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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Syrian revolt

The rebellion of pro-UAR elements in northern Syria against the new regime is still going on. If it is not quelled soon by force or negotiations it could spread into civil war. The government has indicated its willingness to submit to a plebiscite the issue of union with the UAR. Damascus may deliberately create an incident with Israel in an attempt to unite the people behind the government, while the risk of Israeli intervention will increase if pro-Nasir elements appear to be succeeding.

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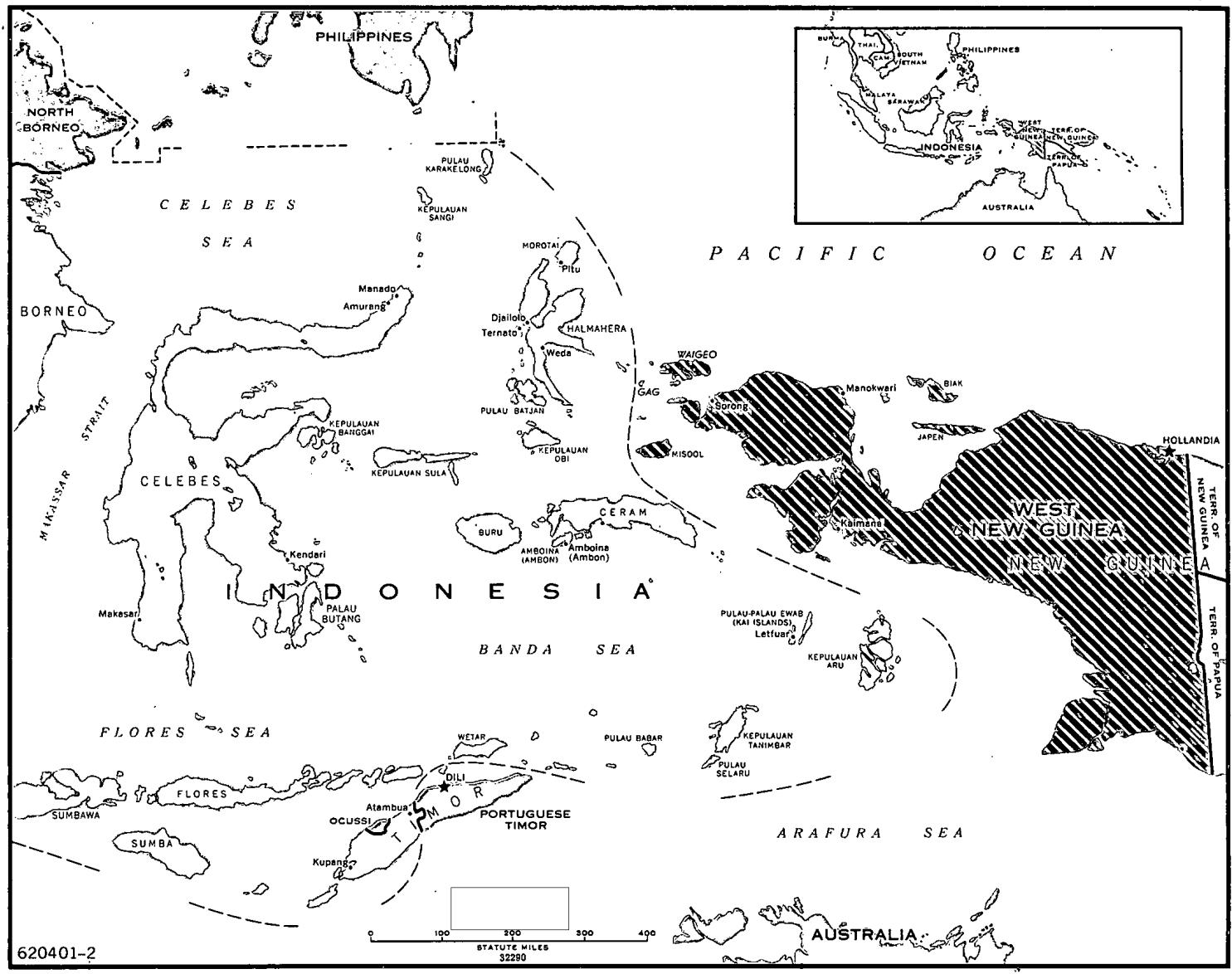
2. Berlin

a. The US Military Liaison Mission in East Germany has been placed under heavy Soviet guard. Marshal Konev has asked General Clarke to meet him on Thursday. The latter has accepted and, on General Norstad's advice, has withheld retaliatory action until after the meeting.

b. No Soviet flights were scheduled in the corridors for today or over the weekend--the longest period with no flights since they were started on 8 February.

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3. Argentina

President Guido's regime is still not out of the woods. The UCRI--Frondizi's party, which controls both houses of Congress--by announcing its loyalty to Frondizi and opposition to the Guido government has in effect terminated its agreement with the military to support legislation designed to weaken Peronist and labor elements. This could lead to new action by the military or to new elections, which the UCRI had previously hoped to defer until 1964.

4. West New Guinea

Declaring that a new stage of increased activity had been reached in the West New Guinea campaign, the Indonesian Defense Minister has announced three new landings on the West New Guinea coast. Indonesian troops that infiltrated Gag Island--now the object of Dutch mopping-up operations--are asking desperately for sea and air support. The Dutch deny Indonesian press reports that Waigeo has been liberated.

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5. Ecuador

a. President Arosemena [redacted]

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[redacted] is [redacted] ready to break [redacted] not only with Cuba, but Czechoslovakia and Poland as well. A cabinet reshuffle to strengthen support for domestic reforms may, with the expected break with Cuba, set off new demonstrations by both rightist and leftist extremists.

b. The US Consulate General in Quito was stoned on Saturday and the guard on duty was beaten.

6. Algeria

a. The US Consul General in Algiers feels that it would not be surprising if there is retaliation against the consulate for US gestures toward the Algerian leaders.

b. French officials in Algeria are concerned over the safety of the provisional executive due to the limited number of reliable bodyguards. Sporadic OAS terrorist activity continues.

7. Laos

a. Sullivan's week-end talks with Souvanna, Souphanouvong and the Soviet ambassador covered some new ground which might provide a new basis for talks with Phoumi, but the situation is still pretty much on dead center. All three agreed that the US must withhold military aid from Phoumi to force him to negotiate. Souvanna reiterated his previous promises to avoid military moves if the US showed signs of putting real pressure on Phoumi, but Souphanouvong [redacted]

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[redacted] was more threatening.

He insisted that Phoumi had augmented his forces "behind Pathet Lao lines" and that he would have to remove the menace posed by this augmentation.

b. Souvanna is soon off to Paris, not by way of Washington.

8. Soviet press attacks on President's statements

Recent Soviet press articles attacking President Kennedy's statements in the Alsop article, are another manifestation of Moscow's compulsion to react to any US statement which suggests American military superiority or that implies a threat against the USSR. This is the first time that the Soviets have teed off directly against the President with charges usually reserved for "Pentagon brass."

NOTES

- A. The atmosphere of the Adoula-Tshombé talks appears friendly if unproductive. Ambassador Gullion considers the situation still "mercurial." Tshombé's absence from Leopoldville has caused a serious deterioration of administrative efficiency in Elisabethville. 50X1
- B. Venezuelan Communists and leftist military officers are supposed to be planning to make a coup against Betancourt [redacted]. Most high ranking officers are believed loyal, and we doubt that a major outbreak is likely at present. 50X1
- C. South Vietnam, in response to a Cambodian invitation, is organizing an inspection team to investigate areas in Cambodia suspected of being used by the Viet Cong.

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1. Syrian revolt collapses

a. After army commanders elsewhere in Syria declared against them, the Nasirite officers in Aleppo

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[redacted] finally accepted a compromise which had been worked out earlier. This agreement calls for restoration of civilian government under President Qudsi, exile (coupled with a substantial pay-off) for several of the most violently anti-Nasir officers, and a plebiscite on reunion with Egypt. The army, however, is left under the control of officers opposed to Nasir. We do not anticipate a restoration of the UAR as it was prior to September, but the trend for the moment seems to be toward a gradual improvement of relations which could lead to some form of loose association between the two countries.

b. Nasir apparently weighed his chances of successful intervention and decided against. His last face-saving statement pledges "himself, his mind and nerves in the service of whatever effort may save Syria and save every drop of blood in it," but only if all parties concerned agree.

c. These developments greatly decrease the chance of Jordanian intervention against the pro-UAR forces

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[redacted] and virtually rule out the possibility of an Israeli move.

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3. West New Guinea

Neither side has yet responded to Ambassador Bunker's formula. The initial reaction of the Indonesian representative was positive, however, while that of the Dutch was strongly negative. De Quay and Luns took a similar attitude toward the President's letter, saying that if the proposal meant that Indonesia would take over the administration before the Papuans had a chance to express a choice "we will have none of it." On the military side, no major new developments have been reported

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4. Berlin

East German police yesterday morning began picking up permits for entry into East Berlin presented by both West Berliners and West Germans without permitting them to enter, but later in the day backed off again. While the pretext is the planned replacement of old permits, we suspect this activity is the beginning of a softening-up process for implementation of the new customs law, which is apparently to come into effect on 30 April. No corridor flights have been scheduled since last Thursday.

5. Soviets bring up reconnaissance satellite issue in Outer Space talks

They refused to accept the US list of specific topics unless a joint declaration against use of such satellites was included. We do not know whether they will make such a declaration a precondition for progress in cooperative space programs, but the groundwork has at least been laid for renewed propaganda exploitation of the "spy-in-the-sky" theme.

6. Argentina: temperature begins to drop

The armed forces, recognizing the threat that their removal of Frondizi poses for future political stability, are making conciliatory noises about a "national unity" cabinet under Guido. Although elements of Frondizi's party are still demanding his return, its national committee is backing Guido. The Peronistas, however, are threatening "popular insurrection" if their election victories are invalidated.

7. Mexican approach to
Cuba on prisoners

The Mexican Ambassador in Havana has been authorized to urge the Cuban government to commute any death sentences. The Brazilian request for postponement of the trial [redacted] was not accepted by Castro on the grounds that his public announcement of the trial had canceled his earlier exchange offer.

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NOTES

- A. The Soviet missile range ships in the Pacific have turned north and appear headed for Petropavlovsk. They were apparently routed south of Japan because of ice. [redacted] 50X1
- B. Ecuador broke relations with Cuba yesterday. [redacted] 50X1
- C. [redacted]
- D. British Guiana has provisionally agreed to purchase \$600,000 worth of agricultural processing equipment from East Germany, its first such deal with any bloc country.
- E. French officials responsible for the Sahara are unhappy over the agreement with Algeria, which they say will give the Algerian government, after the initial six-year period, "in practice, the last word." [redacted] 50X1
- F. One consequence of the Algerian cease-fire has been a sudden improvement in relations between Guinea and France.
- G. A meeting of the French African states has strongly rebuked Youlou of the Brazzaville Congo for his support of Tshombé.

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1. Laos

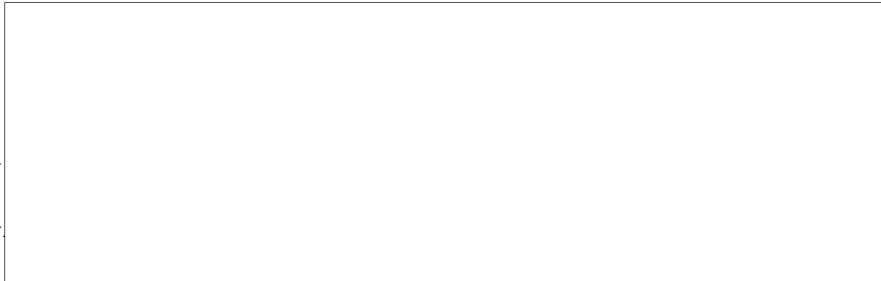
a. Phoumi's present plan is to convene the National Congress on 11 May to vote the King full powers, which Phoumi insists he will accept. The King will then form a government to include Souvanna, Souphanouvong and Boun Oum, but not Phoumi, who would command the armed forces. If Souvanna and Souphanouvong decline to serve, their posts would be held open by temporary ministers.

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2. Communist China

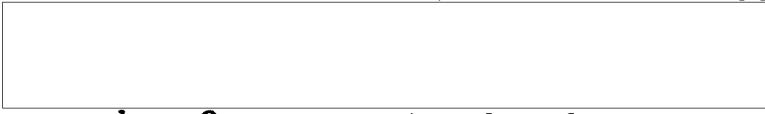
a. The Chinese Communists yesterday published an editorial repeating their stand that they will not be bound by any disarmament agreement reached without Chinese participation. Peiping would probably welcome an invitation to Geneva; we believe the motive would be to "expose the US peace fraud." The Chinese have endorsed Soviet disarmament proposals for the record, but they have made clear their belief that Khrushchev's undue emphasis on disarmament dampens revolutionary ardor.



3. Vietnam

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a. Three separate groups in Saigon--increasingly concerned, since the bombing of Diem's palace, over the danger of a struggle for power if he dies in office--are reported lining up supporters in the administration and the armed forces for a takeover should Diem die or be ousted.



b. One more step has been taken in Hanoi's program to unite political opposition to Diem with the announcement that the National Front for Liberation of South Vietnam has held its first congress and elected a central committee.

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4. Syria

a. The revised structure of the military command [redacted] 50X1

[redacted] provides for a central decision-making body comprised of representatives from the various area commands. As the most important instrument of government in Syria it is likely to be the focal point of new rivalries.

b. Ambassador Knight reports a widespread impression, also entertained by the group in control, that the US favors the restoration of Egyptian rule. He has even been warned by the Foreign Minister, who we suppose is overconscious that the Sixth Fleet is in Beirut, against "any military intervention whatsoever."

5. West New Guinea

a. Indonesia's Chief of Staff for Operations in West New Guinea announced yesterday that Indonesian ships and planes patrolling the New Guinea coast have orders to fire on Dutch vessels on sight.

b. Sukarno accepts the Bunker formula as a basis for resumption of secret talks. We still do not have the formal Dutch reaction.

NOTES

- A. No Soviet flights were scheduled for the Berlin air corridors today.
No further ground harassment has been reported.
- B. The Common Market's Council of Ministers yesterday agreed on a protest against changes in the US glass and carpets tariff.
- C. [redacted] OAS is no longer a valid political force in France, and that its fate will be sealed in Sunday's referendum. With the failure of major plans and desertion of key figures it also appears to be losing momentum in Algeria. 50X1
- D. A leading Soviet scientist [redacted] USSR concentration on space spectaculars has caused it to fall behind the US in space science, a situation to be remedied by a program of small satellite launchings that began with Sputnik XIII. 50X1
- E. In pursuit of "national unity" the Argentine armed forces are willing to have Guido discuss a settlement with the Peronistas, who, in turn, now believe that they can negotiate with the military.
- F. Moroccan-supported Mauritanian exiles in Mali on 29 March attacked a military outpost in Mauritania, apparently as part of Morocco's program to establish its sovereignty over that country. [redacted] 50X1
- G. An antimissile missile was apparently launched against an incoming target at Sarv Shagan on 28 March. The degree of success is not known. [redacted] 50X1

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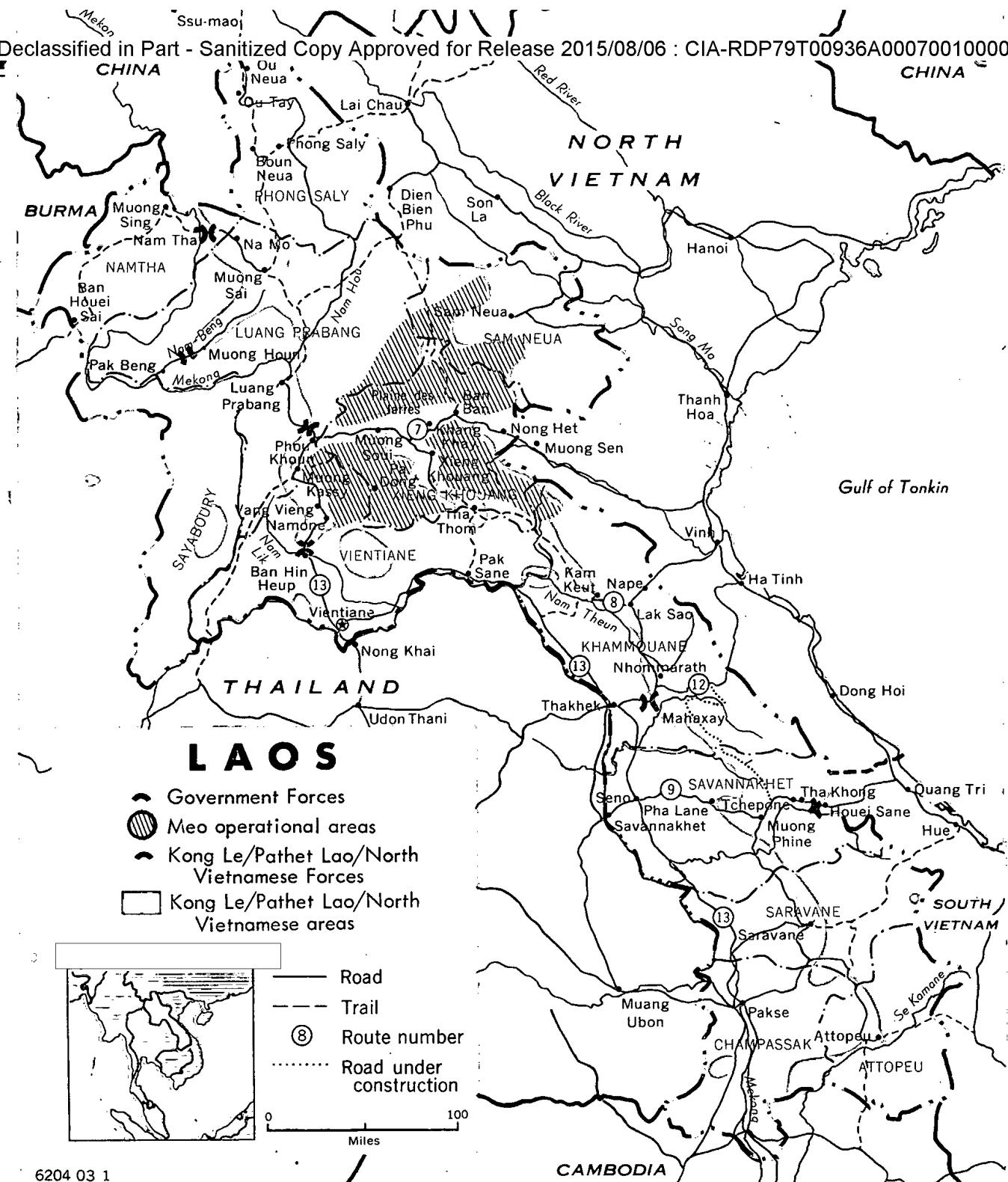
1. West New Guinea

- a. Sukarno yesterday gave Jones assurance of a temporary moratorium on inflammatory words and deeds.
- b. The Hague has reacted bitterly to the Bunker formula, accusing the US of appeasement.
- c. Both De Quay and Luns stated publicly yesterday that the Dutch would not agree to a transfer of sovereignty to the Indonesians in advance of a local plebiscite.

2. Syria

- a. Aleppo is again under nominal Damascus control following the withdrawal from the city of the elements which staged last Sunday's seizure.
- b. The weak seams in the settlement are still showing, however, with the stresses particularly evident within the military command in Damascus. Yesterday, tanks were drawn up and sand bags were erected around army headquarters there.

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3. Laos

a. Government forces at the town of Muong Houn, west of Luang Prabang, are under heavy pressure from rebel elements and there are indications that they have begun to pull out. This looks like the first follow-up on Souphannouvong's recent threat to re-occupy several areas which he claims to have controlled at the time of the 50X1 May 1961 cease fire.

c. Souphannouvong has admitted [redacted] that there are [redacted] two companies of Chinese Communist army engineers in Phong Saly province besides the Chinese laborers working on the road there.

4. Congo

b. Relations between the UN forces and the Katangas remain uneasy.

5. Moscow floats new test inspection scheme

It has suggested indirectly

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[redacted] that it might accept a system allowing for on-site inspections of unidentified events on either side by representatives of the non-aligned countries. With an eye on our test resumption, the Soviets may be able through this kind of device to convince some of the non-aligned countries at Geneva that they are willing to compromise on the international vs. national inspection issue without committing themselves to anything formally.

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6. EEC developments

a. Chances for progress in filling a major gap in the EEC's development--conflicting national policies on energy resources--are rated good. A conference on the problem is now under way in Rome amidst signs that the spur of US and other non-EEC competition may bring a compromise arrangement aimed at reconciling the interests of coal-producing, oil-marketing and fuel-importing members.

b. The Community cleared another difficult hurdle yesterday when the 6 agriculture ministers signed into effect the agricultural agreement worked out late last year.

NOTES

- A. About the only issue in the upcoming French referendum is whether De Gaulle will succeed, as he intends, in representing a heavy favorable vote as across-the-board approval of his policies. The non-Gaullist parties are concentrating their efforts on diluting this impression before-hand.
- B. There is a move afoot among various neutralist delegations to develop support for a special UN General Assembly session on the question of test resumption.
- C. [Redacted] 50X1
- D. [Redacted] 50X6
- E. The Ecuadorian government is still looking for some student/leftist reaction to the break with Cuba but has so far encountered no difficulties. Castro tried to stir things up in a speech in the late hours yesterday in which he brands Arosemena a puppet and a drunk.
- F. The King of Nepal, professing awareness of the Chinese Communist danger, says he would welcome our advice on dealing with it and that he may soon ask the US for modern arms and ammunition. He is likely to take a similar line with the Indians during his upcoming state visit.
- G. The creation of a provisional Angolan government under Holden Roberto has just been announced in Leopoldville. The move had been expected as a means of stemming recent gains by the Communist wing of the rebel movement.

WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--4 April 1962

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

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

BERLIN: The focus of continuing Soviet harassing and probing tactics against the Allied presence in Berlin may be shifting temporarily to Western ground access and military liaison missions. However, bloc military activity in general suggests that the Communists do not intend their actions to provoke military confrontation in the immediate future.

LAOS: It is unlikely that either side will initiate a major offensive in the immediate future. Communist forces, however, are likely to initiate local actions to strengthen their military position.

SOUTH VIETNAM: Government forces are waging increasingly aggressive antiguerilla operations. The Viet Cong, however, generally continue to avoid superior forces and to concentrate upon attacks which they believe are likely to succeed.

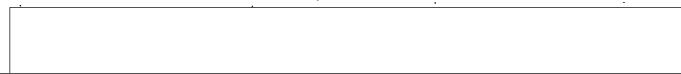
INDONESIA: Indonesian infiltration of West New Guinea territory is likely to continue. Naval and air incidents will increase as the Dutch patrol capabilities are enhanced by reinforcements.

MIDDLE EAST: The situation in the Middle East remains precarious, but the Syrian crisis has reached a stage--for the moment at least--which reduces the likelihood of early intervention by Egypt, Jordan, or Israel. However, Israeli-Syrian clashes in the Lake Tiberias area are likely to continue.

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1. West New Guinea

The Dutch Cabinet takes up the Bunker proposal today. Foreign Minister Luns is reported confident it will be rejected out of hand

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In the past few weeks a cabinet majority has favored a more flexible line on negotiations than that taken by Luns, and may prevail upon him to agree to further talks. Refusal by him--the strongest figure in the cabinet--could lead to a government crisis, which might cause his fellow cabinet members to feel compelled to support him.

2. Congo

Proposals that Tshombé be taken into protective custody, contained in letters addressed to Adoula by the president of Leopoldville Province, have fallen into Katangan hands and have been published. UN representative Gardiner believes them authentic. If not promptly disavowed by Adoula they could be used to break up further talks.

3. Tariff issue

Our Embassy in Brussels attributes inflammatory official descriptions of US tariff action on carpets and glass--"brutal, immoral, and unacceptable"--in part to domestic political considerations. The moderately phrased EEC note on the issue was delivered with an oral comment that the Belgians still feel badly used; the official spokesman for the EEC implied that the US, which fared so well at the recent GATT talks, owed EEC better treatment.

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NOTES

- A. Marshall Konev yesterday agreed to "dropping" restrictions on Soviet and western military missions in East and West Germany. No Soviet flights were scheduled for the corridors today.
- B. Ambassador Walmsley reports "disturbing indications" that the Algerian rebel military headquarters in Tunis categorically oppose the cease-fire agreements, which they see as having made excessive base rights and economic concessions to the French. Efforts to organize opposition to the accords have thus far been limited to the rebel military organization.
- C. Souvanna, in London and Paris, says that he is in no hurry to get back to Laos; in fact, he feels that his stay in Paris will cause the US to tighten the screws on Phoumi.
- D. It is unlikely that Guido will convene the Argentine Congress. Frondizi's party, which controls both houses, will not work as a party with Guido, and the Peronistas may also oppose him. He is now considering governing by decree.
- E. The new Syrian regime has made no headway in finding a political leader willing to accept the burden of forming a civilian government. Ambassador Knight feels it is stuck at dead center, repeating all of Dawilibi's mistakes by antagonizing both political extremes--the reactionaries and the radicals--as well as the army command.
- F. Izvestiya is the only Moscow newspaper to publish Peiping's editorial on disarmament, but with the significant omission of the statement that China will be bound by no disarmament agreements to which it is not a party. The US Embassy observes that the omission emphasizes the gulf between Soviet and Chinese positions on disarmament.

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G. Spain is said to be willing to negotiate with Morocco on the future of Ifni and the Spanish Sahara, giving up the former and sharing Saharan oil on a 50-50 basis with Morocco.

H. Guatemalan President Ydigoras plans, on his "unofficial" visit to Washington in late April, to address the OAS. [redacted] 50X1

I. Guerrilla activity in Venezuela is increasing and, although not credited with posing a real threat at present, is viewed as potentially dangerous. Most active in the mountain states west of Caracas the first outright attack on a town occurred Wednesday.

J. Phoumi's brother-in-law is in Taipei on an official mission,

[redacted] to request Chinese Nationalist aid for the Royal Laotian Army.

[redacted] the Nationalists will not discuss aiding Phoumi at this time. 50X1

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1. General Clay sees
easing of Berlin
tension

As evidence of a relaxation of the Soviet posture he cites: a) cessation of corridor flights; b) the agreement on military missions; c) overtures to break the impasse on intersector visits by the Berlin commandants, and, d) the outward friendliness of Soviet representatives. Looking ahead, he forecasts that, if and when pressure is renewed, it will be directed against the West Berlin economy rather than against the Allies.

2. Argentina

a. Special Argentine envoy Manrique, who saw President Betancourt on Thursday, seems to have run up against a stone wall in trying to get Venezuela to relax its attitude toward the Guido government. Manrique is due next in Washington with a letter to the President from Guido.

b. Guido completed his cabinet yesterday, without succeeding in putting together a representative group of prominent political figures. He is still caught in a squeeze on the question of invalidating the Peronists' electoral victories, with the military ranged on one side and the principal non-Peronist parties on the other. 50X1

3. Soviet satellite launch

Data acquired so far on Sputnik XIV, launched [redacted] yesterday from Kapustin Yar, suggest that it is closely akin to Sputnik XIII which was put up on March 16. However, its times of passage over the US make it less suited for photo-reconnaissance.

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4. Congo

a. Brussels and Leopoldville yesterday announced resumption of diplomatic relations.

b. Adoula, who has yet to show any readiness to get down to specific cases with Tshombé on reintegration, is now talking about an extended visit to Stanleyville.

5. London to make major move on EEC membership

A British statement, designed to speed up the lazy pace of negotiations on British admittance to the Community, is scheduled for next Tuesday at a meeting of Western European Union members. It is expected from information gleaned by Embassy London that the British will call for linking EEC defense policy to NATO along the lines favored by everyone but the French; shade themselves toward De Gaulle's thinking on the question of supranationalism; and steer a middle course on other questions. London now hopes to have a basic agreement with the EEC countries worked out by July or August, a Commonwealth conference in September, and then full-dress parliamentary debate in November or December.

6. Indonesia-Netherlands

There is no word yet from The Hague on yesterday's cabinet discussion of the Bunker formula.

7. Shah's visit

a. A close scrutiny is being kept 50X1 on the situation in Iran against the possibility that the Shah's impending absence might provide the signal for new turbulence. [redacted] the conglomerate nationalist opposition is capable of stirring up violence on a moment's notice 50X1

b. Both the Iranian Embassy here and Tehran are somewhat apprehensive over the possibility of embarrassment to the Shah arising out of his scheduled meetings with Iranian students in the US. 50X1

8. Dominican government beset by political difficulties

With its members finding it hard to pull together, the governing Council of State is making little headway in building public confidence. Its problems seem likely to be soon compounded by a widening split within its principal political bulwark, the National Civic Union, between go-slow elements and those demanding more haste in removing the traces of Trujilloism. Meanwhile, there have been scattered public disorders provoked by the Castro-inclined 14th of June party.

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9. New Delhi [redacted]

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NOTES

- A. There has been a clash between Ecuadorian security forces and alleged pro-Castro elements in an area about 50 miles from Quito. Fragmentary information so far available indicates that the government has imposed a state of emergency on the region. 50X1
- B. We look for the Chinese Communist congress, still going on behind closed doors, to ratify a distinct shift in economic policy in the direction of retrenchment. Evidence that a major purge of the leadership is in the making remains, however, entirely circumstantial.
- C. An outbreak of dysentery, which has hit several East German districts is near epidemic proportions in the Berlin area. [redacted] The rumor mill in East Berlin is blaming the trouble on contaminated butter from Communist China. 50X1
- D. Iraqi forces, showing no stomach for the campaign against the rebellious Kurds, are taking a licking in fighting in the north. More setbacks could very well rock Qasim's position.
- F. Khrushchev is evidently down with the flu, the second time this year. He has been particularly prone to this ailment, but Ambassador Thompson has recently noted signs of general wear-and-tear.
- G. Algiers and Oran are exceptions, but elsewhere in Algeria there are signs that the Europeans' resistance to the cease fire and the provisional executive is beginning to wear away.

- H. The Ne Win government in Burma, continuing to move toward authoritarianism, has abolished the country's independent court system. The regime is also putting a distinct socialist stamp on the domestic economy, but we see no signs of drift away from a neutralist foreign policy.
- I. Cairo will probably announce shortly that the defendants in the French "spy trial" are being amnestied. A recommendation from Algerian rebel leaders has figured in the decision.

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1. Moscow postpones
Supreme Soviet
meeting

Our Embassy suggests that the delay (from 10 April to the 23rd) may have been caused by difficulty in making key appointments connected with the agricultural reorganization started in March, lack of information about the Chinese Communist Congress, or a desire to hold the session closer to the time we resume nuclear testing. Khrushchev's reported illness may also be a factor.

2. Netherlands-
Indonesia

a. The Dutch cabinet did not take up the Bunker formula at its Friday meeting, but will probably do so today.

b. Sukarno has publicly reiterated his intention to gain control of West New Guinea this year by whatever means necessary, but he accents the peaceful approach. Subandrio has again assured Jones that Djakarta will do everything possible to avoid increasing tensions and has asserted that orders have been issued to stop military actions and infiltrations.

3. Disarmament

a. Ambassador Dean reports that the Soviets are trying to exploit their advantage in being the only nation to have a complete draft of a disarmament treaty on the table at Geneva. He also says that the eight neutral nations are "beginning to ask pointed and pertinent questions" whether we have lost interest in the conference.

b. Krishna Menon intends to submit a plan--a variation of the Swedish proposal presented last week--which calls for a detection system located on neutral soil. The ranking Indian delegate in Geneva claims that the plan has been endorsed by the nonaligned members of the conference.

c. We expect the neutrals to apply increasing pressure for a postponement of the US test program and they may ask for a conference recess should we proceed.

4. Laos

a. The Soviet ambassador in Laos is sticking to his plans to take an extended vacation beginning later this month. He has intimated that there is nothing to worry about in the immediate future.

b. Souvanna has accepted an invitation to meet with Gavin next Thursday.

5. Summit meeting

Despite Soviet statements to us

[redacted] they have been 50X1 telling the Indians and other neutrals in Geneva that a heads of government meeting will, in fact, take place. They mention the third week in May.

6. De Gaulle-Fanfani talks on European Confederation

De Gaulle showed some give on the question of linking European defense to NATO and on the economic powers of the EEC. He remained standoffish, however, on the issue of providing for increased political integration later on.

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- A. The total turnout of voters in the French referendum (75.62%) barely met the minimum requirements set by De Gaulle as a satisfactory expression of national support for his policies. A decision whether to dissolve parliament and hold elections presumably awaits complete analysis of the returns, and may be thrashed out in the cabinet meeting scheduled for Wednesday.
- B. The present outlook still favors the return of deposed President Qudsi to head up a new Syrian government. The army has announced that the new regime will be composed entirely of civilians, but named no names.
- C. The uprising in Ecuador, led by pro-Castro elements, has been suppressed. Security forces, however, remain on the alert against the possibility of new outbreaks, and are deployed in the main cities as well as several provincial towns.
- D. Reports from Buenos Aires indicate that the military have prevailed on Guido to ban the Peronists, but there is still confusion and uncertainty in the armed forces on what action to take if Guido fails to win political backing at home and acceptance abroad.

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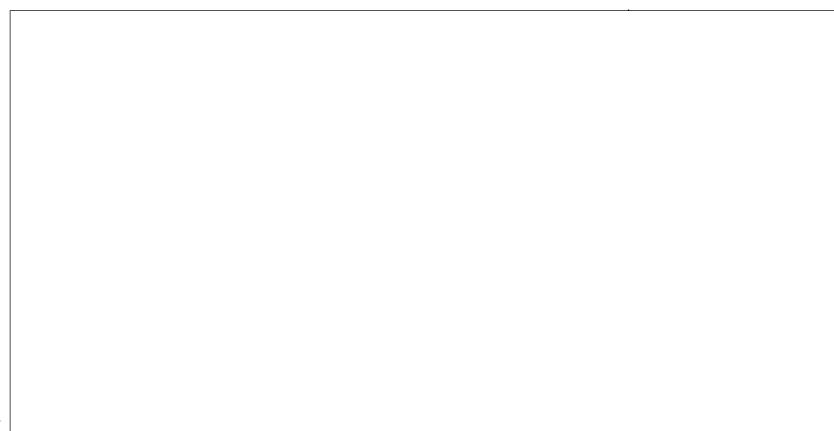
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2. **West New Guinea issue**

The Dutch cabinet will not discuss the Bunker proposal formally before tomorrow, when Foreign Minister Luns returns from London where he is now attending the West European Union meeting. Yesterday Sukarno made a relatively--for him--restrained speech in which he publicly approved the Bunker proposal, adding "we are awaiting the Dutch reply." We believe that the Dutch, under the gun to appear constructive, will probably make counterproposals in an attempt to resolve the impasse over guarantees for Papuan self-determination.

3. South Vietnam

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b. A new high for Viet Cong-initiated incidents--1,861 as against October's record of 1,854--was set in March.

4. Soviet missile activity

a. Analysis of the movements of space and missile support ships in the Pacific and South Atlantic, [redacted]

[redacted] indicates that preparations are continuing for a space launch from the Tyura Tam missile test range. [redacted]

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b. The Soviets may also be getting ready for another test of their long-range cruise missile. We are not sure what they have in mind for this missile--which they have been testing since 1957--but believe it is associated either with the development of a reconnaissance vehicle or weapons carrier, or with the investigation of high-speed flight phenomena. [redacted]

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- A. The US Embassy in Rabat, noting arrival of the first Soviet military shipments under an agreement on which serious negotiations did not commence until last December, observes that the relative rapid delivery--in contrast to slower US action--will influence Moroccan thinking.
- B. UN troops and Katanga gendarmes exchanged fire in Elisabethville yesterday--the first incident since Tshombé left for Leopoldville. No casualties were reported.

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- D. Student agitators in Iran, attempting to organize demonstrations in the Shah's absence, are reported having little success at present.
- E. The Soviet press is reporting "micro-seismic" detection units so sensitive that "not a single nuclear explosion carried out abroad" has remained secret.
- F. The new Indian cabinet, announced yesterday, is virtually the same as the last one.
- G. Guatemala plans to request appointment of a US observer for the UK-Guatemalan talks--involving Guatemalan claims to British Honduras--beginning in Puerto Rico on 16 April.

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- H. We have no confirmation of a Cambodian charge--reported in a radio broadcast--that a South Vietnamese force, commanded jointly by a Vietnamese major and US captain, captured and tortured 14 Cambodians.

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LATE ITEM

There appears to be at least some truth in rumors circulating in West Germany that Ulbricht is seriously ill. The East German press has responded by a statement that he "will recover." His aircraft flew to Moscow earlier this week. [redacted] **We have no direct information on his condition.**

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1. Nuclear test developments

a. The Soviet Foreign Ministry has promised a formal reply today to the US-UK appeal. Moscow's hard propaganda reaction notwithstanding, we suspect that the Soviets will come forward with a proposal giving lip service to the principle of international verification of unexplained seismic events, coupled with a call for a test moratorium pending negotiations. Gromyko, on receiving Macmillan's letter to Khrushchev, reiterated the Soviet intention to resume testing if we do.

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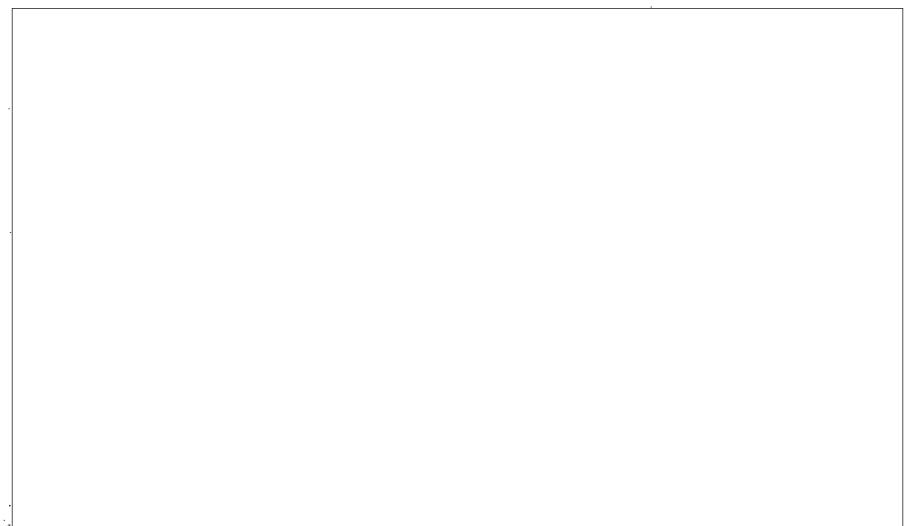
2. Argentina

a. Guido has called a special session of congress to revise the presidential succession law to legitimize his position as well as to obtain greater flexibility in calling elections. There is a good chance, however, that the government will also press for legislation to deprive the Peronists of their electoral victory. Such action, particularly if Frondizi's supporters in congress refuse to go along, could touch off civil disturbances.

b. The new regime is planning an austere economic program featuring a drastic reduction of imports and increased taxation. Exports are to be encouraged by various fiscal methods, including a substantial devaluation of the peso which was announced yesterday. 50X6

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3. Communist China-Laos



b. Our Hong Kong Consulate General, [redacted] thinks that Peiping still sees 50X1 current trends in Laos evolving in favor of the Communists, and therefore prefers the present no war, no peace situation.

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4. Chinese Communist economic problems

a. [redacted] several factories, in widely 50X1 separated areas, have either curtailed production or shut down altogether. Included were plants producing ball-bearings, radios, chemicals and textiles.

b. Doubt about the communes continues to show. The Communists are reportedly conducting "experiments" to see whether production can be stepped up by turning land over to family groups rather than to communal teams.

5. USSR expanding over-seas air routes

Moscow's air route agreements with Morocco, Guinea and Mali pave the way for regular service to West Africa, and ultimately to Central and South America. A high-level delegation will visit Sudan later this month to negotiate an extension of Aeroflot's Cairo route to Khartoum and for the right to carry passengers on to the Congo. A draft agreement is now being worked on in Khartoum.

6. Congo

The Adoula-Tshombé talks drag on 50X1 without noticeable progress toward an agreement. 50X1

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A. Two small convoys dispatched from Berlin to West Germany on 9 and 10 April without prior notification to Soviet authorities completed their trips with only short delays at checkpoints. One was held up, however, until a Soviet escort vehicle arrived-- a new wrinkle.

B. The Moroccan Foreign Minister has denied that current deliveries of Soviet military equipment include aircraft, but admits to the receipt of tanks, trucks and artillery. Our observers think aircraft probably were delivered, but they could be consigned to Algeria rather than Morocco.

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E. Algerian leader Ben Bella has accepted an invitation to visit Cuba. No date has been set.

F. Turbulence continues among students in Ecuador.

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1. Moscow concern over Cuban developments

A Pravda editorial yesterday on the ouster of Escalante from the Cuban party leadership sought to minimize the significance of Castro's attack on the party's drive for power, but gave a veiled warning against further moves to curb it. Castro's individual position was downgraded by emphasis on collective leadership.

2. Laos

a. The government's acting Foreign Minister yesterday bitterly attacked US policy, and described Souvanna's trip to France as tantamount to renouncing his mandate. He charged that the US placed "more confidence in the good will and good faith of Communists than in our determination to defend our liberty and independence." The Boun Oum mission to Southeast Asia to drum up support for Laos starts later this month.

b. "Soviet aid" has provided five mobile tank workshops to Khang Khay. In recent months there have been indications that up to 40 PT-76 tanks have been received by anti-government forces in addition to the 40-50 delivered in December. [redacted]

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3. Sino-Soviet trade will decline for the third successive year

Preliminary Sino-Soviet trade negotiations--which adjourned 9 March--have usually been followed shortly by highly publicized final negotiations; these have not so far materialized. The delay may have been caused by the Chinese National People's Congress, which after two weeks is still in session and still silent, but we do not rule out a further sharp deterioration in Moscow-Peiping relations.

4. Argentina

a. Ambassador McClintock, reviewing the personalities in the Argentine cabinet and the guarantees of freedom from military pressure which they exacted from the armed forces chiefs before agreeing to accept their posts, is convinced that the Guido cabinet is truly a civilian government, and not in form only.

b. President Betancourt, who seems to be changing his mind on the character of Guido's government, nevertheless plans to stick by his guns on non-recognition. 50X1
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c. The Argentine Communist Party apparently has decided to shift from inconspicuous maneuver to an open try for leadership of the opposition to Guido and the military. Avoiding a call for violence--which would incur the military's wrath--the party proposes the organization of "thousands of committees" to oppose the government's "reactionary program."

5. Indian position on
Kashmir dispute

The Indian Foreign Office contends that Pakistan's initiative in raising the issue in the UN bars any talks for now.

The dispute is scheduled for the Security Council later this month. The Pakistani, isolated and frustrated, are also complaining about our position.

NOTES

- A. We have press reports that the Soviets in Geneva today denounced the US-UK statement on nuclear testing as an ultimatum which threatens "a new wave in the nuclear armaments race."
- B. The Ba'ath party in Iraq, viewing Qasim's troubles with the Kurds as weakening his position. 50X1
- C. An announcement is expected from Paris Sunday that Debre will be replaced by Georges Pompidou; De Gaulle has apparently decided not to call immediate elections.
- D. The Dutch have again deferred decision on the Bunker proposals; no action is expected before tomorrow. 50X1
- E. Soviet satellites launched 50X1
- F. A serious military incident on the Ethiopian-Somali border is increasingly likely. Haile Selassie, who has been restraining his military leaders, has given the army permission to retaliate if there is "direct Somali provocation."
- G. The Syrian military leaders apparently have reached an impasse on how to run the country. They want to legalize their seizure of power, but are unwilling to make the necessary political compromises to bring about a stable regime.

- H. Initial Berlin press reaction interprets General Clay's departure as indicating a lessening of danger.
- I. Alexander Bustamante, whose Jamaica Labour Party won the election Tuesday has declared that after independence in August Jamaica will not be neutral and will seek a defense agreement with the US.

LATE ITEM

Press reports state that an Argentine cabinet meeting scheduled for last night was cancelled in an atmosphere of renewed crisis. Guido is reported meeting with armed forces representatives. The labor unions have united in opposition to austere economic moves announced Tuesday.

WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--10 April 1962

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

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

BERLIN: The Communists, with prospects of further negotiations, are now avoiding major harassments against Western access to Berlin. Bloc military activity in general continues to suggest that the Soviets do not expect a military confrontation in the near future.

LAOS: Indications are that, for the immediate future, military activity will be limited to local actions, with both the Communists and the government forces attempting to maintain and strengthen their military position, although there are some indications that the Communists may be placing greater emphasis on a buildup than is the RLG. Nevertheless, a local action of the "mopping up" variety endorsed by Souphanouvong could inadvertently develop into a major operation.

SOUTH VIETNAM: The situation is basically unchanged from that of last week. There has been no essential change in the pattern of Viet Cong and government military operations.

INDONESIA: Further small-scale clashes with the Dutch are likely

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1. Neutrals' positions
on test ban proposals

a. The Stockholm press is carrying a foreign office denial of reports out of New Delhi alleging that India and Sweden have come together on a proposal aimed at forestalling US testing and creating a system of peripheral control stations. Privately, the Swedes tell us that they will not associate themselves with any formula aimed only at the US.

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c. The 8 neutrals as of now have no common plan on how to act at Geneva when the US resumes testing.

d. Moscow's propaganda line shows signs of leading up to Soviet support for a possible neutral move for a moratorium pending examination of the adequacy of national detection systems.

2. Argentina

The Senate met yesterday to take up Guido's proposals for constitutional change, but the lower house will probably not meet before Monday. In the meantime, the Radical Intransigents appear to be backing away from their declared opposition to postponement of elections and a ban on the Peronists, with the result that things are looking up somewhat for Guido.

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3. Congo negotiations

a. Adoula

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is convinced is Tshombé's bad faith, insists that he will leave Leopoldville for a provincial tour next week, leaving behind a blast at Tshombé.

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the talks were nearing the point where the two sides could at least table their separate proposals on central vs. provincial powers.

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b. "round three" in Katanga is very close.

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4. Jordan

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5. Laos

In his meeting with Ambassador Gavin yesterday, Souvanna gave no impression of throwing in the towel but indicated he is in no hurry to return to Laos until we bring Phoumi around.

6. Peasant unrest in
Northeast Brazil

A sharp increase in food costs has accentuated the tensions endemic to the depressed area. Several army units have been called out in the state of Paraiba where the Peasant Leagues, headed by pro-Communist Francisco Juliao, are actively promoting disorders.

NOTES

- A. Moroccan officials are saying privately what US observers on the spot had previously suspected: at least part of the recent Soviet military shipments are earmarked for Algeria. Moscow runs a good risk of getting a severe reaction from De Gaulle.
- B. Burma's Ne Win is beginning to make good on his reputation for xenophobia. Rangoon has given notice that it will not renew the present arrangements on Fulbright grants and activities of the Ford and Asia foundations. We do not think this move means Ne Win is moving toward Moscow.
- C. Taking off from the Algerian settlement, the French are seeking, and stand a good chance of achieving, the reopening of diplomatic relations with the Arab states which broke with Paris over the Suez affair.
- D. Khrushchev, apparently recovered from his illness, showed in Moscow yesterday for the first time in two weeks.
- E. Cambodia's Prince Sihanouk is mulling over the advisability of calling for an international conference on South Vietnam.

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1. France

We believe that De Gaulle considers last week's referendum as the end of the beginning of his program, and that he will now give attention to domestic reform, modernization of the armed forces and European integration. The process is likely to be marked by a further concentration of power in the office of the presidency. Gavin has cautioned against any expectation of an early improvement in our relations. Pompidou's cabinet is similar to Debr 's; all key ministers have been retained.

2. Argentina

a. The military seem to be uniting behind Guido and the Chamber of Deputies is expected to endorse Senate action extending his term of office until 1964. Guido, however, is by no means out of the woods as he must still face up to the problem of Peronism. The military are counting on Guido to nullify the Peronist's electoral victories by presidential decree. This could precipitate another donneybrook.

3. Algeria

a. The PAG--now meeting in Tunis--may be in for another shake up with Ben Bella emerging as the new man in charge.

b. The PAG is growing impatient with French efforts to suppress the OAS, and has implied that it may soon take 50X1 matters into its own hands.

4. Laos

Phoumi has now tossed up the idea of a government under the King in which the three princes would serve as deputy prime ministers, with "control" of the defense and interior ministries turned over to Souvanna. While this represents some progress we doubt that Souvanna and Souphanouvong would accept such a proposal, or that Phoumi can sell it to the king.

5. Syria

President Qudsi's reinstatement will probably provide a temporary respite from political upheavals. Our Damascus embassy does not expect the "transitional" government, now being formed, to spring any surprises in the realm of domestic policies. However, nobody has a clear idea yet on how the ball will bounce on relations with Egypt.

6. Communist-held Americans

- a. In response to an informal Chinese Communist query as to what might be an appropriate gesture of respect to Dag Hammarskjold, the Swedes are suggesting that the Chinese might release the four remaining Americans prisoners in China, perhaps on Hammarskjold's birthday (29 July).
- b. Robert Mann, detained in East Germany since last February, is to go on trial next month.

NOTES

- A. The Dutch reply to the Bunker formula is due for delivery today or tomorrow.
- B. Adoula and Tshombé met on Saturday; we have no word yet on how it went. Meanwhile, Adoula appears to be developing a new feud, this time with army commander Mobutu.
- C. Brazilian army units have setup road blocks on all roads leading into the interior of five northern states to check a suspected flow of arms as well as to clamp down on Peasant League activity.
- D. Anti-government sentiment still runs deep in Guatemala, and the present calm will probably not last long.
- E. Japan and South Korea are about as far apart as ever as the latest effort to compose their differences has ended in mutual recriminations.
- F. On Thursday two members of the United States Intelligence Board questioned the validity of our judgment--stated in various intelligence publications [redacted] 50X1 that the two Soviet satellites launched from Kapustin Yar were not intended for photographic reconnaissance. As a result, the Board's Guided Missile and Astronautics Intelligence Committee was convened on Friday to reexamine the evidence. The Committee agreed without dissent that "we do not believe that either of these vehicles has been conducting photographic reconnaissance." [redacted] 50X1

LATE NOTE

The Chinese Communist congress has ended. We anticipate a statement concerning its proceedings later today.

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1. Guatemala's Ydigoras again in deep trouble

The anti-Communist opposition parties, joined by several professional groups, have renewed demands that he step down following the clashes late last week which produced 4 student deaths. Ydigoras, declaring his planned US trip cancelled, has pledged cabinet changes in the interest of conciliation. He still has the military behind him, but they, looking at the recurrent crises, could now be wondering if they have been betting on a losing proposition.

2. Congo

a. Adoula plans to begin his provincial tour today, while Tshombé is talking of a trip to Europe, with their talks to be suspended in the meantime.

3. Sihanouk begins to push South Vietnam proposals

He appears to think that he can play the same kind of role in promoting an international conference on South Vietnam as he did earlier on Laos. His scheme, as outlined so far, foresees the demilitarization of South Vietnam and the ousting of the Diem government. Our Embassy in Saigon warns that the South Vietnamese may begin to think Sihanouk's ideas have some future unless we publicly take a stand against them.

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4. President Lleras sends distress appeal to President Kennedy

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appeals to the US to join the international coffee agreement now, rather than in July, in order to prevent an interim drop in coffee prices which he contends would be disastrous to the Colombian economy. (With each one cent drop in the price of coffee, Colombia loses \$8 million annually in foreign earnings.) His argument is that Central American producers will, in the meantime, have dumped 500,000 bags of coffee on the US market, causing a loss to Colombia sufficient to imperil Alliance for Progress programs there. [redacted]

5. Soviet supersonic jets reach Egypt

We believe that delivery of the jets--MIG 21's--which we know had been promised, has now begun, making Egypt the first non-bloc recipient of this aircraft. Indonesia and Iraq--and possibly Finland and Syria--are also scheduled to get some. [redacted] 50X1
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NOTES

- A. Argentina's lower house met yesterday and is scheduled to hold another session today to act on Guido's succession. There are rumblings of unhappiness among the members, but McClintock thinks they will end by approving Guido.
- B. Bolivia has suspended diplomatic relations with Chile in the sharpening dispute over water rights to the Lauca River and there were large-scale demonstrations in front of the Chilean embassy in La Paz yesterday. Bolivia has been using the issue, an old one, for domestic political purposes, but Chile has helped to bring on the present flare-up by pressing its claims.
- D. The transitional civilian government installed by the Syrian military yesterday is made up mostly of technicians but pays some deference to leftist and pro-Nasir sentiment.
- E. Indonesia's rice shortage, due both to crop failure and the build-up over West New Guinea, has become serious enough to cause widespread malnutrition.
- F. The EEC last week reached agreement in principle with the 16 African countries with which it had prior links on new arrangements granting them preferential access to EEC markets.
- G. Our UN delegation reports that the Latin American caucus there, split over Cuba's participation, is in danger of falling apart as a cohesive force.

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1.. Laos

a. There has been a marked northward shift in [redacted] operations during the past month. The chief benefactors are probably the Pathet Lao/Kong Le forces in the Nam Tha-Muong Sai area, although Chinese road-builders may also be getting some of the supplies. It is too early to say whether this development means another move against Nam Tha, [redacted]

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b. [redacted] anti-government forces may be closing the ring on Attopeu in the south; the loss of Attopeu would widen the Communist corridor to South Vietnam.

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c. Sarit, voicing doubts that he will be able to budge Phoumi toward acceptance of a Souvanna-led coalition, now seems to be tending toward Phoumi's idea of a king's government as the only "sensible solution." He insists, however, that he will keep his word to the United States. Phoumi is also claiming that the king has finally agreed to head a new government, in which he would probably serve as a "special adviser."

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2. Argentina

a. The Chamber of Deputies will probably put off action on the presidential succession law until after Easter. Meanwhile, a political compromise is in the works whereby Peronists would be seated in congress if they give up their gubernatorial victories. Ambassador McClintock is inclined to believe that such an arrangement might be acceptable all around.

b. The general public is beginning to feel the pinch of the government's austerity measures, and resentment is being fed by the belief that the program discriminates against the ordinary consumer.

3. Sino-Soviet relations

We see little, if any, movement toward a rapprochement on fundamentals, pious expressions of unity and a new trade pact (which now seems likely) notwithstanding. Chou En-lai's speech at the National People's Congress and Peiping's general conduct leaves no doubt that the Chinese Communists are sticking to their guns on fundamental ideological matters and issues in which their national interests are at stake.

4. Guatemala

Guatemala City remained more or less calm yesterday as Ydigoras struggled to reorganize his government. A sign of the times, however, was the sudden departure Monday of Senora Ydigoras and nine other members of the president's family. [redacted]

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A. Indonesian Foreign Minister Subandrio claims that Soviet efforts to discourage Indonesia from associating with our efforts to settle the West New Guinea problem include a threat to cancel an eight month moratorium on debt payments to the USSR.

B. French rejection of NATO guidelines on use of nuclear weapons threatens to become a major issue at the Ministerial meetings in Athens. Stikker hopes to avoid a hassle by simply reporting that the other 14 countries accept the principle of consultations, rather than make it a voting matter.

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D. The embryonic military coup uncovered in the Dominican Republic yesterday is symptomatic of steadily growing political instability. Another straw in the wind is the action of the National Civic Union--the country's largest political party--calling on all members holding important official positions to resign in protest over the government's failure to carry out promised reforms or to remove unsavory Trujilloites still imbedded in the military.

E. Yugoslavia is considering withdrawal of its ambassador in East Germany in hopes of mending relations with Bonn and thus improving its prospects of obtaining badly needed financial assistance.

- F. Pompidou is expected to present his government's program to the National Assembly about 26 April.
- G. [redacted] Nkrumah intends to gather into his own hands 50X11 even more strings of governmental control in Ghana. Industries Minister Edusei, last of the "old guardsmen" who assumed high political office when Ghana became independent, is probably due for replacement. Edusei is now in London, where he is presumably discussing with his wife her recent purchase of a golden bed.

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1. Congo

Tshombé was back in Elisabethville this morning following yesterday's seriocomic episode, which saw him sitting in an overheated plane for more than 12 hours at the Leopoldville airport while the Congo government blocked his take-off. His departure came in the early morning hours after Nigerian troops under the UN cleared obstructing fire trucks from the runway without resistance from Congolese Army forces. While this was going on, Adoula [redacted]

[redacted] was steaming up the Congo river, having told Ambassador Gullion before leaving Leopoldville that he and Tshombé had agreed to resume talks on Saturday. However, getting the two together again will be no easy job.

2. France-Algeria

a. Faced by spreading anarchy in Algeria and indications that Moslem patience is wearing dangerously thin, Paris moved yesterday to crack down on the OAS. It named a new military commander-in-chief, Gen. Fourquet, who has been a loyal servant of De Gaulle's policy, and dispatched the Minister for Algerian Affairs, Louis Joxe, to Algeria with authority to effect on-the-spot measures in support of the cease fire.

b. Within the Provisional Algerian Government, intensified political infighting is helping to bring to the surface the always latent suspicions concerning French good faith.

3. Argentina

Guido's Interior Minister, who has been a key figure in efforts to work out a solution short of a total ban on the Peronists, has resigned, and the press this morning is reporting heavy new pressure on Guido from the military. The compromise plan, which would oust the Peronists from provincial governorships but allow them to take their places in Congress, is still alive but is having tough sledding.

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4. Soviet nuclear test preparations

an increased tempo in Soviet activities of a type associated with staging for nuclear testing. Both the Arctic and Central Asian test sites are involved. We see some indications that further testing may be oriented more toward missiles than in the past and we think that preparations are far enough advanced so that tests could now begin with little or no specific advance warning.

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5. Laos

Souvanna's neutralist followers are increasingly worried that the political impasse and his prolonged absence will work for the aggrandizement of the Pathet Lao at his expense. Some of the Souvanna people, expecting something worse than the longstanding friction with the Pathet Lao, have sent their families to Cambodia.

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WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--18 April 1962

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

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

BERLIN: The Soviets continue to avoid major harassments over access, and we see no indications that they expect early military confrontation over Berlin.

INDONESIA: Further small-scale clashes are likely, and both sides continue preparations to increase the scale of operations.

LAOS: Military activity probably will be limited to small-scale attacks by both sides; however, a buildup of materiel for Communist forces continues.

NOTES

- A. Soviet delegate Zorin has told the disarmament conference that Moscow will accept the neutrals' test ban proposals "as a basis for further negotiations"--provided there are no tests in the meantime.
- B. A Soviet ICBM was successfully launched from Tyuratam yesterday. First indications are that it was one of the Category C vehicles, which would bring the score on that type to 9 successes and at least 5 failures. [redacted] 50X1
- C. A flurry of extremist violence and sabotage attempts at scattered points in Venezuela are causing the government a new headache. Security forces are rated up to handling an outright revolt but are having no luck against these hit-and-run tactics.
- D. India yesterday announced that it is formally protesting a new Chinese Communist border incursion.

LATE NOTE

A Reuters dispatch just in from London says that Moscow has named a new commander for its forces in East Germany. This means that Marshal Konev, appointed to the post last August, just before General Clay was named, is being called home.

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LATE NOTE

Subandrio has told Jones that he is ready to ask Sukarno to act on the Pope case, but hopes to have assurances from us that the release can be handled without publicity so as to avoid the appearance of a US-Indonesian deal on West New Guinea.

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PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--20 APRIL 1962

1. ARGENTINE MILITARY MOVES TO SUPPRESS PERONISM:

LAST NIGHT'S ACTION APPEARS TO MARK A CROSSING OF THE RUBICON AND A SHOWDOWN MAY COME TODAY WHEN MILITARY LEADERS CALL ON GUIDO TO DEMAND SUSPENSION OF THE CONGRESS AND NEW ELECTIONS WITHIN 90 DAYS.

SOME INFLUENTIAL ELEMENTS IN THE MILITARY ARE STILL OPPOSED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OUTRIGHT DICTATORSHIP, AND PREFER TO RETAIN A FAÇADE OF CONSTITUTIONALITY IN DEALING WITH PERONISM. THE CHANCES OF GUIDO STAYING IN OFFICE--IF NO MORE THAN A FIGUREHEAD--ARE THEREFORE NOT HOPELESS. SO FAR THERE IS NO CLEAR INDICATION OF HOW THE PERONISTS AND THE PRO-FRONDIZI GROUPS WILL REACT.

2. SUKARNO ASKS FOR MORE AMERICAN AID:

HE WANTS MORE RICE TO HELP ALLEVIATE HIS ANNUALLY WORSENING FOOD PROBLEM. (INDONESIA'S SHORTFALL FOR THIS YEAR IS ESTIMATED AT 1.1 MILLION TONS OF WHICH ONLY 800,000 TONS WILL BE OBTAINED FROM NORMAL SUPPLIERS; WE ARE EITHER OBLIGATED OR NEGOTIATING TO MAKE AVAILABLE AN ADDITIONAL 120,000.) SUKARNO ALSO WANTS US TO TRANSFORM THE DJAKARTA AIRPORT INTO A "LITTLE IDLEWILD," EXPAND LANDING FACILITIES ON BALI (TO ATTRACT MORE TOURISTS), AND TO HELP FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT--INCLUDING SOME NEW BOEING B-720 JETS.

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3. GREATER VIOLENCE EXPECTED IN ALGERIA:

IT MAY TAKE THE FORM OF COMMANDO RAIDS BY UNITS OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT IN ALGIERS AND ORAN IN RETALIATION FOR OAS ATROCITIES, OR IT MAY RESULT FROM OAS ATTEMPTS TO LIQUIDATE NATIONALIST LEADERS WHO WILL BE EMERGING INTO PUBLIC VIEW IN EVER INCREASING NUMBERS.

4. CONGO:

TSHOMBE--BASKING IN THE WARMTH OF THE HERO'S WELCOME RECEIVED ON RETURNING TO KATANGA--HAS HAD ONLY UNKIND WORDS FOR THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, BUT ASSERTS HE WILL SOON RESUME NEGOTIATIONS WITH ADOULA. NERVOUS UN CIRCLES IN ELISABETHVILLE, HOWEVER, ARE NOT SO SURE, AND FEAR THAT EVEN IF TALKS DO GET GOING AGAIN, TSHOMBE WILL ADOPT THE UNHELPFUL ATTITUDE THAT HE IS NEGOTIATING FROM A POSITION OF STRENGTH. IN LEOPOLDVILLE, FINGERS ARE CROSSED IN HOPES THAT THE AIRPORT INCIDENT WILL BLOW OVER AND THAT AT LEAST "LONG-RANGE" TALKS WILL TAKE PLACE.

5. SYRIA:

UNEASINESS REIGNS IN SYRIA WHERE THERE IS APPREHENSION OF A NEW OUTBREAK OF PRO-NASIRISM AND UNCERTAINTY AS TO THE COURSE OF THE ENDLESS PLOTTING AMONG MILITARY FACTIONS.

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6. NOTES:

A. ACTIVITY AT KAPUSTIN YAR SUGGESTS THAT THE LAUNCHING OF ANOTHER EARTH SATELLITE IS IMMINENT.

B. THE SOVIET NAVY HAS BEEN TESTING SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILES, POSSIBLY FROM SUBMARINES, AT RANGES UP TO 650 N.M.--ALMOST DOUBLE THE RANGE OF THE BEST PREVIOUS NAVAL SHOTS.

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C. GROMYKO'S VISIT TO BELGRADE HAS SO FAR BEEN STRICTLY ROUTINE. HIS TALKS WITH TITO AND OTHER TOP YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN LARGELY CONFINED TO BROADBRUSH DISCUSSIONS OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

D. KHRUSHCHEV'S MESSAGE TO CASTRO ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF LAST YEAR'S INVASION OF CUBA MAY BE SIGNIFICANT FOR WHAT IT DIDN'T SAY--THERE WERE NO ACCOLADES OF THE "SOCIALIST" NATURE OF THE HAVANA REGIME AND NO SPECIFIC ATTACKS ON THE US. THE MOSCOW PRESS, HOWEVER, CARRIED SEVERAL ARTICLES CHARGING THAT "A NEW AGGRESSION IS BEING PREPARED."

E. DEMONSTRATIONS IN JAPAN SEEM INEVITABLE WHEN US NUCLEAR TESTS BEGIN. ATTACKS ON OUR DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS COULD FOLLOW, ESPECIALLY ON MAY DAY.

F. RURAL VIOLENCE, COLOMBIA'S RUNNING SORE, RESULTED IN 52 CASUALTIES TO THE SECURITY FORCES IN MARCH, THE HIGHEST FIGURE IN THE LAST TWO YEARS.

G. AN UNAUTHORIZED POLITICAL RALLY IN ATHENS, CALLED BY THE LARGEST GREEK OPPOSITION PARTY FOR THIS EVENING, COULD FLARE INTO VIOLENCE WHICH THE POLICE MAY FIND HARD TO HANDLE.

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PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--21 APRIL 1962

1. ARGENTINA:

THE LATEST ACT IS STILL BEING PLAYED OUT. THE COMMANDER OF THE CAMPO DE MAYO GARRISON NEAR BUENOS AIRES, WHO CALLED OUT HIS TROOPS IN SUPPORT OF GUIDO AND IN OPPOSITION TO THE MILITARY LEADERS WHO HAVE BEEN FORCING GUIDO'S HAND, HAS BEEN NAMED WAR SECRETARY, BUT HAS NOT BEEN SWORN-IN. GUIDO HAS CALLED A MEETING OF MILITARY COMMANDERS FROM THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, EVIDENTLY IN A BID FOR SOME KIND OF CONSENSUS. THE PRO-GUIDO FORCES APPEAR TO HAVE THE UPPER HAND IN BUENOS AIRES, BUT KEY MILITARY ELEMENTS ELSEWHERE HAVE YET TO DECLARE THEMSELVES. PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE CONFERENCE OF MILITARY COMMANDERS, THE ISSUE IS STILL OPEN.

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2. ADOULA DAMAGED BY TSHOMBE PULL-OUT:

HE PROBABLY FACES SOME BAD MOMENTS WHEN HE RETURNS TO LEOPOLDVILLE, WHERE TSHOMBE'S DEPARTURE IS BEING VIEWED AS AN "ESCAPE." HIS POLITICAL OPPONENTS IN PARLIAMENT ARE CLAMORING FOR AN OFFICIAL EXPLANATION AND MAY TRY TO FORCE A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.

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GENERAL MOBUTU CONTINUES TO STAND BY ADOULA.

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3. SOVIET WALKOUT THREAT AT GENEVA:

ZORIN'S "WARNING" YESTERDAY OF A WALKOUT WHEN US TESTS ARE RESUMED RUNS COUNTER TO WHAT A NUMBER OF BLOC DELEGATES, INCLUDING SOVIETS, HAVE BEEN SAYING [REDACTED] THE PICTURE MIGHT BE DIFFERENT IF THERE WERE A GOOD CHANCE THAT THE NEUTRALS WOULD GO ALONG IN PROTEST, BUT PRESENT SIGNS ARE THAT THEY WILL NOT. HOWEVER, THE RUSSIANS ARE LIKELY TO DECLARE THEMSELVES OUT OF ANY FURTHER TEST-BAN TALKS, WHATEVER THE NEUTRALS DO.

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4. NOTES:

A. THE SOVIETS HAVE PROPOSED A MEETING IN EAST BERLIN BETWEEN OUR BERLIN COMMANDANT AND THEIRS TO DISCUSS THE IMPASSE OVER INTERSECTOR CROSSINGS BY THE TWO. THEY SAY THERE WILL BE NO INSPECTION OF THE US COMMANDANT'S PARTY BY THE EAST GERMANS. THEY ARE HYPERSENSITIVE ABOUT ANY PUBLICITY, AND ARE NOT SURE YET HOW THE ISSUE CAN BE SOLVED WITHOUT LOSING FACE FOR ULRICHT.

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B. WITH SALAN IN A PARIS JAIL, FRENCH SECURITY OFFICIALS ARE NOW BRACING FOR AN ALL-OUT, DESPERATION MOVE BY THE OAS IN ALGERIA.

C. THE COVERING ANNOUNCEMENT ISSUED YESTERDAY ON THIS YEAR'S SINO-SOVIET TRADE AGREEMENT WAS BRIEF, PERFUNCTORY, AND, AS WE READ IT, NO TOKEN OF ANY THAW IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP. WE LOOK FOR THEIR TRADE THIS YEAR TO DIP TO ABOUT HALF OF THE 1959 PEAK LEVEL.

D. A SOVIET ICBM TEST LAUNCH SEEMS TO HAVE FAILED YESTERDAY. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT IT WAS A CATEGORY "C" VEHICLE, LIKE THE ONE LAUNCHED SUCCESSFULLY LAST WEDNESDAY, WHICH WOULD MEAN THAT THIS TYPE IS MAINTAINING AN UNEVEN RECORD.

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PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--23 APRIL 1962

1. ARGENTINE DEVELOPMENTS:

ALTHOUGH SATURDAY'S AGREEMENT BETWEEN RIVAL MILITARY GROUPS HAS APPARENTLY GIVEN GUIDO THE GO-AHEAD TO TRY FOR A "CONSTITUTIONAL" SOLUTION, HE REMAINS UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE TO BLOCK THE PERONISTS. THE NAVY DECLARED YESTERDAY THAT THE MARCH ELECTIONS MUST BE VOIDED COME WHAT MAY. THE SCENE HAS NOW SHIFTED, HOWEVER, TO THE ARGENTINE CONGRESS, WHICH MUST PRODUCE THE LEGISLATION. THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AN EMERGENCY SESSION TODAY. BY LAW, THE CHAMBER MUST DECIDE BY THURSDAY ON WHO WILL BE SEATED. IF THE OUTCOME DOES NOT SATISFY THE MILITARY, GUIDO MAY HAVE TO RECESS CONGRESS AND RULE BY DECREE.

2. NEW MOVES AGAINST YDIGORAS THREATEN:

GUATEMALAN EXTREMISTS ARE POISED FOR A NEW ATTEMPT TO PROVOKE VIOLENCE AND MAY MAKE THEIR MOVE TODAY. FEARING A COMMUNIST TAKEOVER IF YDIGORAS IS UNSEATED, LEADERS OF THE MODERATE OPPOSITION HAVE ORGANIZED A CITIZENS COMMITTEE WHICH IS WORKING FOR A PEACEFUL COMPROMISE UNDER WHICH YDIGORAS WOULD BROADEN HIS GOVERNMENT AND AGREE TO LIMITATIONS ON HIS AUTHORITY. ON THE URGING OF BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND THE MODERATES, HEMISPHERE DIPLOMATS, INCLUDING OUR AMBASSADOR, ARE TRYING TO HELP OUT WITH THE CONCILIATION EFFORT. AMBASSADOR BELL DESCRIBES THE SITUATION AS GRAVE BUT NOT YET BEYOND SALVAGING.

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3. CONGO:

ADOULA RETURNED TO LEOPOLDVILLE SATURDAY, AND THERE IS MORE OPTIMISM THERE NOW THAN BEFORE THAT THE TALKS WITH TSHOMBE WILL BE RESUMED

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THE UN REPRESENTATIVE IN LEOPOLDVILLE HAS THE IMPRESSION THAT TSHOMBE MAY BE THINKING OF THROWING HIMSELF "ACTIVELY AND PERSONALLY" INTO LEOPOLDVILLE AND CONGO POLITICS.

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4. SYRIAN MOVE TO LEFT CONTINUES:

IN A BROAD POLICY STATEMENT ON SATURDAY, PREMIER AZMAH CONFIRMED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WILL SEEK TO ACCOMODATE THE SOCIALIST AND PAN-ARAB PRESSURES WHICH BROUGHT HIM INTO OFFICE. HIS POLICY OUTLINE CALLS FOR THE RENATIONALIZATION OF THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST INDUSTRIAL OPERATION AND THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE AGRARIAN REFORMS BEGUN UNDER NASIR BUT CANCELLED AFTER THE SPLIT WITH CAIRO.

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5. NOTES:

A. THE KING OF NEPAL, WHO ENDS HIS 5-DAY INDIAN VISIT TODAY, HAS OBTAINED SOME SATISFACTION FROM NEW DELHI ON A MAJOR SORE POINT: THE ACTIVITY OF THE EXILES WHO HAVE BEEN

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OPERATING AGAINST HIS GOVERNMENT FROM INDIA. IN RETURN FOR THEIR PROMISE TO KEEP A TIGHTER REIN ON THE EXILES, THE INDIANS ARE LOOKING FOR SOME FALLING OFF IN NEPAL'S FLIRTATIONS WITH COMMUNIST CHINA.

B. THE KARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT IS BEING CREDITED WITH A GOOD PERFORMANCE IN ITS HANDLING OF THE FRIDAY DEMONSTRATION IN ATHENS, WHICH WAS LARGE AND NOISY BUT PRODUCED NO SERIOUS INJURIES. HOWEVER, THE OPPOSITION IS HEARTENED BY THE TURNOUT AND INTENDS TO PROMOTE MORE DEMONSTRATIONS, IN THE HOPE OF FORCING NEW ELECTIONS.

C. THE SIGNS IN BELGRADE ARE THAT THE GROMYKO VISIT DID NOT HAVE ANY TANGIBLE RESULTS BUT DID CONTINUE THE TREND TOWARD A GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT IN SOVIET-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS.

D. THERE WAS MORE MIGRATION INTO THAN OUT OF WEST BERLIN LAST MONTH, JUST AS THERE WAS IN FEBRUARY, WHEN THE MOVEMENT WHICH BEGAN WHEN THE WALL WENT UP WAS FIRST CHECKED. HOWEVER, THE CITY'S POPULATION IS STILL DECREASING (BY ABOUT 4,000 IN JANUARY), BECAUSE OF THE EXCESS OF DEATHS OVER BIRTHS. MOREOVER, THE WORK FORCE WILL PROBABLY SHOW A THREE PERCENT DROP IN 1962 UNLESS ENOUGH WORKERS CAN BE BROUGHT IN--ABOUT 15,000--TO OFFSET RETIREMENTS AND DEATHS.

E. THE SUPREME SOVIET MEETING HAS OPENED IN MOSCOW. A PRE-TEST SPEECH BY KHRUSHCHEV IS EXPECTED, BUT ITS SCHEDULING HAS NOT YET BEEN ANNOUNCED.

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1. Soviet Space activity

a. An earth satellite. Sputnik XV, was launched [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] 50X1 Kapustin Yar and is in orbit. Preliminary information indicates it is similar to Sputniks XIII and XIV which went up earlier this year [REDACTED] 50X1 [REDACTED] 50X1

b. A test vehicle--probably a Category C ICBM--was successfully launched from Tyuratam yesterday, the second success in three tries in the last six days.

2. Argentina

Guido has withdrawn his legislative proposals for modifying the law on presidential succession and announced that elections for a new president and vice president will be held within 90 days. This action ends the extraordinary session of congress, but only postpones the next moment of crisis until Thursday when congress will reconvene in regular session. At that time, congress must decide whether or not Peronists who won election last month will be permitted to take their seats.

3. Algeria

The struggle for leadership in the post-independence era is shaping up as a fight between the political and military wings of the nationalist movement. The most striking manifestation of this in recent weeks has been the aggressive efforts of Vice Premier Ben Bella to entice the military into his corner.

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4. Laos

a. During Ambassador Brown's audience with King Savang yesterday (at which time Savang received but did not read the President's letter), the King delivered himself of some unpromising comments on the political situation. He said that the tragedy of Laos is that the country has so few competent people and these few would not cooperate in forming a government of national union. He was as equivocal as ever about the possibility of his assuming personal control of his government.

b. Sarit, when informed of the outline of the President's message, took the line that no one should expect satisfactory results from diplomatic efforts to bring the Laotian government around. The Lao, he said, seem to have "gone wild."

5. Indonesia

a. Indonesian impatience with Dutch foot-dragging on West New Guinea is waxing again and may be given stem-winding expression when Sukarno addresses the nation on Thursday. The speech may also provide some tip off on Sukarno's attitude to the recommendation

[redacted] to break off negotiations with the Netherlands and launch large-scale infiltration operations against West New Guinea.

b. Foreign Minister Subandrio told Ambassador Jones yesterday that the assurances he had received that Pope's family would avoid publicity would greatly strengthen his position in urging Sukarno to grant his release.

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A. Adoula,

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[redacted] plans a major shakeup of his cabinet.

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[redacted] South Korea [redacted] undercurrent of anti-government sentiment developing among middle grade army officers.

C. Niger is under pressure to become the first member of the francophile "Brazzaville Group" to establish diplomatic relations with the bloc. To this end, the USSR and Poland are said to be dangling substantial loans for economic development before President Diori who may find it hard to resist pressure from his leftist advisers.

D. Prince Sihanouk will probably interpret the publicity given in South Vietnam to the reported massacre of Vietnamese villagers by Cambodian raiders as a deliberate breach of a tacit understanding that such incidents were to be treated on a confidential, government-to-government basis. Saigon-Phnom Penh relations, which have been improving lately, are therefore bound to be thrown for a loss.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--25 APRIL 1962

1. GROMYKO'S SPEECH TO SUPREME SOVIET YESTERDAY:

GROMYKO, WHILE USING THE EXPECTED HARSH LANGUAGE ON NUCLEAR TESTING, LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT THE USSR HOPES A NEW ROUND OF TESTING WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH BILATERAL TALKS ON BERLIN. HE ENVISIONS THESE AS PRODUCING "SPECIFIC RESULTS" FOR SUBMISSION EITHER TO A FOUR POWER SUMMIT OR TO ANOTHER KENNEDY-KHRUSHCHEV MEETING. THERE WAS AGAIN NO REFERENCE TO A TIME LIMIT ON BERLIN.

2. ATTITUDES ON US TEST RESUMPTION:

A. WE HAVE HEARD FROM THREE OF THE NON-ALIGNED EIGHT AT THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE: THE UAR OPPOSES CONCERTED ACTION BY THE EIGHT AND KNOWS OF NO PLAN TO SUPPORT A POSSIBLE SOVIET WALKOUT--AMBASSADOR BADEAU EXPECTS A BLAST SIMILAR TO THAT MADE AGAINST THE SOVIET TESTS; NIGERIA TENDS TOWARD THE WESTERN POSITION IN THE CONFERENCE; INDIA FEELS THE TESTS WILL HAVE "MOST SERIOUS EFFECTS" ON THE TALKS BUT THREATENS NO WALKOUT.

B. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE ITS EXPECTED PUBLIC PROTEST. LEFT WING GROUPS IN TOKYO HAVE THREATENED SIT-DOWN STRIKES IN FRONT OF OUR EMBASSY. SOME 500 JAPANESE SECURITY POLICE, STANDING BY TO MAINTAIN ORDER, HAVE ALREADY HAD A BRUSH WITH 100 PROTESTING STUDENTS.

3. LAOS:

A. KONG LE'S DEPARTURE ON A TOUR OF THE BLOC AND A SIMILAR TRIP BY THE PRO-SOUVANNA COMMANDER AT PHONG SALY ARE FURTHER INDICATIONS OF INCREASING COMMUNIST INFLUENCE OVER THESE LEADERS.

B. WE BELIEVE THAT VIENTIANE PRESS REPORTS OF HEAVY FIGHTING AT NAM THA ARE EXAGGERATED. IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE STEP-UP IN AIRLIFT ACTIVITY TO NORTHERN LAOS

REFLECTED NORMAL SUPPLY OPERATIONS AND NOT PREPARATIONS FOR A LARGE-
SCALE RESUMPTION OF FIGHTING.

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C. THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR, WHO IS ABOUT TO DEPART LAOS ON LEAVE, HAS AGAIN STATED THAT ACHIEVEMENT OF A SETTLEMENT DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON THE US, AND HAS INDICATED THAT THE USSR WAS PREPARED TO WAIT INDEFINITELY. HE DESCRIBED LAOS AS HAVING DROPPED FROM FIRST TO THIRD OR FOURTH PLACE AS AN INTERNATIONAL ISSUE, BEING REPLACED BY VIETNAM.

D. THE THAIS ARE NOW TELLING AMBASSADOR YOUNG THAT THEY DETECT SIGNS OF GROWING DOUBTS ON THE PART OF PHOUMI AND HIS SUPPORTERS. PHOUMI IS REPORTED MOVING THE POLICE AND MILITIA TO THE INTERIOR MINISTRY, WHICH HE WOULD HOPE TO CONTROL INDIRECTLY IF FORCED TO ACCEPT A SOUVANNA COALITION. WE AGREE WITH YOUNG THAT, WHILE THE REPORTS MAY OVERSTATE THE DEGREE OF LAO SOFTENING, THEY GIVE SOME HOPE THAT UNANIMOUS REBUFFS OF THE LAOTIAN MISSIONS SEEKING OVERSEAS SUPPORT MIGHT EVENTUALLY BRING PHOUMI AROUND TO SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS.

4. SOUTH VIETNAM COMMUNISTS THREATEN TO SEEK OUTSIDE HELP:

HANOI YESTERDAY BROADCAST THEIR STATEMENT THREATENING TO CALL ON NORTH VIETNAM FOR MATERIEL AND MEN. THIS IS THE VIET CONG'S FIRST THREAT TO SEEK EITHER OUTSIDE GOVERNMENTAL HELP OR MANPOWER. IT COULD BE USED TO JUSTIFY MORE OPEN SUPPORT BY NORTH VIETNAM OR TO GENERATE INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE FOR A CONFERENCE ON SOUTH VIETNAM.

5. CONGO:

YESTERDAY ADOULA ANNOUNCED THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF AN AGREEMENT WITH TSHOMBE HE WOULD SEEK HELP FROM "FRIENDLY" AFRO-ASIAN STATES IN ENDING KATANGA'S SECESSION. HE IS NOT KNOWN TO HAVE REQUESTED MILITARY AID OUTSIDE THE UN FRAMEWORK, BUT GHANA AND MALI ARE HOSTILE TOWARD TSHOMBE AND THE SUDAN YESTERDAY CALLED ON THE UN TO CARRY OUT SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ON KATANGA. ADOULA

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ALSO DEMANDED THAT THE UN COMMAND BE GIVEN A CLEARER MANDATE ON KATANGA. A NEW ROUND OF TALKS BETWEEN ADOULA AND TSHOMBE IS EXPECTED SOON.

6. SYRIAN INSTABILITY CONTINUES:

THE CONCERN OF THE WEEK-OLD SYRIAN GOVERNMENT OVER ITS INSECURITY IS REFLECTED IN THE CANCELLATION ON 23 APRIL OF LEAVES OF ALL SECURITY PERSONNEL. MINOR DEMONSTRATIONS ON THE SAME DATE MAY BE FOLLOWED BY LARGER ONES IN THE NORTHERN CITIES. COUP ATTEMPTS BY EITHER CONSERVATIVE OR PRO-NASIR Factions IN THE ARMY OFFICER CORPS ARE ALSO POSSIBLE.

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7. ARGENTINA:

GUIDO'S DECREE NULLIFYING PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS SINCE MID-DECEMBER AND ESTABLISHING FEDERAL CONTROL IN PROVINCES NOT PREVIOUSLY "INTERVENED" SETS THE STAGE FOR AN OPEN CONTEST BETWEEN THE PERONISTAS AND THE GOVERNMENT. THE GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF LABOR HAS ALERTED ITS MEMBERS TO PREPARE FOR A GENERAL STRIKE. PERONISTA CONGRESSIONAL VICTORIES WERE LEFT TO CONGRESS TO NULLIFY

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8. NOTES:

A. THE SUPREME SOVIET "ENDED ITS WORK" TODAY, APPARENTLY WITHOUT A MAJOR ADDRESS BY KHRUSHCHEV. HE HEADS A COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO DRAFT A NEW CONSTITUTION WHICH WILL REPLACE THE "STALIN CONSTITUTION" OF 1936.

B. THE DUTCH AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON WILL REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO RESUME TALKS WITH THE INDONESIANS, BUT IS NOT CONFIDENT HE WILL RECEIVE IT.

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**E. COMMUNIST CHINA HAS REPLIED TO INDIA'S NEEDLING ON THE BORDER
PROBLEM BY CHARGING TWO INDIAN VIOLATIONS EARLIER THIS MONTH.**

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--26 APRIL 1962

1. TEST REACTIONS:

A. WORLD REACTION THUS FAR IS RUNNING TRUE TO PREDICTED FORM. THERE WERE OFFICIAL PROTESTS FROM BRAZIL AND FROM JAPAN, WHERE DEMONSTRATIONS ARE EXPECTED ON A RISING SCALE OVER THE WEEK END, AND MILD DISAPPROVAL WAS REGISTERED IN VARIOUS NONALIGNED COUNTRIES. THE WEST EUROPEAN PRESS IS GENERALLY BACKING THE RESUMPTION AS AN UNAVOIDABLE NECESSITY. THE BLOC IS SPEAKING IN A SINGLE VOICE OF CONDEMNATION.

B. THE SOVIETS AT GENEVA HAVE BEEN CANVASSING NEUTRALIST REACTION TO THE IDEA OF INVOKING A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PROTEST US TESTING.

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2. ARGENTINA:

YESTERDAY'S ACTION BY GUIDO, BARRING PERONISTS FROM CONGRESS AND POSTPONING A NEW PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION UNTIL OCTOBER 1963, LEAVES LITTLE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL FABRIC INTACT. THE STEP CAME AFTER THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES REFUSED TO GIVE LEGISLATIVE SANCTION TO THE MILITARY'S DEMANDS. THE PERONISTAS ARE EXPECTED TO EXPRESS THEIR REACTION IN VIOLENT MAY DAY DEMONSTRATIONS. SECURITY FORCES, WHICH HAVE BEEN CLOSING DOWN PERONIST CENTERS DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS, HAVE NOW BEGUN THE ARREST OF COMMUNISTS AND PRO-COMMUNISTS IN AN EFFORT TO CHOKE OFF A CONCERTED MOVE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

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3. SOVIET EARTH SATELLITE:

A SPACE VEHICLE LAUNCHED FROM TYURATAM [REDACTED] 50X1
EVIDENTLY ACHIEVED ORBIT. IT IS PROBABLY UNMANNED BUT THERE ARE
SOME INDICATIONS THAT A RECOVERY MAY BE INTENDED. [REDACTED]

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4. PORTUGUESE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS:

MAY DAY DEMONSTRATIONS, LED BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY WITH AN
ASSIST FROM UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, ARE BEING LAID ON FOR LISBON.
STRIKES BY WORKERS AT SEVERAL INDUSTRIAL CENTERS ARE ALSO EX-
PECTED. [REDACTED] 50X1

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5. ALGERIAN REBEL POLITICS:

INTERNAL DISSENSION PROMISES TO MARK THE MEETING OF THE
PROVISIONAL ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT NOW UNDER WAY IN TUNIS. VICE
PREMIER BEN BELLA, WHO HAS BEEN WORKING HARD TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF
WITH THE FRANCOPHobe MILITARY ARM OF THE REBEL MOVEMENT, IS RANGED
AGAINST THE LESS MILITANT POLITICAL LEADERS WHO NEGOTIATED THE
CEASE FIRE WHILE HE WAS IMPRISONED IN FRANCE.

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6. LAOS:

A. THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS APPEAR TO BE TAKING STEPS TO IMPROVE THEIR FOOTING IN NORTHERN LAOS. LAOTIAN REBEL COMMUNICATIONS DISCLOSE EFFORTS BY CHINESE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN PROVIDING AID AND DIRECTION. MEANWHILE, THE CHINESE ARE PROCEEDING WITH CONSTRUCTION OF THE ALL-WEATHER ROAD CONNECTING PHONG SALY WITH YUNNAN PROVINCE.

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B. PHOUMI AND BOUN OUM HAVE BEGUN THEIR ROUND OF VISITS TO CONGENIAL CAPITALS WHICH WILL KEEP THEM OUT OF VIENTIANE UNTIL ABOUT MAY 10. AS THE LAOTIAN DELEGATION ARRIVED IN BANGKOK, THE THAI GOVERNMENT ISSUED A STATEMENT OF QUALIFIED SUPPORT FOR A SOUVANNA COALITION. "THE UNITED STATES HAS CONFIRMED THAT IT IS THE BEST SOLUTION," THE STATEMENT SAID.

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7. WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--25 APRIL 1962:

ON THE BASIS OF FINDINGS BY ITS WATCH COMMITTEE, THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT:

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

8. NOTES:

A. IN GUATEMALA, PRESIDENT YDIGORAS IS STILL MEETING WITH OPPOSITION LEADERS. HE CONTINUES TO HOLD OUT THE PROMISE OF LIBERALIZATION OF HIS REGIME, BUT NO CONCRETE AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN REACHED.

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C. KRISHNA MENON IS DUE IN NEW YORK TOMORROW TO ARGUE INDIA'S CASE ON KASHMIR BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL. IF HE IS IN CHARACTER, HE CAN ALSO BE COUNTED ON TO MAKE SOME ABRASIVE COMMENTS ABOUT US TESTING.

D. GOVERNOR WILLIAMS REPORTS THE HIGHLIGHT OF HIS 3-DAY VISIT TO GUINEA TO BE THE INDICATIONS THAT CONAKRY WANTS TO OPEN THE DOOR TO INCREASED COOPERATION.

E. A GROUP OF DISSIDENT JUNIOR OFFICERS IN THE JORDANIAN ARMY ARE ADDING A NEW STRAND TO THE NETWORK OF CONSPIRACY AGAINST KING HUSAYN.

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1. REACTIONS TO US NUCLEAR TESTING:

THE COMMUNIST THUNDER CONTINUES, WITH THE CHIEF CLAPS IN THE LAST 24 HOURS BEING PROVIDED BY ZORIN AND TSARAPKIN IN GENEVA. EXCEPT FOR MINOR DEMONSTRATIONS BEFORE OUR EMBASSIES IN LONDON AND COPENHAGEN, THE PATTERN OF REACTION IN THE NON-COMMUNIST WORLD REMAINS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME [REDACTED] A NUMBER 50X1 OF NEUTRAL AS WELL AS ALLIED COUNTRIES, HOWEVER, ARE CITING THE TESTS AS DEMONSTRATING THE URGENT NEED FOR PROGRESS AT THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

2. CAMBODIA-SOUTH VIETNAM RELATIONS:

THEY APPEAR TO BE HEADED FOR THE ROCKS IN THE WAKE OF LAST WEEK'S ATTACK ON A VIETNAMESE VILLAGE BY UNIDENTIFIED RAIDERS FROM CAMBODIA. SAIGON IS DEMANDING QUICK SATISFACTION ON DEMANDS FOR INDEMNITIES AND PUNISHMENT OF THE GUILTY. THE CAMBODIANS--THEIR BACKS UP BECAUSE OF UNFOUNDED INSINUATIONS THAT THEIR GOVERNMENT IS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INCIDENT--ARE SHOWING LITTLE INCLINATION TO COMPLY. WHATEVER THE RIGHTS AND WRONGS, THE MOST DISTURBING ASPECT OF THIS DISPUTE IS THAT IT WILL DEEPEN CAMBODIA'S PERSECUTION COMPLEX REGARDING ITS ANTI-COMMUNIST NEIGHBORS--RELATIONS WITH THAILAND WERE BROKEN LAST OCTOBER.

3. LAOS:

A. PHOUMI TOLD THE VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR EARLIER THIS WEEK THAT THE KING WAS "VERY DISSATISFIED" WITH THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER. THE AMBASSADOR ADDED THAT PHOUMI, TOO, WAS "VERY DISTURBED."

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B. IN SAIGON, FOREIGN MINISTER MAU HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE PHOUMI-BOUN OUM AID SEEKING "GOODWILL MISSION" WILL ARRIVE LATE NEXT WEEK. HE WAS EQUIVOCAL AS TO WHETHER HE WOULD URGE THEM TO JOIN A COALITION GOVERNMENT LEAD BY SOUVANNA.

C. MEANWHILE, THE SOVIET AIRLIFT HAS RESUMED FLIGHTS TO TCHEPONE IN THE SOUTH AFTER A TWO WEEK LAYOFF. WE BELIEVE THIS ACTIVITY REPRESENTS NORMAL RESUPPLY OPERATIONS.

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4. SUKARNO KEEPS DOOR OPEN FOR NEGOTIATIONS:

A. HE TOLD HIS COUNTRYMEN YESTERDAY THAT INDONESIA PREFERRED TO GAIN CONTROL OF WEST NEW GUINEA BY PEACEFUL MEANS AND RESUBSCRIBED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BUNKER PROPOSALS. SUKARNO, HOWEVER, PROCLAIMED AGAIN HIS INTENTION OF ACHIEVING HIS OBJECTIVE THIS YEAR, BY FORCE IF NECESSARY. ON BALANCE, THE SPEECH REFLECTS A MOOD OF MODERATION, ALBEIT A HIGHLY PERISHABLE ONE IN THE ABSENCE OF A POSITIVE DUTCH RESPONSE.

B. THE DUTCH, MEANWHILE, SEEM TO BE IN NO HURRY. FOREIGN MINISTER LUNS TOLD AMBASSADOR RICE THAT HE WOULD NOT BE READY TO RESPOND TO SECRETARY RUSK'S RECENT LETTER UNTIL THE TWO MET IN ATHENS ON MAY 5TH.

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5. ARGENTINA:

PERON APPEARS TO HAVE PASSED THE WORD TO HIS FOLLOWERS NOT TO CALL STRIKES OR DEMONSTRATIONS IN PROTEST AGAINST THE NULLIFICATION OF THEIR ELECTORAL VICTORIES, BUT TO TAKE THEIR CASE TO COURT INSTEAD. HIS ORDERS ALSO PROVIDE THAT STRONG-ARMED TACTICS HE USED ONLY IN SUPPORT OF MORE POPULAR ISSUES, SUCH AS DEMANDS FOR HIGHER WAGES TO OFFSET THE RECENT SPECTACULAR RISE IN THE COST OF LIVING. ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE MERELY A LULL BEFORE THE STORM, IT IS BEGINNING TO LOOK AS IF ARGENTINIANS ARE IN FOR AN UNEXPECTEDLY QUIET MAY DAY.

6. NOTES:

A. [REDACTED] THE USSR MAY HAVE TRIED 50X1
TO RECOVER SPUTNIK XVI THIS MORNING.

B. TSHOMBE, CLOAKED IN UNITED NATIONS GUARANTEES FOR HIS PERSONAL SAFETY, IS SCHEDULED TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS WITH ADOULA IN LEOPOLDVILLE NEXT THURSDAY.

C. IN EL SALVADOR, COMMUNIST FRONT LEADERS HAVE STAGED AT LEAST ONE SMALL ANTI-GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATION, PERHAPS AS A WARM-UP EXERCISE FOR EITHER SUNDAY'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS OR MAY DAY, OR BOTH.

D. PRIME MINISTER IKEDA [REDACTED] TACIT APPROVAL TO A VISIT TO 50X1
COMMUNIST CHINA BY AN INFLUENTIAL MEMBER OF JAPAN'S RULING PARTY.
THIS MAY BE A FIRST STEP IN IKEDA'S PLANS TO LOOK INTO THE PROSPECTS FOR ESTABLISHING CLOSER ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH PEIPING.

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1. Laos

The Thais have told Young that their talks with Phoumi and Boun Oum have caused the Laotian leaders to "change in a satisfactory direction." The Thais claim that the 7 May deadline set by the US has made an impact on the Laos, but they have as yet given no details. Meanwhile, Phoumi is moving another battalion to Nam Tha, giving him eight in position against a probable seven of the enemy.

2. Congo

The UN has presented to Adoula a new program of action for dealing with Tshombé and the Katanga problem. If further mediation efforts do not produce any signs of give in Tshombé, the UN proposes a series of economic and military pressures to be applied against Katanga during the next month. The military moves do not include the use of force against Katangan troops, but would greatly increase the danger of a "third round." U Thant is said to be keen on carrying out these measures before the Security Council meets on the Congo at the end of May, because he believes they go "considerably" beyond his mandate.

3. Soviet delegation
in Geneva overplays
hand

The Indian delegation says that some neutrals were thinking of walking out when the US resumed tests, but changed their minds when the Soviets tried to "take advantage of this movement." The Indians apparently turned down a Soviet request that they ask for an emergency General Assembly session and appear convinced that "the Soviet Union is eager to resume tests." [redacted] The UAR is also resisting Soviet pressure for such a meeting.

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4. West New Guinea

a. Foreign Minister Luns has reaffirmed his unwillingness to reply to the revised Bunker proposal until he sees Secretary Rusk on 5 May.

b. Sukarno's latest speech will probably ruffle Dutch sensibilities. Yesterday, on another tour accompanied by the foreign ambassadors (including Jones), he claimed that their presence was a demonstration of the support their countries are providing Indonesia 50X1 on The Issue.



5. Argentina

a. Guido's announcement last night that he has reappointed Alvaro Alsogaray as Minister of Economy will infuriate Argentine labor. Alsogaray, the author of Frondizi's austerity program, was forced out a year ago by popular discontent with his policies. His reappearance, while encouraging in what it means for Guido's policies, presages jostling between labor and financial circles.

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b. Although the Peronist leaders have announced cancellation of their plans for May Day, we are dubious about their sincerity.

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6. Temperature drops in Guatemalan crisis

Ydigoras, unable to persuade the non-Communist opposition to serve in his cabinet, has appointed a new one made up largely of military officers. This reaffirmation of military support puts a temporary quietus on opposition hopes that the armed forces would force Ydigoras' resignation.

7. Bolivian President's campaign against Chile may backfire

[redacted] the opposition is going to try today to direct street demonstrations against the government. Demonstrators are expected to take to the streets today to protest Chilean use of the Lauca River and armed opposition elements hope to exploit them.

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NOTES

- A. We are unable to determine the present status of Sputnik XVI, launched from Tyura Tam on Thursday. What appeared to be a recovery operation yesterday morning was unsuccessful, and a similar one was conducted this morning. Preliminary information indicates that at least part of the vehicle was still in orbit after the activity today. [redacted] 50X1
- B. The new East German customs law becomes effective Monday. We do not expect a serious attempt immediately to interfere with West German-West Berlin trade.
- C. We are getting a number of indications of public dissatisfaction in Czechoslovakia over food supply, although we cannot confirm any overt demonstrations. [redacted] 50X1
- D. The Chinese Communists are celebrating issuance of the 200th "Serious Warning." Incorporated in their broadcast recapitulation of charges against the United States and the Nationalists is their first statement that the Nationalists are using the U-2 for reconnaissance of the mainland. The Communists have been making very intensive efforts to intercept these missions, but so far have not come close. [redacted] 50X1
- E. The arrangements for use of a few South Korean specialists in South Vietnam are going forward, with the first group scheduled to arrive in mid-May. [redacted] 50X1
- F. The Dominican government is about to begin a "purge"--probably gentle and gradual--of officers closely connected with the Trujillos. There is some chance that the officers ticketed for removal might try a coup.

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1. Congo

Dissatisfaction in the Congolese Parliament and Army with Adoula's inability to cope with Tshombé has reached the danger point. If considerable progress is not made in the next round between Adoula and Tshombé (now supposed to begin Thursday), or if it fails to come off, Adoula's government may fall and be replaced with a more radical one. Such a development might or might not upset the UN's plans for 50X1 a more active role in settling the Katangan issue

as a radical government in Leopoldville would not be averse to a tougher line in Katanga. However, UN officials are working with both sides in an effort to make the meeting a success

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2. South Vietnam nears break with Cambodia

Neither government is making any effort to damp down repercussions of the Vinh Lac incident, in which a party of unestablished nationality crossed from Cambodia into South Vietnam and slaughtered a number of villagers.

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Embassy Saigon describes the two countries as being on a "collision course," and sees a possibility that Vietnam will impose economic sanctions, such as closing the Mekong River to Cambodian traffic. Embassy Phnom Penh believes such action would lead Sihanouk to turn to the bloc.

3. Laos

a. Phoumi and Boun Oum have left Bangkok for Seoul. Their public statements Saturday were not encouraging. We have not yet received further information on their talks with the Thais.

b. Evidence of friction between Souvanna's followers and the Pathet Lao continues to come in. [redacted] 50X1

4. West New Guinea

a. Subandrio has told Jones that Sukarno, saying he was disturbed at not having fulfilled his commitment to the President, had ordered Subandrio to work out arrangements for a quiet release of Pope. He stressed the need for secrecy.

b. Jones says that Sukarno's reference last week to President Kennedy's endorsement of the Bunker proposals did "not in fact exceed the bounds of propriety," but it will nevertheless be unhelpful in The Hague. Jones is disturbed at Dutch reaction to Sukarno's relatively moderate Medan speech--the Dutch said they would stop sending reinforcements only if third party observers were present to enforce an agreement "stabilizing" the military situation--as he believes Sukarno's remarks were intended to be conciliatory.

c. Meanwhile, both sides continue to build up forces in the area. [redacted]

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5. France-Algeria

a. The operation to clean up Oran forecast by Joxe began yesterday. We have no official reports on its progress.

b. Ambassador Gavin is disturbed by a series of surprisingly virulent pronouncements by the Algerian army headquarters in Tunis accusing the French of violating the cease-fire. He also notes Pompidou's suspension of the liberation of Algerian prisoners, presumably because Algerian release of French prisoners has been unsatisfactory.

6. Political changes in Moscow may concern eventual succession to Khrushchev

A series of recent personnel shifts, some of which restored persons demoted at the Party Congress last fall to positions of considerable power, suggest factional infighting between the so-called "Leningrad" and "Ukrainian" cliques. As usual with Soviet politics, however, we are unable to push interpretation any further. The military promotions announced this weekend appear routine.

7. Ruanda and Urundi move another step toward Congo-style chaos.

Native authorities in both sections have apparently informed the special UN Commission on Ruanda-Urundi that they will refuse to permit the presence of foreign troops after independence, which is tentatively scheduled for 1 July. Spaak says that the Belgians will have no choice but to withdraw their garrisons, which would almost certainly lead to the departure of Belgian technicians and the collapse of public order.

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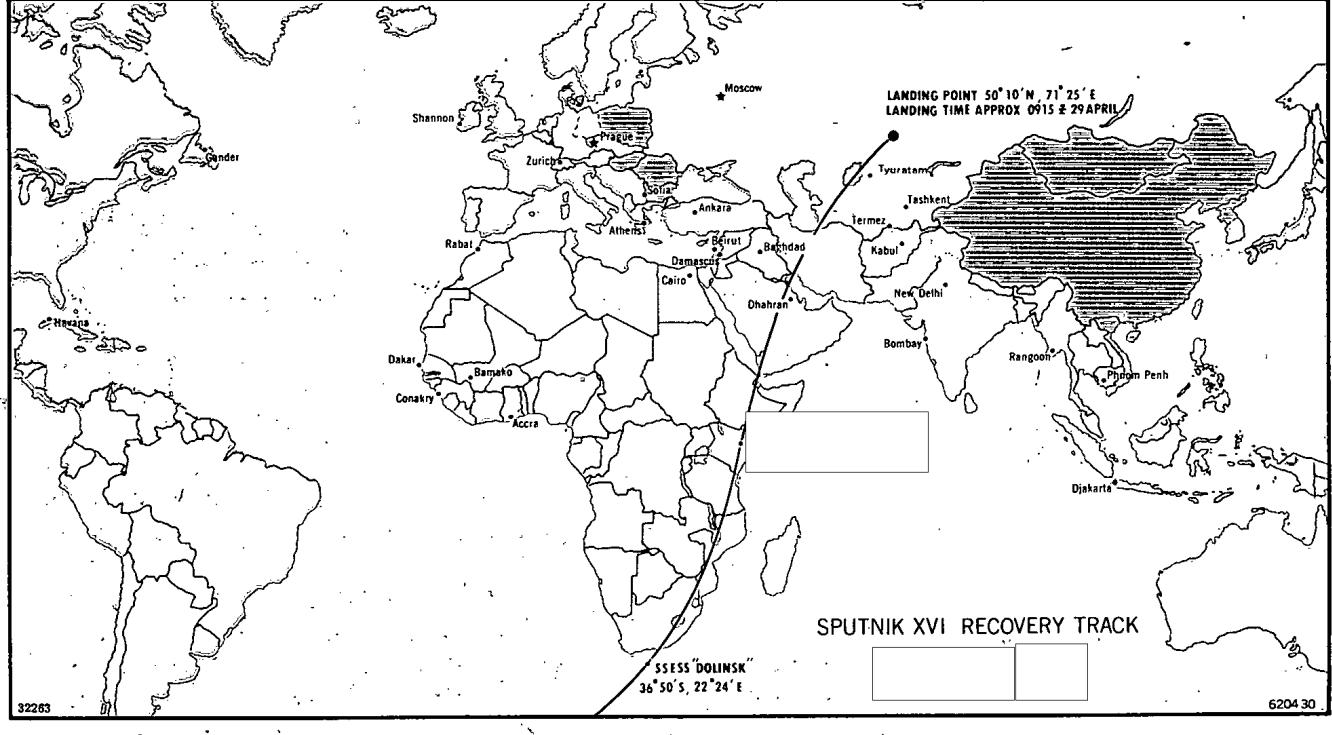
8. Soviet-Sudanese
air agreement

The Sudanese government has agreed to delay signing for 10-14 days at US request. The agreement would allow the USSR transit rights for routes through Khartoum to West Africa returning through Rabat, to East Africa, and, by an undetermined route, to Brazil.

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NOTES

- A. Soviet military forces have dropped into their usual stand-down for the May Day celebration. [redacted] The Viet Cong, however 50X1 is [redacted] planning a special effort for the occasion. Elsewhere in the world, Argentina, Bolivia, and Portugal are the most likely targets for serious violence.
- B. Soviet recovery of Sputnik XVI took place [redacted] 50X1 about 450 miles northeast of Tyura Tam. [redacted] 50X1
- C. The Soviet delegation in Geneva is dropping broad hints that it wants to adjourn the disarmament conference on 1 June for about two months.
- D. While there has been no major change in the Argentine situation, there are growing signs of disagreement among the military over how hard to push Guido.

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