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1 APRIL 1963
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1. Guatemala

a. The military junta which forced Ydigoras out of office in a bloodless coup late Saturday night is headed by Defense Minister Peralta--a fairly honest, straightforward officer who has the support of important military commanders and is likely to retain it.

b. Ydigoras was flown to Nicaragua yesterday. He has promised the press a full statement today which could be strongly critical of the US. Nevertheless he may seek to come to this country.

c. Arevalo [redacted]
[redacted] left Guatemala again and probably is back in Mexico. His popular appeal has probably been boosted, but his leading supporters are being rounded up.

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d. So far the situation is quiet, and we believe the junta will be able to keep control. The anti-Arevalo campaign has been fairly successful in Guatemala City, and, with constitutional guarantees suspended, large public demonstrations will not be easy to organize.

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e. The junta's plans are not yet well formulated. A "national unity" cabinet, probably to include representatives of center and right-wing parties, may be set up soon.

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2. Cuba

a. Western observers report seeing some 300 Russians aboard the Soviet passenger ship Baikal as it departed Havana shortly after noon on Saturday.

b. The passenger ship Nikolaevsk arrived in Havana yesterday.

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c. Tents of the non-Soviet type previously observed at Artemisa, have now been observed at Holguin as well. Six were spotted in a preliminary scan of yesterday's high altitude photography. In addition,

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construction is evidently proceeding rapidly at two non-Soviet encampments adjacent to the Soviet camp at Holguin.



3. South Korea

a. Today may see the last of talks between Pak and civilian opposition leaders. Pak is under strong pressure from the clique behind him to quit treating with the civilians and is both unwilling and unable to grant them any concession.

b. The civilian leaders remain united in their mistrust of Pak and opposition to any prolongation of military rule. They are willing to see the talks break down, believing the junta will be unable to maintain effective government and will sooner or later crumble.

c. Ambassador Berger says he is "pessimistic that matters can be worked out without a Korean explosion at some stage." He anticipates Kim Chong-pil's hoods and organized gangs will take to the streets to demonstrate against our role in opposing military rule. This in turn will bring on counter demonstrations and presumably martial law.

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d. The lives of all the principals, including Ambassador Berger, have been threatened and bodyguards are the order of the day.

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- A. West Germany Adenauer's party has lost its absolute majority in the traditionally conservative Palatinate yesterday. The Christian Democrats will now, for the first time, have to work with Free Democrats to control the state assembly. The major gains went to the Social Democrats, who went from 37 to 43 seats in the 100 seat assembly.
- B. India India [redacted] say the MIG-21s they got from the USSR are hard to handle and poorly suited and equipped for India's needs. 50X1
- C. Syria Yet another crisis in Syria is in the offing. Large pro-Nasir demonstrations swept both Aleppo and Damascus over the weekend and more are expected today. Anti-Nasir elements in the army, [redacted] had planned a coup [redacted] 50X1 Pro-Nasir [redacted] elements are also preparing to take over, and it is only a matter of time before one or the other gives it a try. 50X1
- D. Congo With two Belgian residents murdered by Congo-Tese within a week, tempers in Elisabethville are again near the boiling point. The atmosphere had already become heavily charged by the central government's crack-down on gendarmerie remnants. Under the circumstances, the movement now under way of two more Congo army battalions into South Katanga can only mean more trouble.

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E. Haiti - Dominican Republic The Haitian Foreign Minister has refused to give assurances that the Trujillos will not be admitted to Haiti.

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G. Israel-UAR The Israelis have given notice that they have begun major military maneuvers along the frontier in Sinai. The UAR will interpret this as an attempt to stir up trouble while it is preoccupied in Yemen.

H. Brazil-Bidault Bidault has been granted asylum in Brazil and will leave Portugal for Rio in the next few days.

I. Brazil Although the Cuban solidarity conference is over (it stayed in Niteroi), Federal troops are still patrolling Rio. They will probably continue to do so for a while in an effort to give substance to Goulart's contention on Sunday that the intervention was not linked to the congress in the first place. State troops are back in barracks.

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LATE ITEM

Argentina

a. The elements identified with this morning's reported coup effort apparently do not represent the key leadership of the armed forces. Their ability to make their move stick is doubtful. They are not likely to get the support of responsible military leadership and Peronist reaction will be strong if not violent.

b. General Benjamin Menendez, identified as Commander-in-Chief of the Revolutionary forces, has been associated with extreme rightist groups. Their intention is likely to be the institution of a long-term military dictatorship.

1. Cuba

a. Photography of 31 March reveals a new military installation under construction at Remedios, southeast of the Soviet encampment. Some 44 tents and 30 vehicles, probably Cuban, were observed. There are thus now indications of a Cuban presence at three of the four Soviet armored unit camps.

b. All encampments except Holguin were cloud covered on 1 April. A preliminary scan of photography of that date showed no apparent change there.



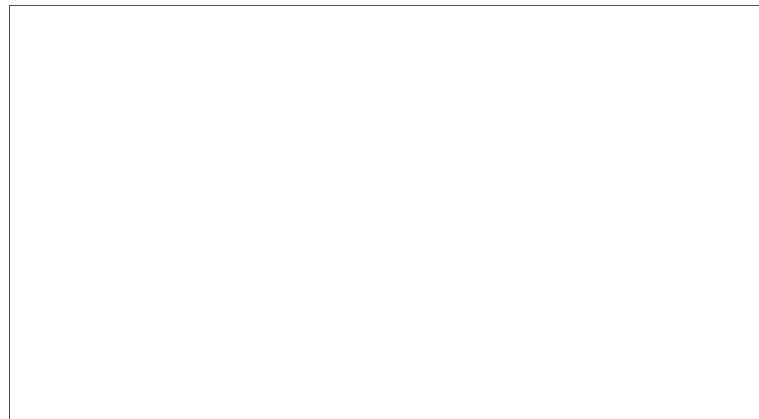
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2. Laos

a. The assassination of Foreign Minister Quinim last night was apparently ordered by Kong Le.

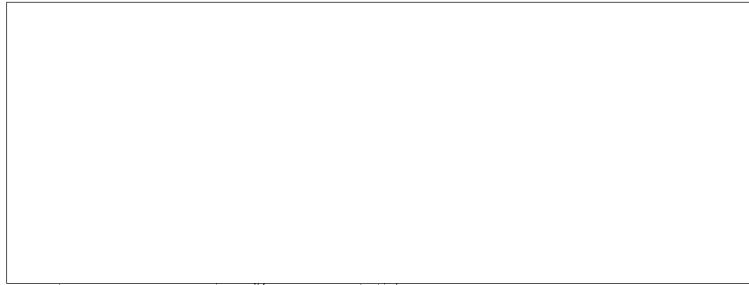
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c. Though originally chosen as a member of the neutralist faction in the Cabinet, Quinim had leaned increasingly toward the Pathet Lao.

d. Quinim's removal will weaken the Pathet Lao's efforts to undermine Souvanna's coalition cabinet and may give the "neutralist" experiment another breathing spell.

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3. Syria

a. The government is being hard pressed by the Nasirists.

b. Another pro-Nasir demonstration in Damascus yesterday turned into a riot. The crowd had to be dispersed by troops and police with fire hoses, clubs, and gunfire.

c. The government has closed its border with Lebanon--Nasir's base of operations--and imposed a strict curfew. Cairo propaganda, meanwhile, continues to play up the Syrian difficulties and to egg on the Nasirists there.

4. Soviet Lunar Shot

a. A Soviet space vehicle was launched at 0316 EST this morning. It appears to have been a parking vehicle for a lunar attempt.

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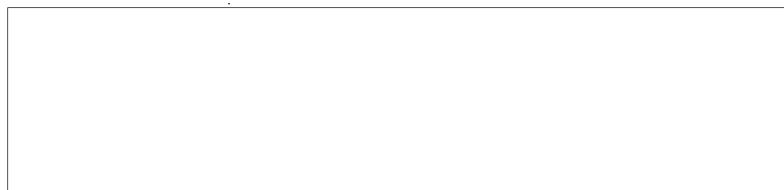
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c. The USSR had suffered failures in ten out of its previous interplanetary and lunar attempts.

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C. Guatemala The situation remains calm. The Arevalists have made no move. In a press conference in Managua yesterday Ydigoras reiterated his approval of the new regime and recommended that foreign nations recognize it. None have so far.

D. Cambodia Sihanouk is making another neutralist play. He has extended an invitation to Ho Chi Minh to pay a state visit to Phnom Penh. No date has been indicated.

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F. Iraq-Kurds Barzani has asked our Baghdad embassy to forward to Washington his request for US material and moral support--or if this is not possible, our neutrality--in the event the Kurdish revolt is renewed. He is prepared to give guarantees that the revolt will not spread to Turkey or Iran. As a new round of talks between the Kurds and the government gets underway in Baghdad, each side is asking more than the other is likely to give.

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H. Korea Ambassador Berger yesterday delivered President Kennedy's letter to Pak and from the ensuing conversation is convinced that Pak intends soon to announce that his proposed referendum will be held about 25 April.

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1. Berlin air
corridors

a. Yesterday's incident in the southern air corridor, when two Soviet fighters buzzed and fired on a privately-owned British plane flying into Berlin, seems to be another case of Soviet sensitivity to what Moscow claims is a "misuse" of Allied corridor rights.

b. Increased Soviet aerial surveillance of the air corridors and West Berlin airfields has been in effect since 25 March, when Soviet aircraft reacted to the round-robin flights of a US C-130. That aircraft [redacted]

[redacted] has been at Templehof since the incident, and the Soviets are apparently waiting for it to take off on its outbound flight.

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c. The Soviet representative in the Berlin Air Safety Center had protested the British plane's flight when notified that it was scheduled to take place.

d. The aircraft, piloted by a British television personality flying into Berlin to do a show for the RAF, disregarded orders to land and put down safely in Berlin.
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2. Jordan

a. Husayn's newly appointed prime minister is setting out to bring his country closer to the mainstream of Arab nationalism.

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3. Guatemala

a. The new government seems intent on giving itself an image of moderation in order to gain domestic approval and hasten international recognition.

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b. There is a conspicuous lack of far-rightists and representatives of discredited old-line parties among the civilians named to the cabinet.

c. The country's nearest neighbors, Honduras and El Salvador, are consulting on whether to recognize.

d. Ydigoras is quoted as saying he plans to leave Nicaragua for the US on Saturday.

4. Laos

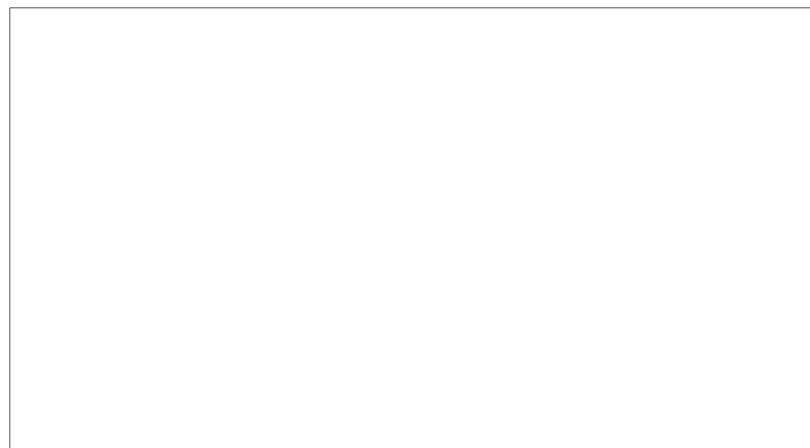
a. Except for a knee-jerk reaction from the Pathet Lao, who blame the "imperialists," there is quiet caution all around over the assassination of Quinim.

b. The bodyguard who did the shooting is in government custody but is so far insisting that he acted entirely on his own. A bland government communique says little more than that Quinim was shot but the government does not know why.

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5. Cuba

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6. Argentina

**a. Government forces are in
full control of Buenos Aires.**

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b. Rebel elements, mainly Navy Marine units, have retreated to a number of naval bases south of the capital. Late press reports this morning state that the rebels, under government pressure, have been forced to abandon some of these positions.

c. The bulk of the Argentine Army and Air Force are standing behind President Guido, who has given the rebels an ultimatum threatening bombing attacks unless they surrender forthwith.

7. Communist China

a. A Chinese Nationalist aerial reconnaissance mission, flown on 28 March, has detected a second Chinese Communist missile test range.

b. The range is about 335 miles northwest of Peiping. The preliminary conclusion is that the installation is a cruise missile test site.

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A. Soviet lunar probe The moon probe launched yesterday is believed to have one of two possible objectives, either the soft landing of an instrumented package or the orbiting of a vehicle for reconnaissance over the edge of the shadow of the lunar surface. The probe, if successful, will reach the vicinity of the moon about noon EST, Friday.

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C. Indonesia-Communist China The Chinese are trying to keep alive the notion that they are potential buyers of Indonesian oil.

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D. Portuguese Guinea Guerrillas--some of them operating from Guinea and Senegal--are stepping up their operations. Portuguese authorities are reporting with increasing frequency ambushes carried out against their military forces.

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E. Warsaw Pact Preparations now under way point to the beginning of a combined exercise in the near future.

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F. Bunker-Nasir talks Ambassador Bunker had a long second session on Yemen with Nasir yesterday. Nasir's position was that he would withdraw at least one battalion from Yemen within 15 days after the Saudis agree to disengage, with full withdrawal to follow over a longer, as yet undetermined, period. A third session is scheduled for today.

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1. Laos

a. Following what appears to have been an outbreak of fighting in the Plaine des Jarres, Kong Le and the Pathet Lao have worked out a cease-fire there which is to go into effect tomorrow.

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c. Cease-fire pledges have never been firmly honored in Laos, but Ambassador Unger is using this development to help argue for getting an ICC team into the Plaine des Jarres.

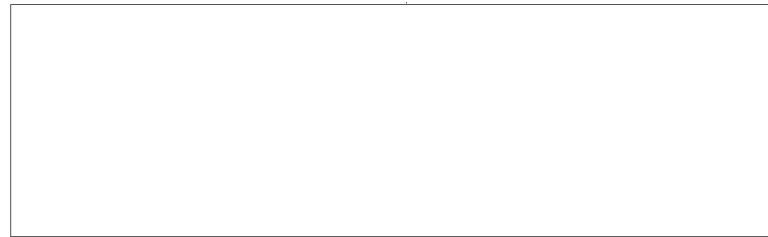
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2. Argentina

The navy rebellion has been recessed while truce talks get underway. The navy insists the cease-fire does not mean "unconditional" surrender. It does not have the upper hand, but retains the threat to bombard Buenos Aires which hastened Peron's departure in 1955.

3. Guatemala--
Recognition
Issues

a. No one has yet recognized
the new regime in Guatemala.



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c. Costa Rican President
Orlich, although on friendly, per-
sonal terms with Peralta, feels that
Costa Rica will have to delay be-
cause of commitments to Venezuela
and earlier precedents in the cases
of Argentina and Peru.



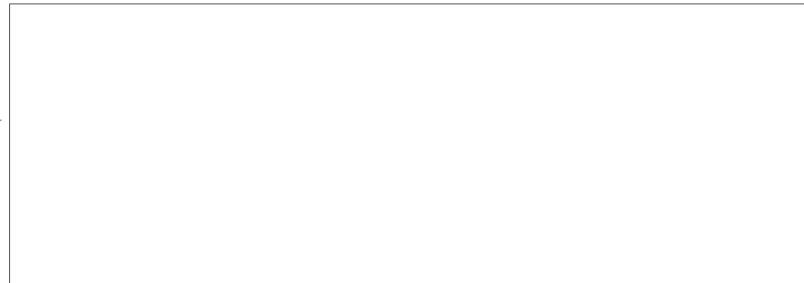
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4. Cuba



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d. The Nikolaevsk was seen departing yesterday morning with about 250 persons, probably Russian, on deck. The Mikhail Kalinin arrived yesterday and is due to leave today. We have no passenger information yet.

e. [redacted] yes-
terday's photography produced nothing notable.

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5. Somalia-
Communist Bloc

a. The Soviets are making very good headway in Somalia.

b. A number of projects under commitments totalling some \$57 million, are in full swing. At least 100 Soviet technicians are there now

[redacted]
Other Bloc members (including Communist China) are also in the act.

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c. The USSR has now reversed its policy of support for Ethiopia and come out in favor of "Greater Somalia."

d. Ambassador Torbert feels there is definite slippage in the Bloc's favor which may have been encouraged but certainly not caused by the recent troubles with Britain.

6. USSR [redacted]

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7. Yemen

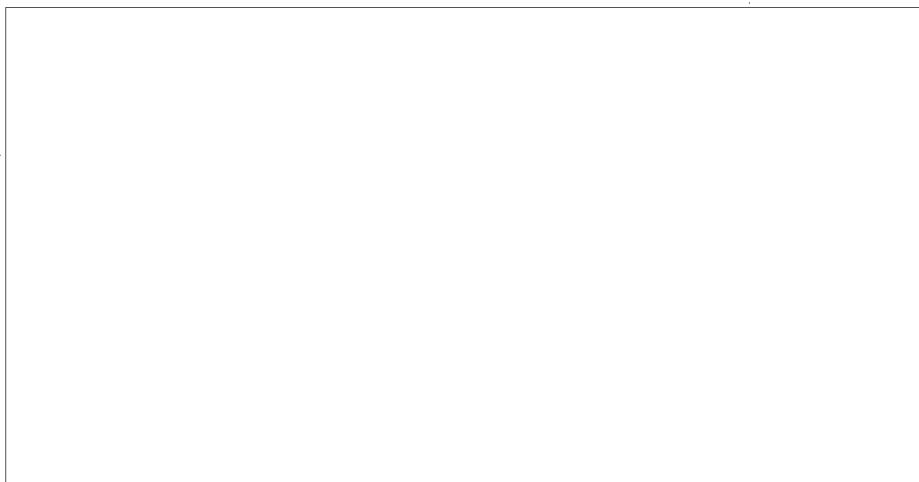


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c. Nasir told Ambassador Bunker yesterday he would make a token withdrawal of a company or two when Faysal agrees to cease supporting the royalists. This would be followed by more substantial withdrawals after it is clear that Faysal will live up to his pledge.

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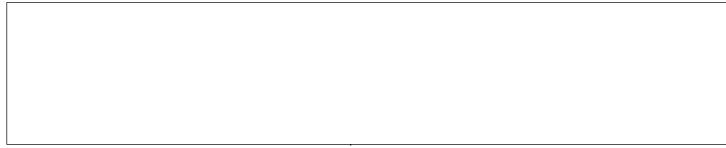
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- A. Brazil A Brazilian paper close to Goulart's administration reports that Goulart is thinking of authorizing a central organization to consolidate and to direct all of Brazil's labor organizations. Communists now control three of the five major labor confederations in Brazil, and would be likely to dominate any consolidated agency. Communists would also be in a stronger position to influence the organization of rural labor, now in its initial stages.
- B. Venezuela Another series of terrorist attacks is planned for early this month in Venezuela by the Communist controlled Armed Forces of National Liberation. [redacted]

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D. Berlin Plans are for the private British plane to be flown back out of Berlin tomorrow. The British, having had their protest rejected by the Soviets in the Berlin Air Safety Center, plan to take the matter up at a government level in Moscow or London in order to assure its safe removal.

E. Syria-UAR The situation has simmered down a bit in Syria.

The regime now may be able to stick to its guns when "unity" talks get underway again on Saturday in Cairo.

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F. USSR The breakup in the Soviet high command has affected Admiral N. I. Vinogradov, one of Zakharov's deputies, as well. Vinogradov has been dropped to a relatively minor job as chief of naval training institutions.

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H. South Korea The civilian opposition has proposed an agreement under which Pak's referendum scheme would be withdrawn and civilian rule would be returned to South Korea no later than the end of December this year. Pak is engaged in smokescreening US reaction to various modifications of his original plan. While Pak and the civilians are still far apart, the prospects for a paper agreement are improving.

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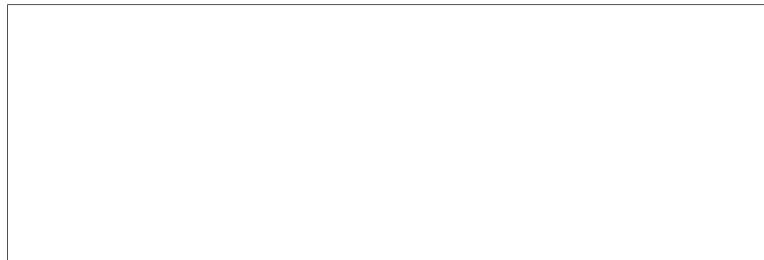
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1. Cuba-USSR



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b. [redacted] crates, probably containing missiles for Komar-class patrol boats, have been detected at a new installation near Cabana, about 10 miles west of Mariel. They appear to have been moved from Mariel to Cabana, where three storage revetments and several buildings are under construction. The boats are still at Mariel.



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2. Guatemala

- a. Nicaragua intends to recognize the Peralta government tomorrow, if the situation in Guatemala remains stable.
- b. Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Ortega, when informing our embassy, added that he understood El Salvador and Honduras had the same intention.
- c. Bosch told our Embassy on 3 April that he would "wait and see" about Dominican recognition.
- d. Meanwhile, in urging US recognition, Peralta's brother has told us he is sure the government would give the US a formal guarantee that elections will be held within two years.
- e. The Arevalistas have circulated an anti-Peralta manifesto but have made no call for violence. An Arevalista source has hinted to our embassy that Arevalo is still in Guatemala.

3. Laos

- a. Yesterday's cease-fire agreement is not getting off to a good start.

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b.

[redacted] Pathet Lao
and dissident neutralist troops have
attacked pro-Souvanna forces at the
Xieng Khouang garrison. [redacted]

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4. Greece

a. There is a growing anti-monarchical trend in Greece.

b. The political activities [redacted] of Paul, Fredericka, and Prince Constantine have alienated the major political parties. The public tends increasingly to look upon the royal family as anachronistic and associates it with Greece's slow pace of modernization.

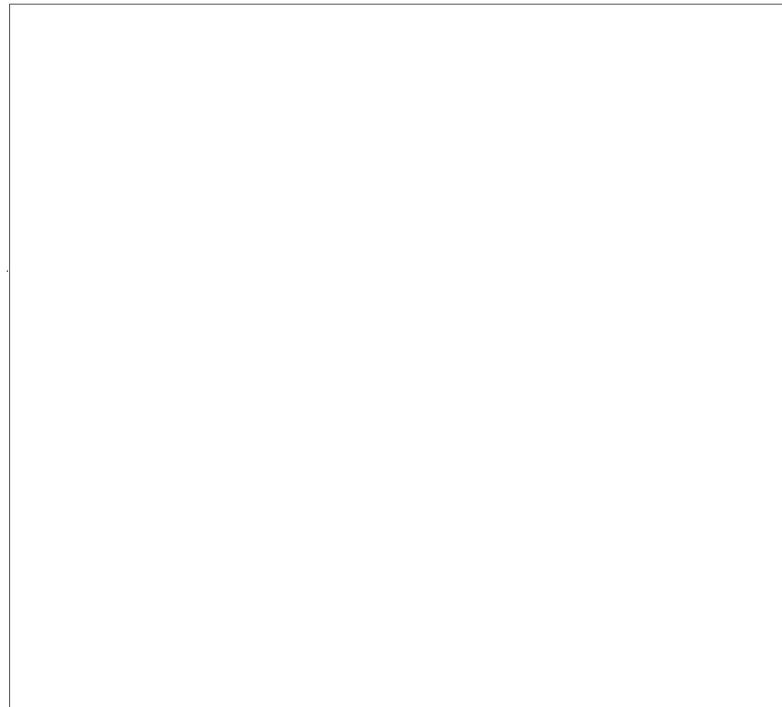
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c. The Karamanlis government remains basically pro-monarchy. The left and the pro-Communists, however, may find the monarchy an issue on which they can unite in opposition.

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d. The King may try to counter such a development. It is widely believed in Greece that he may copy the 1936 example of George II and back the establishment of a Metaxes-type military dictatorship.

5. Cuba-Spain



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NOTES

A. Argentina Early this morning negotiators reached tentative agreement on terms for a cease-fire in the four-day rebellion. Fleet Commander Vasquez is now seeking rebel approval of the agreement at the Puerto Belgrano naval base.

B. Soviet space activities Yesterday's Soviet statement that Lunik 4 will "pass close" to the moon's surface may mean the vehicle is slightly off course. We cannot determine whether or not this is so.

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C. USSR-Indonesia Marshal Malinovsky left Indonesia yesterday, reportedly completely dissatisfied with his visit. His send-off was scantily attended and there were signs of strain during his last minutes with Sukarno.

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E. Vietnam Statements from Hanoi reflect concern over the state of Viet Cong morale. Hanoi recently beamed a long radio pep talk to South Vietnam, where food shortages and government military pressure are causing a rise in the number of Viet Cong defectors.

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F. Congo Tshombe has been trying to work out an agreement with the Portuguese on how to curb Angolan rebel use of Katanga as a base of operations and on how to dispose of Katangan soldiers and mercenaries who fled to Angola last January.

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1. South Korea

a. A member of the junta, claiming to speak for General Pak, has suggested a compromise solution to the political impasse which may prove acceptable to the civilian opposition.

b. Under the plan, tested out on our Embassy yesterday, the junta will put off calling for an immediate referendum on the continuation of military rule. A decision on whether to reschedule the referendum or to hold elections for a civilian government would be taken next fall. Political activity could, in the meantime, be resumed.

c. The opposition has given some indication that it would go along with such a plan, provided the junta makes clear that it intends to hold elections.

2. Brazil-political

a. Rio de Janeiro is uneasy over the threat of federal intervention directed against the staunchly anti-Communist state governor, Carlos Lacerda.

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b. Goulart, who last week sent federal troops into Rio in the wake of Lacerda's ban on the pro-Castro rally, has through his actions created an atmosphere of alarm, accompanied by troop alerts, in the city. Brazilian leftists, among them Goulart's vociferous brother-in-law Brizola, have kept the edge on the tension by demanding federal intervention which would open the way for Lacerda's ouster.

c. Such a move carries the risk for Goulart of bringing on a showdown with the Brazilian center and right. His anti-Communist War Minister has already expressed strong opposition. This could be enough to make Goulart think twice.

3. Brazil-US

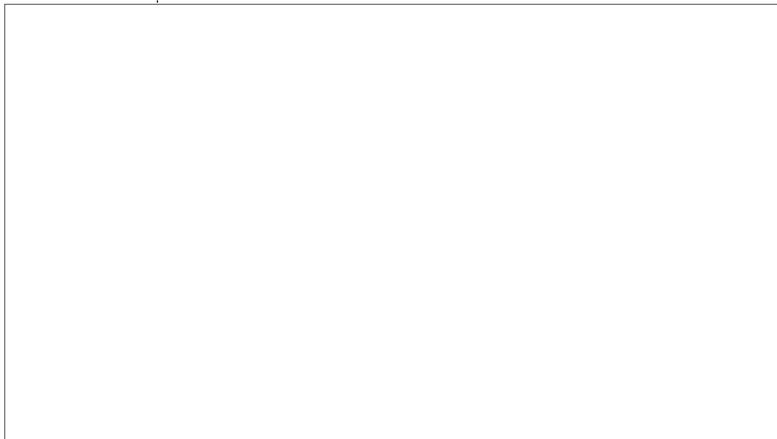
a. President Goulart has signed a decree setting up a special committee to review the agreement with the US on the purchase of American-owned utilities.

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4. Laos

a. Kong Le continued to report yesterday that the neutralist garrison at Xieng Khouang was under Pathet Lao bombardment.

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b. Our latest information indicates that Xieng Khouang is still in Kong Le's hands.

c. Souvanna [redacted] will try to get an ICC team to the Plaine des Jarres today and is considering a personal visit in company with Prince Souphanouvong.

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the
situation in Laos is precarious,
but the conflict remains essentially
localized in the vicinity of Xieng
Khouang town. A continuation of the
Pathet Lao attacks could result in
an early reaction by FAR and Meo
forces and could also result in
larger scale fighting.
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5. Poland

a. The Gomulka government may
have a major problem on its hands
growing out of its economic policies.

b. Price increases on coal,
gas, electricity and other fuels, re-
cently decreed, have provoked an
angry public reaction across the
country. Both city dwellers and
farmers are interpreting the decree
as a damaging assault on their pocket-
books and living standards.

c. Reports reaching the US
Embassy in Warsaw assert that Gomulka
was called to one of Poland's prin-
cipal industrial plants earlier this
week to help stave off a strike and
that strikes have broken out in the
Silesian coal fields.

6. Canadian election

a. Our Embassy in Ottawa [redacted] sees little chance that the Liberals will win a majority in Monday's election but thinks the probability of a plurality is fairly high.

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b. Diefenbaker's [redacted]

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[redacted] failure to generate enthusiasm in Quebec province is [redacted] dampening his prospects.

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c. One pollster reports that three out of ten Canadians are so alienated by the low level on which the campaign has been run that they may stay at home on Monday.

d. There is rising speculation that Diefenbaker will refuse to step down, and thus touch off a constitutional crisis, if the Liberals win only a narrow plurality.

7. Cuba

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8. Dominican Republic

a. Leaders of the political parties opposed to Bosch were meeting late yesterday to prepare a declaration of condemnation, and protest demonstrations are scheduled for today following an encounter yesterday between police and members of the opposition.

b. The incident occurred when police moved into a TV station and attempted to block a broadcast by one of Bosch's most outspoken critics. In the scuffling which followed, two opposition members were wounded. One of the wounded men was shown on TV.

c. [redacted]

[redacted] uneasy situation and see some danger of a breakdown in public order.

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- A. Argentina The revolt leaders have bowed to a set of government terms which are extremely severe by the standards customarily applied. Those rebel leaders who have not fled to Uruguay will be put on trial.
- C. Dominican Republic-Haiti Bosch is continuing to make Haiti his major preoccupation. He has told Ambassador Martin that he is convinced there will be trouble there before 15 May and wants to encourage Duvalier's opposition by "all measures short of crossing the frontier."
- D. West Germany Foreign Minister Schroeder told Ambassador Stevenson when they met on Wednesday that if the MLF does not come into being the Germans will ultimately seek equal status with Britain and France in the nuclear club.
- E. Soviet lunar probe Moscow's silence on the outcome of the probe probably means that it did not achieve its intended mission.

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1. Laos

a. Vientiane is taking steps to get help to Kong Le, whose position has continued to worsen.

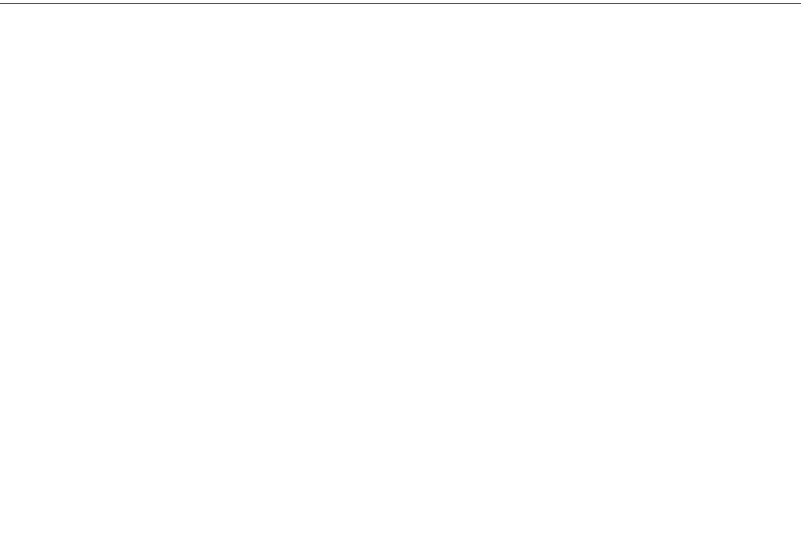
[redacted] arms and ammunition

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d. A visit by the ICC commissioners to the Plaine des Jarres on Saturday failed to relieve the tension. Consideration is now being given to establishing a permanent ICC presence in the trouble area.

e. Quinim's funeral will take place in Vientiane today amidst rumors that leftists will mark the occasion with a retaliatory assassination.

2. Brazilian economic relations with the bloc
- a. Brazil's economic negotiations with the USSR are having hard going. It appears unlikely now that any substantial increase in trade between the two parties will ensue from the discussions under way since last December.
 - b. Although both sides have expressed interest in expanded trade, they have been unable to agree on the commodities to be exchanged. The Soviets have not been willing to take the quantities of coffee and cocoa the Brazilians want to supply nor to provide in return the 600,000 - 1,000,000 tons of wheat and 3,000,000 tons of oil the Brazilians had hoped to obtain.
 - c. Negotiations on trade and aid between Brazil and Poland, which were wound up in Rio last week, also went badly. There was, in particular, little headway toward allocation of more than half of the \$70 million industrial development credits granted Brazil in 1961.
3. South Korea
- a. The junta has publicly announced the suspension of the referendum and the resumption of political activities.

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b. The statement, issued in Seoul this morning, is vague on the question of elections, saying only that "political factions" are expected "to pave the way for a wholesome transfer of the government to civilians."

c. It is understood, however, that the ambiguousness is for face-saving purposes and that the civilian opposition will privately be given hard assurances on the scheduling of elections.

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4. Soviet forces
in Cuba

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b. [redacted]
[redacted] presence of Cubans within the Soviet military encampments where they probably are undergoing training. Tents different from

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those used by the Russians [redacted]

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c. [redacted]

a convoy carrying what appeared to be SAM equipment [redacted] uniformed Cubans were in some of the truck cabs.

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5. Saudi Arabia-US

a. The Saudi government is asking that the US air squadron be dispatched as soon as possible and no later than the end of this month.

b. The request was made on the heels of the final Bunker-Faysal meeting which the Saudis regard as having elicited Faysal's acceptance of the disengagement plan.

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A. Dominican Republic Bosch is being roundly denounced by his political foes because of the shooting incident on Friday, but there have been no public disturbances.

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B. Iraq-USSR Baghdad has executed a further turn away from Moscow. Some 1,500 Iraqis who have been studying in the Soviet Union have been ordered home.

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C. Pakistan - Afghanistan The outlook for a new beginning toward negotiations of Pakistan-Afghan differences is growing brighter.

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E. Venezuela Terrorists have again blown up the Creole Petroleum Company's pipeline connecting the Lake Maracaibo fields with a coastal refinery.

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1. Laos

a. Xieng Khouang town has fallen to the Pathet Lao, and the neutralist military position in the Plaine des Jarres is deteriorating rapidly.

b. With the defection of a neutralist artillery battery to the Pathet Lao, the road from Xieng Khouang to the Plaine des Jarres has been cut, blocking the retreat of three Kong Le companies headed toward the Plaine des Jarres airfield from Xieng Khouang.

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2. Cuba

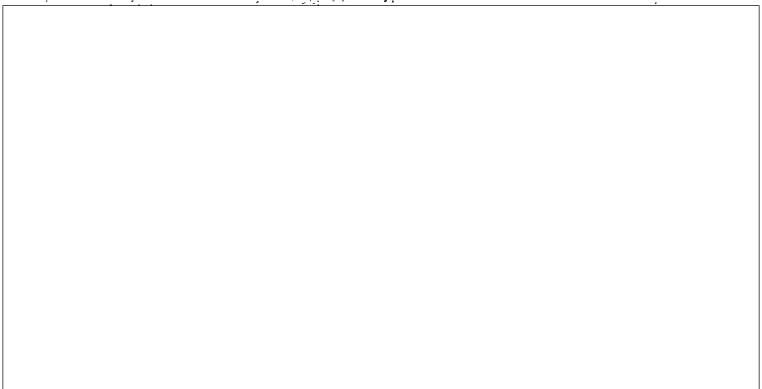
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c. The Soviet passenger ship
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pacity) is on its way to Cuba. It
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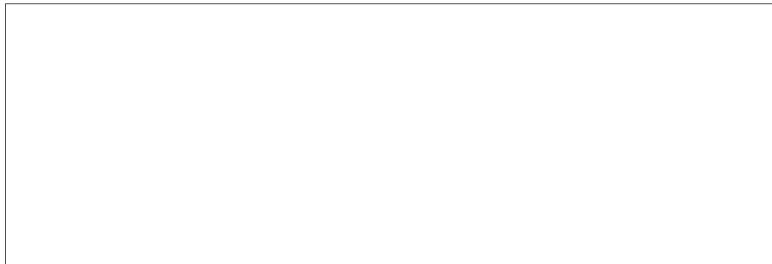
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3. Brazil

a. War Minister Kruel arrived in Rio last night and ordered First Army commander Osvino Alves arrested for his persistent threats to intervene in Guanabara.



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c. Most army officers would probably back Kruel against the Communist-leaning Alves, but many important ones have been removed from top positions since Goulart became President. Kruel is also said to have the backing of the navy minister and the chief of Goulart's military household.

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d. Faced with the possibility of civil war, Goulart can be expected to temporize. One Rio radio station has quoted him as saying he had not authorized Kruel's order.

e. On another front, Goulart has undercut the leftists in Brasilia by rejecting radical foreign bank and land reform measures and dismissing the left-wing laborite adviser who drafted them.

4. South Vietnam

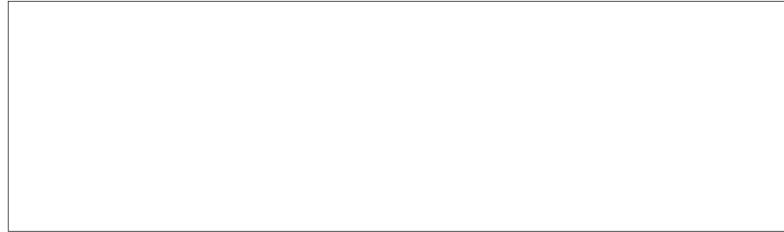
a. Ambassador Nolting has been unable so far to shake Diem from his determination to exclude us from a voice in the disposition of South Vietnamese funds used in the counter-insurgency effort.

b. Taking his cue from his brother, Diem insists that the scope and number of US advisers in the field must be reduced, that their proliferation and tendency to take charge of things is making his country a "US protectorate" in the eyes of everyone.

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5. Canadian
Elections

- a. At latest count (0800 EDT) the Liberals have won a substantial plurality of 127 seats in the 265-seat Parliament--6 short of a majority.
- b. The military vote (which tends toward the Liberal) will not be in until the weekend, and may add a few seats to the Liberals, but not enough to give Pearson an absolute majority.
- c. The Conservatives have 97 seats; the Social Credit Party, 24; and the New Democratic Party, 17--all reduced from last year.
- d. The two minority parties have indicated they will support, with reservations, a minority Liberal government. There has been more talk of Parliamentary support than of a formal coalition.



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A. Haiti Military leaders, threatened with retirement this month, are increasingly desperate and are yet again plotting a coup. [redacted]

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C. Arab unity talks The unity conference in Cairo says it has agreed on a basis for federation and is now working out the details. It is not at all clear what this means. [redacted]

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D. Guatemala The curfew has been lifted in Guatemala. The UK and El Salvador have recognized the regime, and Honduras and Nicaragua will probably follow suit today. [redacted]

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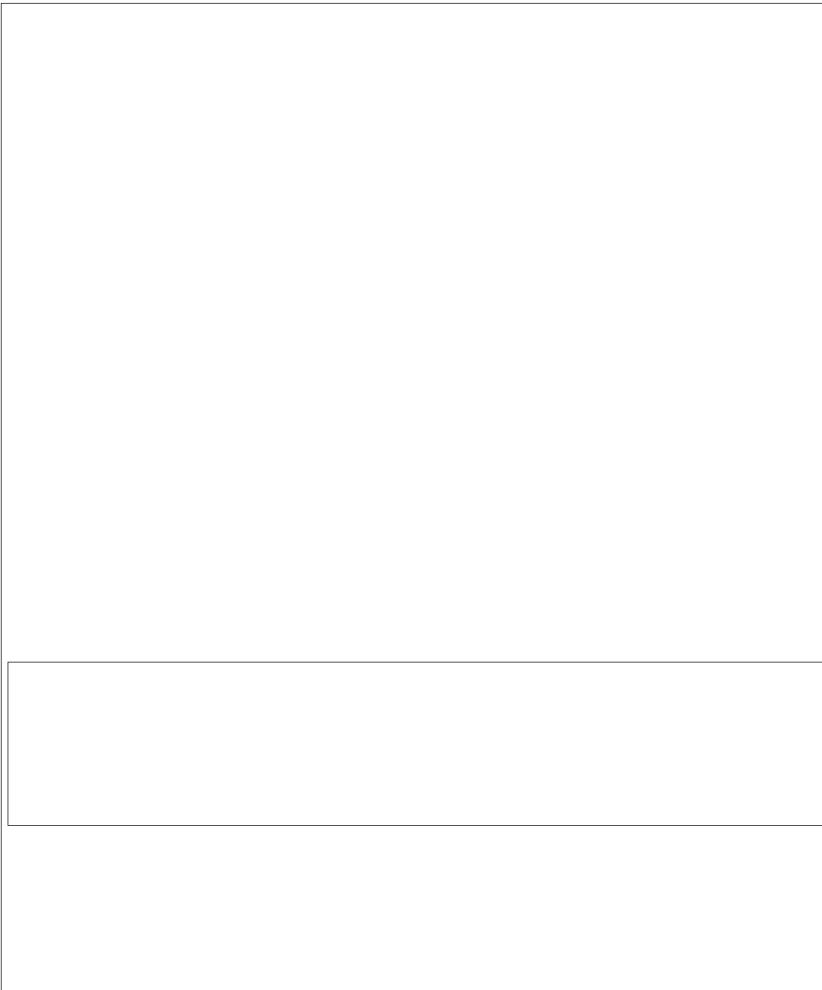
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1. Cuba

a. There is still no good evidence to support reports of a Cuban and Soviet buildup in the vicinity of the Guantanamo base.

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2. Berlin

a. The Communists may soon have a new excuse for tampering with Berlin access.

b. West German parliamentarians intend to hold a session of the Bundestag in West Berlin 20-22 May and may make a public statement to this effect sometime after 22 April.

c. Symbolic sessions were held in Berlin periodically until 1960 when Khrushchev let it be known that such a session would cause him to "consider" a separate treaty.

3. Indonesia-USSR

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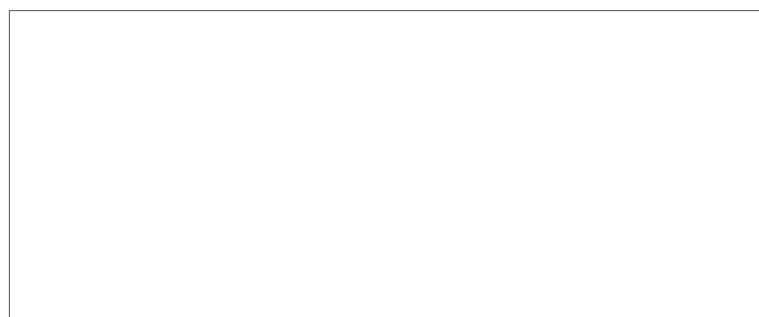
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Malinovsky--during his recent visit-- agreed "in principle" to an Indonesian request for a new arms credit to the tune of \$170 million.

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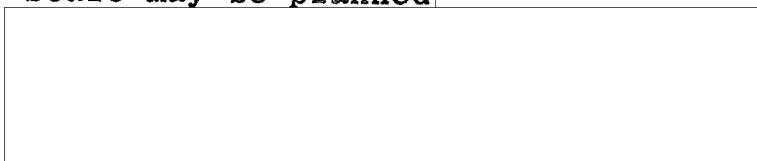


4. Togo

a. New troubles may be brewing.

b. Monday night Labor Minister Kutuklui and several other top leaders of the formerly dominant Togolese Unity Party were arrested on charges of plotting against the provisional regime. This marks the failure of President Grunitsky to secure the electoral cooperation of this group--representing important younger elements of the Togolese elite.

c. Further arrests on a broader scale may be planned



d. At the least, Grunitsky's chances for early recognition by moderate African states will be set back.

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5. Jordan - UAR -
Yemen

a. Claims of the new cabinet
that Jordan is a staunch proponent
of Arab unity are getting the brush-
off in Cairo.

b. The Egyptian radio said in
a broadcast Monday that King Husayn
is "again playing with slogans to
protect his collapsing throne."

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6. Brazil

a. [redacted]
[redacted] Goulart may have succeeded in
papering-over temporarily the rift
between War Minister Kruel and First
Army commander Osvino Alves.

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b. Kruel's order for Alves' arrest is said to have been cut back to a reprimand, which Alves accepted.

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d. The affair could still culminate in a serious confrontation.

7. Laos

a. Another visit to the Plaine des Jarres by the ICC was scheduled for today; this time they hope to talk to General Singkapo, the Pathet Lao military commander.

b. Yesterday, Kong Le sent a staff officer to negotiate with Singkapo: [Redacted]
[Redacted]

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c. Reuters this morning reported an agreement between Kong Le and Singkapo. We think Reuters is garbling a Peiping New China News Agency account of a Pathet Lao broadcast which harked back to the 4 April truce and blamed Kong Le's "reactionaries" for breaking it.

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have heard of no new major clashes.
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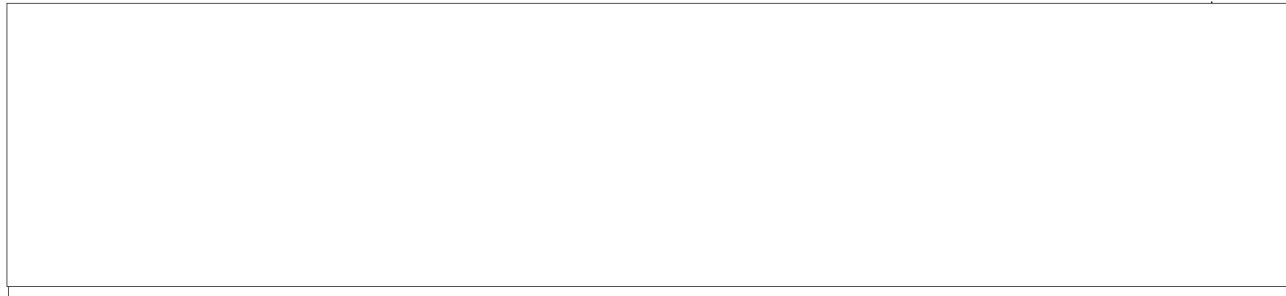
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- B. Jordan King Husayn tentatively plans, but has not yet decided, to attend the Time magazine anniversary celebration in New York on 6 May--spending a few days in the US and stopping over in London on the way home.

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G. Guatemala

"Communist offensive" against the army by Castro-sponsored groups.

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LATE NOTE

Cuba Photography [] shows that the launchers and the guidance equipment have been moved out of the Chambas SAM site in central Cuba. The missile equipment is now in a field some 300 yards north of the site. We have no good explanation for this and no nearby candidate as an alternate site to which the gear might be moved.

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1. Laos

a. There is a respite in the fighting. [redacted] however, [redacted] forces to attack Pathet Lao positions at Tha Thom, 35 miles southeast of Xieng Khouang town. Neutralist forces have, meanwhile, regrouped west of Xieng Khouang under instruction from Kong Le to retake the town.

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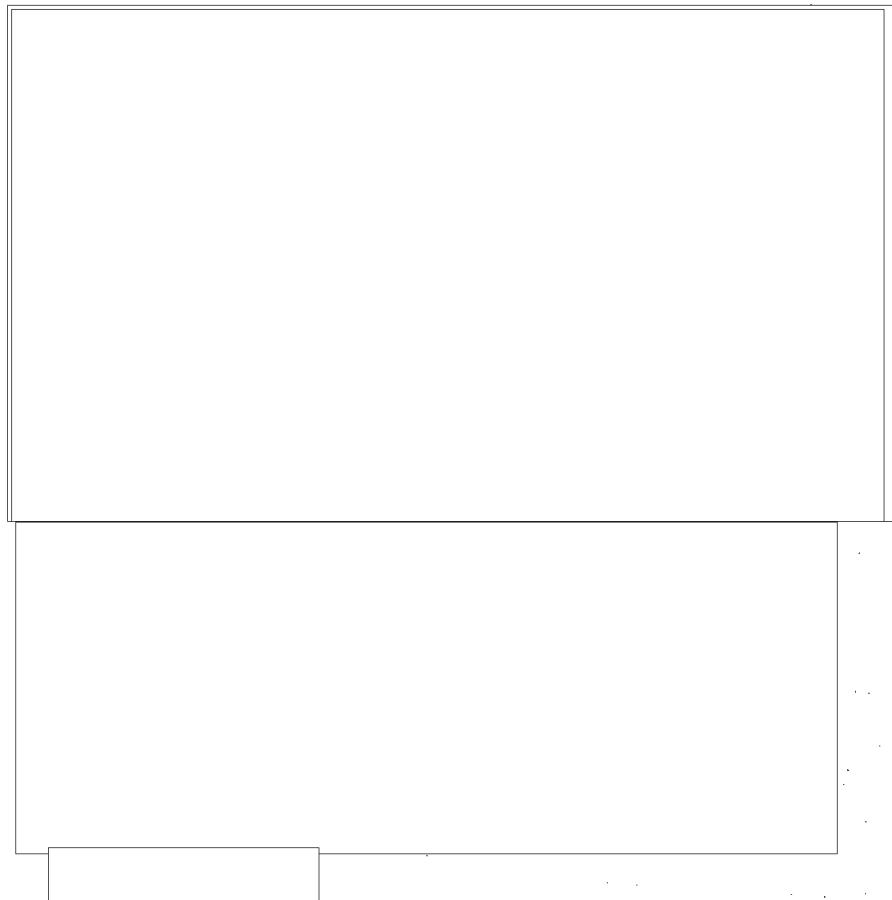
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3. Spain-US

a. Recent comments by high Spanish officials appear to be pointing toward a request for what amounts to a bilateral US-Spanish alliance or mutual defense treaty in return for renewal of the bases agreement.

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b. The latest of such signs was the Spanish Foreign Minister's remark to Ambassador Stevenson to the effect that, even if the Spanish could not enter NATO, they expected the "same status" in relation to their friends as NATO members.

c. Our Embassy in Madrid reports that the Spanish negotiating position on the bases agreement may soon begin to unfold, with Franco and his cabinet now "heavily involved" with the matter.

4. South American elections

a. It is doubtful that the elections scheduled for June in both Argentina and Peru will take place.

b. The Guido government is [redacted] considering a postponement of several months. In Peru, the military is [redacted] planning outright cancellation [redacted]
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- A. Soviet space activity The Soviet instrumentation ships which deploy into the Pacific when a manned space launch is upcoming [redacted]

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[redacted] mean that a launch attempt is likely [redacted]

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- B. Cuba-Brazil Cuba is strengthening its diplomatic representation in Brazil by appointing the son of its foreign minister as Ambassador. Raul Roa Kouri, who will take up a post unfilled since last October, has been ambassador to Czechoslovakia and enjoys considerable standing in his own right in Havana.

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- D. Guatemala The country's governing body now has before it a decree, which may be published today, saying that it intends to prepare the way for elections "in a short period not to exceed two years."

- E. Togo Followers of the late President Olympio, in exile in Guinea, are receiving weapons and training from Sekou Toure's government for a counter-coup [redacted]

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1. USSR:

A. MORE INFORMATION HAS COME IN ON THE SHAKEUP OF THE SOVIET MILITARY HIGH COMMAND. IN ADDITION TO CHIEF OF STAFF ZAKHAROV AND HIS DEPUTY, ADMIRAL VINOGRADOV, IT NOW LOOKS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT GEN. SEROV IS OUT AS SOVIET INTELLIGENCE CHIEF.

B. THE GENERAL IN CHARGE OF THE DEFENSE MINISTRY'S FOREIGN LIAISON SECTION CROSSED SEROV'S NAME OFF OUR PROSPECTIVE GUEST LIST FOR THE US ARMED FORCES DAY RECEPTION. SEROV, HE SAID WITHOUT ELABORATION, COULD NOT COME.

C. CURIOUSLY, THE GENERAL WONDERED WHY WE DID NOT HAVE ZHUKOV ON OUR LIST. HE SAID ZHUKOV'S ONLY TROUBLE WAS THAT HE NEGLECTED POLITICAL TRAINING IN THE ARMED FORCES, BUT "THAT WAS NOW MORE THAN FIVE YEARS AGO."

D. THIS CONVERSATION ALSO TURNED UP THE FACT THAT MARSHAL N. I. KRYLOV, COMMANDER OF THE CRUCIAL (IN KREMLIN POLITICS) MOSCOW MILITARY DISTRICT, IS THE NEW COMMANDER OF THE STRATEGIC ROCKET FORCES, THE POST VACATED WHEN MARSHAL BIRYUZOV BECAME CHIEF OF STAFF.

E. FINALLY, IT SEEMS POSSIBLE THAT THE RUMORS OF MALINOVSKY'S INVOLVEMENT COULD HAVE SOMETHING BEHIND THEM.

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F. MALINOVSKY FLIES FROM NEW DELHI TO TASHKENT TODAY.

2. LAOS:

A. THE MILITARY SITUATION IN THE PLAINE DES JARRES HAS NOT CHANGED SUBSTANTIALLY, ALTHOUGH SOME FIGHTING IS APPARENTLY STILL GOING ON.

B. KONG LE SEEMS TO HAVE IN MIND PULLING ALL OF HIS FORCES FROM OUTLYING AREAS INTO THE PLAINE DES JARRES TO RETAKE XIENG KHOUANG AND MAKE A STRONGHOLD OF THE AREA. HIS CONCENTRATION TO RETAKE XIENG KHOUANG IS STALLED, HOWEVER

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D. SOUVANNA IS AT LEAST BLAMING THE PATHET LAO FOR THE TROUBLE DESPITE THE COMMUNISTS' EFFORT TO REPRESENT IT AS AN ARGUMENT BETWEEN NEUTRALIST FACTIONS.

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3. HAITI:

A. A COUP PLOT TO OUST DUVALIER ABORTED

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C. THIS WILL PROBABLY TOUCH OFF ANOTHER PURGE IN THE ARMED FORCES AND MAY WELL FORESTALL ANY FURTHER EFFORT FOR SOME TIME TO COME.

4. CUBA:

A. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] AN ALMOST COMPLETE ABSENCE OF TENSION AMONG THE PEOPLE. SECURITY PROCEDURES SURROUNDING CASTRO, HOWEVER, HAVE BEEN TIGHTENED AND ALL SPANISH LANGUAGE BROADCASTS ON MEDIUM WAVE FROM THE US ARE NOW EFFECTIVELY JAMMED IN THE HAVANA AREA.

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B. [Redacted] PHOTOGRAPHY [Redacted] SHOWS NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY AT THE SOVIET MILITARY ENCAMPMENTS.

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5. CONGO:

A. ADOULA, WITH NOT ENOUGH CABINET POSITIONS TO GO AROUND, IS IN TROUBLE TRYING TO SATISFY EVERYONE.

B. HE CALLED IN ALL HIS MINISTERS AND STATE SECRETARIES YESTERDAY [Redacted] THERE

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IS CONCERN THAT IF GIZENGA IS RELEASED BEFORE THE OPPOSITION
IS MOLLIFIED BY A CABINET SHUFFLE, THEY MAY RALLY TO GIZENGA.

C. ADOULA MAY THEN HAVE TO USE FORCE TO HOLD ON.

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1. USSR:

A. THURSDAY, MOSCOW ADDED THE WORDS "BUILDING SOCIALISM" TO ITS MAY DAY SLOGAN ON YUGOSLAVIA FIRST ISSUED ON MONDAY, THEREBY GIVING YUGOSLAVIA THE SAME STATUS AS OTHER BLOC COUNTRIES.

B. ALTERING SUCH A SLOGAN ONCE ISSUED IS UNPRECEDENTED.

C. WE ARE TEMPTED TO SEE THIS AS A FURTHER SIGN OF DIFFERENCES AMONG THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP--PERHAPS EVEN TO THE EXTENT THAT OTHER LEADERS SAW KHRUSHCHEV'S ABSENCE ON VACATION AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO INDICATE DISAGREEMENT WITH SOME OF HIS POLICIES AND THAT IT TOOK HIM THREE DAYS TO REASSERT HIS POSITION.

D. AT THE LEAST, MAKING THE CHANGE DRIVES HOME KHRUSHCHEV'S INTENTION TO INSIST ON THIS FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINAL POSITION IN THE DIALOGUE WITH PEIPING.

2. BRITISH BORNEO:

A. ON THURSDAY NIGHT A POLICE STATION IN SARAWAK THREE MILES FROM THE INDONESIAN BORDER WAS ATTACKED BY 60 ARMED AND UNIFORMED MEN. AFTER INFILCTING SEVERAL CASUALTIES AND SEIZING ARMS AND AMMUNITION, THEY VANISHED. THEY WERE NOT IDENTIFIED

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B. THUS FAR THIS IS AN ISOLATED INCIDENT.

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3. YEMEN:

A. DOMESTIC EGYPTIAN BROADCASTS THIS MORNING BEGAN CARRYING THE NEWS THAT EGYPTIAN FORCES WOULD SOON BEGIN RETURNING HOME--"IN PHASES AS SOON AS THE AGREEMENT IS IMPLEMENTED." HEADLINES SAY FAYSAL HAS "ADMITTED HIS COMPLETE DEFEAT."

B. U THANT IS NOW SEIZED WITH THE NEED FOR MOVING QUICKLY TO CARRY OUT THE UN'S ROLE. PROVIDED HE GETS APPROVAL FROM YEMEN'S SALLAL AND CAN SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMPLISH "CONSULTATIONS" WITH UN SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS STARTING ON MONDAY, HE THINKS BUNCHE OR ANOTHER UN REPRESENTATIVE MIGHT PROCEED TO THE AREA THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK.

4. BRAZIL:

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POSSIBLE ACTION AGAINST GOULART.

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THE NEXT CONFLICT BETWEEN PRO- AND
ANTI-COMMUNISTS IN THE GOVERNMENT COULD ARISE IN RIO

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5. BRAZIL-USSR:

A. A "TRUSTWORTHY BUSINESS SOURCE" OF THE US EMBASSY IN BRAZIL HAS HEARD THAT BRAZIL WILL CANCEL ITS TRADE AGREEMENT WITH THE USSR BECAUSE IT HAS LEARNED THE RUSSIANS ARE DUMPING BRAZILIAN COFFEE IN THE UK.

B. WE ARE DUBIOUS. WE HAVE THUS FAR BEEN UNABLE TO FIND EVIDENCE OF SOVIET COFFEE DUMPING

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6. CAMBODIA-USSR:

A. THE FIRST SOVIET MILITARY FOOT MAY SOON BE IN THE CAMBODIAN DOOR.

B. A CAMBODIAN DELEGATION NOW IN MOSCOW IS WORKING OUT DETAILS FOR MILITARY AID.

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E. TALKS ON ECONOMIC AID HAVE LED TO A SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR A FOUR MILLION DOLLAR CREDIT FOR EXPLOITATION OF GOLD AND OTHER MINERAL DEPOSITS--A PROPOSAL WHICH OFFERS PROSPECTS FOR COLLISION WITH A FRENCH MISSION RESEARCHING GOLD DEPOSITS.

F. NEXT STOP FOR THE CAMBODIAN DELEGATION IS PRAGUE.

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7. LAOS:

A. SKIRMISHING CONTINUES IN THE PLAINE DES JARRES, WITH MOST OF THE RECENT FIGHTING ASSOCIATED WITH EFFORTS BY CUT-OFF NEUTRALIST ELEMENTS TO REACH KONG LE'S BASE AREA NEAR THE PLAINE DES JARRES AIRFIELD.

B. ICC EFFORTS TO GET TO THE PLAINE DES JARRES ON FRIDAY WERE FRUITLESS.

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C. THERE IS GROWING COOPERATION BETWEEN KONG LE'S NEUTRALIST FORCES AND THE MEO GUERRILLAS AND PHOUMI'S LAOTIAN ARMY TROOPS, ALTHOUGH THE LATTER HAVE NOT YET INTERVENED OPENLY.

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D. IN THE VANG VIENG AREA NORTH OF VIENTIANE, FIGHTING HAS BEEN THREATENING BETWEEN KONG LE'S UNITS AND DISSIDENT NEUTRALISTS SUPPORTED BY THE PATHET LAO.

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8. NOTES:

A. USSR: THE SOVIETS THIS MORNING ORBITED A COSMOS-TYPE RESEARCH SPACE SATELLITE FROM KAPUSTIN YAR. THIS IS THE FIRST SUCH SHOT FROM KY SINCE LAST OCTOBER. WE DO NOT THINK IT WILL BE RECOVERED AND SUSPECT IT MAY BE CHECKING CONDITIONS PRIOR TO THE MANNED ATTEMPT EXPECTED LATER THIS MONTH.

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D. CAMBODIA-SOUTH VIETNAM: SIHANOUK MAY RAISE A NEW STORM OVER BORDER VIOLATIONS. PHNOM PENH CLAIMS THAT VIETNAMESE ARMORED VEHICLES RAIDED A CAMBODIAN VILLAGE TUESDAY, KILLING TWO AND WOUNDING OTHERS. PRIOR TO THIS AFFAIR--AND THE DETENTION LAST WEEK OF TWO VIETNAMESE NAVAL CRAFT WHICH HAD PENETRATED CAMBODIAN WATERWAYS--THE CRISIS OF LAST AUTUMN HAD EASED OFF TO THE POINT THAT A VIETNAMESE MILITARY ATTACHE WAS DUE IN PHNOM PENH ON 15 APRIL.

E. PERU: LIMA ABOUNDS WITH RUMORS THAT THE OFFICER CORPS--STILL FEARING AN APRA ELECTION VICTORY IN JUNE--MAY SOON FORCE FURTHER CHANGES IN THE RULING JUNTA; INDEFINITE SUSPENSION OF THE ELECTIONS WOULD FOLLOW. APRA'S THREAT TO "FIGHT" IF THERE IS INTERFERENCE WITH THE ELECTIONS PRESUMABLY STILL STANDS.

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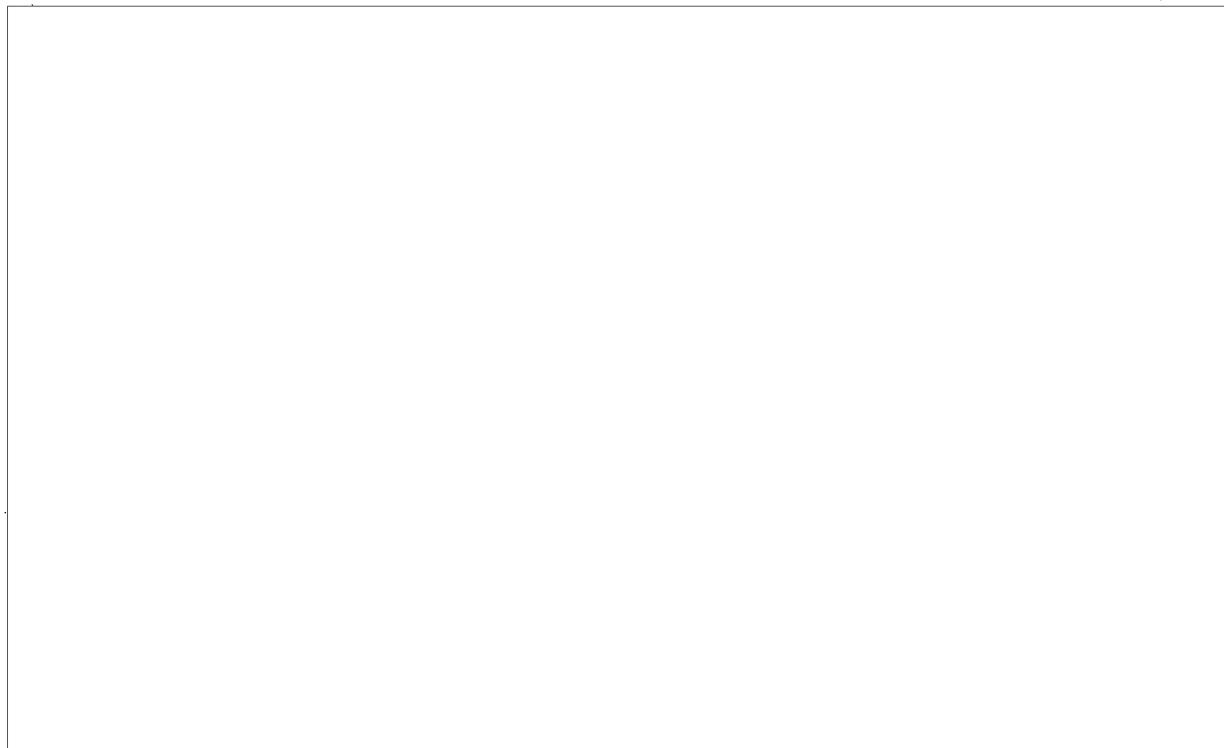
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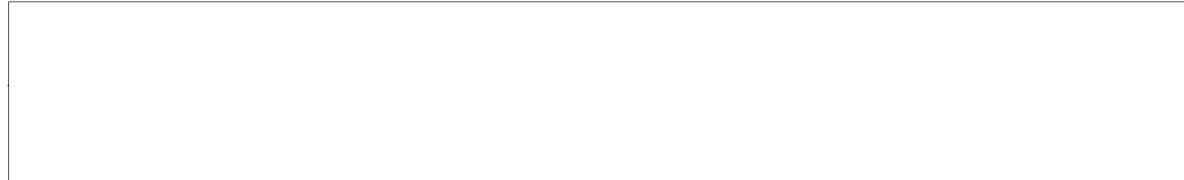
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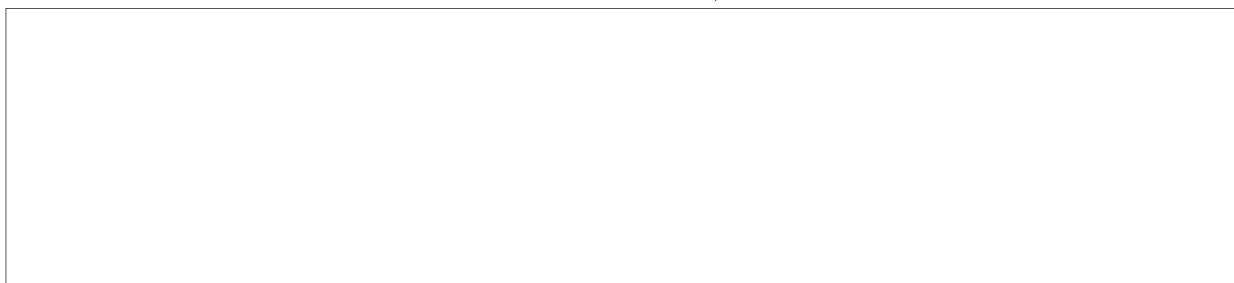
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B. [REDACTED] DISSATISFACTION WITH THE AROSEMENA 50X1

REGIME IS SO WIDESPREAD THAT SOME MOVE AGAINST IT SEEMS MORE AND MORE LIKELY.

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3. CUBA:

- A. CUBAN SOLDIERS ARE TO GET LEANER RATIONS.
- B. THOUGH THE MILITARY HAVE BEEN BETTER FED THAN CIVILIANS, WE HAVE SEEN SIGNS IN RECENT MONTHS OF FOOD SHORTAGES

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4. ARAB STATES:

A. IT IS INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT THE VAUNTED ARAB FEDERATION IS A LONG WAY FROM BEING AN OPERATING ORGANIZATION.

B. IT WILL TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS EVEN TO DRAFT A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE CHARTER AND STILL MORE TIME TO EFFECT WHATEVER CONSOLIDATION CAN BE AGREED ON.

C. NEVERTHELESS, CAIRO WILL EXTRACT THE MAXIMUM PROPAGANDA JUICE FROM THE AGREEMENT REACHED THUS FAR AND IS ALREADY USING THE "TRIPARTITE ARAB UNITY" SLOGAN TO CLOBBER JORDAN AND SAUDI ARABIA.

5. INDONESIA:

A. THE LONG-AWAITED SOVIET-INDONESIAN TALKS ON HOW INDONESIA IS TO PAY ITS DEBT TO THE USSR BEGAN IN DJAKARTA ON FRIDAY.

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C. THE RUSSIANS MAY HAVE DECIDED TO MOVE FAST TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MALINOVSKY'S VISIT AND TO STEAL SOME OF THE THUNDER FROM LIU SHAO-CHI'S VISIT.

6. LAOS:

A. THE "CEASE-FIRE" SOUVANNA OBTAINED YESTERDAY AT THE PLAINE DES JARRES MAY ALREADY HAVE BEEN BREACHED.

B. KONG LE REPORTED [REDACTED] EARLY THIS MORNING THAT HIS TROOPS HAD BEEN ATTACKED ON THE ROAD BETWEEN XIENG KHOUANG AND THE PLAINE DES JARRES; A DISSIDENT NEUTRALIST BROADCAST CLAIMS THAT RIGHTIST TROOPS "COMMANDED BY US OFFICERS" SHELLED KHANG KHAY LAST NIGHT.

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C. KONG LE, IN A PRESS INTERVIEW YESTERDAY, HAD SAID HE "MUST ATTACK AND REGAIN" POSITIONS LOST TO THE PATHET LAO AND THE DISSIDENT NEUTRALISTS UNLESS A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT PROVIDES FOR THE RETURN OF HIS UNITS. HE WILL BE MOST RELUCTANT TO ACCEDE TO SOUVANNA'S REQUEST FOR A RECONCILIATION WITH COL. DEUANE, THE DISSIDENT NEUTRALIST LEADER WHO HAS SERVED AS THE PATHET LAO'S INSTRUMENT IN THE RECENT RUCKUS.

D. LAO ARMY UNITS AND THE MEOS ARE CONTINUING DEPLOYMENTS WHICH WOULD ENABLE THEM TO SUPPORT KONG LE, PARTICULARLY IN HARASSING PATHET LAO LINES OF COMMUNICATION IN AND INTO THE PLAINE DES JARRES.

E. THE PATHET LAO ARE INCREASINGLY SUSPICIOUS OF THIS COLLABORATION. IN A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED SUNDAY, PATHET LAO

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GENERAL SINGAPO DEMANDED THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF "IMPERIALIST FORCES" WHO HAVE PENETRATED "LIBERATED TERRITORY" IN THE PLAINE DES JARRES AND NORTH OF VIENTIANE.

F. AMBASSADOR UNGER, NONETHELESS, DID SEE SOME HOPE YESTERDAY IN THE CONTINUED PROGRAM TO SHORE UP KONG LE, THE SOMEWHAT FIRMER LINE FROM SOUVANNA, AND THE GROWING AWARENESS OF THE COMMUNISTS THAT THEY RISK UPSETTING THE GENEVA ACCORDS. UNGER THINKS COMMUNIST ACTIVITY DESIGNED TO "WEAKEN, DIVIDE, AND EVENTUALLY DISINTEGRATE THE KONG LE NEUTRALIST FORCES" MAY RETURN TO A "SLOWER, STEADIER" LEVEL.

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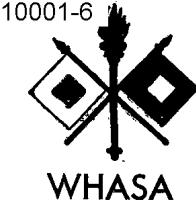
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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1. CONGO:

A. ADOULA HAS NEARLY COMPLETED THE FORMATION OF A NEW CABINET. THE CABINET LIST, STILL TENTATIVE PENDING ACCEPTANCE BY ALL OF THOSE CHOSEN, REMAINS WELL WEIGHTED ON THE MODERATE, PRO-WESTERN SIDE.

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2. USSR-YEMEN:

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A. MOSCOW MAY BE SHIPPING ADDITIONAL MEN AND SUPPLIES INTO YEMEN, WHERE IT IS ALREADY REPRESENTED BY SEVERAL HUNDRED MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL.

B. [REDACTED] THE SOVIET PASSENGER SHIP GRUZIYA-- RECENTLY ENGAGED IN TROOP WITHDRAWALS FROM CUBA--WAS PREPARING TO ENTER THE SUEZ CANAL.

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[REDACTED] IT DECLARED FOR THE YEMENI PORT OF HODEIDA WITH 1,200 TONS OF GENERAL COMMERCIAL CARGO AND 446 PASSENGERS.

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3. BRAZIL:

A. THE EXTREME LEFT, LED BY GOULART'S BROTHER-IN-LAW BRIZOLA, IS MAINTAINING PRESSURE TO DRIVE GOULART AWAY FROM COLLABORATION WITH MODERATE ELEMENTS AND TO DENY THE COUNTRY EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT.

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4. LAOS:

A. NO NEW FIGHTING HAS BEEN CONFIRMED SINCE YESTERDAY MORNING.

B. SOUVANNA, NOW IN LUANG PRABANG ON CEREMONIAL BUSINESS, PLANS TO RETURN TO THE PLAINE DES JARRES ON FRIDAY, BUT HE HAS, MEANWHILE, LEFT IN SUSPENSE THE CRUCIAL QUESTION OF WHAT POSITIONS KONG LE WILL RETAIN IF A NEW SETTLEMENT CAN BE PATCHED TOGETHER. KONG LE CONTINUES TO INSIST ON THE STATUS QUO ANTE BUT OUR EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE SEES SOME DANGER THAT SOUVANNA WILL BARGAIN AWAY POSITIONS VITAL TO KONG LE IN RETURN FOR PEACE.

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C. THE PATHET LAO SEEMS TO BE FOLLOWING A LINE DESIGNED TO PLACE COL. DEUANE, LEADER OF THE DISSIDENT NEUTRALISTS, ON A FOOTING OF BARGAINING EQUALITY WITH KONG LE, AN OUTCOME WHICH COULD BE AS DAMAGING TO NEUTRALIST STRENGTH AS THE LOSS OF TERRITORY.

D. COOPERATION BETWEEN NEUTRALIST AND ROYAL ARMY--AS WELL AS MEO--ELEMENTS HAS DEVELOPED FURTHER, TO THE POINT WHERE IN SOME AREAS THE RESULT IS VIRTUAL INTEGRATION.

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5. CUBA:

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C. HAVANA RADIO HAS CONFIRMED REPORTS THAT CASTRO WILL VISIT MOSCOW "SOMETIME THIS YEAR."

6. NOTES:

A. COMMUNIST CHINA-SOMALI REPUBLIC: PEIPING, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE RUPTURE BETWEEN THE SOMALIS AND THE BRITISH, IS TRYING TO MOVE ONTO THE SCENE WITH OFFERS OF ARMS AID AND OTHER ASSISTANCE. THE SOMALIS ARE ON THE VERGE OF PICKING

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UP A SMALL CHINESE DOWN PAYMENT, CONSISTING OF FUNDS FOR SUPPORT OF THE SOMALI SECESSIONIST CAMPAIGN IN NORTHERN KENYA.

B. HAITI: PLANS FOR THE OVERTHROW OF DUVALIER HAVE EVIDENTLY NOT DIED WITH THE MISCARRIAGE THAT OCCURRED LAST WEEK. SEVERAL OF THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THE PLOT, INCLUDING TWO OF THE RINGLEADERS, ESCAPED ARREST AND MAY TRY AGAIN WHILE THEY ARE STILL AT LARGE.

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1. CUBA-USSR:

A.

CUBAN PILOTS WITH

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PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN FLYING MIG-15 AND MIG-17 FIGHTERS
WERE TO BEGIN A FOUR-MONTH TRAINING COURSE FOR MIG-21 PILOTS

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B. FOUR MONTHS' TRAINING WOULD GIVE THEM LIMITED COM-
BAT EFFECTIVENESS.

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F. G. PHOTOGRAPHY

HAS REVEALED NO SIGNIFI- 50X1

CANT CHANGES AT THE SOVIET ENCAMPMENTS.

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3. LAOS:

A. BOTH SIDES ARE MAKING CHARGES OF TRUCE VIOLATIONS, BUT TROOP DISPOSITIONS APPEAR TO HAVE CHANGED ONLY SLIGHTLY.

B. NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE YET ON AN ICC PROPOSAL TO STATION TEAMS THROUGHOUT THE PLAINE DES JARRES. THE PATHET LAO HAVE AGREED TO "STUDY" IT.

C. MEANWHILE, PEIPING HAS CLAIMED THAT CONTINUED US "INTERVENTION" IN LAOS MAY BRING CIVIL WAR AND HAS CALLED FOR ACTION BY THE GENEVA CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRMEN TO CHECK US "AGGRESSION."

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4. WEST GERMANY:

A. ADENAUER HAS AGAIN REFUSED TO NAME A SUCCESSOR UNTIL THIS FALL.

B. BRENTANO'S TRIP TO ITALY IN AN EFFORT TO GET THE CHANCELLOR TO NAME ERHARD WAS UNSUCCESSFUL.

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5. PAKISTAN:

A. WE HAVE TWO REPORTS FROM KARACHI WHICH MAY FORESHADOW FUTURE DIFFICULTIES IN US-PAKISTANI RELATIONS.

B. ON 13 APRIL FINANCE MINISTER SHOAIB TOLD AMBASSADOR MCCONAUGHEY THAT PROBLEMS OF "SERIOUS PROPORTIONS" WOULD DEVELOP IF THE WESTERN AID CONSORTIUM--AND PARTICULARLY THE US--WAS NOT MORE GENEROUS THAN INDICATED BY THE PRELIMINARY MEETING IN PARIS. SHOAIB MAINTAINED THAT PAKISTAN NEEDS MORE THAN THE \$400 MILLION TENTATIVELY PROJECTED FOR NEXT YEAR AND THAT THE US ALONE MUST PUT UP MORE THAN \$250 MILLION.

C. THE NEXT DAY FOREIGN MINISTER BHUTTO, IN RAPID SUCCESSION, CALLED IN THE SOVIET, YUGOSLAV, AND CHINESE COMMUNIST AMBASSADORS. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON WHAT TOOK PLACE AT THESE INTERVIEWS, BUT CANNOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE PAKISTANIS ARE SOUNDING OUT COMMUNIST BLOC AID POSSIBILITIES.

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6. ARAB STATES:

A. THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO TODAY GIVES ONLY THE GENERAL OUTLINES FOR THE NEW UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC.

B. THERE REMAINS A LOT OF HARD BARGAINING BEFORE THE NEW CONSTITUTION CAN BE HAMMERED OUT AND AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED ON THE DETAILS BOTH FOR MERGING THE ARMED FORCES OF THE THREE COUNTRIES AND UNITING THEIR FOREIGN POLICIES.

C. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER THESE NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE CONCLUDED IN TIME FOR THE SCHEDULED 17 SEPTEMBER PLEBISCITE ON THE NEW CONSTITUTION AND THE NAMING OF A PRESIDENT.

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E. YEMENI PRESIDENT SALLAL YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO GET ON THE BANDWAGON

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7. NOTES:

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B. BOLIVIA: EXTREMIST FOLLOWERS OF VICE PRESIDENT

LECHIN ARE

PLANNING A COUP AGAINST PRESIDENT

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PAZ ESTENSSORO IN MAY.

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C. CUBA-SPAIN: THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE SPANISH FIRM (SACA) AND CUBA FOR AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING 500 TRACTORS, APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN BROKEN OFF. INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER OF CHICAGO INFORMED THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT OF THE CANCELLATION. OUR EMBASSY IN MADRID HAS BEEN ASKED TO CONFIRM.

D. JORDAN-UAR: JORDAN IS STILL TRYING TO PATCH UP RELATIONS WITH NASIR. JORDANIAN UN REPRESENTATIVE RIFAI, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM AMMAN, HAS PROPOSED A RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS TO EGYPT'S UN DELEGATE AND INTENDS TO FOLLOW UP WITH A TRIP TO CAIRO FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS.

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1. Berlin

a. The center air corridor is to be tested by a privately owned British aircraft on Saturday. The Soviets in the Berlin Air Safety Center will be given the usual notice.

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Soviet fighter aircraft are maintaining a very close watch over the corridor traffic. This started 25 March when the Soviets protested round-robin flights by a US C-130 checking navigational aids.

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2. Laos

a. A resumption of the civil war has edged a bit closer.

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c. The Communists may have acted at Ban Ban to forestall a joint Kong Le/Meo action to interdict the Route 7 supply line from North Vietnam.

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d. However, Kong Le has been planning to retake positions in the Plaine des Jarres area, hopefully with the aid of Vang Pao and his Meos.

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f. Souvanna has told Ambassador Unger, somewhat cryptically, of "strong measures" he would be taking Saturday or Sunday. Souvanna also said he would declare Col. Deuane, the dissident neutralist, a rebel-- a thing he had "never done before." He plans to go to the Plaine des Jarres Saturday for a second stab at settling the issues.

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h. Peiping radio is detailing more charges on US intervention, highlighting Air America supply flights into the Plaine des Jarres. In Warsaw, at the latest routine Cabot-Wang talk yesterday, the Chinese Communist--after warning against an "insidious scheme brewing against the mainland" from Taiwan--catalogued US misdeeds in Laos. He then conveyed a "serious warning urging the US to rein in its horse at the edge of the precipice and stop playing with fire."

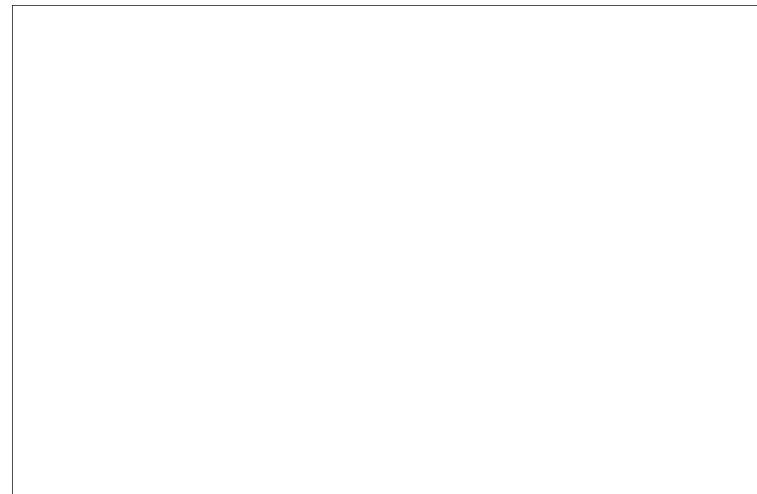
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3. Yemen

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4. Cuba-USSR

a. Cuban pilots may have begun their flight training in MIG-21s;

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b. The Soviets have provided makeshift armament for at least one merchant ship involved in the Cuban trade. The Sovetskaya Gavan, now loading sugar in Calbarien

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was photographed with two 14.5-mm, four-barrelled antiaircraft machine guns on deck--still on their wheeled mounts.

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c. Photography [REDACTED] 50X1
showed a convoy of 18 trucks and two prime movers preparing to leave the cruise missile site at Santa Cruz del Norte, 25 miles east of Havana, with two missiles or launchers in tow. We cannot yet tell whether this represents an evacuation, a transfer, or a mobility exercise-- we saw one at a SAM site last week.

NOTES

- A. USSR TASS says the case of Penkovsky and his alleged British accomplice Greville Wynne has been turned over to the military collegium of the USSR Supreme Court--the court of first instance for treason and espionage. A showcase trial may be coming soon.

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- D. Dominican Republic - Haiti Dominican President Bosch 50X1

fears a popular rising in
Haiti--"a Communist might emerge on top."

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E. Iraq-Iran A new dispute may be in the making. On 1 April Iran invited oil exploration bids on offshore waters at the head of the Persian Gulf. Baghdad says the area involved covers "90 percent of Iraq's continental waters" and wants to set up a joint commission to determine territorial water boundaries.

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G. Haiti [redacted] Duvalier, charging complicity in the coup attempt of 10 April, has sworn to expel Ambassador Thurston, the US service attaches and the naval mission.

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LATE NOTE

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Laos [redacted]

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"heavy fighting from Khang Khay to Lat Houang" (on the road to Xieng Khouang). At this time we cannot judge the true scale of the "fighting." [redacted]

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LATE ITEM

Haiti

At 0650 this morning the US Embassy in Port-au-Prince reported by telephone that there has been firing at the Presidential palace. Approximately 150 rounds were fired. Artillery pieces were being put in place by the Haitian army. The Embassy is sending further details as they become available.

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1. Laos

a. Kong Le's position is desperate. His forces were driven out of Phong Savan late yesterday, and Communist attacks are apparently continuing through the day.

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e. We have no word yet whether rightist forces have become involved.

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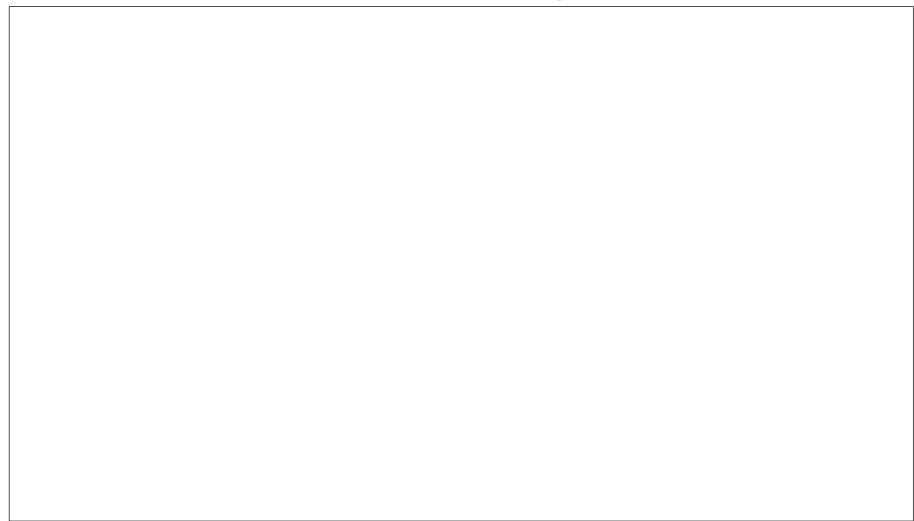
2. Congo

a. Adoula's plan for by-passing the obstructionist Congolese parliament is running into trouble.

b. The lower house, evidently unimpressed by Adoula's new cabinet, has passed an amendment which denies the executive the right to recess parliament without approval of both houses. The enactment goes next to the upper house where its chances of passage are good.

c. On the strength of the new law, the parliament will be able to block Adoula's plans for a recess later this month. It will then be able to press, probably successfully, for the early release of Gizenga.

3. Cuba-Soviet



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d. The Soviet passenger ship
Maria Ulyanova has arrived in Havana.

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4. Cuba-
Latin America



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5. Argentina

- a. President Guido and the military chiefs were closeted yesterday in what appears to have been an urgent session to head off a new dispute over the Peronist issue.
- b. The lack of solid information on what is at stake has produced conflicting press dispatches from Buenos Aires this morning, with some saying that the government is on the verge of collapse and others that a compromise has been found.

NOTES

- A. Poland Gomulka has made a rare television appearance to defend the price rises which have provoked an angry public reaction. Some measure of his concern are his charges that capitalist propaganda is spreading hostile rumors that the standard of living was falling because of a "crisis of Polish socialism."
- B. Honduras A situation somewhat like that in Guatemala before Ydigoras' overthrow may be developing in Honduras.
- C. France - West Germany De Gaulle has invited Willy Brandt to meet him next week when De Gaulle will be touring northeastern France. Brandt says he expects an effort to inveigle his support for the Franco-German treaty but intends to remain non-committal. He will invite De Gaulle to visit West Berlin during a trip to West Germany sometime in the next few months.
- D. Pakistan-Afghanistan Pakistan has offered to resume diplomatic relations with Afghanistan, broken a year and a half ago, while the Afghans have moderated their propaganda on the Pushtoonistan issue.

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1. Laos

a. Communist control of the
Plaine des Jarres appears virtually
complete.

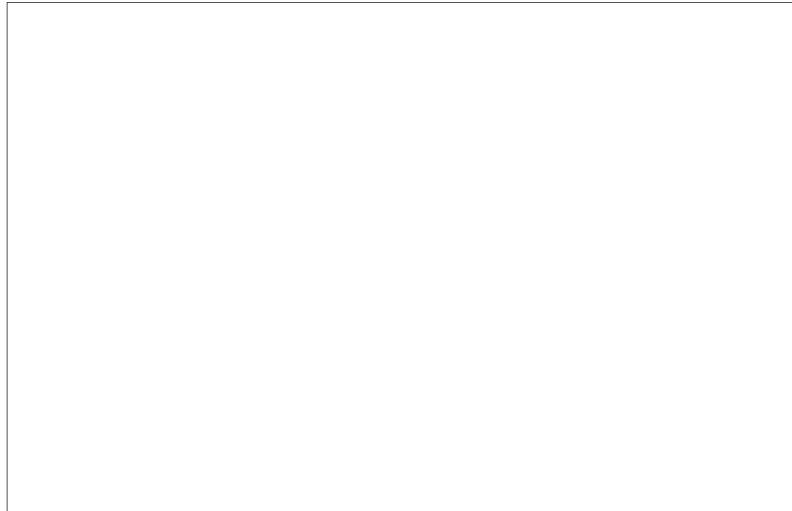
b. Kong Le has abandoned the
Plaine des Jarres airstrip and moved
his command post north to the Muong
Kheung-Ban Song Hac area. He has
reserve armor and artillery there
but is handicapped by a shortage of
ammunition and POL.

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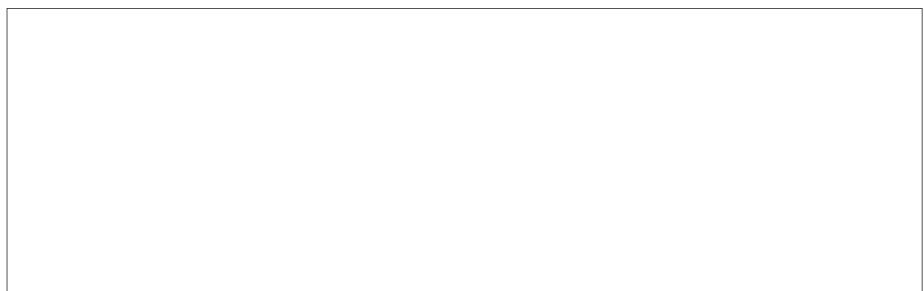
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2. Cuba

a. Photography of 17, 18, and 19 April is of limited value because of unfavorable weather and technical factors. As best it can be interpreted at this time, however, it reveals no significant changes recently at the Soviet encampments.



d. Castro's proposed visit to the USSR is getting an exceptionally big buildup in Moscow. Alexi Adzhubei gave a 10 minute speech on Moscow radio on 18 April promising Castro a warm welcome.

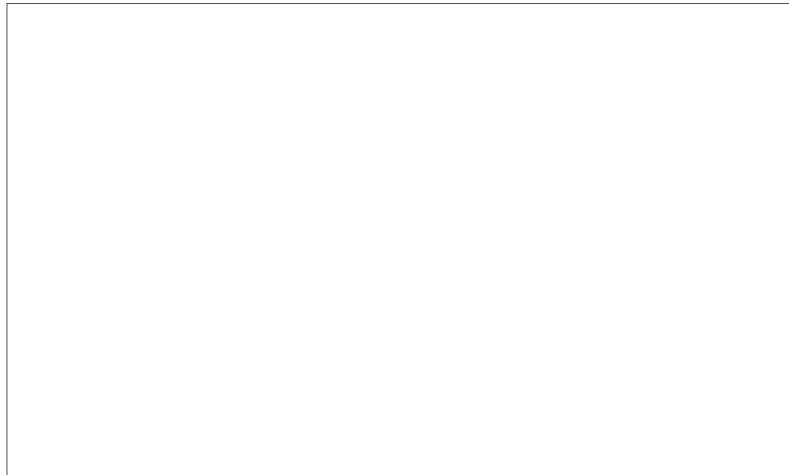


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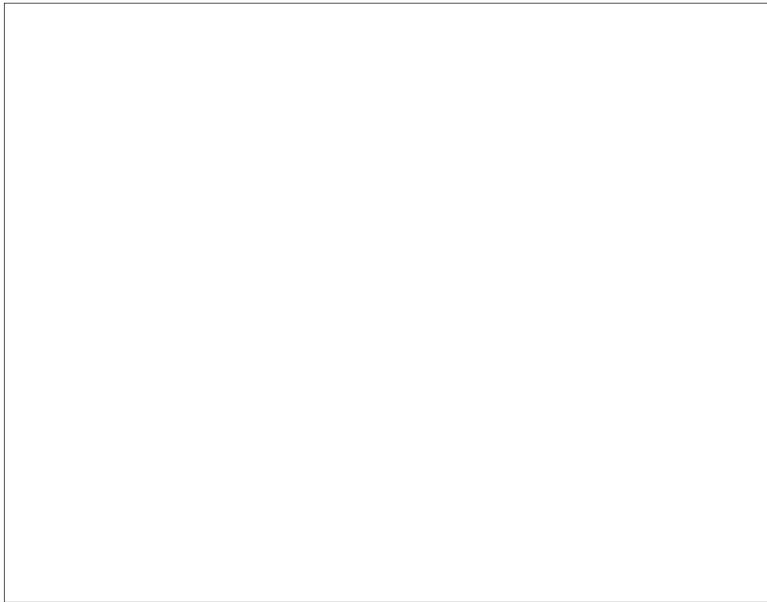
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3. Ecuador

a. A coup against President
Arosemena is again reported to be
in the offing.

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4. West Germany

a. Adenauer may be forced into a showdown next week on the nomination of his successor.

b. CDU press chief Ackermann has told our embassy in Bonn that Christian Democrat and Christian Socialist deputies will formally propose Erhard's selection next Tuesday. Ackermann said that in June Erhard would be introduced to President Kennedy as the next Chancellor.

c. Ambassador Dowling comments that Adenauer's ability to influence his party's decision should not be sold short, but his room for maneuver is rapidly narrowing.

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Yemen

a. There is still no word on Yemen's agreement to the disengagement plan.

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NOTES

- A. USSR Soviet preliminary reports of economic results during the first quarter of 1963 claim industry has been adversely affected by an "unprecedentedly severe winter." US weather analysis supports this, but the lower production rates also appear to be a continuation of the general Soviet economic slowdown during the past two years.
- B. Communist China Although there was some improvement in mainland food production last year, [redacted]
[redacted] sections of Kwangtung province are experiencing famine conditions. [redacted]
- C. Jordan Today's parliamentary vote of confidence on the Rifai government is expected to be a close one. Our embassy believes that Rifai has an assured majority, but warns that a too thin margin of victory might bring his resignation.
- D. Honduras Violence may occur during the ruling Liberal Party's presidential nominating convention which opens in Tegucigalpa today. President Villeda Morales is trying to steer the nomination away from Modesto Rodas Alvarado, who appears to control most of the delegates. Several thousand of Rodas Alvarado's followers are expected to arrive in Tegucigalpa this weekend.

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E. Guatemala

some rebel activity in the northeastern sector of the country, where Castro-supported guerrillas have operated in the past. Air and ground forces were sent to the area on 18 April. Guatemalan Communists [redacted] have concluded that Peralta's anti-subversive decrees have left them no alternative but armed struggle.

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G. France Paris has indicated that a French nuclear test site in the Pacific will be chosen before the end of 1963. The French announced on 17 April that no revisions of the military clauses of the Evian accord are foreseen, thus suggesting that further underground tests in the Sahara may be in prospect.

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- J. Indonesian Communists The Yugoslav ambassador in Djakarta told our embassy yesterday that Peiping has taken control of the Indonesian Communist party (PKI) away from the USSR. Russia's ambassador confided to the Yugoslav that, as a result, Moscow no longer is urging the inclusion of the PKI in the Indonesian cabinet.

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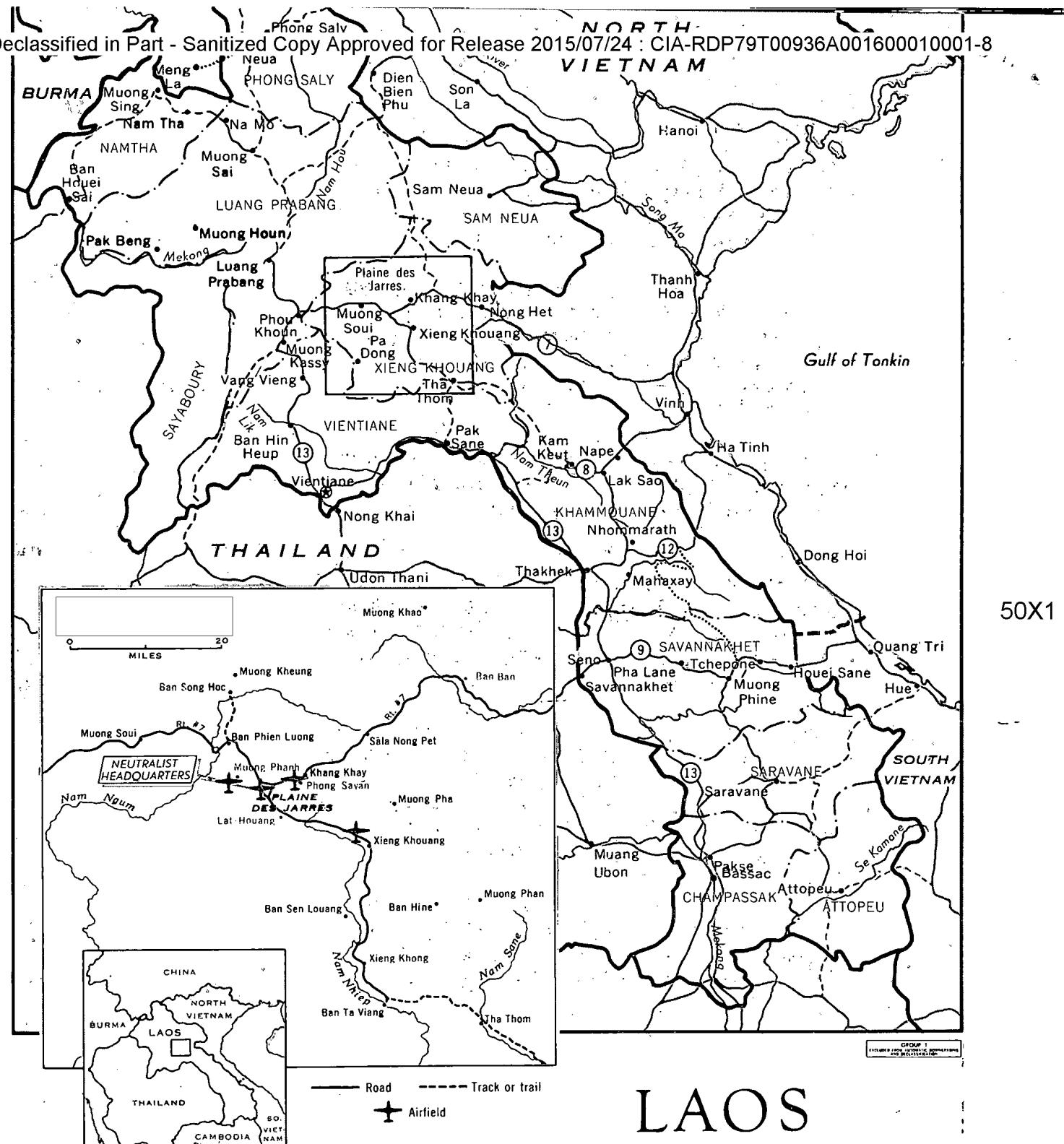
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1. Laos

a. The situation in the Plaine des Jarres is still unsettled and more fighting is likely, despite Souvanna's peace efforts.

b. Souphanouvong has promised a Pathet Lao ceasefire

We think it is doubtful, however, that either side really intends to honor a truce at this time.

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c. Pathet Lao agreement may have been intended to gain time for maneuvering and to bring up reinforcements to split off Kong Le from his reserve armor in the Ban Song Hac area.

d. Souvanna and Souphanouvong have agreed to let one ICC team join Kong Le in the Plaine des Jarres.

2. Cuba-USSR

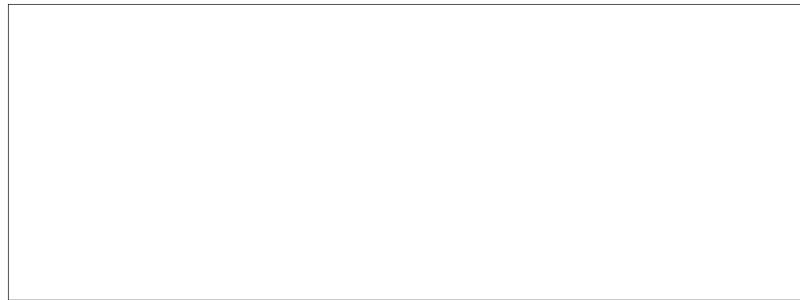
a. The quality of photography on 19 and 20 April was inadequate to provide a detailed readout. It did reveal, however, some activity at the Soviet armored camps.

b. New vehicle parking stands appeared at Artemisa and Santiago de las Vegas; at Artemisa they are adjacent to a new group of tents

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which may be occupied by Cubans training on Soviet weapons at the camp.

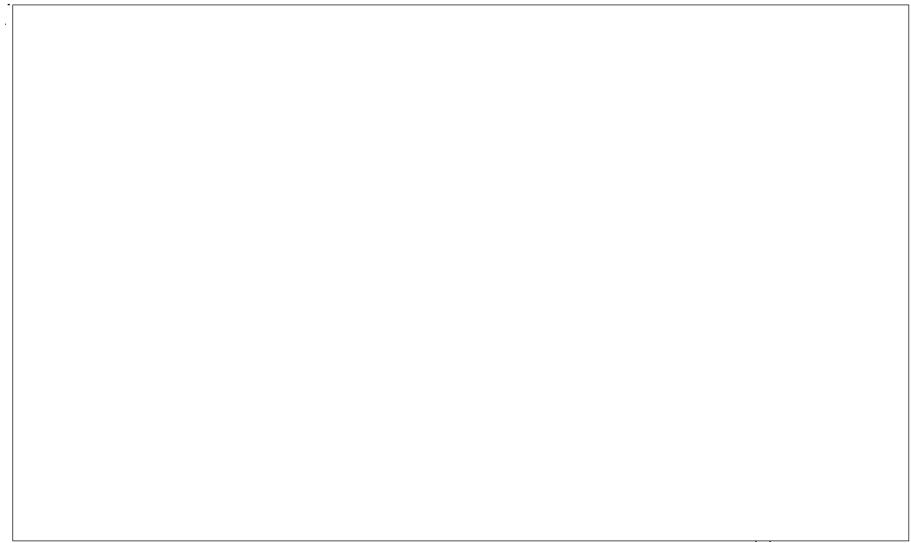
c. [redacted] photography [redacted] shows no apparent change at three of the encampments, with the other two cloud covered.



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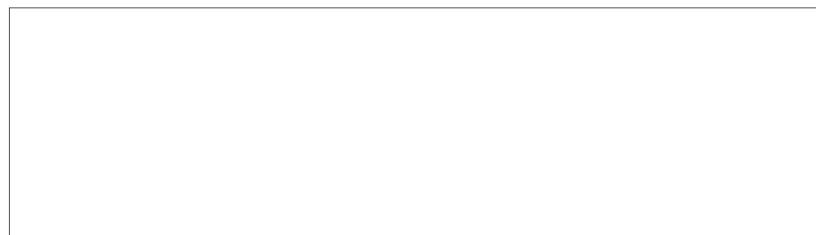
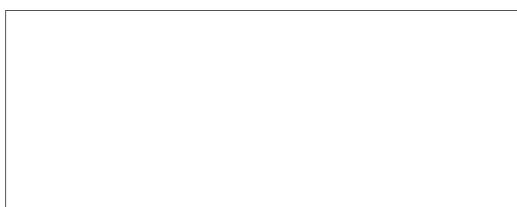
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e. The Maria Ulyanova sailed from Havana on Saturday. About 120 persons were [redacted] on board.



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3. Cuba [REDACTED]



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4. Jordan

a. Jordan appears to have quieted down since the weekend's pro-Nasir demonstrations and Rifai's resignation.

b. A curfew is being enforced, and undeclared martial law is in effect.

c. The king clearly intends to act as his own prime minister. The new 8-member cabinet headed by his elderly uncle--Sharif Husayn--will have only caretaker duties pending elections to replace the dissolved Chamber of Deputies that voted out Rifai. Rifai has agreed to work behind the scenes to help the new group.

5. Guatemala

a. The government effort against the guerrillas in northeast Guatemala may have run into trouble.

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c. [redacted]

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[redacted] party mem-
bers are helping in the insurrection,
which [redacted] may spread.

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6. USSR-Yugoslavia

a. Photography has given the
first evidence of Soviet SAM equip-
ment in Yugoslavia.

b. The equipment, sufficient
for one six-launcher SA-2 SAM site,
looks like the first unit of a SAM
system to defend the Belgrade area.

c. It is probably part of the
arms deal concluded early last year.
T-54 tanks and SU-100 assault guns
were delivered last spring. Other
Soviet equipment, including primary
air defense radars and possibly MIG-
19's, was delivered subsequently.

d. MIG-21's probably are also
scheduled for delivery, but there
is no firm evidence of their presence.

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A. Soviet Satellite An unmanned space vehicle, Cosmos XV, was launched from Tyuratam at about 0330 EST today. A recovery attempt is likely. Moscow has made a public announcement of the launching.

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C. Yemen-UAR Sallal has finally replied favorably to Nasir's request that he approve the disengagement plan. The Egyptians told Ambassador Badeau on 20 April that they would inform U Thant.

D. USSR-Brazil The five-year trade agreement signed on 20 April is for \$160 million in 1963--more than double last year's total--and provides for increases in 1964 and 1965. No Soviet economic aid was agreed on, but Dantas will probably work on this when he makes his September visit to Moscow.

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E. USSR-Iraq Although Iraq has been loosening its ties with Moscow, a small contract for military spare parts was signed on [REDACTED]. It is the first new purchase agreement since Qasim's demise. Deliveries of some Soviet military materiel under old agreements are still occurring, however.

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- F. USSR - Communist China After nearly five months of talks, the Sino-Soviet trade pact for 1963 was signed in Moscow on 20 April. The agreement appears routine, and there is no indication of the level of trade anticipated this year.
- G. Congo The debate in parliament was acrimonious and disorderly but Adoula won a vote of confidence on 20 April. Our embassy considers it a clear enough victory, but feels Adoula will have trouble as rambunctious members continue to assert their parliamentary sovereignty. He may still try to recess parliament although he admits lack of sufficient support (two thirds of at least one house) to make this legal.
- H. Haiti Yesterday morning an unidentified plane dropped leaflets over Port au Prince, signed by the "United Revolutionary Forces." They called for army and university support and a total evacuation of Port au Prince by 15 May.
- I. Cuba-Algeria Ben Bella announced yesterday that Castro will visit him sometime next month.
- J. Syria Prime Minister Bitar has told Ambassador Knight that certain adjustments in the Syrian cabinet are being planned. These will probably be designed to balance the Baathist and Nasirite membership.

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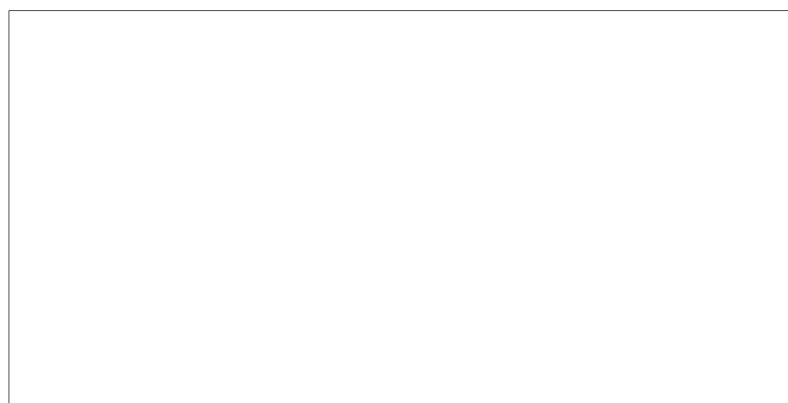
23 APRIL 1963

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1. Jordan

a. The government has thus far kept the lid on, but the air is uneasy and [redacted] [redacted] are calling for an uprising.

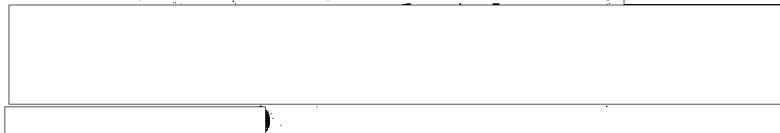
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d. Tel Aviv has warned it would not remain indifferent to Egyptian control of Jordan. [redacted]

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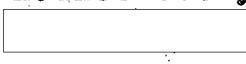


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2. Yemen

a. President Sallal faces a future which is far from serene.

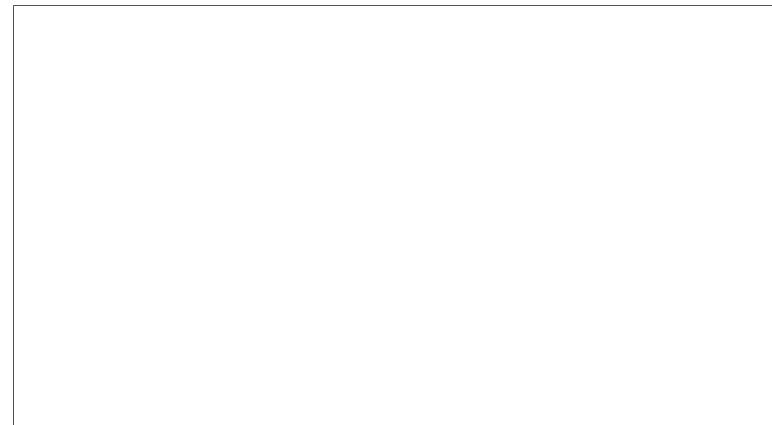
b. Tribal supporters of the Yemeni Republic are upset over their limited representation on the new presidency council. At one point last week they threatened to "renounce everything and withdraw."



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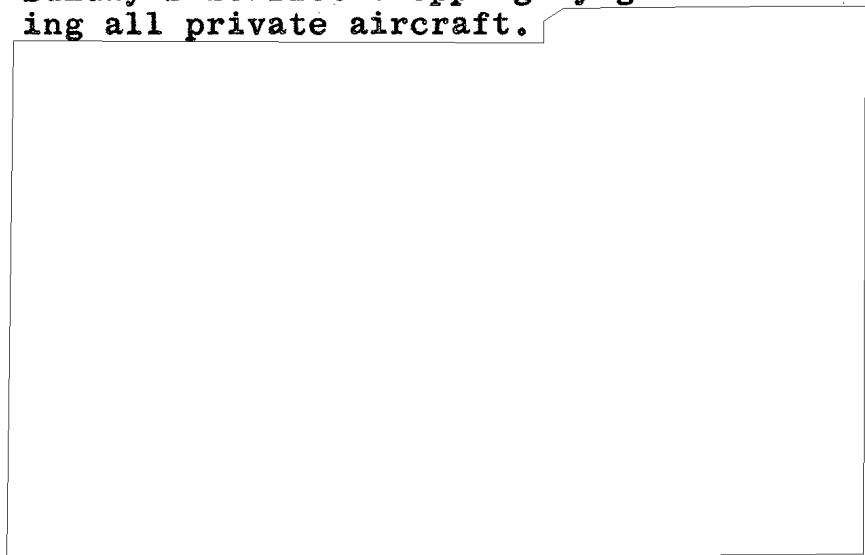
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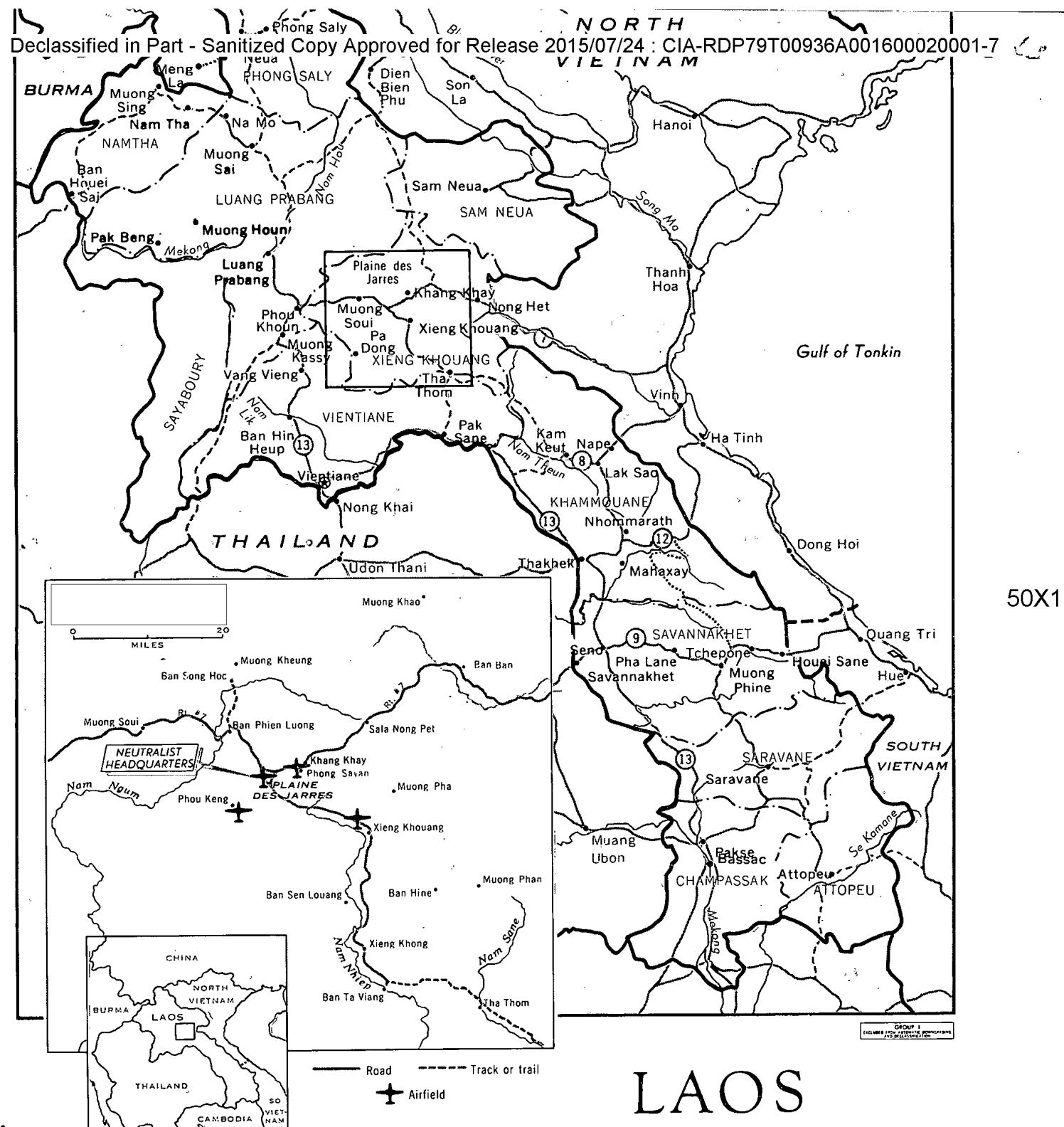
3. Haiti

a. Duvalier has reacted to
Sunday's leaflet-dropping by ground-
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4. Laos

a. Although there has been no major action in the Plaine des Jarres there appears to be no true "cease-fire." Some shooting continued yesterday and Kong Le claims that the Pathet Lao were continuing to advance their positions against him.

b. Both factions are jockeying for position

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c. Ambassador Unger said yesterday that Souvanna was "in evident good spirits" and apparently more confident that things would work out. Souvanna again asked Kong Le, who is in Vientiane on a quick trip, to avoid any provocations and to avoid being attacked "while short of ammunition and men."

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d. Kong Le, however, will be most reluctant to accept any solution short of a return to the status quo ante.

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e. [redacted]

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The Pathet Lao radio [redacted] has broadcast reports that Phoumi has sent troops in battalion strength to the Plaine des Jarres and charges that the "reactionaries" shelled Xieng Khouang on 22 April--"proof" that they do not want to stop fighting.

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- A. Venezuela In the face of new reports that extremists would attempt "something" against US officials or installations in Caracas, the US Embassy has been promised additional security protection.
- B. Cuba Photography of 21 and 22 April reveals no significant change in major Soviet and Cuban installations although obliquity and scattered clouds prevented a detailed readout of some targets.

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- E. USSR The first rehearsal for the Moscow May Day parade was held Saturday night. Our attaches saw no new equipment but did see two large naval missiles similar to the one first paraded in November. We think these have a range of at least 600 n.m. and can probably be launched from underwater.

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F. Rumania-USSR Moscow is having its difficulties in organizing and coordinating the economies of Eastern Europe through CEMA--the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance. The Rumanians are bucking a February CEMA decision that they abandon most of their plans for major new industries and concentrate instead on petroleum products, fertilizers and agriculture. Party leaders in Bucharest have sought and received support for their stand at the grass roots level and will find it difficult to back down should the Soviets elect to press the issue.

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24 APRIL 1963
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1. Soviet leadership

a. We think we may have the first evidence that Khrushchev has reasserted his authority within the hierarchy.

b. Frol Kozlov was not among the leaders who turned out Monday for the public observance of Lenin's birthday. The Byzantine protocol of the Soviet party virtually requires that Kozlov, as the second man behind Khrushchev in party ranking, should have been front and center at a ceremony honoring the party's most revered symbol.

c. Kozlov has not been seen in public in Moscow since 10 April. This would not be unusual were it not for the fact that Khrushchev was on holiday during much of that time, meaning that Kozlov ought to have been more rather than less conspicuous.

d. It should also be noted that 11 April was the day that Pravda published the revised May Day slogan including Yugoslavia among the "builders of socialism."

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e. There may be some other explanation for Kozlov's absence--pressing business elsewhere or illness (he has already had one serious heart attack). [redacted]

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2. Laos

We have received no further significant information on the situation in Laos.

3. Cuba

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b. Havana is expecting a big influx of foreign delegates for its May Day celebrations. A Chinese Communist contingent has already arrived by way of Moscow. Other foreign guests also have been invited to stay on for as much as three weeks at Cuban expense.

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proximately 300 passengers on the deck of the Soviet ship Maria Ulyanova which sailed from Havana last Saturday.

d. Yesterday's photography revealed no significant change at the Soviet military sites. Picture quality was good at three of the installations, poor at the other two.

4. Cuban

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5. Haiti

- a. The Duvalier regime has begun a month-long celebration of its anniversary in office on an inflammatory anti-US note.
- b. The opening speech detailed charges of US racism and "aggressiveness" toward Haiti.
- c. The US Embassy in Port-au-Prince fears government-provoked violence and has warned that American citizens in Haiti may need to be protected.

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- A. UK-USSR Negotiations between the USSR and a British manufacturer for a sizeable quantity of large-diameter pipe are going forward. Conclusion of the contract would generate new pressures on other Free World countries to deal with Moscow. A French foreign ministry official has already indicated that, if the British-Soviet contract is concluded, his government will no longer feel bound by the NATO prohibition.
- B. Jordan More student demonstrations in Amman yesterday were quickly broken up when police opened fire on the crowd. Tension in the capital remains high but there have been no reports of disorders in other areas.
- C. Somali Republic-USSR The Somali government has approved Moscow's request for flight rights into Mogadiscio, thus adding a leg to the Soviet air route into the Sudan. [redacted]
- D. Bolivia President Paz has officially postponed his US visit in order to keep an eye on Vice President Lechin and to deny him the opportunity to cause mischief during Paz' absence.

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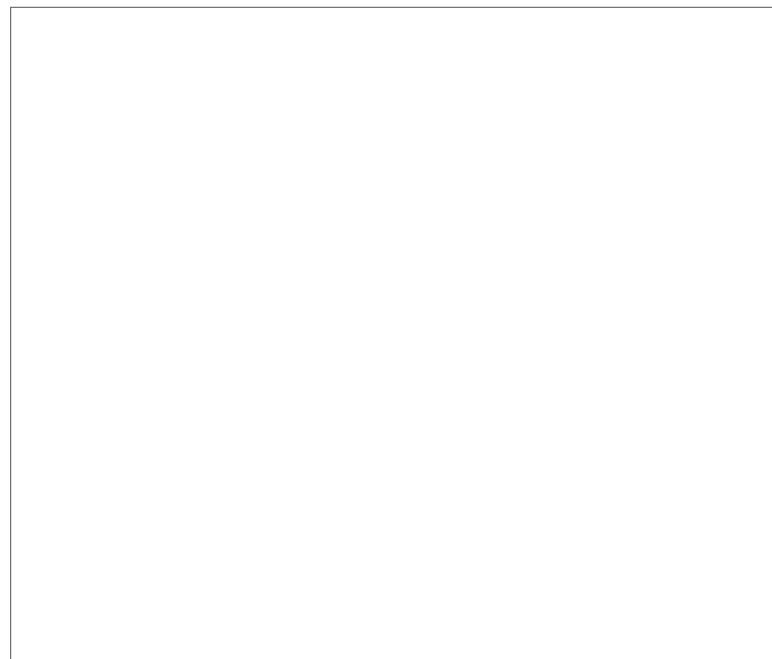
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1. Cuba-USSR



c. Analysis of photography of 23 April and a preliminary scan of that of 24 April shows no significant activity by Soviet forces in Cuba. Photography of 23 April shows all equipment returned to its previous positions at the Santa Cruz del Norte cruise missile site which had been observed in the initial stages of apparent evacuation on 16 April.

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[redacted]
i. The Argentine press reports
that Che Guevara's mother was arrested
yesterday trying to enter Argentina
from Uruguay with a quantity of Com-
munist and pro-Castro propaganda.
She is an Argentine

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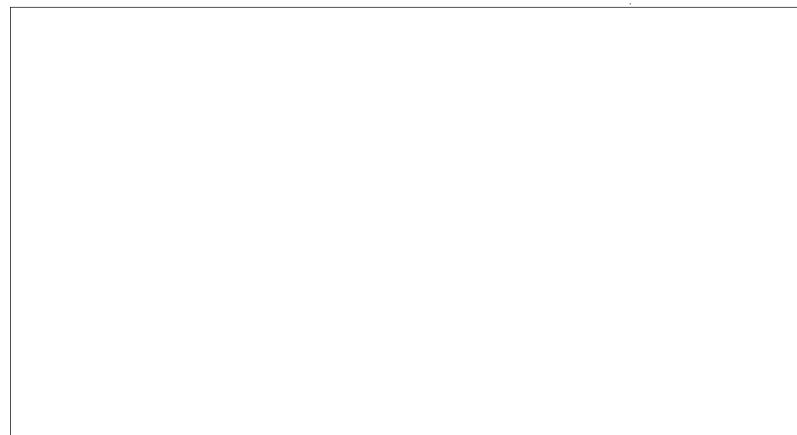
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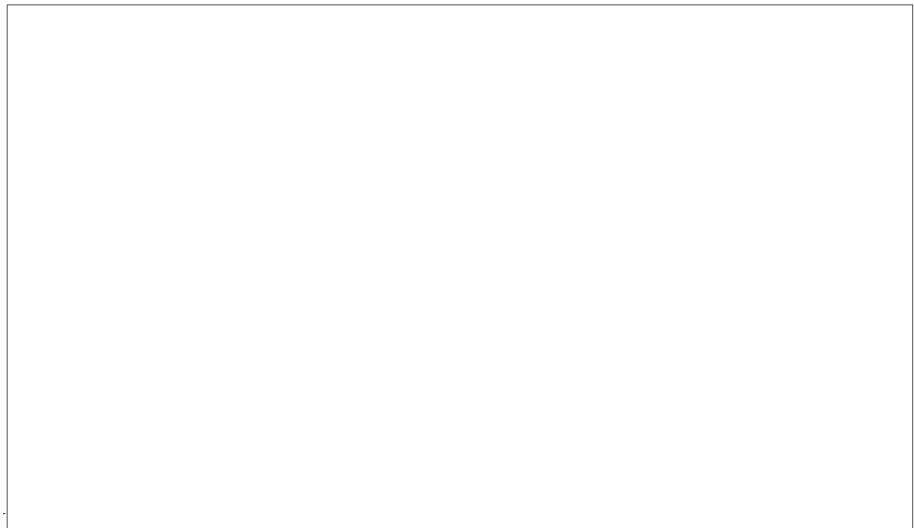


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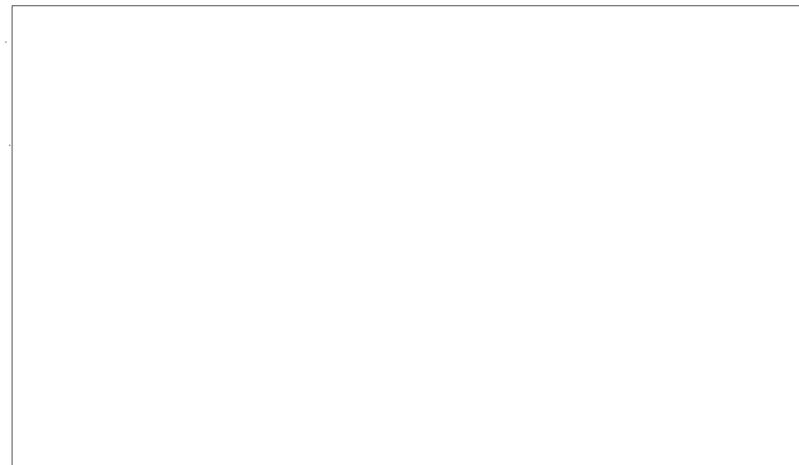
3. Haiti

a. President Duvalier has cashiered some 60 regular officers of the armed forces, virtually eliminating the last effective obstacle to his continuation in power and the last pro-US element in his regime.

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4. Laos

a. Sporadic mortar and artillery fire continues, principally along the road west of Xieng Khouang town.

b. An ICC team is back in Vientiane after a visit of less than one day to neutralist headquarters at Muong Phanh. The Pathet Lao, welching on Souvannouvong's word, yesterday insisted they would not agree to the permanent stationing of an ICC team in the Plaine des Jarres.

c. We are responding to Soviet publication of false charges against us by pressing Souvanna to set the record straight in a public disavowal of the charges.

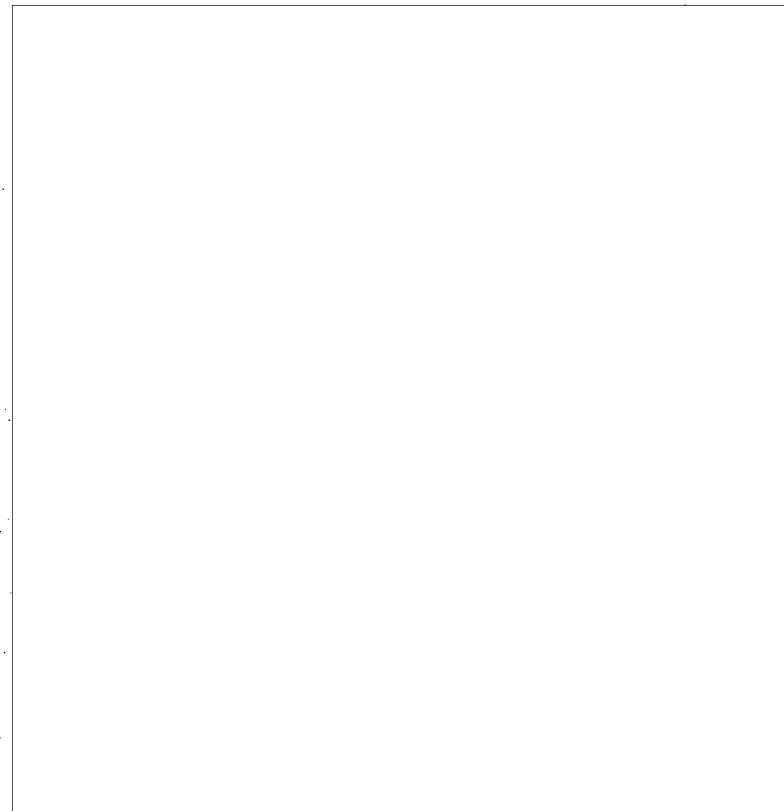
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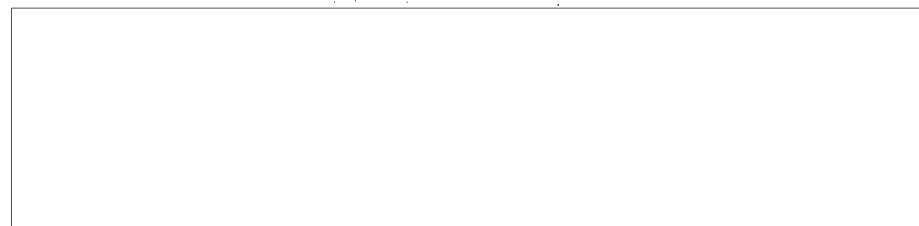
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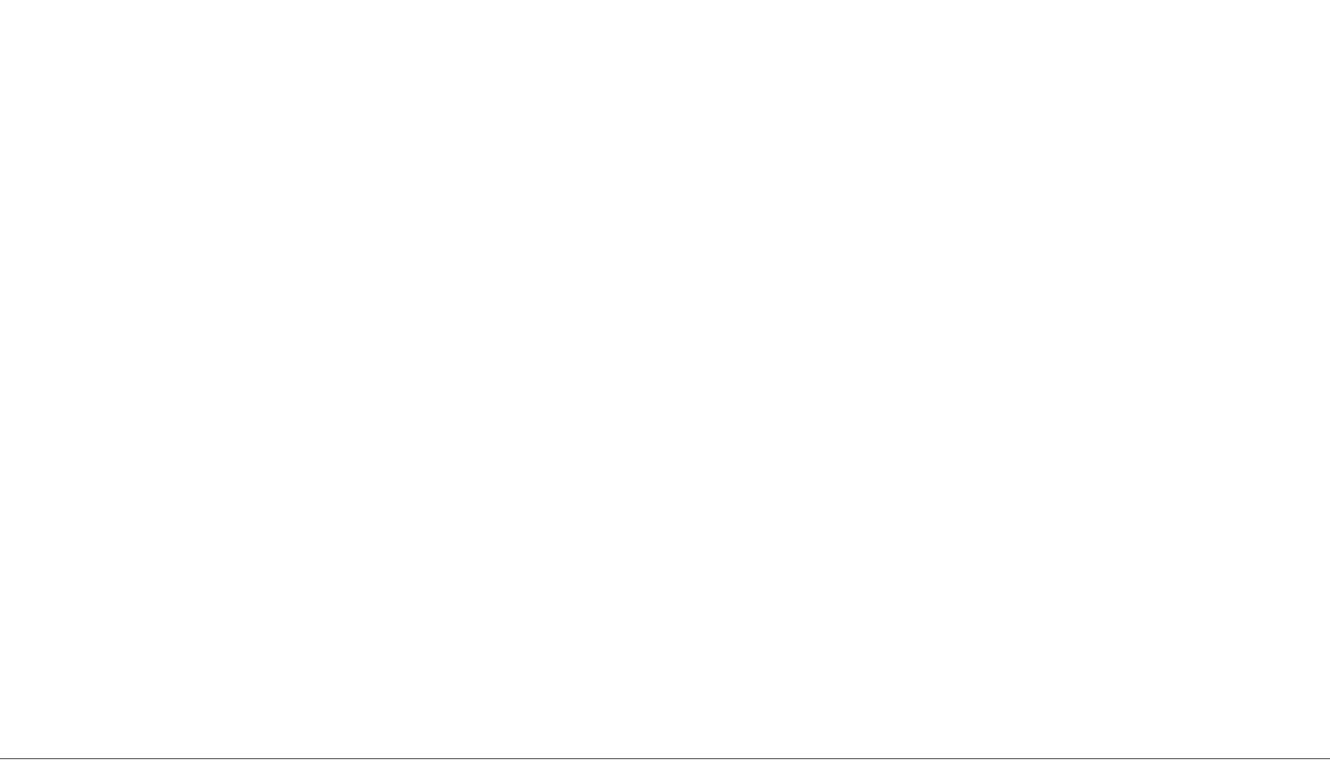
a. The Soviets are pushing rapidly ahead with their anti-ballistic missile development program.

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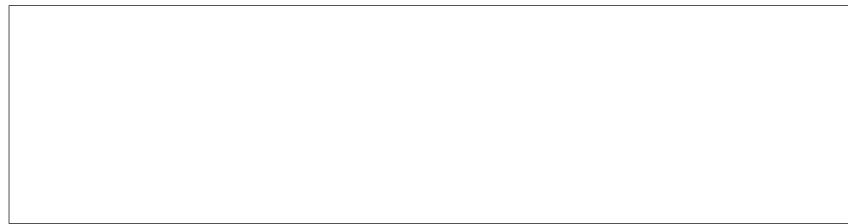


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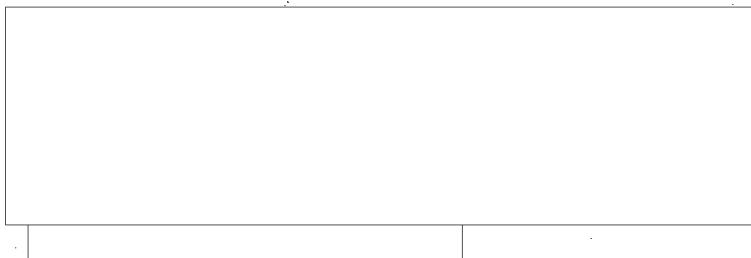
6. Arab federation

a. Moves toward federation of the UAR, Syria and Iraq have, if anything, intensified the struggle between the Baathist and Nasirites for control of Syria.

b. Anti-Nasir elements in the Syrian forces have been planning a coup,

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B. Czechoslovakia [redacted] 50X1
the Czech forces have received at least some SS-1 (SCUD) missiles. This is a 150 nautical-mile ballistic missile mounted on a tank chassis.

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C. Poland Polish officials have become worried that labor unrest and dissatisfaction, on the rise everywhere, may grow into violence among crowds gathered for May Day celebrations. The attitude of the people has become ugly; it reminds some Polish observers of Poznan just before the outbreak in 1956.

D. Bolivia [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] the Cuban embassy there has been providing funds for 50X1

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propaganda to the militantly leftist youth group in the Nationalist Revolutionary Movement. This is President Paz's party, but the youth group is a much more extremist faction. Members of the youth organization were very much in evidence at the Cuban embassy's reception commemorating the Bay of Pig's invasion, boasting of having plastered the capital with pro-Cuban posters.

- E. Argentina The Guido government now believes its timetable for national elections will be generally adhered to. This calls for the parties to name their candidates by early next month and elections on 23 June. It has abandoned efforts to generate an electoral front and will let the parties go ahead and put up candidates of their own, but it is still trying to persuade the Peronist Popular Union party not to put up candidates for president, vice president, and certain governorships.

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26 APRIL 1963
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1. Jordan

a. Egyptian clandestine broadcasts calling for the "liberation" of Jordan from Husayn are now focusing on the army, particularly the bedouin--who have been handing out some of the roughest treatment to demonstrators. However, the troops--the immediate key to the situation barring the always possible assassination of Husayn--have so far been loyal.

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b. Some Baathist leaders, probably fearing that pro-Nasir sentiment will become overwhelming, are now said to be supporting the regime's efforts to restore order.

c. But enthusiasm for Arab unity is strong and observers feel that, even should the demonstrations end, the scars and the pressures will remain.

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Nasir opined that Husayn

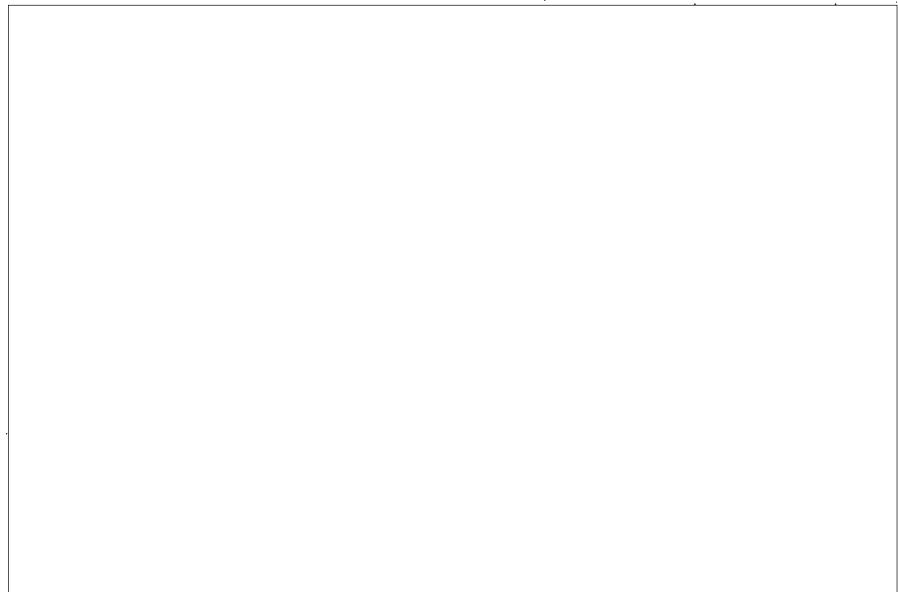
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will probably succeed in controlling the situation "for the time being."

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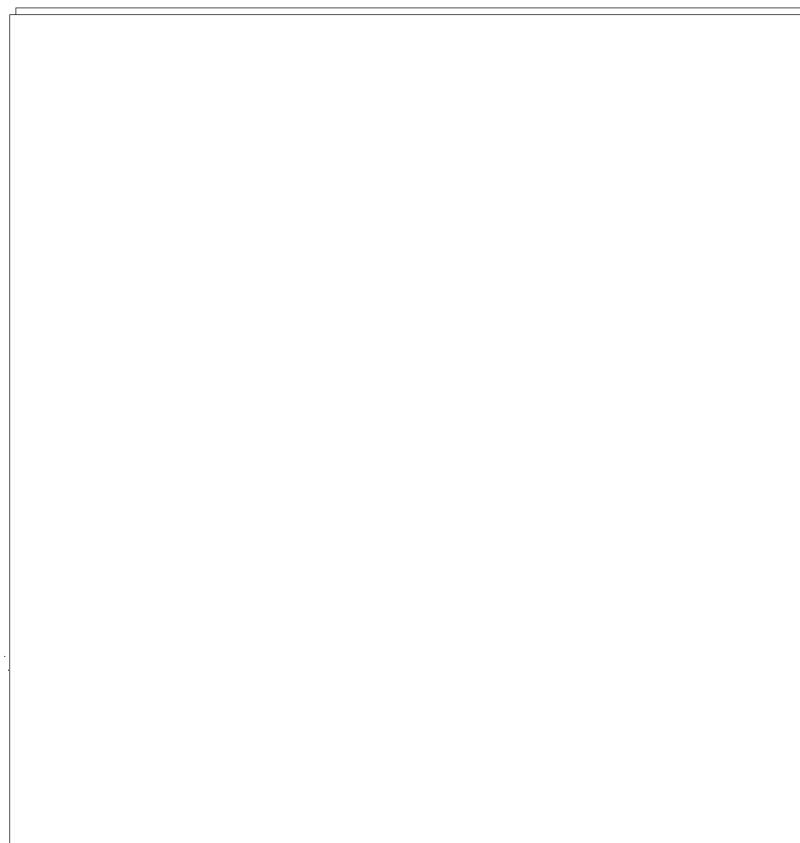
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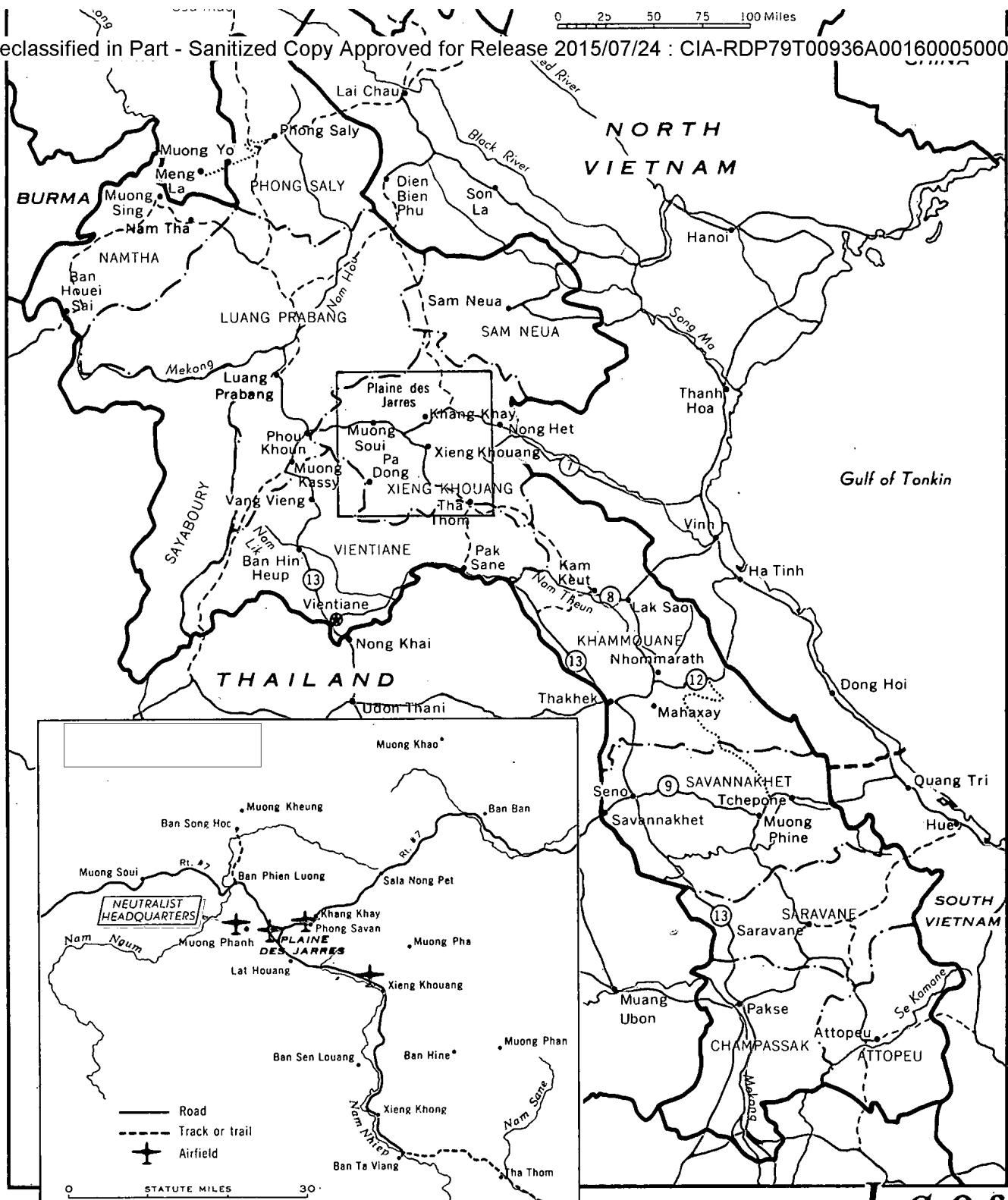
3. Greece-Turkey

a. A number of Turkish Army and Navy officers have been arrested in what may be a new purge of potential dissidents.

b. In Athens there is fear that Turkish political instability may lead Turkish military elements to such extreme steps as a break in

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relations, military intervention in Cyprus or repression of the Greek minority in Istanbul.

c. We see no indication of this, but the Greek cabinet may meet soon over its Turkish policy.

4. Laos

a. Phoumi is shipping more supplies to Kong Le, along with military weapons specialists to supplement some 700 Lao Army troops already in the Plaine des Jarres.

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c. Kong Le is still preparing for offensive action

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d. The Pathet Lao may be acting to try to nip such moves in the bud--as well as the harassing actions by the Meo. Yesterday, Kong Le's positions in the Plaine des Jarres were put under mortar and artillery fire the better part of the day.

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Ambassador Unger speaks of a reported Pathet Lao attack in battalion strength in the south--so far unconfirmed.

f. The Pathet Lao, well informed, are broadcasting fairly specific charges about Phoumi's collaboration with the "reactionary neutralists."

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Ambassador Unger has nonetheless urged the "greatest discretion" in his communications as well as his statements.

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5. Cuba

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d. The preliminary scan of 25 April photography shows no apparent change at Holguin and Remedios. A detailed interpretation of the two remaining armored camps was prevented by heavy cloud cover. Good photography of 24 April shows no significant change at major Soviet or Cuban installations.

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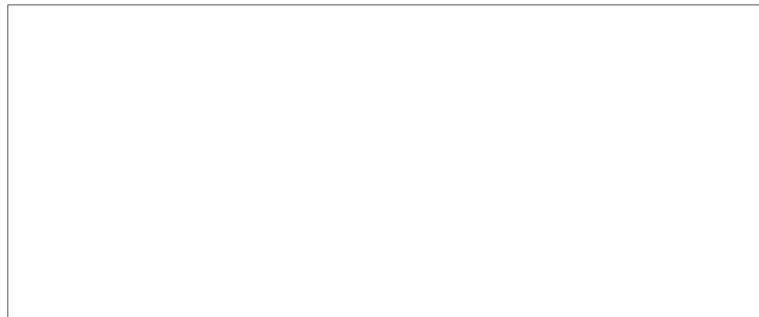
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- C. Somali Republic Prime Minister Abdirascid intends to visit Communist China within a few months. He doubts the West will provide all the arms the Somalis want

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F. Guatemala The army still has not suppressed the small-scale guerrilla activity in the east and may be in for a prolonged campaign.

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G. Bolivia President Paz could reverse his decision to postpone his trip to the US. We have heard [redacted] that Vice President Lechin has decided that--at least for the time being--his chances in an all-out political fight with Paz would be poor; Lechin is now saying he will return to his ambassadorial post in Rome before 1 May.

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H. Berlin Paying heed to Allied "reservations," Bundestag President Gerstenmaier has called off the Bundestag session planned for Berlin in late May. The West Berlin press is unhappy over the Allied action--"a deplorable retrograde step." The US Mission in Berlin says it has not noted such widespread criticism of Allied tactics since before Cuba.

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I. Berlin. This morning a Soviet jet fighter flew several times to within 500 yards of two US helicopters, one over East Berlin and one over West Berlin near the sector border. The Soviets usually only complain bitterly about the helicopters. This is the first time we can recall their being "buzzed."

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27 APRIL 1963
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1. Haiti

- a. Duvalier has turned his militia and rough-neck squads (Ton Ton Macoutes) loose against recently dismissed military officers in reprisal for yesterday's events. Two bodyguards and a chauffeur were killed as they were taking Duvalier's children to school.
- b. There have already been several revenge killings and late yesterday "machete-wielding" Haitians were roaming downtown Port-au-Prince and roadblocks were being put up.
- c. Ambassador Thurston fears that what is left of an opposition nucleus will be wiped out within the next few days.
- d. President Bosch charges, meanwhile, that the Dominican Embassy in Port-au-Prince was attacked by Haitian police yesterday. He says he is awaiting a full report and that "if the report is bad, very probably three or four Dominican airplanes will overfly the border."

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2. Laos

- a. Souvanna is slated to resume talks with Souphanouvong in Khang Khay today.
- b. Souvanna has taken public issue--though indirectly--with Soviet accusations of American intrigue in Laos, and says--with how much resolve we do not know--that he intends to take a hard line with Souphanouvong.
- c. There are indications of a general rise in Communist military activity in central and southern Laos. Reacting to what appears to have been a probing attack by a Pathet Lao battalion against a Lao army post south of Pha Lane on Route 9, Phoumi has sent in reinforcements and has retaken the position.

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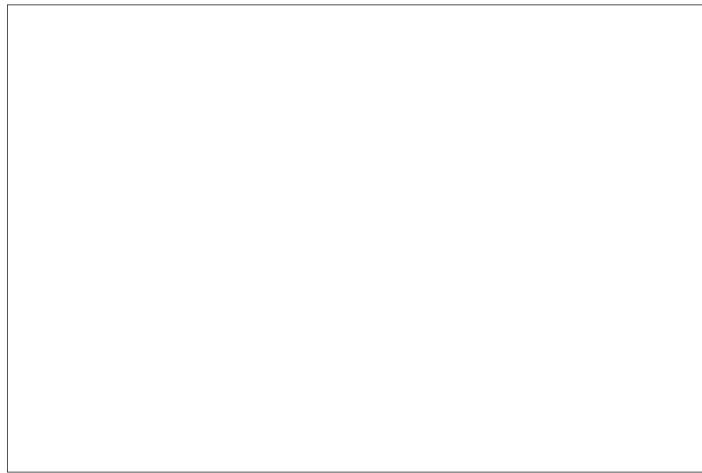
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3. Jordan

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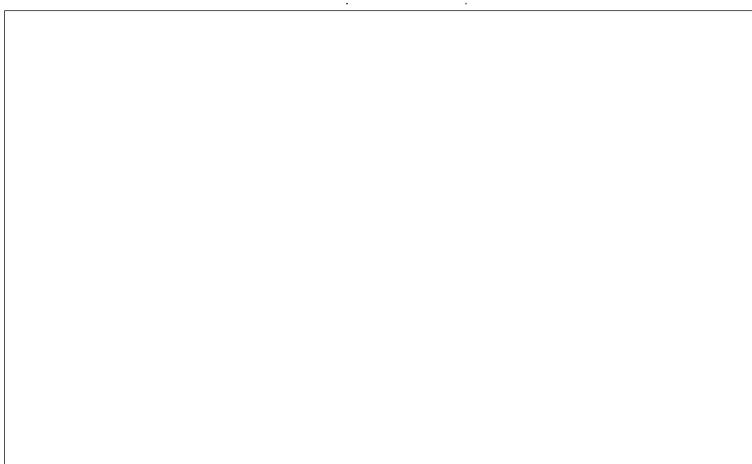
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4. Cuba

a. Fidel Castro has arrived
in the Soviet Union to begin his
visit.

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d. The Cuban Ministry of Armed
Forces has been reorganized on lines
closer to the Soviet pattern. Five
vice-ministerial posts have been

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created, at least three of which are filled by men close to Castro and only one by an old-line Communist.

e. [redacted]

[redacted] as a [redacted]
[redacted] security measure, members of the Cuban militia and public defense forces were receiving new identification cards. Anyone found in uniform without proper identification is to be arrested,
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g. The Soviet ship Transbalt, which passed through the Turkish Straits last Monday, has the identifying marks of an arms carrier. It may be bound either for Casablanca, for which it declared, or Cuba.

h. [redacted]

[redacted] no evidence of significant change at the Soviet military installations. All five major encampments were covered.

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5. Malaysia

a. U Thant's Chef de Cabinet Narasimhan is attempting to sell a formula giving the new federation administrative control over the Borneo territories pending a plebiscite to be held within two years under the UN.

b. The Philippines have apparently bought it, and Sukarno might see in it the possibility that he could make the vote go his way. For just this reason the British and Malaya will probably be opposed.

6. Cuban exiles

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b. The Cuban version of the raid broadcast from Havana last evening agrees in all essentials with the account given in Washington yesterday

c. Havana's statement came about a full day after the time it cites for the incident and nearly 12 hours after the story was reported in the US. The most likely

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explanation for this curious delay is embarrassment because the plane got through unmolested or pre-occupation with preparations for Castro's departure for Moscow. It is not impossible, however, that the whole thing was a hoax which the Cubans have knowingly decided to go along with for their own purposes.

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7. Yemen

a. U Thant now has formal acceptance of the disengagement plan from the UAR, Saudi Arabia and Yemen. He is ordering General Von Horn to the border zone as his representative to look into procedures for verification.

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A. Brazil Pro-Communist Miguel Arreas, governor of Pernambuco state in the northeast, is reliably quoted as saying recently that "We can socialize Brazil and then detach it from the West without the Americans becoming hysterical, without their waking up to the fact, and without their intervening militarily, if we do it slowly, gradually and quietly." The US Consul in Recife has reported his alarm at the pace of Communist activity in Pernambuco.

B. Sino-Soviet relations The Chinese Communists are organizing a systematic effort to cultivate anti-Soviet sentiment in [redacted] Western Communist parties [redacted]

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D. Colombia President Valencia's government, whose failure to come to grips with the country's economy has resulted in a steady loss of public confidence, is facing new troubles. A Communist-led strike has halted field operations at Colombia's largest petroleum producer (US-owned)

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E. Brazil-Argentina

the Brazilians are now putting their traditional diplomatic contest with Argentina for leadership in Latin America in ideological terms, with Brazil as the champion of a neutralist camp.

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1. Haiti

a. Bosch's radio speech last evening, though tough and threatening, did not commit him to immediate military action against Haiti. He did not specify what he would do if his ultimatum, which runs for 24 hours from the time of his speech, does not bring results.

b. [redacted] Bosch has indicated that he intends to do nothing before Wednesday, which will give the OAS time to enter the picture, and permit Bosch to ease off.

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c. The OAS investigation Commission (Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, and the US) planned to fly to Port-au-Prince today.

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d. Bosch also charged in his radio broadcast that four of the Trujillos have arrived in Haiti. They took off by air from Jamaica yesterday afternoon.

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e. Duvalier shows no signs of moderating his course. Since his request for withdrawal of the US naval mission he has jailed the mayor of Port-au-Prince, apparently for refusing to make an anti-white, anti-US speech, and has broken relations with the Dominican Republic.

f. In Port-au-Prince, the arrest or killing of suspected Duvalier enemies is continuing. Large numbers of former military officers have taken refuge in Latin American embassies.

2. Jordan

a. Cairo's Middle East News Agency alleged yesterday that two Jordanian battalions have mutinied and have been joined by the national guard. We feel sure that we would have confirmation by now if this were more than Egyptian incitement.

b. Jordanian troops are patrolling the streets of Amman and other key areas but the situation is described as calm.

c. A further indication that something was planned Saturday is a report from Embassy Amman on the first pickup on Friday of a new

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clandestine radio, presumably Egyptian, broadcasting into Jordan. The radio, calling itself the "Voice of the Jordan Arab Republic," was shrilly anti-Husayn.

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3. Cuba

a. Castro has been accompanied to Moscow by his Minister of Economy and a military contingent including the Cuban Chief of Staff. We assume from this that economic-military aid talks will be in progress at the same time that Castro is receiving the full ceremonial treatment.

b. There is press speculation but no hard information on the possibility that Fidel will move on to Peiping.

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the Soviet Union and Algeria on the itinerary.

c. The Soviet ship Transbalt, which passed Gibraltar this weekend, appears bound for Cuba with an arms cargo.

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d. [redacted]

[redacted] photographs reveal [redacted] no significant change at the Soviet military encampments.

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4. Laos

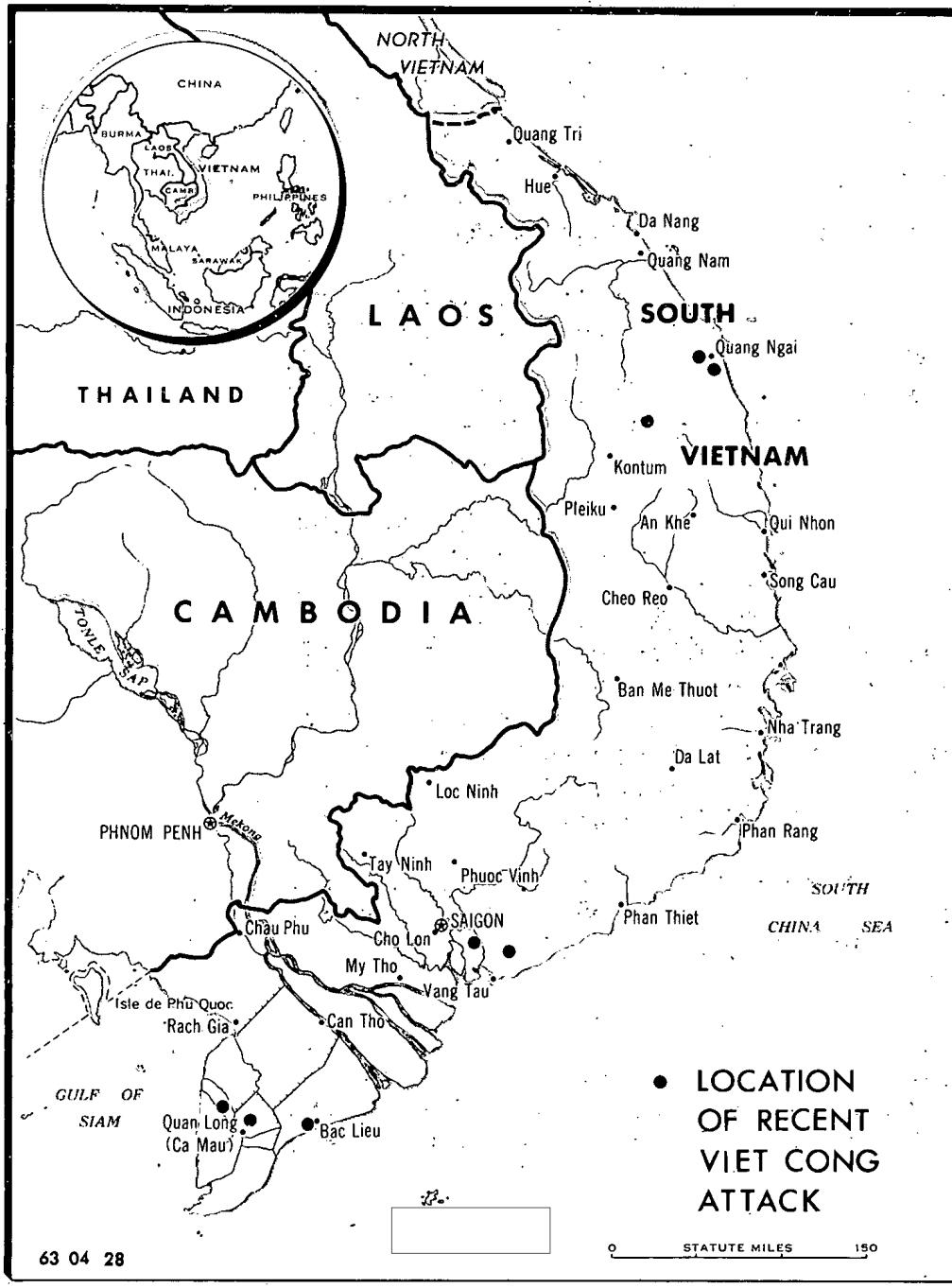
a. The new demands placed before Souvanna by Souphanouvong on Saturday are leading their talks toward an impasse.

b. Souphanouvong, charging that a Phoumi battalion was airlifted to the Plaine des Jarres on 26 April by Air America, now contends that discussions must be broadened beyond the issue of fighting in the Plaine des Jarres. This is likely to entail demands for the neutralization of Vientiane, the removal of Air America aircraft from Laos, and withdrawal of Phoumi forces from "liberated territory."

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d. Although skirmishing in the Plaine des Jarres area is still on only a limited scale, opposing forces are going through considerable shifting.

5. South Vietnam

a. The Viet Cong have increased the tempo and scale of their attacks in the past two weeks.

b. The number of attacks in the week ending 22 April, reported at 128, was the highest weekly total since last June. Since then, the Communists have maintained pressure throughout the country with larger strikes, including at least one and probably two battalion-size attacks on government posts in the southernmost province.

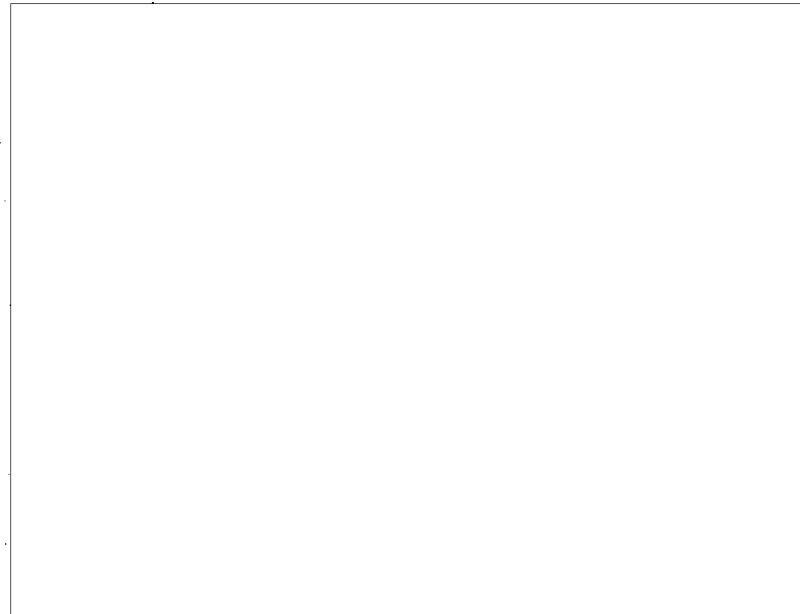
c. In the largest single attack in several months a Communist force, estimated at two battalions, on 27 April inflicted heavy casualties on a large government unit in the central province of Kontum.

d. Operations on this scale suggest that the developing regimental-level commands, which we have noted in several areas in recent months, are now beginning to play an active role. [redacted]

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6. Yemen



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- A. Venezuela The Venezuelan Communist Party was supposed to make yet another attempt to overthrow Betancourt [redacted]. Security forces are on top of the situation and nothing has apparently happened so far. 50X1
- B. Soviet Space Vehicle The unmanned vehicle, Cosmos 16, put into orbit on the morning of 28 April was the third satellite launched from Tyuratam this year. (Another was launched from Kapustin Yar.) Cosmos 15, launched on 22 April and returned on 27 April, has apparently been recovered.

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ADDENDUM ON LAOS

Souvanna has given the go-ahead for the stationing of an ICC team in the Plaine des Jarres. He takes this step in defiance of the Pathet Lao. [redacted]

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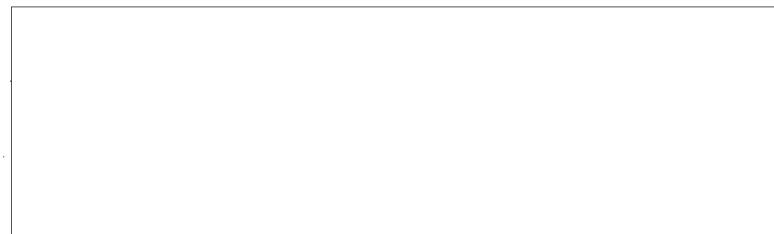
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1. Castro's trip

a. Castro may visit Switzerland.

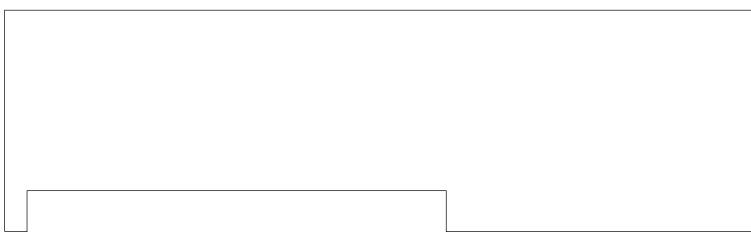
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h. [redacted]
we note that a government-backed
Algiers daily late last week began
putting out the line that the US
had adopted a "realistic policy"
toward Cuba and has given up the
idea of intervention.



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2. Cuba



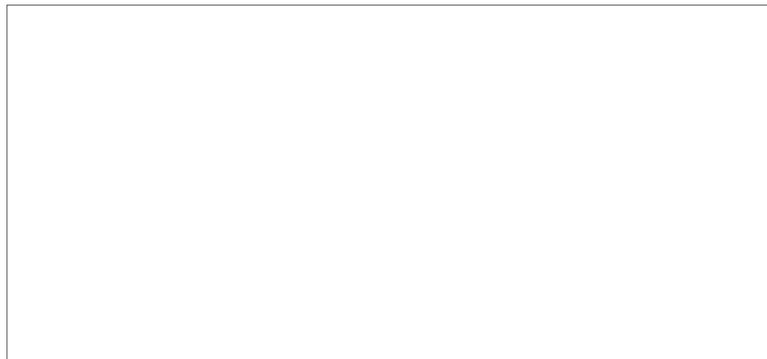
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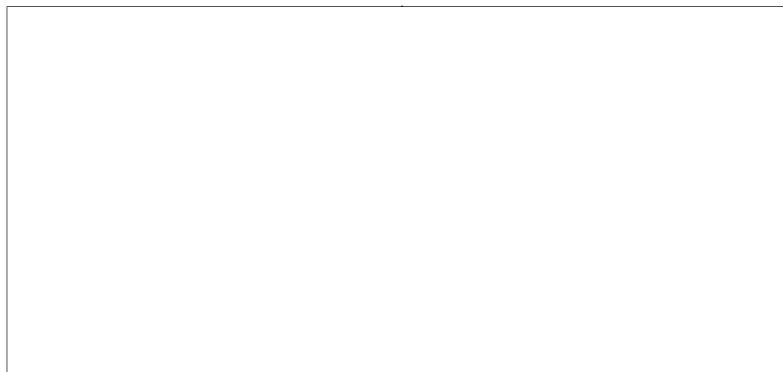
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c. Photography [redacted] showed no significant change at Torrens and Santiago de las Vegas. Clouds precluded a detailed readout of Artemisa, Holguin, and Remedios.

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g. [REDACTED]

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Cuba wants to retain good relations with Bolivia because of Bolivia's poorly guarded borders with five countries. This strengthens our suspicions that [REDACTED] Cuba [REDACTED] is directing pro-Castro activity outside as well as inside Bolivia.

3. Haiti-Dominican Republic

a. President Bosch is making hay over the Haitian back-down.

b. The concession has removed the most immediate issue, but in present circumstances, another one will surely arise. Bosch will probably continue to build up troop strength along the border and try to maneuver Duvalier's downfall.

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c. Haitian armed forces are on a full alert. The Haitians yesterday managed to arm and get a propfighter airborne. Several Haitian coast guard officers and NCO's reportedly deserted and crossed over to take asylum in the Dominican Republic.

d. Yesterday, Haiti's consul in Santo Domingo gained asylum following the closure of his office, and, in New York, Duvalier's permanent representative to the UN told Ambassador Stevenson that he wants to resign.

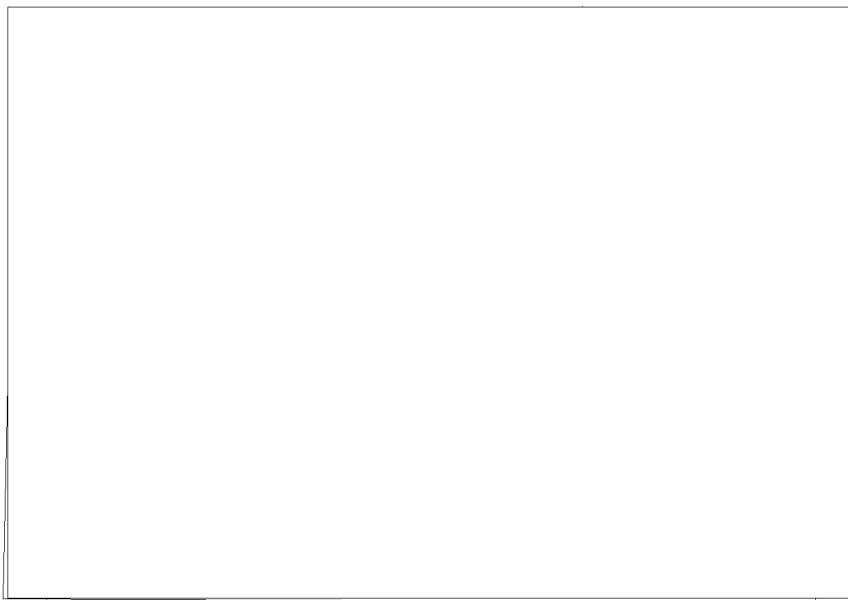
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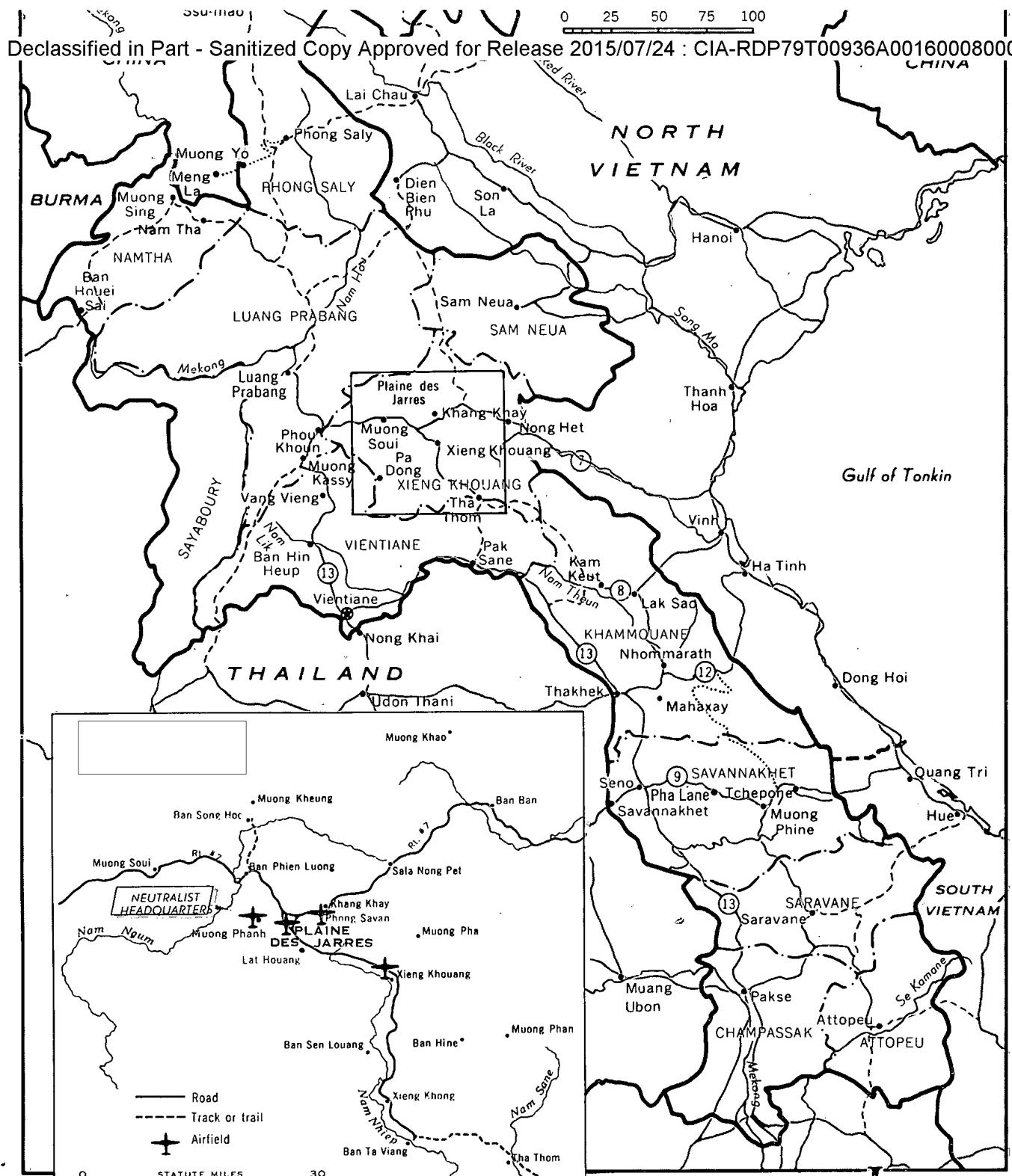
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d. The Pathet Lao have already branded any attempt to station the ICC in the Plaine des Jarres as "contrary to the Geneva accords," and we expect they will now be even more troublesome. Their propaganda has turned to writing Souvanna off as a tool of the "US-Phoumist reactionaries."

e. Souvanna yesterday issued the statement which we had hoped would refute Soviet charges against us. It was typical Souvanna equivocation. He blamed nobody for anything, merely defended the neutralist role he is trying to play.

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f. Kong Le, with Lao army and
Meo help, has moved to the offensive
in the Plaine des Jarres.

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g. Cooperation between Kong
Le and Phoumi troops is also growing
in Pathet Lao-threatened areas out-
side the Plaine des Jarres.

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5. Communist
China

a.

Peiping
intends to pursue a watch-and-wait
policy toward Taiwan and Hong Kong.

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c. Peiping expects that Chiang Kai-shek will eventually be succeeded by his elder son, Chiang Ching-kuo,

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e.

Peiping plans no early action to recover Hong Kong. [redacted] the Chinese Communists had as much reason to try to adjust their borders with the USSR as to adjust the situation in Hong Kong.

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6. UAR-Jordan

a. Nasir has told Ambassador Badeau he thinks Husayn will weather the present crisis, but if an uprising should occur it would be "virtually impossible" for him to avoid sending in troops.

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b. Egypt has already undertaken some contingency preparation: units have been moved into southern Sinai, military planes dispersed on various airfields, and essential services put on three-day alert.

c. Badeau urged repeatedly that the UAR abstain from "blowing on the coals of the Jordan affair" and feels US concern is being taken very seriously. He doubts, however, it is feasible to get any "assurances" of UAR non-involvement.

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A. Venezuela All was quiet in Venezuela yesterday. The armed forces are to be placed on full alert today, but this is a routine precaution against the possibility of trouble on May Day.

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C. Italy Final returns of the Italian election are expected later today. As anticipated, Fanfani's Christian Democrats lost some ground in the Senate to the Communists, the Saragat Socialists and the far right, but they remain the largest party (with 37 percent of the vote as compared to 41 last year). The vote for the Chamber of Deputies was slower coming in, but shows little change so far.