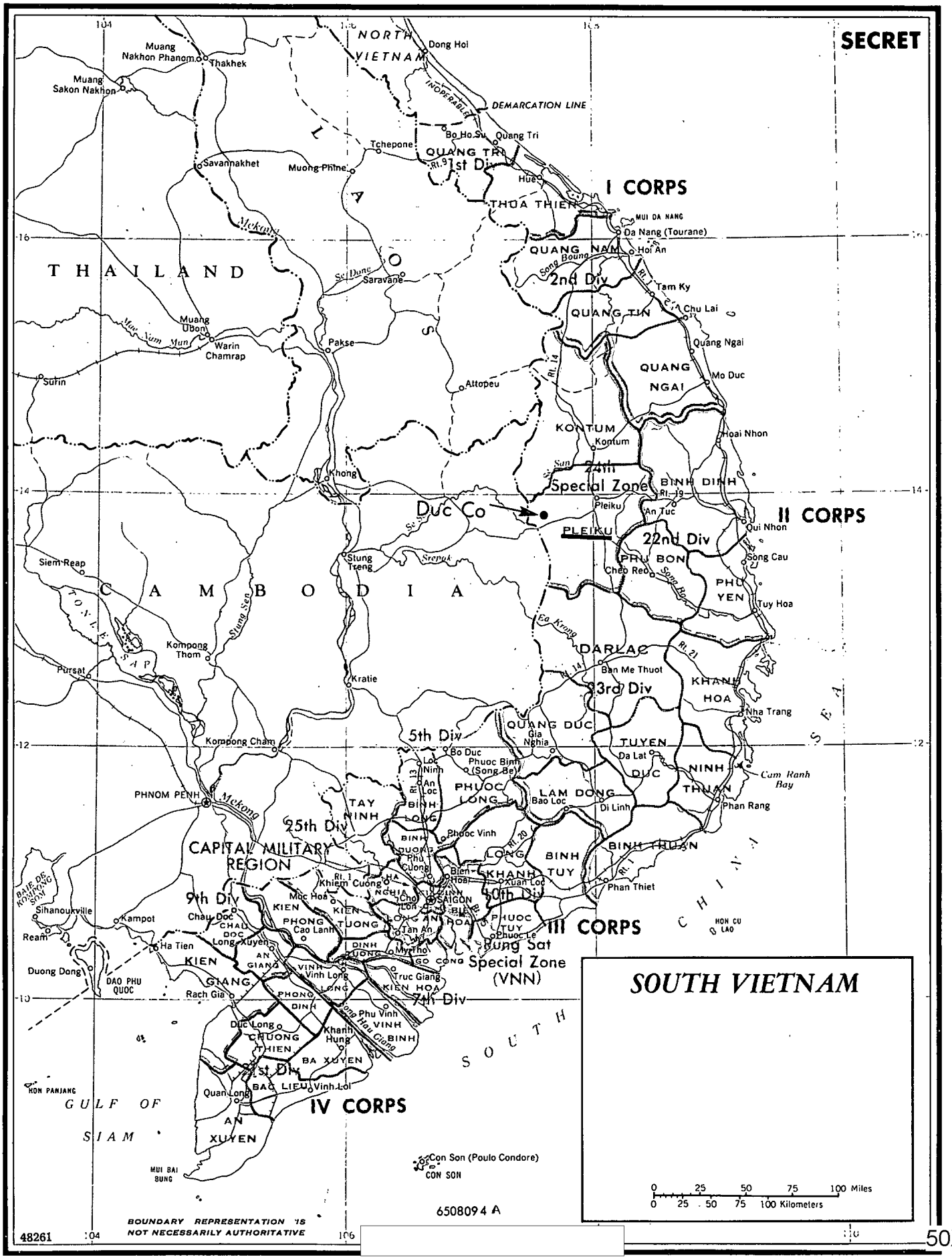

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DAILY BRIEF
10 AUGUST 1965

1. South Vietnam

The government column trying to relieve the Duc Co outpost is still heavily engaged about three miles east of Duc Co. In addition to the five Vietnamese battalions in the relief force, two Vietnamese airborne battalions have now been moved into reserve positions, and the US 173rd Airborne Brigade is moving to Pleiku city.

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2. Thailand

Suspected Communist subversives have made their first attack against Thai Government forces.

On 8 August, a group of terrorists skirmished with a 50-man police patrol in the northeastern part of the country. This area has long been a hotbed of dissident sentiment and the scene of increasing terrorist activity.

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3. Dominican Republic

Imbert announced today that he would sign the OAS proposals as they now stand.

Caamano, however, has raised several problems and he wants more negotiations. He is repeating his demand that all rebel military officers be reincorporated into the armed forces. He also wants a specific date set for the withdrawal of the Inter-American Peace Force, which he feels should not have responsibility for policing the rebel zone.

Some obstructionists, such as Hector Aristy, may try to arouse the rebels against the proposals, but Juan Bosch's followers at this point seem anxious for an early settlement.

4. British Guiana

Former premier Jagan and his People's Progressive Party seem to be about ready to implement their plans for increased sabotage and terrorist activity against the Burnham government.

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5. Kashmir

There has been no on-the-scene account regarding the reported clashes in Kashmir. New Delhi and Karachi are putting out conflicting reports on the fighting.

Indian spokesmen now say the situation is under control. The Pakistanis, however, continue to claim that a popular revolt is in progress. Karachi Radio has alleged that a "revolutionary council" has been set up but there is no confirmation of its existence.

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6. East Germany

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7. Singapore

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8. Greece

Public sentiment against the monarchy seems to be increasing.

The demonstrations yesterday in both Athens and Salonika were aimed essentially at the King. In Salonika, the demonstrators went so far as to call for a plebiscite against the monarchy. Papandreou supporters are reportedly saying that they will continue the demonstrations until he is returned.

This situation invites violence, particularly if the Communist-controlled faction decides to throw off restraints. In this event, the military units which moved recently into the Athens area would almost certainly intervene.

The King, meanwhile, has apparently succeeded in developing further the factionalism in the Center Union Party. There is talk that Stephanopoulos backers may bolt the party and join the Novas group to form a coalition government. Stephanopoulos, however, may lack the courage to try to carry it off.

9. USSR

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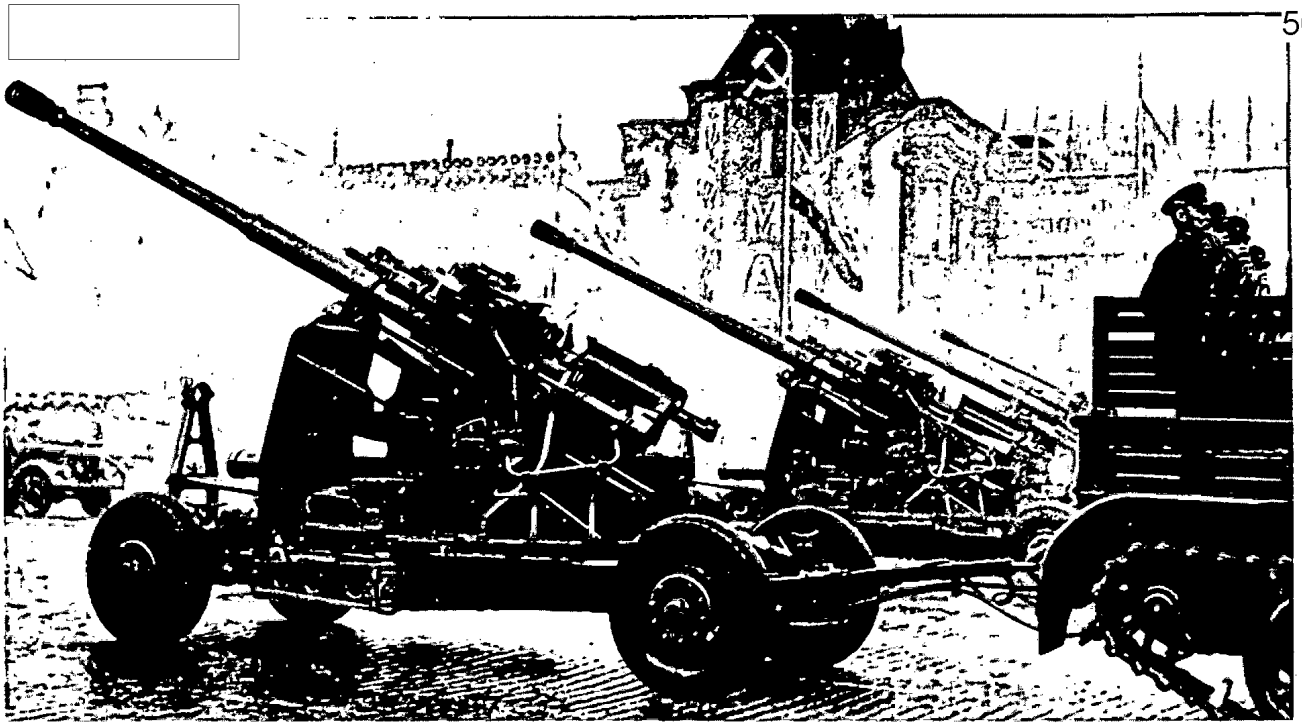

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DAILY BRIEF
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1. North Vietnam

A US A4E light attack bomber may have been downed by a surface-to-air missile today. The shooting took place about 52 miles southwest of Hanoi. A second plane was damaged but returned to its carrier. The fate of the other pilot is not yet known.

There were no earlier indications of a missile site in this area.

Radar signals associated with surface-to-air missiles were intercepted from the vicinity of Haiphong yesterday. Photography has never shown missile sites around Haiphong, although their appearance has been expected. The signals suggest that at least some equipment is now in place there.

The presence in North Vietnam of Soviet-type 100-mm. antiaircraft artillery has been confirmed by photography. An emplacement with eight guns of this type is located about a mile from two of the surface-to-air missile sites northwest of Hanoi. A second eight-gun site may be located nearby. The effective range of the 100-mm. gun is estimated at 39,000 feet. (Photo)

2. South Vietnam

US officials in Saigon have confirmed that the relief force has pushed through to the Duc Co garrison. The area is now quiet but large Viet Cong units may be nearby.

3. USSR

There is information that the Soviets have made yet another deal for Western wheat, for 1.2 million tons from Argentina.

Payment for this purchase, combined with that for almost 6 million tons from Canada this year, will almost certainly require a resumption of Soviet gold sales, not noted since June 1964, in order to obtain the necessary foreign exchange. It may also force a cutback in Soviet orders for Western industrial equipment.

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4. Indonesia

There has been no solid information so far on how the Indonesians plan to deal with the remains of the Malaysian Federation. [redacted] 50X1

On the other hand, there has been no information to indicate that military and sabotage operations have been called off. High-level Indonesian officials have stated publicly that this will go on as long as the British military remain in Singapore.

5. Kashmir

Enough information is now available to put the current tense situation in some focus.

From Pakistan, [redacted] armed Kashmiri-speaking infiltrators are being put across the border into Indian-held Kashmir in a sustained effort to make it appear that a genuine uprising is under way. 50X1

So far, it appears that the Pakistani objective is to create a crisis atmosphere and build up international pressure for a compromise solution of the long-festering problem before the Indians impose their own solution.

There are no signs of a sympathetic outbreak by the Kashmiris on the Indian side of the border, where Indian security forces number more than 100,000.

India is trying to bring international pressure on Pakistan to call off the operation. However, if this fails, Prime Minister Shastri will find himself under pressure to respond with force when Parliament reconvenes on 16 August.

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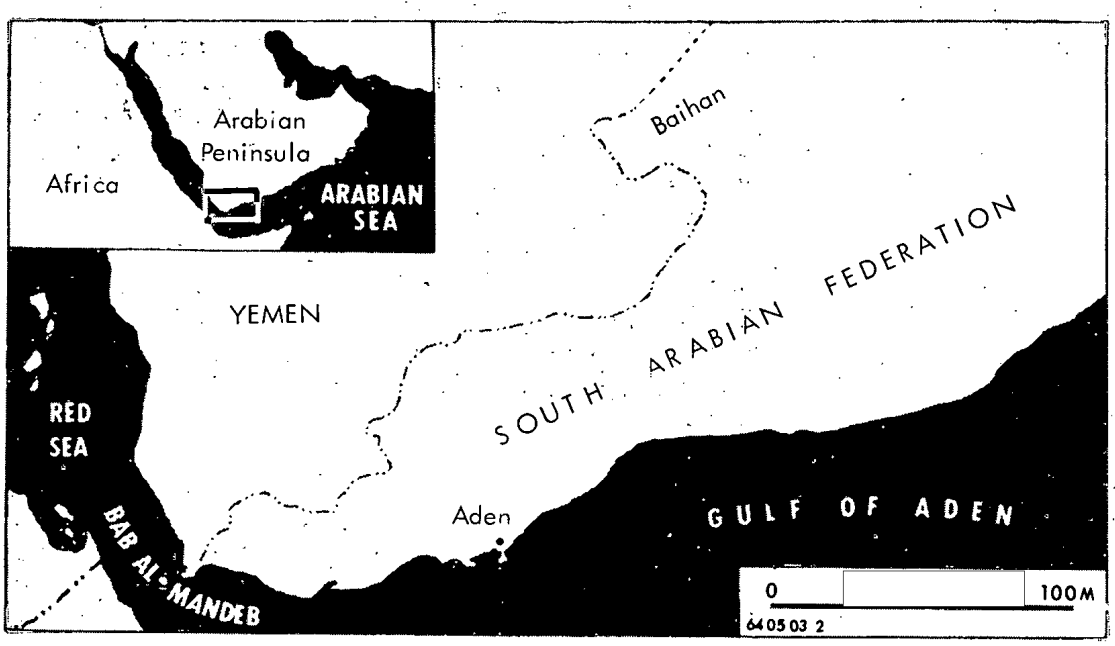

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6. Aden

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7. Yemen

A dialogue of a kind is being kept going between Nasir and King Faysal over the possibility of a cease-fire in Yemen.

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8. Greece

King Constantine may be edging closer to his ultimate solution for the crisis: a military dictatorship. Yesterday morning, however, [redacted] he would first make one last try at a government formed from within Papandreou's party, and, failing that, a try at a coalition government. 50X1

9. Dominican Republic

Imbert appears to be sticking to his acceptance of the OAS proposals on condition that there are no more concessions to the rebels.

Within the rebel camp, Juan Bosch's followers appear willing to accept them but the various extremist factions are putting up a variety of objections.

There are continuing reports of extremist plans for long-term guerrilla and terrorist activity, presumably beginning when responsibility for internal security eventually reverts to a provisional government.

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1. North Vietnam

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A hunt today by armed US aircraft for North Vietnamese surface-to-air missile sites outside the Hanoi ring of fixed sites--such as the one which brought down one US aircraft and damaged another yesterday--brought no results.

However, analysis of radar intercepts taped today by an aircraft flying over the South China Sea shows that a missile guidance radar was active possibly some ten miles from yesterday's shootdown. (See map.)

It may be a set located earlier by several successive radar intercepts at Hoa Binh some 27 miles to the northwest.

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2. Kashmir

Pakistan's propaganda continues to exaggerate the fighting in Kashmir, where minor clashes are continuing between pro-Pakistan infiltrators and Indian security forces.

On the Indian side, the authorities are trying to follow two conflicting lines. They play down the seriousness of their difficulties for domestic consumption, but take a much more concerned view when talking to foreign representatives.

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The Pakistanis also probably count on psychological help from the Chinese Communists.

3. Dominican Republic

The rebels remain intransigent, especially over the issue of the future composition of the military high command.

According to a press report this afternoon, the rebels have asked for an urgent meeting of the UN Security Council to consider "partisanship" by the Inter-American Peace Force and the Organization of American States' Committee. This looks like another attempt to play for time.

4. Berlin

Tomorrow's fourth anniversary of the erection of the Berlin Wall should pass quietly, although some small groups could cause trouble. West Berlin police and Allied forces are taking precautions.

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5. Greece

King Constantine's latest effort to find a premier centers on Ilias Tsirimokos, a self-styled "socialist" who leads one faction of Papandreou's Center Union. The rationale for this royal maneuver is obscure. When Papandreou named Tsirimokos to the Interior Ministry last January, rightist opposition was so vehement that the ministry had to be shorn of its control of the police before the appointment could be put through.

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6. Saudi Arabia

The Saudi defense minister, speaking on behalf of King Faysal, has now asked the US to send "destroyers" and an Air Force fighter "unit" to help deter Egyptian attack.

At the same time, the Egyptian foreign minister says that "absolutely no progress is being made toward a meeting between Nasir and Faysal. When prodded, the minister assured our chargé in Cairo that any Egyptian military action would be against Yemeni rebel bases and not against Saudi Arabia "per se."

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7. Israel

The Israeli Government is again focusing attention on its border problems. A clash between Israeli and Syrian tanks and artillery broke out today over an old problem--who can plow which land in the demilitarized zone along the border.

The Israelis again took the opportunity to shell the work site of the Syrian's Jordan River diversion project.

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DAILY BRIEF
13 AUGUST 1965

1. South Vietnam

Buddhist leader Tri Quang has privately condemned the present government in toto. On the eve of leaving Saigon for his home grounds in Hué, Quang presented a standard list of grievances and told an embassy officer that he hoped Ambassador Lodge would "resume his role as a producer of major change in Vietnamese goverment." Quang indicated, however, that the military situation makes it necessary that a change be orderly and quiet, "such as through a restrictive national convention."

Premier Ky now intends to leave Saigon for Taipei and Bangkok on 15 August. Ky has told Deputy Ambassador Johnson that he will not discuss bringing Chinese Nationalist troops to South Vietnam but that he is still thinking of ways to link anti-Communist Asian governments in a more solid front.

The government is still having trouble with the montagnard tribesmen. 50X1

2. North Vietnam

Intercepted messages indicate that bomb damage to railroads has cut exports of apatite ore, a fertilizer ingredient and one of North Vietnam's major sources of foreign exchange. 50X1

US air attacks had cut the Hanoi - Lao Cai railroad. This railroad is not only the primary transport route serving northwestern North Vietnam where the ore is mined, but is also Communist China's only rail link with its Yunnan Province. 50X1

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3. Indonesia

Foreign Minister Subandrio went out of his way yesterday to try to convince Ambassador Green that he wants relations with the US to continue. The ambassador came away from the meeting, however, with the impression that Subandrio was merely applying "some preventative salve" in anticipation of further anti-American outbursts by Indonesia.

These will probably come on 17 August when Sukarno is scheduled to make the major speech at Independence Day celebrations in Djakarta. [redacted] 50X1

4. Kashmir

The situation in the border area has simmered down for the moment, but some skirmishing continues.

The US defense attaché in New Delhi reported yesterday that Srinagar, the Kashmir capital, was quiet. He had just returned after a five-day trip through the area. [redacted] 50X1

Pakistani Foreign Minister Bhutto is expected in New Delhi late next week for talks on a Kutch settlement. The discussions will probably fall through if the Kashmir fighting continues.

5. Greece

Papandreou got nowhere with the King last night and the former premier now seems to be on the defensive.

Several prominent members of the Center Union party seem about ready to dissociate themselves from the policy of "unrelenting struggle" which Papandreou announced yesterday. In all, about 50 Center Union deputies may break away.

Meanwhile, behind the scenes efforts are continuing to drum up support for Ilias Tsirimokos. Chances are slim, however, because of his long record of leftist affiliations.

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6. Dominican Republic The situation continues on dead center with no indication that the rebels are ready to sign the Act of Reconciliation.

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DAILY BRIEF
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1. Vietnam

US aircraft aloft in the Vietnam area to monitor Communist radar signals during yesterday's unsuccessful armed hunt for missile sites have detected what may be signals from radars serving additional surface-to-air missile sites. One candidate is between Hanoi and Haiphong, about 22 miles southeast of Hanoi. Another is in the coastal area about 50 miles south of Haiphong.

Also being studied are signals described as possibly those associated with a radar known to serve coastal defense cruise missiles. These emanated from the coast of southern North Vietnam.

Chinese Communist military communications are still being monitored from northeast North Vietnam. Their pattern to date, however, continues to suggest the elements involved are there in a military logistics support role and provides no evidence of the presence of combat troops.

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2. Greece

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On the political front, there are continuing signs that Papandreou's support in the Center Union Party is slipping.

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3. Dominican Republic

The OAS Committee plans to make a more determined effort today to get Caamano and his group to sign the Act. The Committee, in particular, will try to persuade Caamano to let the Provisional President handle the military leadership problem after the new government is installed.

Garcia Godoy, meanwhile, is still balking at assuming the presidency without approval from the rebels, or at least from the Bosch faction. Bosch is standing squarely behind Caamano at this point.

Garcia, however, has come up with his own idea for a solution. He proposes to tell the rebels that he intends to retire General Wessin and name a civilian defense minister as soon as the new team takes over. Garcia is probably overly optimistic, but he believes that assurances of this kind might bring Caamano around.

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4. USSR

The Soviets announced today that their probe, Zond-3, photographed the moon on 20 July. They claim that some of the pictures showed areas of the far side not photographed by Lunik-3 in 1959.

Zond-3 was launched on 18 July. At that time, Moscow said that space investigations would be undertaken, but there was no mention that a photographic mission was involved.

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[redacted] the fact 50X1 that the Soviets say that they will publish the pictures, tends to confirm that moon photography was indeed accomplished.

There is a good chance that Moscow will issue the pictures on Tuesday or Wednesday in an effort to upstage the Gemini flight scheduled for Thursday.

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5. Kashmir

India charged today that Pakistan has made new attempts to infiltrate guerrillas across the border and that fighting has broken out again. These reports are unconfirmed, but the clandestine Pakistani radio, "Voice of Kashmir," claims that military successes are continuing.

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DAILY BRIEF
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1. North Vietnam

There is additional evidence that Hanoi is not insisting on withdrawal of US troops as a precondition for starting talks.

In an interview published yesterday in Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh said that the US must give "tangible proofs" that it accepts the North Vietnamese four points. These "proofs" include "immediate" cessation of US attacks on the north and stoppage "forthwith" of the war against the Viet Cong in the south. Ho also called for withdrawal of US forces, but this was not labelled an "immediate" necessity.

Last week, Hanoi's ambassador to Havana took a similar line. He told a Western diplomat that North Vietnam does "not wish to say that negotiations could start only after" the withdrawal of US forces. However, Hanoi insists on a "sincere declaration" showing that the US respects the Geneva agreements. The ambassador implied that this would involve a unilateral cease-fire by the US.

Soviet officials continue to reflect Moscow's desire for limiting and eventually resolving the war. On 7 August a Soviet Embassy officer in Hanoi urged direct communication between President Johnson and Ho Chi Minh in order to break the impasse. He told a Western official that North Vietnamese leaders were beginning to understand that the US would not be pushed out, but they "may well" not have understood completely US policy regarding talks.

The Soviet offered no assurances that a US initiative would be favorably received in Hanoi.

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2. South Vietnam

The Ky government may find itself embroiled in a major corruption scandal.

The US Embassy has information that both local Vietnamese officials and some government figures in Saigon are implicated in land speculation around Cam Ranh Bay. The speculators--including the wife of War Minister Co--apparently acquired government land at no cost and plan to turn it back with large profits after construction of the US base and port facilities is completed.

3. Dominican Republic

Although the OAS negotiating team has made little further headway against rebel intransigence, prospective provisional president Gracia Godoy has not given up hope that his private negotiations with rebel leaders will bear fruit.

Factionalism among the rebels remains a major factor in their stalling. Extremists apparently still hope to gain from a continuation of the present situation.

The Annex today summarizes the attitude of the principal Communist factions toward undertaking guerrilla warfare once a provisional government takes over.

4. Greece

The maneuvering to line up support for an alternate to Papandreou continues, with Deputy Prime Minister Stephanopoulos and ex-Interior Minister Tsirimokos still the leading prospects.

[redacted] 50X1 if either is named by the King, the Communists will take to the streets of central Athens in protest.

5. Kashmir

Skirmishing continues but there is no evidence that infiltrators from Pakistan have been able to muster significant local support.

So far, there is no information [redacted] 50X1 to confirm press reports 50X1 that regular Pakistani units as such have made major attacks along the cease-fire line to support the "guerrilla" activity.

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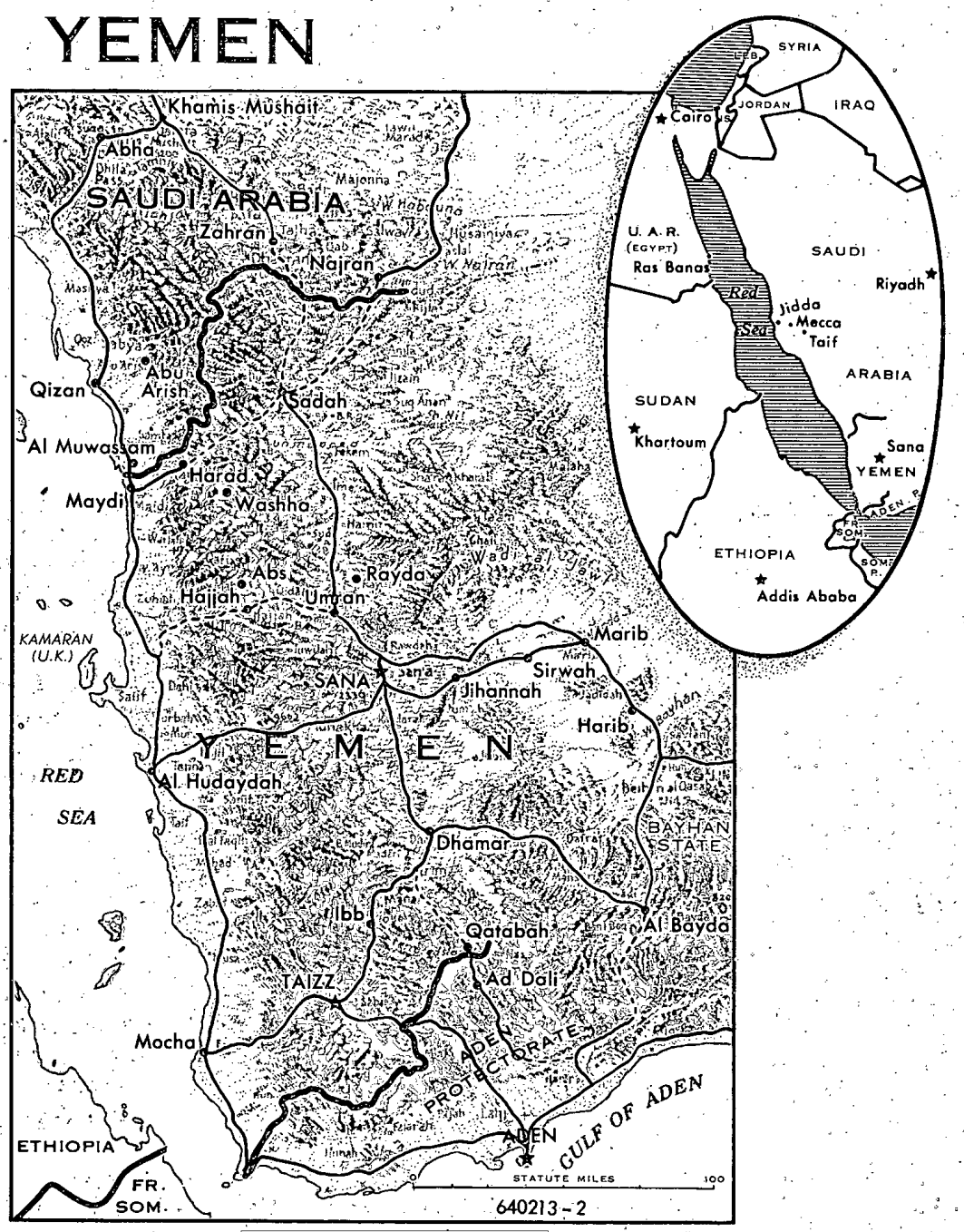

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6. Yemen

There are further signs that personal talks between Nasir and King Faysal may be forthcoming. The King, at least, says he "will continue to talk despite everything." 50X1

7. East Germany

The major exercise of Soviet forces appears to have ended today, west of Berlin. 50X1

8. Turkey

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Prime Minister Urguplu's current visit to the USSR--the usual communiqué is due tomorrow.

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ANNEX

The Outlook for Insurgency in the Dominican Republic

The various Communist factions have considerably expanded their capabilities for guerrilla warfare since the insurrection broke out. At the outset, they acquired a large amount of weapons, ammunition, and explosives, and since that time have made a concerted effort to cache this equipment. When the provisional government takes over, the amount of weapons and ammunition available to the extremists probably exceeds the number of trained personnel available for terrorist activity.

The biggest problem facing the Communists is their lack of mass support. The bulk of the populace is conservative and anti-Communist. Most of the people are ready to accept almost any political solution which will bring the country some semblance of order and stability.

The extremists, nevertheless, have made progress in broadening their political base. By hammering at the issue of a "foreign invader" and thus appealing to the inherent nationalism of the people, they have won adherents and sympathizers who would not be attracted by the Marxist call alone. In sum, Communists are still very much in the minority, but they probably feel that they are in a better position now to resort to violence than any time in recent years.

The three Communist parties, however, are not united on the question of guerrilla warfare. The apparent intentions of each of these parties is summarized below:

The Dominican Popular Movement

This hard-line, pro-Chinese party is committed to armed revolution and probably cannot delay much longer some concrete indication that it will follow through. The party probably has about 700 to 900 members drawn largely from poorer urban groups. Almost all its strength is in Santo Domingo.

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By itself, it probably cannot seriously endanger the stability of the country; operations in the interior will likely be unsuccessful and those in Santo Domingo will probably be only of a terrorist and harassing nature, targeted largely against the US presence.

The 14th of June Political Group

The pro-Castro party is believed to have about 2,500 members and a much larger number of sympathizers. Many of its leaders have had guerrilla warfare training in Cuba.

This group is divided whether to undertake large-scale insurgency operations. It has the best capability to do so in terms of membership, training, and experience. If its hard-line faction gets control, the party will represent a much greater threat than would the Dominican Popular Movement. If the two groups should combine forces, they could cause disruptions which would seriously impair the effectiveness of the provisional government, although they probably could not bring the government down.

The Dominican Communist Party

This is the Moscow-oriented party; it has between 700 and 1,000 members. For tactical reasons it advocates a moderate approach to an ultimate Communist victory. It is unlikely at this point that this group would undertake a serious insurgency campaign. However, if the other two parties should have success with guerrilla operations, the Dominican Communists might reconsider.

Taking the interplay among and within the three groups into account, it appears that Dominican military and police forces will probably be able to prevent insurgent activity from posing a serious threat. However, if the new regime resorts to harsh repressive measures and the economic situation does not improve, the extremists might gain enough outside support to threaten the provisional government.

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1. South Vietnam

In a propaganda broadcast, the Viet Cong have claimed credit for the bombing of the national police headquarters in Saigon. According to the broadcast, this was a memorial to the 20th anniversary of the 19 August uprising in Hanoi against the French.

The report from the US mission in Saigon summing up last week's actions shows an estimated 1,330 Viet Cong killed, the highest such estimate during any single week of the war. Two major actions, including that around Duc Co, contributed heavily to this.

According to the interrogation reports of some 68 Viet Cong who recently defected in the area of the northernmost I Corps, discontent and disillusionment are widespread in the ranks.

These defectors claim they were influenced by government psychological warfare operations, particularly airborne loudspeaker broadcasts made by a former Viet Cong political sergeant who had himself defected after being infiltrated from the north.

On 15 August, a Viet Cong rifle grenade was exploded over several South Vietnamese troops, causing symptoms like those caused by chemical riot control agents. Portions of the grenade are now being studied.

This is the first reported use by the Viet Cong of what may be a chemical agent, although the use of irritants has been reported before.

2. North Vietnam

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Intercepts reveal that a Chinese jet flew today 25 miles over North Vietnam in reaction to a US recce flight, but did not engage.

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3. Dominican Republic

The rebel leadership continues to resist pressure to accept the solution proposed by the Organization of American States Committee.

Caamano has now called for a "united democratic front." The immediate object of the front would be to obtain the withdrawal of foreign troops. A longer term objective, however, would be to secure those fundamental goals of the revolution which, he has warned his followers, may not be achieved in negotiations.

Caamano's line here seems to echo the Dominican Communist Party, which has now indicated publicly that it will oppose the future provisional government and has called for a front to "rescue national sovereignty."

A UN Security Council meeting, requested by the USSR, will probably be held tomorrow.

4. Malaysia

More rumblings are being heard from the remaining members of the Malaysian federation. A political leader from Sabah--former British Borneo--is threatening to resign his post in the federal cabinet. He says his followers want to get out of Malaysia.

Somewhat similar sentiment is reported from Sarawak, which, along with Sabah, has been the main target of Sukarno's "confrontation" campaign. Important elements in both states feel they have been given second-class treatment by Malaysian leaders.

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5. Indonesia

Sukarno's speech today--entitled "Reach for the Stars"--was two and a half hours long instead of the usual three or four, but he reportedly looked in good health. Sukarno sprang no surprises, hewing to a line almost identical with that of the Indonesian Communist Party.

Because of Sukarno's castigation of the US for "aggression" in Vietnam, Ambassador Green has withheld US congratulations on the anniversary of Indonesia's independence.

Indonesia's withdrawal from the World Bank, forecast in the Brief of 4 August, was officially announced by the bank today.

6. Laos

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7. Kashmir

While the Indians mop up infiltrators inside Kashmir, new clashes have taken place between Indian and Pakistani forces arrayed along the Kashmir cease-fire line. This area was also the scene of fighting last June. Key points on the Pakistani side of the line overlook India's only road link between the capital of Kashmir and Ladakh, where Indian territory confronts Communist China.

8. Greece

The politicos continue to add and subtract parliamentary votes in search of a winning combination. Another large demonstration by Papandreou supporters was scheduled for today. Papandreou himself starts a tour of the countryside this weekend.

9. USSR

The cholera epidemic in Iran may have spread to the USSR.

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The area is apparently quarantined and civil passenger flights to it have been stopped. (Map)

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1. South Vietnam

The communiqué issued on Premier Ky's departure from Taipei today refers only vaguely to "strengthening military cooperation" between South Vietnam and Nationalist China. We suspect, however, that arrangements may have been made to expand relations 50X1 The Vietnamese avoided endorsing Chiang Kai-shek's thesis that peace in Asia can only be obtained by destroying the Peiping regime.

50X1 possibly two Viet Cong regiments are in the general area of the new US Marine operations south of Chu Lai. The Marines have reported they are engaged with at least a regiment.

We have received the first indication that elements of a battalion of the North Vietnamese may now be in South Vietnam. 50X1 50X1 four men from this unit, who were captured in mid-March by Laotian Government troops, said that they had been told they were going to South Vietnam.

2. North Vietnam

Another new radar type has been identified at one of the surface-to-air missile sites southwest of Hanoi. 50X1

The possible new surface-to-air missile site referred to in yesterday's Brief has been identified in photography as a truck park.

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3. Kashmir

India has sent some additional forces into the Kashmir area, but the military situation is largely static.

A brigade has reportedly been moved up from the Bombay area and more armed police have been flown in. Neither side, however, is known to have taken major steps to improve its alert position.

Karachi Radio today said that Pakistan regrets Shastri's decision to cancel high-level Indian-Pakistani talks on the Kutch cease-fire, but "acquiesces" in this suggestion.

4. Malaysia

Malaysian leader Tunku Abdul Rahman is trying to conciliate the disaffected leaders in Sabah and Sarawak, but there is a real question as to Malaysia's interest in retaining ties with these backward Borneo states.

In Sabah, moderate elements so far have been successful in preventing a breakaway, but the State Council is still debating the question. The secessionist leader, Donald Stephens, has followed through with his threats and has resigned his cabinet post.

Sarawak's powerful opposition parties have begun clamoring for a plebiscite, which they apparently believe would favor withdrawal.

5. Dominican Republic

The rebels have agreed "in principle" to let the provisional president handle the military leadership problem after the new government takes over. However, the rebels are still trying to get prior agreement from Garcia Godoy to permit all rebel military to rejoin the armed forces. They also want a commitment from Garcia that the present high command will be ousted.

Another issue--the length of the time the Inter-American Peace Force will remain in the country--is far from settled.

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6. USSR

The USSR will apparently have to make heavy withdrawals from its gold reserves to finance wheat imports.

Sales of $100 million have now been reported and the Soviets are continuing their activities in the market. As a result, reserves may well drop beyond the 1964 all-time low of $1.5 billion.

Wheat production is now tentatively estimated to be between 10 and 20 percent less than last year's 58 million tons. Additional imports--beyond the 7 million tons already contracted for--may be necessary.

7. Greece

The King called on Elias Tsirimokos today to try to form a new government. It would seem to be touch and go, however, whether he will be able to muster enough support to win a vote of confidence.

Tsirimokos, 58, is one of the leaders of the left wing of Papandreou's Center Union party. A socialist, he has long had ties with various Communist-front organizations.

Over the years, Tsirimokos has spoken out strongly against the Marshall Plan and the Truman Doctrine. Basically, he is [redacted] ready to change his political line to meet the needs of the moment without departing too far from his leftist orientation. 50X1

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DAILY BRIEF
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1. South Vietnam

Buddhist leader Thich Tri Quang is stirring up trouble again.

Recent reports indicate that Quang is organizing a series of antigovernment demonstrations which may begin tomorrow. These protests are to be directed mainly against the recent government decree mobilizing all men up to age 37. Apparently a number of Quang's friends are affected by the new law.

The US Embassy in Saigon reports that malicious gossip about the government, and particularly about Premier Ky, is gaining currency among other Buddhist leaders. These people believe that despite Ky's talk about eliminating corruption, he, in fact, has fallen into the old-style corrupt pattern himself.

Ky, meanwhile, is arranging more foreign travel.

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2. North Vietnam

More surface-to-air missile equipment has been spotted near Hanoi.

The preliminary scan of photography taken on 16 August showed two canvas-covered launchers, computer vans, and other equipment near Kep, about 33 miles northeast of the capital.

Kep is the site of an airfield which has recently been extensively improved.

3. Indonesia

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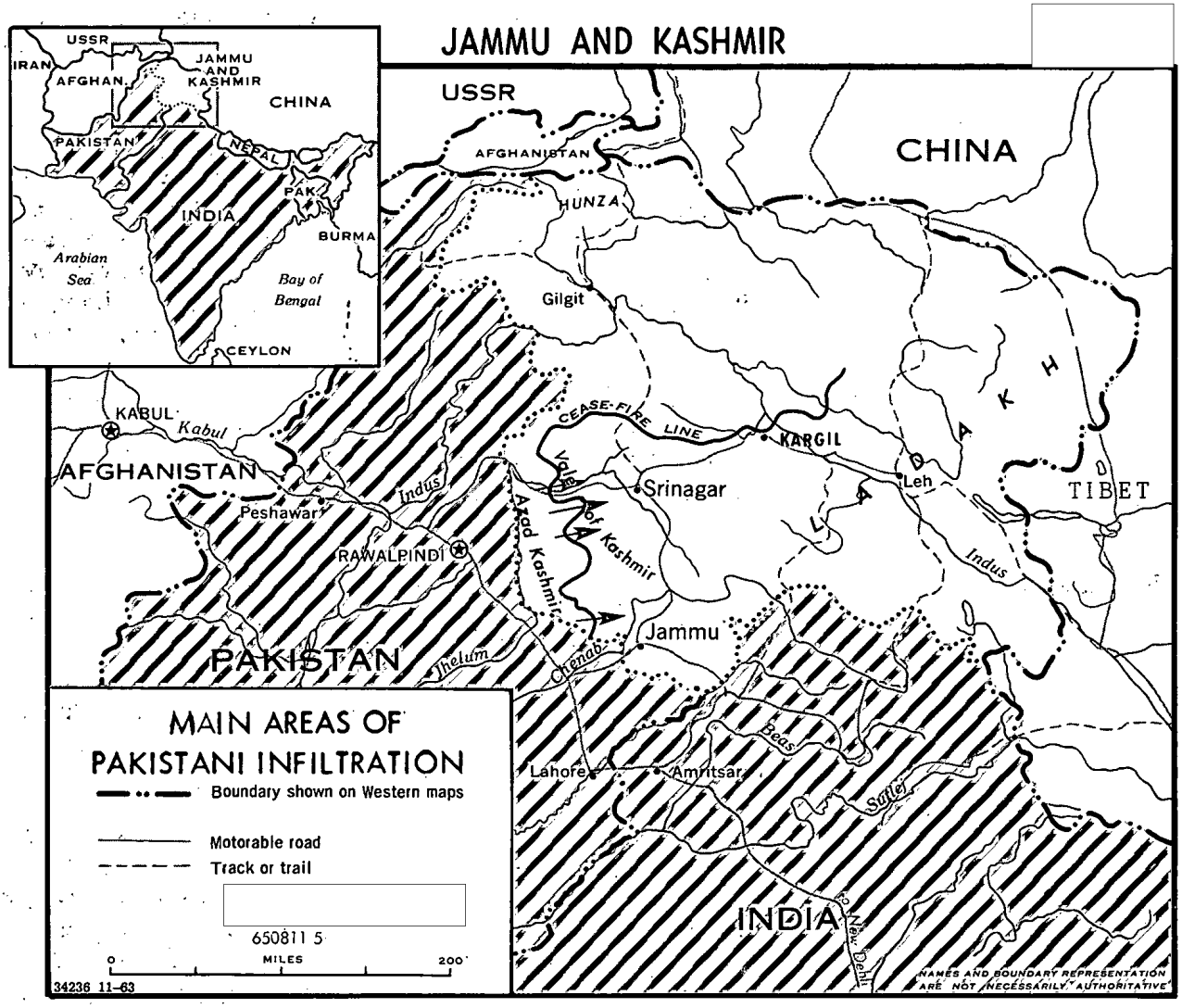

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4. Nationalist China

US observers on Taiwan feel that Madame Chiang Kai-shek's forthcoming nonofficial visit to the US is intended to drum up support among the US public and influential individuals for the Chinese Nationalist regime and for Chinese Nationalist military operations against the Chinese Communists, either in support of US efforts in Vietnam or against the China mainland itself.

She is unlikely to be carrying any specific proposals to present to the US Government. Rather, she probably hopes to prepare the ground for the presentation of Generalissimo Chiang's views by his son, Defense Minister Chiang Ching-kuo, when he arrives in September. Although Chiang Ching-kuo is second only to his father on Taiwan, he is less well known in the US than is Madame Chiang, and the regime may be banking on her to create a public receptivity.

5. Kashmir

The continued infiltration of guerrillas, now estimated by the Indians at more than 4,000, is having its effect, and Indian forces appear to be having difficulty in coping with the wide-ranging bands. There is still no sign of a rising by the pro-Pakistan Kashmiri, however.

There is more military activity along the cease-fire line itself. The Indians have taken several Pakistani posts in the Kargil area which overlooked the vital Indian road link with Ladakh on the China border. In retaliation the Pakistanis have seized several Indian posts at the southern end of the line and have shelled a brigade headquarters. Some regular units in both Pakistan and India are reported as moving or preparing to move toward the Kashmir area.

Meanwhile, the limited effectiveness of the UN observers in the area is being whittled away by doubts among the military on both sides about their impartiality.

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6. Yemen

On Saturday Nasir will go by yacht to Jidda on the Red Sea for his talk with Faysal.

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A sizable air and naval escort is being lined up to ensure his security. This will also constitute a show of Egyptian force in the area.

Meanwhile, both the Saudis and the Egyptians continue their slow build-up along the Saudi-Yemeni border near the coast.

7. Iraq

Kurdish leader Mulla Mustafa Barzani alleges [redacted] that the Iraqi Government is about to use gas in its campaign in the north against the Kurds. 50X1

This looks to be only an effort to generate support for the Kurds. There is no [redacted] confirmation of Barzani's claim, and the Iraqi forces are not known to have a significant chemical warfare capability. An Iraqi purchase of gas masks last spring stirred up similar Kurdish predictions then, but the gas masks are believed to have been intended to bring the equipment of the Iraqi Army in line with that of other forces in the United Arab Command. 50X1

8. Bolivia

Military units are reportedly being sent to reinforce police in mining areas where miners are demonstrating against the government's program for the mines. So far, the demonstrations have been peaceful, but they threaten to grow uglier.

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9. Colombia

On 16 August, according to a military intercept, Colombian officials were investigating a report that a "nationwide" Communist terror campaign was to begin on the 18th. Thus far only two incidents of oil pipeline sabotage--on the 18th--have been reported.

10. France

Despite the allegations of those who claim to be in the know, De Gaulle has kept his own counsel on whether he will stand for re-election on 5 December. He may well continue to do so until 16 November, the constitutional deadline.

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Should De Gaulle nonetheless opt out, Premier Pompidou still seems his most likely successor.

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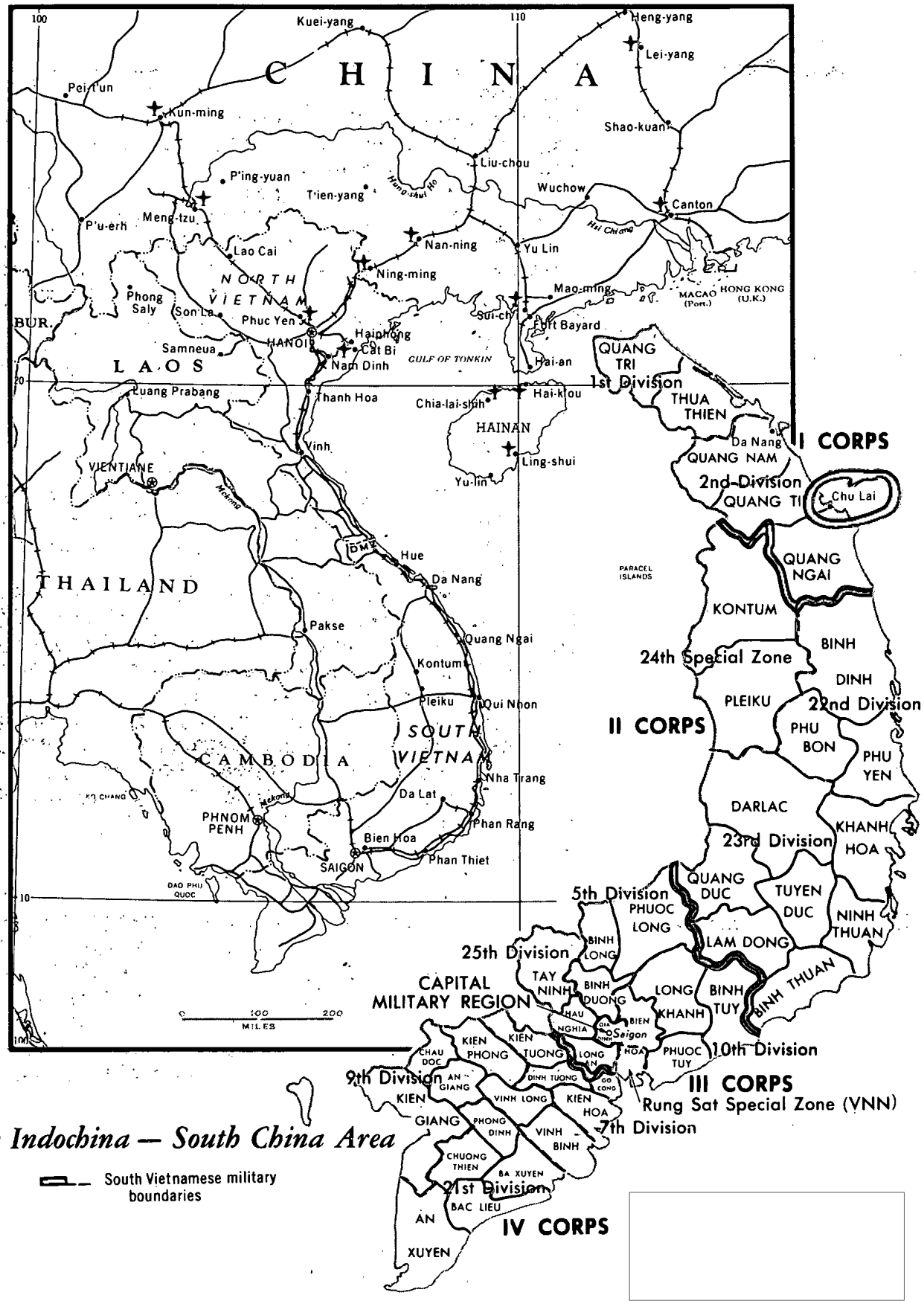

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South Vietnamese military boundaries

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1. South Vietnam

US Marine units in the fight for Van Tuong near Chu Lai report that villagers were highly cooperative, pointing out to them Viet Cong concentrations and fortifications.

This is encouraging. All too often, the rural populace, either resenting government intrusions or fearing Viet Cong reprisals after the departure of government forces, is reluctant to volunteer such information to government forces.

The helpful attitude reported from Van Tuong may result from a combination of factors, including resentment against the material demands levied on the peasantry by the large Viet Cong force and the surprise appearance of an overwhelming array of US force. The publicity accorded their help, however, will probably make them vulnerable to Viet Cong reprisals when US forces leave.

There is some reason to suspect that in Bangkok Premier Ky and the Thais will go into mutual support for the Cambodian exile Khmer Serei movement based in both Thailand and South Vietnam.

In Ky's absence, rumors of neutralist coup plotting are beginning to crop up. So far, these appear to have little substance and may merely be symptomatic of the uneasiness of some circles in Saigon.

2. North Vietnam

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3. Indonesia

The heavy-handed pressures against US facilities and interests are evidently still on, even though Sukarno's Independence Day speech was less venomous than had been expected. A petition signed by provincial officials this week demands the ouster of the American consul in Surabaya in eastern Java, where an anti-US riot was staged on 7 August.

Yesterday, a government-controlled English-language newspaper printed an editorial giving a "last warning" to the US to change its policies before "everything" is lost.

4. Congo

Tshombé's talks with Ambassador Knight in Brussels yesterday show that the split between the Congo premier and President Kasavubu is as deep as ever. Tshombé claims to have offered Kasavubu his support for re-election to the presidency in order to save the situation, but believes--rightly--that Kasavubu is still scheming against him.

The struggle will be renewed, to the detriment of the Congo's government, when Tshombé returns to Leopoldville, probably tomorrow.

5. Tanzania

Indications are accumulating that leaders in Dar-es-Salaam are having second thoughts about their militant support for the Congo rebels and other dissident Africans. They apparently fear what might be done with the large amount of arms stored in their country and are concerned over the effects of their policies on their search for Western aid.

6. USSR

A major space event appears to be in the works, possibly to take place in the next week or two. All six space support ships in the Pacific are at sea. Three of the ships are still on station at the ICBM range impact area, but it would take only a few days to move them to suitable positions for a space event.

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7. Dominican Republic

No new break in the negotiations has been reported. [redacted] 50X1 rebel extremists are still cooking up maneuvers to delay a settlement, on the premise that the longer the rebels can hold out, the more people can be trained for the "real fight."

A member of the United Nations staff meanwhile has revealed that Mayobre, the head of the United Nations group, is again exceeding his observer's mandate by making proposals for restructuring the Dominican armed forces. Ambassador Bunker comments that any such plan is likely to be prejudicial to US interests.

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1. Vietnam

No significant developments have been reported today.

2. Dominican Republic

Although more moderate elements in the rebel camp are accepting the Organization of American States' proposals with minor modifications, it remains to be seen whether they can impose their views or break away from Caamano and the extremists.

These moderates are mainly Bosch supporters. If they do break away, Garcia Godoy, the prospective provisional government head, says he will be willing to take office.

The negotiations now center on the dismantling of the rebel zone. This almost certainly will require some force if the extremists' agreement is not obtained.

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3. Kashmir

United Nations Under Secretary Bunche says he is going to Kashmir this week end at U Thant's request. Bunche's move evidently comes as a surprise to the Indians, and probably the Pakistanis as well. Bunche says there is no question as to who is responsible for the incursions into Kashmir, and that his purpose is merely to find out whether the Pakistanis are willing to stop.

The Indians at the United Nations apparently suspect that Bunche's trip is inspired by Washington and London.

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4. Greece

Papandreou takes his case to the countryside today, and more demonstrations in both Athens and the provinces are thus in prospect. Although Papandreou has not openly asked for Communist support, the Communists are playing an increasing role, inserting their own slogans and leading the crowds.

The US Embassy believes that instability will be the rule for months to come, even if Premier Tsirimokos wins his confidence vote next week. The feud between Papandreou and the palace has opened a Pandora's box of constitutional issues at a time when there are major economic and foreign policy difficulties still to be faced.

5. USSR

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The SS-9 is a third-generation missile using storable liquid fuels and carrying a warhead with an estimated yield up to 18 megatons. Deployed sites for the SS-9 are probably under construction. In earlier test series, its record was relatively good.

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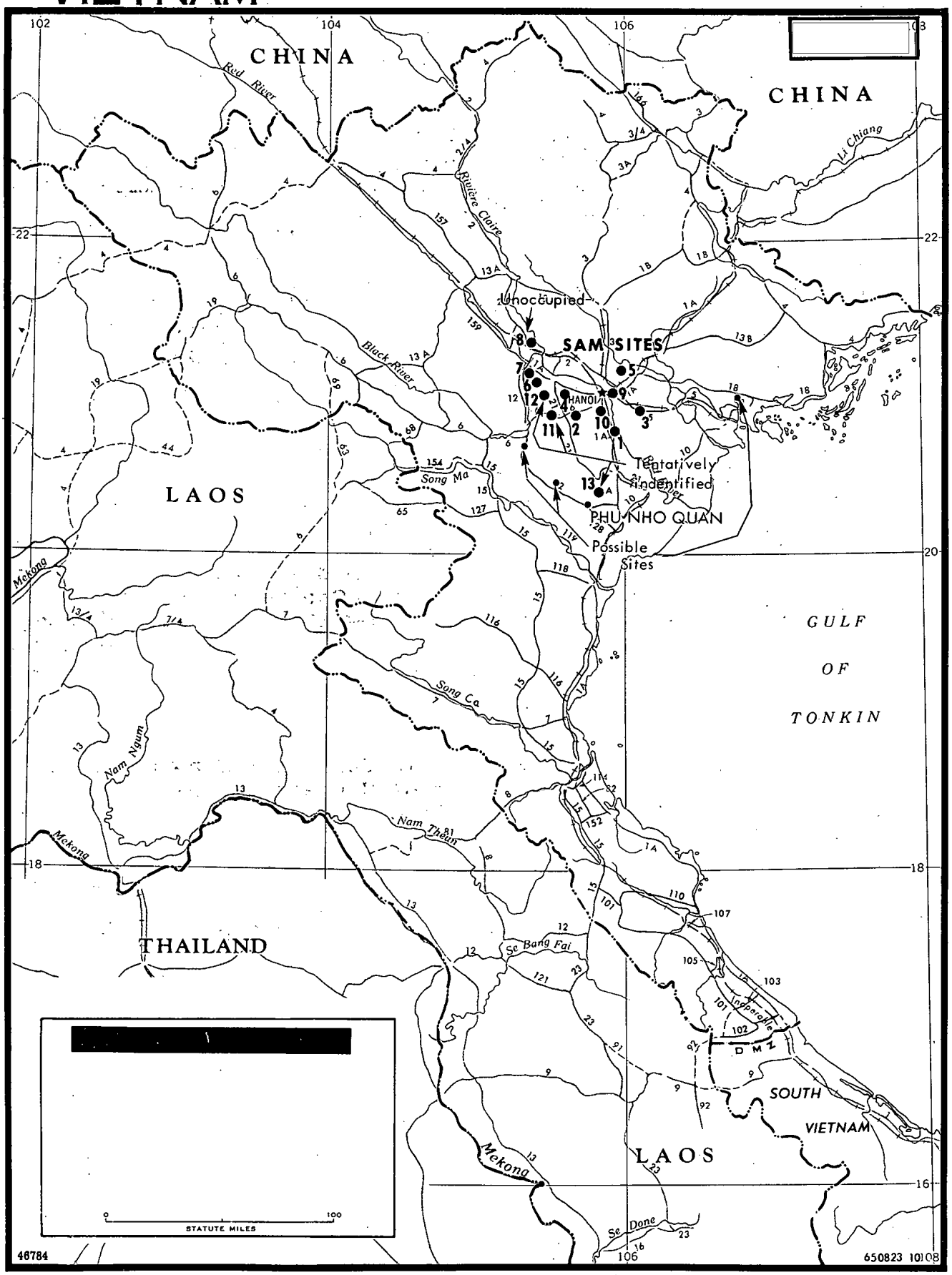

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1. North Vietnam

Three additional surface-to-air missile sites have been tentatively identified [redacted] If confirmed, the total number of sites would reach thirteen. (See map.) [redacted]

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The French expect a high-level North Vietnamese delegation to arrive in Paris Wednesday for talks with at least French Communists. The visit has foreign office approval.

Hanoi is devoting an increased amount of its propaganda output to trying to prove that it is not the intransigent party and should not be blamed for the continuation of the conflict. One recent article acknowledged the possibility of third-party mediation but argued it should be directed at "compelling" the US to give up its "aggression."

2. South Vietnam

Student leaders in the northern university city of Hué are organizing a "struggle group" to oppose the Thieu-Ky government. Student criticisms of the government closely follow those voiced recently by the Buddhist Tri Quang, who has strong influence in Hué. Tri insinuated recently he would like to see a change in Saigon.

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3. Kashmir

Troop clashes and artillery exchanges are continuing along the cease-fire line. More Pakistani infiltrations have also been reported.

Meanwhile, there has been no further word on the Bunche mission. The Indians, however, will undoubtedly attempt to focus Bunche's attention on Pakistani infiltrations and other border violations. The Pakistanis, for their part, will probably try to shift his interest to a discussion of an overall Kashmir settlement.

4. India

The fall harvest may be a near disaster if the drought continues.

Qualified observers are now saying that food grain production for the crop year ending next June may be even lower than it was last year. The shortage could be as much as 12 million tons below annual needs.

Grain prices in many areas are increasing rapidly,and several food riots have already been reported.

5. Greece

Parliament reconvenes tomorrow but the vote of confidence will not come until later in the week.

Prospects for a Tsirimokos victory are still doubtful at best. The US Embassy believes that Papandreou's current tour to arouse the countryside and the recent demonstrations in his favor will probably deter further defections of Center Union party deputies to Tsirimokos.

More left-wing demonstrations are planned for tomorrow even though the government has banned this kind of activity. The chance of violence is thus increased.

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6. Dominican Republic

The rebels are said to be about ready to sign the Act of Reconciliation. However, they are now trying to get formal assurance from the Organization of American States that the provisional government will have the right to set the date for withdrawal of the Inter-American Peace Force. It is not clear whether this move is anything more than an item for the political record.

Meanwhile, rebel extremists are still agitating. The Communist-controlled paper Patria is calling for withdrawal of the peace force one month after installation of a new government. Rebel Foreign Minister Jottin Cury has described the present settlement terms as "impossible."

7. Cyprus

There are still a number of potentially dangerous trouble spots, but the island has been relatively quiet in recent weeks.

Archbishop Makarios, in particular, has been reluctant to move on controversial questions. He probably feels that he needs the backing of a strong ally, but at this point, he seems to lack one. The USSR failed to back him in the recent Security Council debate and Greece has been preoccupied with its own political problems.

A new round of trouble could develop over the rotation of Turkish troops scheduled for next month. Makarios has assured the UN that he will approve the move, but there is ample time for him to change his mind. Incidents between Greek and Turkish Cypriots are another continuing cause for concern.

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1. North Vietnam

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2. South Vietnam

Student unrest continues in the Hué area. An antigovernment proclamation is being circulated and other propaganda material is being prepared. There are signs that this unrest will soon spread to the Saigon area.

A number of reports suggest that the Viet Cong are increasing their infiltration of the larger cities of South Vietnam, including the capital. The US Embassy is investigating.

US officials in Saigon say that some South Vietnamese generals have been making disparaging comments about the Marine victory near Chu Lai. The extensive favorable publicity given the American action seems to have struck a sensitive chord. General Westmoreland will try to see that the press gives South Vietnamese troops more credit in future engagements.

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3. Dominican Republic

Haggling over the terms of settlement continues.

Caamano is asking, among other things, for a change in the name of the "Act of Reconciliation." Imbert, for his side, has said only that he will "study" the revised terms. The military, too, may be drafting new demands.

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4. Greece

Parliament began this afternoon to debate the confidence vote on the Tsirimokos cabinet. Tsirimokos has been gaining, but his chances still seem less than even.

Papandreou drew good crowds on his tour of the countryside, but the rural population does not seem to support him as fervently as the crowds in Athens.

In the capital, the atmosphere is so heady with pro-Papandreou sentiment that the Communists, 50X1 want to hold back 50X1 because they fear that the agitation is swinging too many of their own followers into the Papandreou camp.

5. Yemen

The agreement reported to have been reached by Nasir and King Faysal today, with its successive stages toward peace in Yemen over a 15-month period, reflects the deep, abiding suspicions between the Egyptian and Saudi Arabian leaders.

Both sides nevertheless now seem more genuinely interested in settling the Yemen question than they have ever been before. It remains to be seen, however, whether the Yemenis, some elements of whom have a vested interest in keeping the fighting going, will settle down and adhere to an agreement made over their heads.

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6. Kashmir

Ralph Bunche now says that his trip to South Asia is not likely. He told a US official yesterday, however, that "something new"--a statement by U Thant, for example--is to be announced.

Moscow, meanwhile, has made it clear that it thinks the Kashmir dispute should be settled. An article in Pravda today says such a settlement is "imperative," and expresses a hope that Soviet-Pakistani relations will "facilitate a normalization" of Pakistan's relations with India.

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7. South Korea

Student agitators plan to carry their demonstrations against the Japan-Korea treaty into next month, [redacted] the students, many of whom have been paid by opposition politicians, plan to stage massive demonstrations in downtown Seoul and other cities tomorrow, and then to take a breather for a week or so. The government is deeply embarrassed by the demonstrations, but has kept them under reasonable good control so far. 50X1

8. Indonesia

Adam Malik, minister of guided economy and the leading, unheeded pro-Western voice in Sukarno's cabinet, has indicated to Ambassador Green that the government may force the closure of US consulates in Indonesia and is prepared to "live with" the closing of Indonesian consulates in the US.

Malik is sure, however, that Sukarno intends to maintain diplomatic relations. Malik gave Green the impression that these matters were discussed in a cabinet meeting at which he was present.

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9. France

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1. South Vietnam

The Viet Cong are to receive an unspecified quantity of medicine from Cambodia, [redacted] A "high ranking" official of the Communist Liberation Front is scheduled to go to the Cambodian capital to accept the gift, probably in a public ceremony. 50X1

This will be the first time that Cambodia's "moral support" for the Viet Cong has been openly translated into material. However, a similar gift went to North Vietnam in late June.

Student agitators were active in Hué again today, denouncing the Saigon government and its decree mobilizing intellectuals. The US was also criticized but the speakers reportedly insisted they were not anti-American.

2. North Vietnam

Three new surface-to-air missile sites, one with ten missiles and related equipment in place, have been identified by preliminary analysis of photography taken yesterday of the Hanoi area. If the analysis is confirmed, the total of such sites in North Vietnam will rise to 16. 50X1

Construction activity is taking place along the railway running northeast from Hanoi to Dong Dang, North Vietnam's main supply artery from Communist China. Photography of 17 August shows equipment and construction materials as well as grading scars and a new short spur to a military area.

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The strategic area northeast of Hanoi is watched especially carefully by Chinese Communist radar, indicating a high degree of sensitivity. The US strike near Kep on 24 August was the first US attack in this area.

Future strikes there may trigger more vigorous North Vietnamese, and possibly, Chinese Communist defensive measures.

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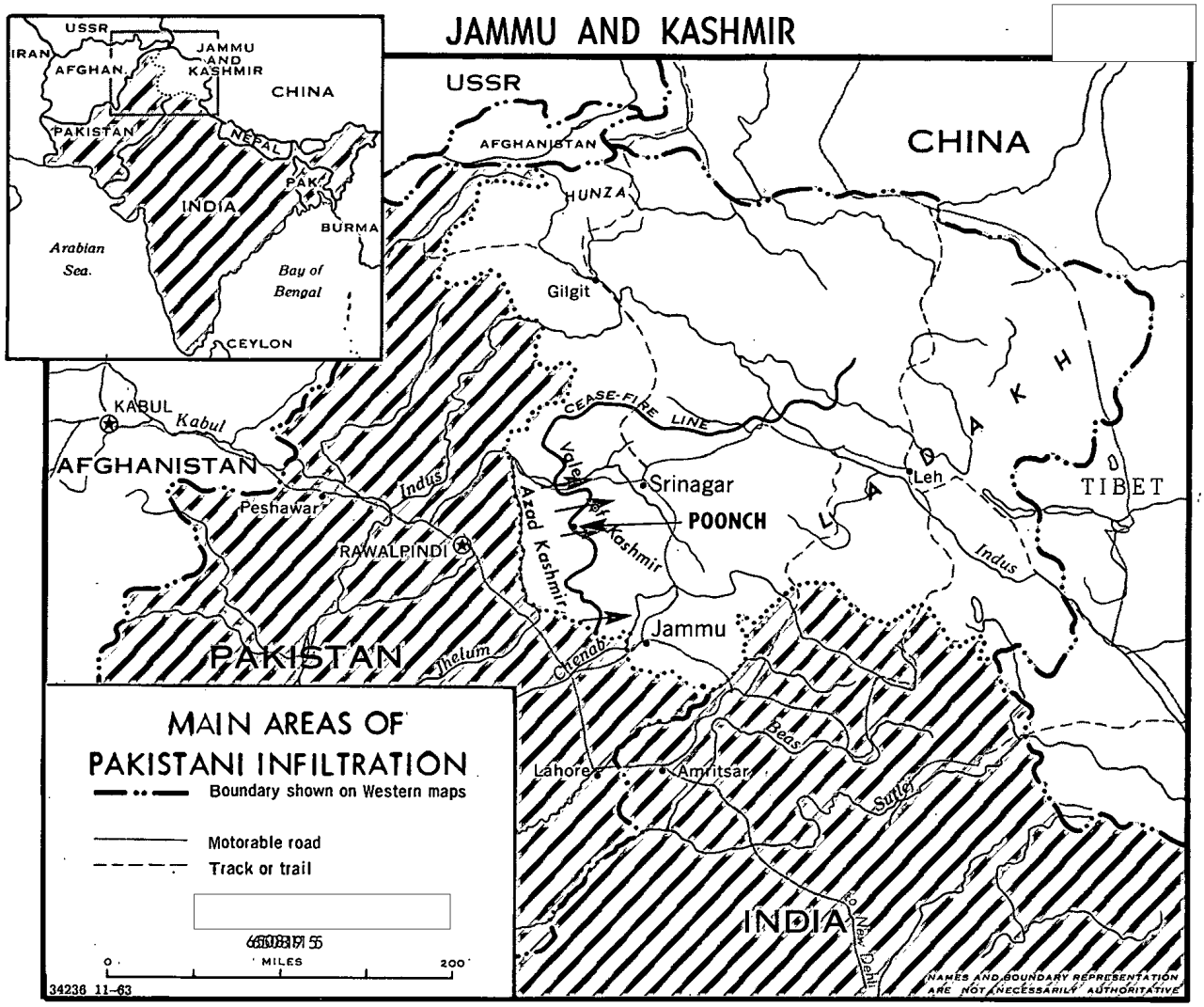

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3. Kashmir

Indian and Pakistani regulars are edging close to open warfare in Kashmir. During the past week, exchanges of rifle and machine-gun, as well as some artillery fire, have spread up and down the hitherto generally respected cease-fire line. (See map.)

United Nations observers report that two battalions of Pakistani regulars (about 2,000 men) have moved across the cease-fire line in the Poonch area. The Indians claim that, in addition, up to 5,000 Pakistani infiltrators are on the Indian side of the line.

On the other hand, Indian troops have crossed the line at several points to seize new positions from the Pakistanis.

This growing disregard for the cease-fire line, which has served to keep the two sides reasonably apart for 16 years, is reducing the effectiveness of the UN observer teams. The chief of the UN in Kashmir, General Nimmo, has been ordered to New York to report to U Thant.

The latter has labelled recent Kashmir developments "a serious threat to the peace."

4. Great Britain

Officials in London who are examining the implications of Singapore's independence seem to feel that the British base in Singapore will become untenable in the "relatively near future and certainly before 1968."

These officials are beginning to explore possible alternative base locations. Among these are northwestern Australia and several Indian Ocean islands. Thought is also being given to requesting the use of US facilities in the Philippines for logistic backup.

The British emphasize that this does not mean the British intend to pull out of Southeast Asia leaving the US holding the bag. They do acknowledge that there well may be a reduction in British forces once the Singapore base is lost.

These considerations are not likely to affect British support of the struggle against Indonesia over the short run.

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5. Congo

President Kasavubu is pressing his drive to undercut Premier Tshombé.

This week elections were annulled, doubtless at the president's behest, in still another province where Tshombé forces had been victorious.

Kasavubu is also urging former security chieftain, Nendaka, to build up a following so as eventually to replace Tshombé. General Mobutu, whose attitude may prove decisive, has reportedly frowned on this maneuver.

For the time being, Tshombé is keeping his own counsel and is telling interested parties that he does not intend to provoke a showdown with Kasavubu.

6. USSR

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launched from Tyuratam this morning was the third so far this month. Launches in this series earlier in the year came at the rate of one every 18-20 days. The rate this month is one every 10-11 days.

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7. Indonesia

A government press campaign has been launched against American missionaries in West Irian, Indonesia's part of New Guinea, where small-scale native resistance activities have been bothering the Indonesians in the past few weeks. The missionaries are charged with being involved in these disturbances.

This campaign is another item in the growing list of anti-Western themes which the Indonesian Government is orchestrating. A discussion of some of the ways in which Sukarno is making the country into a closed, Communist-oriented society is today's Annex.

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ANNEX

Sukarno's March into the Communist Camp

In the past few months, Sukarno's determination to mold Indonesia into a Communist society, revolving on an axis of which Communist China is the other pole, has become more and more explicit. Sukarno is deliberately pushing this process at as rapid a pace as seems to him prudent without arousing excessive dissidence or forcing together the remaining non-Communist elements in the country. As these opposition elements have become enfeebled, the pace has accelerated.

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Anti-Westernism has become increasingly outspoken not only in the "confrontation" against Malaysia and in the harassment of US interests, but also in a positive espousal of Peking's propaganda and positions. Sukarno's speech of 17 August even envisaged an alliance of Indonesia with North Vietnam, Cambodia, and Communist China.

This ties in with Sukarno's concept of the "nefos"--the new emerging forces which include the Communist countries, especially the Asian ones--lined up against the "oldfos"--of which the US is the leader. The Djakarta-Peking axis is also part of Sukarno's vision of Indonesia assuming its "natural" leadership of Southeast Asia, a theme played somewhat more softly.

Indonesian news media are almost exclusively in the hands of Communist propagandists. Only the North Vietnamese version of the US Marines' action at Chu Lai, for example, ever got into print. Foreign Minister Subandrio parrots the theme that Vietnamese "freedom fighters," with superior will, are winning despite the tremendous superiority of weapons in the hands of their imperialist enemies.

As Ambassador Green sees it, Indonesia has become an almost completely closed society, its contacts with the non-Communist world being gradually snipped off. In strokes of high policy, Indonesia has withdrawn from the United Nations, the World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund, while

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local youth groups have organized book burnings, in which the Encyclopedia Britannica is consigned to the flames along with the jackets of Beatle phonograph records (the records themselves go to the black market).

The only serious opponent of Sukarno's immersing Indonesia in his brand of Communism has been the army. [redacted] however, the army is being psychologically reoriented to consider the neocolonialists, including the US, as the real enemy. This reorientation is being backed by day-to-day pressures from Djakarta on the army's long-standing administrative influence in the country. This week, for example, the interior minister picked a Communist-backed man to be mayor of Medan--site of one of our consulates--over a man strongly supported by the army. 50X1

The anti-Communists whom Sukarno has kept on in the government--anti-Communists seem to be either in the cabinet or in jail--have been outmaneuvered. They helplessly watch Sukarno promote what they call the "disintegration" of the country. Economic minister Malik says that if Sukarno pursues his present policies for the rest of this year "he would be very sorry." But neither Malik nor General Nasution, the respected anti-Communist military leader, gives any signs of doing anything about it.

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1. Vietnam

A high-level North Vietnamese party delegation arrived in Paris yesterday. The delegation is the guest of the French Communist Party

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In Saigon, Prime Minister Ky exuded confidence in himself and his government during an interview with Ambassador Lodge. Ky does not appear to take the possibility of a coup very seriously.

The embassy believes, however, that the government faces internal challenges in the coming weeks which will test the mettle of the generals and their ability to stick together.

Saigon students have now taken up the cry against Ky's recent mobilization decree. So far they have not, as have their Hué counterparts, called for a change of government.

2. Communist China

Peking charges that the crash Tuesday of a US military plane in Hong Kong further reveals the British are letting the US use the colony as a "base for aggression against Vietnam."

In making this charge, the leading Peking-controlled paper in Hong Kong implied that if such use was not halted China might "react."

Significant Chinese action against Hong Kong is unlikely, at least at the present, but Peking evidently intends to keep pressure on the British to restrict activities in Hong Kong which in any way oppose Peking's interests.

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3. Dominican Republic

The prospects are for still further delays in reaching a settlement. The top military leaders are now unanimously opposed to signing the revised "Act of Reconciliation."

The underlying problem seems to be that these officers have lost confidence in Garcia Godoy. They say that he has made commitments to the rebels which are against the interests of the armed forces. There is no firm information, however, that this is the case.

Garcia's next move may be in the form of concessions to the military in an effort to regain their confidence. He has told US officials, for example, that he might be obliged to renege on naming a civilian as minister of the armed forces.

4. Kashmir

Secretary General U Thant is gravely apprehensive about Kashmir.

He says that the small UN observer group there is impotent to deal with the situation under its existing mandate. There is, he feels, a real possibility of a complete breakdown of the 1949 cease-fire agreement.

An examination of the background and possible implications of the struggle in Kashmir is today's Annex.

5. Nationalist China

Madame Chiang Kai-shek is now planning to stay in the US for several months. She will arrive in New York tomorrow to set up temporary headquarters.

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Madame Chiang believes the American public does not adequately understand the threat from Peking and the importance of Nationalist China in the anti-Communist struggle. Because of this, she intends to set out on an extensive speaking tour.

Madame Chiang has asked the Chinese Embassy in Washington to arrange for her to meet with the President and to address a joint session of Congress.

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6. Colombia

The government is pushing a number of unpopular policies which could bring on strikes and other public disorders in coming weeks.

These measures include a gasoline tax and proposed reform of exchange rates. In addition, students are protesting the lack of funds for several universities. Demonstrations have already begun.

Other disorders may occur if the government tries to break up a Communist-backed rally set for 10 September. Political demonstrations are outlawed under the present state of siege.

7. Greece

Tsirimokos lost important ground today in his drive to win a vote of confidence. Spyros Markenzinis, a minority leader who controls eight crucial votes, came out against the new government.

The vote may come later tonight but it could be postponed until Monday.

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8. USSR

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ANNEX

India and Pakistan

Antagonism between Hindu and Muslim goes back for centuries. Never far below the surface, it erupted into one of the bloodiest communal conflicts in history when India and Pakistan became independent in 1947.

Ever since, a search for security against India has been the strongest motive in Pakistan's foreign policy. Pakistan joined the Southeast Asia and Central Treaty Organizations and accepted US military aid largely for their deterrent affect on India. Pakistan has always viewed US military aid to India as aimed at Pakistan. Feeling then that US support against India was lagging, Pakistan began to turn to the Chinese in order to bring needed pressure on India.

India, larger and stronger, has never felt it necessary to make concessions in order to achieve better relations with Pakistan. Throughout the dark days of the war with China, India did not lower its military guard in the disputed area of Kashmir.

The long-standing Indian-Pakistani feud is going to persist. Indeed, it promises to get worse. Although there have been occasional outbursts in such places as the Rann of Kutch and East Pakistan, Kashmir will continue to be the focus of the dispute. Pakistan tried to seize Kashmir by military force in 1948. The attempt failed. An uneasy peace has been kept since along the cease-fire line by a small group of UN observers. Both sides have been disposed to keep the fighting to a small-scale, sporadic level.

It is this disposition which seems to have broken down in the past week or so. Both sides now appear willing, at a minimum, to use the flareup to redraw the line and to improve tactical military positions. It could go much further than this, however, since both sides have pushed regulars across the line into the territory of the other. Exchanges of gunfire have increased in frequency and duration.

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Open warfare is thus a danger, especially since the UN group is no longer the effective restraining influence it once was. As tensions rise, the possibilities of a new communal outburst in India also rise.

One moderating factor remains—the value both New Delhi and Karachi place on US military and economic aid. While either would be willing to forego this aid rather than compromise vital national interests, such aid does give the US some leverage on the policies of both.

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1. Vietnam

No major developments were reported today.

2. Kashmir

Ambassador Bowles is concerned that the drift of events in New Delhi is toward the expansion of hostilities.

Indian officials now talk frequently of the need to destroy the Pakistani bases from which infiltrators are sent into Kashmir. Indian troops crossed the cease-fire line again yesterday to "interdict" infiltrators. 50X1

Ayub reportedly said that the Rann of Kutch affair last spring was the opening move of a plan to force a final solution of the Kashmir problem. Ayub warned, however, that not too much should be expected too soon, and expressed concern that the Pakistani press was overreacting.

It is doubtful that Ayub's plan has been worked out as carefully as he seems to have implied, but if, as we believe, this report is indicative of the kind of thinking Ayub is doing now, the present Kashmir crisis is not going to blow over soon.

3. Dominican Republic

Garcia Godoy, the prospective provisional government head, believes that he has at least partially restored the rightist military chiefs' confidence in him. No headway has been made with conservative leader Imbert, however.

Imbert's followers are organizing a mass rally for Sunday in Santo Domingo. The rally is billed as anti-Communist 50X1

Large delegations are to be transported from outlying towns to the capital for the occasion.

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4. Colombia

The disorders reported in yesterday's Brief center in Tunja, a provincial capital some 80 miles northeast of Bogota, but demonstrations have also broken out in Bogota itself and in a number of other towns.

Students seem to be playing a leading role at this stage. A renewal of terrorism by the Castroist Army of National Liberation and by hard-line Communists is possible, however, especially if the government's hand should seem to be weakening.

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5. Yemen

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[redacted] Cairo has begun the process of pulling troops out of Yemen.

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6. Greece

There has been no break in the situation. Markezinis, leader of the splinter Progressive Party, still seems to hold the key to the survival of Tsirimokos' cabinet. The latest information from Athens is that Markezinis continues to oppose Tsirimokos, but that the Progressives may merely vote "present" instead of against.

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7. Japan

Prime Minister Sato's recent visit to Okinawa seems virtually certain to make the reversion of the island from US to Japanese administration much more of a burning issue in Japanese politics than it has been.

Sato has already created a special cabinet council for Okinawa. This council is to hold its first meeting today.

The prime minister's special assistant for foreign affairs has told our embassy that Sato must adopt policies on Okinawa that will win the support of "healthy" nationalism in Japan and keep Sato's opponents from monopolizing the issue.

This official warned that it is no longer enough for Japan merely to give economic aid to the Okinawans and that some political moves will have to be made.

8. Bolivia

A new strike in the nationalized tin mines began yesterday. This one is scheduled to last only 48 hours, although leftist extremists want to make it open-ended. Moderate leaders retain control so far.

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1. South Vietnam

The ferment against the government continues in intellectual circles.

Students in Hué reiterated last evening their determination to press on with their struggle until the present government is overthrown and an elected, civilian one installed. They are sending representatives to other areas to develop support for this cause.

A three-day conclave of intellectuals has been called in Hué, starting tomorrow. Its sponsors say they hope to keep the meeting in constructive channels

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2. Dominican Republic

The Imbert forces are going ahead with their plans for a mass demonstration in Santo Domingo tomorrow.

The rebel side is worried by Imbert's refusal to sign the revised "Act of Reconciliation" and by the forthcoming demonstration. Caamano went on the air briefly last night to urge his followers to remain alert.

3. Kashmir

U Thant apparently does not now plan to move strongly into the Kashmir situation.

United Nations Under Secretary Bunche says Thant may merely talk to Security Council members, urging them to call on India and Pakistan to "exercise restraint."

According to the latest word from United Nations observers in Kashmir, the Pakistanis now hold no posts on the Indian side of the cease-fire line, while the Indians hold four posts on the Pakistani side. The Pakistani commander reportedly threatens to strike elsewhere in retaliation.

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4. Yemen

The Yemeni republicans feel that they have been sold out by the Egyptians, even though the republican government is outwardly complying with the terms of the Faysal-Nasir agreement.

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5. Indonesia

Ambassador Green has concluded that the two outlying US consulates in Indonesia should remain in place for the time being. Both consulates have been subjected to serious hostile demonstrations recently.

The consulate at Surabaya in East Java is likely to continue to be harassed heavily. The consul there believes the odds are that he will be forced to close by the end of the year.

The consulate in Medan, in northwestern Sumatra, is not as isolated from local people as is that at Surabaya, and pressures against it do not seem stronger now than they were six months ago.

6. Greece

Tsirimokos looks like a loser, although the confidence vote has not been taken yet. The pundits in Athens are now watching for the King's next move.

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1. North Vietnam

Intercepted communications indicate that IL-28 Beagle jet light bombers in North Vietnam are taking more training flights. As many as four bombers at a time may be training together.

2. South Vietnam

Antigovernment student demonstrations spread to the city of Da Nang today. The students, like those in Hué, are protesting government actions and calling for the ouster of head of state Thieu.

General Thi, the ambitious commander of the 1st Corps in the north, told a US official last week he thought that the Thieu-Ky government would last only another month or two. Thi claimed broad popular support for himself, and indicated he hoped that Premier Ky would turn to him to take over the government. The embassy intends to discourage Thi on every possible occasion.

3. Colombia

The country was quiet over the weekend, but a teachers' strike with nationwide ramifications is scheduled to be launched today. A local teachers' strike sparked last week's riots.

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4. Dominican Republic

What caused last night's exchange of fire across the security zone is still obscure.

The embassy's first reaction was that the fighting was initiated by the rebels, but there is some reporting which indicates that a mortar attack from the Imbert lines started the whole thing.

At any rate, there are extremists on both sides who are quite capable of doing so in the hopes of upsetting the negotiations for a provisional government.

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The negotiations seem to be creeping toward a solution. At last report, Imbert, finding that his military chiefs endorse the latest proposals, intends to endorse them too. He spoke of announcing this tomorrow. He may move tonight.

5. Greece

The King is weighing his next move following the failure of Tsirimokos to win a vote of confidence.

The King is not likely to be attracted to Papandreou's proposal which calls for elections in mid-November with a service government running the country in the interim. The King would prefer a much longer cooling off period before an election takes place in which the monarchy could be an issue.

He may instead try to install a government of nonpolitical technicians or a coalition of all political parties. Neither would be palatable to Papandreou.

Considering, however, that the area of possible compromise has been narrowed in the past few weeks, it is possible that the King may choose to play his trump card now rather than later. This would be to turn to the military for a solution.

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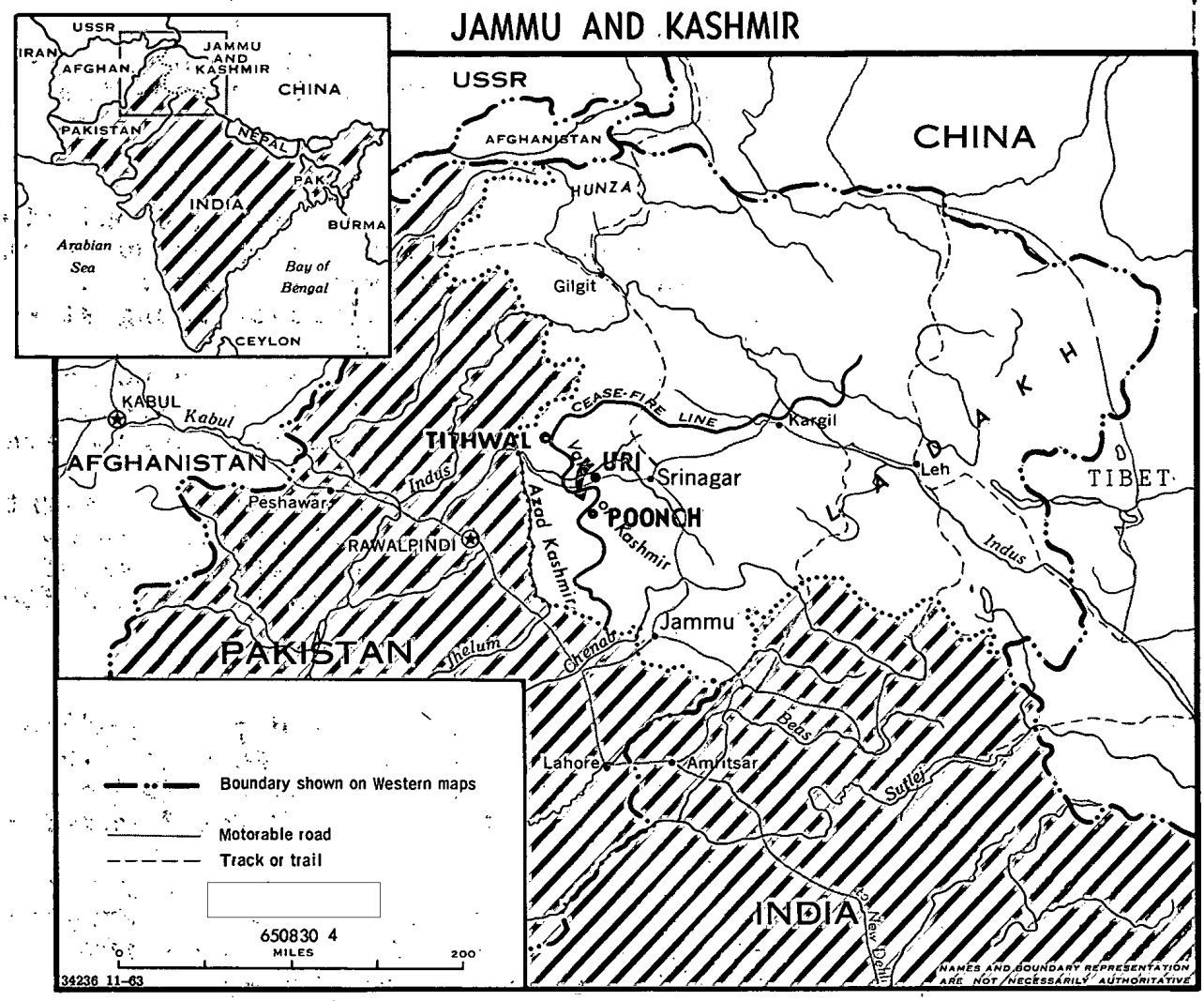

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6. Kashmir

Fighting continues at several points along the cease-fire line in Kashmir.

Indian forces are trying to slice off a Pakistani salient near Uri and have clashed again with Pakistani infiltrators in the Vale of Kashmir (see map).

So far, despite an outcry in New Delhi, the Indian response to developments in Kashmir has been limited to coping with Pakistani infiltrators and attacking their bases and lines of communication just across the cease-fire line.

7. South Korea

[redacted] 50X1 the strong measures employed at the universities last week have aroused strong disfavor among students.

Further demonstrations are being planned for later in the week [redacted] 50X1 . Korean security forces are 50X1 braced.

The detention last weekend of eight retired generals for antigovernment activity may cut down the willingness of opposition politicians to incite and finance the students.

8. Indonesia

Some 125 officers and men loyal to Laotian neutralist leader Kong Le have arrived in Djakarta to begin a program of military training under the Indonesian Army.

It is clear from the way they were received that indoctrination in anti-Western attitudes will form an important part of the training. The Indonesians have already launched a similar program for some 30 Tanzanian soldiers, hoping to enlist them in Sukarno's struggle against the West.

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1. South Vietnam

Premier Ky has warned student and other agitators that his government is prepared to take strong action against antigovernment manifestations.

This, by itself, is not very likely to deter the agitators who will wish to see if Ky is willing to match his words with action.

Meanwhile, the government's talks with the leaders of the montagnard autonomy movement are dragging on, so far without result.

The two sides remain divided by barriers of deep distrust which goes back for many decades.

There are signs that the ruling generals' patience is wearing thin and they have threatened to use force to bring the tribesmen to heel.

Any such action would probably open wide opportunities for Viet Cong exploitation. The embassy is doing its best to head this off.

2. North Vietnam

Details are still coming in on the air activity over North Vietnam this morning.

The picture is not entirely clear, but the North Vietnamese air defense system did apparently track some eight aircraft flying out of Chinese air space into, and six beyond, North Vietnam. The identity of the planes cannot be established. Two were identified by the North Vietnamese as "hostile," the remainder as "unknown."

A US strike was under way over North Vietnam at the time, and the US pilots report no aerial engagements or MIG sightings.

The possibility that this was a North Vietnamese paper exercise or a deliberate deception attempt cannot be discounted on the basis of available information.

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3. USSR

Soviet instrumentation ships continue to deploy in support of an upcoming space operation. We do not know what they intend to attempt, but it apparently will occur soon.

One possibility is that the Soviets plan to launch an unmanned spacecraft which will travel around the moon and return to the USSR. Some of the ships are in position to monitor such an operation.

Another possibility is that the space event is to be a dry run for a new type of manned flight later in September.

4. Greece

The King will convene a Crown Council tomorrow--a meeting with former premiers and other political leaders--in a new effort to break the seven-week deadlock.

There are no indications what the council may propose, and there is no guarantee that Constantine will accept the council's advice. It is also unclear whether ex-Premier Papandreou will attend.

Left-wing trade union groups are planning more strikes and demonstrations to support their demands for elections.

5. Cyprus

Makarios is apparently taking steps to complicate the rotation of Turkish troops next month.

The chief United Nations political officer on Cyprus has reported that Makarios will demand the right to inspect Turkish equipment and run identity checks on Turkish personnel. Ankara will probably refuse to accept these conditions.

Turkish Prime Minister Urguplu has recently threatened to bomb and invade the island if Makarios gets completely out of hand.

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6. Singapore

Prime Minister Lee's television diatribe against the US yesterday was probably aimed at shoring up his reputation in Africa and Asia. Last week, Lee went to the other extreme by disclosing that there had been a Communist-Indonesian plot against Singapore.

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7. Kashmir

A major clash of regular forces may be in the offing.

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8. Jamaica

Widespread unemployment and poverty in the Negro community were apparently at the root of the outbreaks in Jamaica last weekend. This kind of disturbance might well promote unrest in other islands of the Caribbean.

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