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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST



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1 MAR. 1962
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1. Berlin corridors

a. The two Soviet aircraft

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earlier flights by regularly-scheduled Pan Am aircraft drew Soviet fighter reaction but were not molested. more Soviet transports are scheduled to fly into Berlin along the northern corridor, also crossing the central corridor

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b. Embassy Bonn is inclined to believe that the USSR will refrain from radical procedural changes on access as long as the Thompson-Gromyko talks are still alive, with immediate harassments on the autobahn, for instance, more likely to be of a technical nature.

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2. Phoumi heads for Thailand

He is scheduled to leave for Bangkok

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this is more than a tactical maneuver and Phoumi may be thinking of giving up in Laos.

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3. Algerian settle-
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delayed

a. The question of timing could become crucial. The rebel government, which wants De Gaulle to stop the OAS bloodletting before coming to terms, has still not fixed a definite date for the ceasefire announcement. Although it has been able to hold its followers back from retaliation against the Europeans, the longer the delay the less sure this ability to restrain becomes. Moslem crowds clashed with police in Oran yesterday. De Gaulle, in turn, could be forced to move in without the rebels in the face of rapidly-evaporating public order.

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4. Congo

a. Attempts to get Adoula and Tshombé together are no further along. The latter's qualms about his safety are a major stumbling block.

b. Yesterday in Elisabethville, Tshombé bowed to pressure from die-hard associates, which seems to be mounting, and permitted an anti-American street demonstration. Our Consulate in Elisabethville sees some signs of erosion of Tshombé's will to resist Katanga extremists.

c. The central government's "campaign" in Northern Katanga is so far a pretty complete mess. The troops moved into Albertville remain aimlessly there, and General Mobutu, their nominal commander, has been held back from joining them there by the UN, which fears an assassination attempt against him by dissident troops.

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- A. West German Foreign Ministry and press are once again expressing lack of confidence in Ambassador Kroll in Moscow, who has his own ideas on how to get along with the Russians, but Adenauer still seems to think Kroll can play a useful role. Among the ideas attributed to Kroll: support for recognition of the Oder-Neisse line, political separation of West Berlin from the Federal Republic, and a \$2.5 billion West German credit to the USSR.
- B. The Soviet space launch attempt now appears to be only days away.
but we will need further evidence before we know exactly what.
- C. a major attack on New Guinea
- E. Cuba's economic troubles have resulted in the arrival in Havana of the head of the Soviet State Bank. His visit could be a preliminary to a new Soviet economic credit, which is now being rumored. His specific assignment, however, is probably tied to payments problems arising from the expected fall-off this year in Cuban sugar exports to the Bloc and Cuba's need for an infusion of convertible currency.

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F. In the Brazilian state of Rio Grande do Sul, Governor Brizola is now talking of following up his seizure of ITT with the expropriation of all foreign enterprises.

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G. Kenya's Jomo Kenyatta, in London for the constitutional talks with the British, is now richer by \$70,000 in pounds sterling supplied to him there by the Egyptians.

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I. Venezuelan Communists are in the midst of preparations for new anti-government violence, to come some time after the opening of Congress on Friday. However, the government's watchfulness and deep divisions within party ranks should combine to keep the effort within bounds.

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J. The Moroccans have concluded an arms deal with Moscow. They are playing it down to US representatives, but concede that it runs to at least \$3-4 million and covers some 20-30 tanks and artillery as well as small arms and ammunition. Marshal Malinovsky has accepted an invitation to visit Rabat later this month.

WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--28 FEBRUARY 1962

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BERLIN: Soviet probing tactics against Allied access to Berlin will probably continue, but bloc military activity in general suggests that the Communists do not expect their actions to provoke military confrontation in the immediate future.

LAOS: Communist military actions will probably continue at a relatively low level, pending the outcome of Souvanna's talks with Souphanouvong. If Souvanna and Souphanouvong reach agreement on a cabinet, continued RLG opposition could lead to a significant step-up in military activities.

SOUTH VIETNAM: The increased rate of Viet Cong incidents in the past week and growing bloc criticism of US military assistance to South Vietnam may presage a general step-up in the level of Viet Cong activities, especially in the countryside. It is not yet clear whether the air attack on Diem's palace on 27 February was an isolated act by officers disaffected with the Diem regime or whether it was part of a broader coup plot, but there is no evidence of widespread complicity. The Viet Cong apparently were not connected with the planning for this attack.

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1. General Ne Win again takes over in Burma

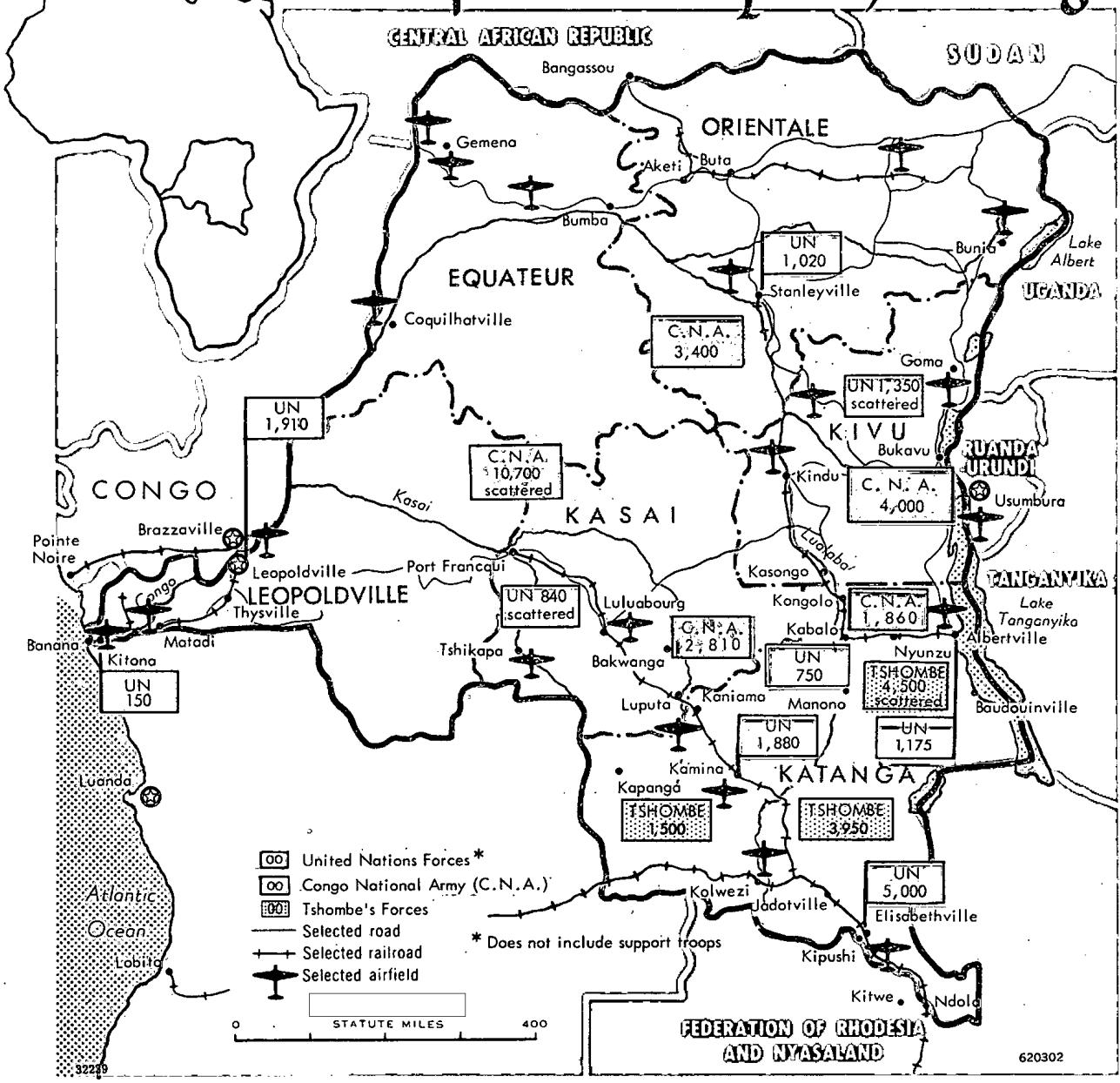
a. The military chief has announced formation of a revolutionary council consisting of 16 officers with himself as chairman. The status of U Nu and his cabinet is not yet clear but initial reports indicate some are under house arrest. Embassy Rangoon reports order prevailing in the city and no evidence of armed resistance.

b. Regarding the motives for army action at this time our Embassy speculates that a primary factor was concern arising from the unsatisfactory trend in current discussions between the government and state leaders concerning the latter's demands for federalism.

2. Diem to shift senior military officers

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the wake of Tuesday's incident and implementing an earlier plan to re-organize the armed forces command, would bring his field operations and First Corps commanders back to Saigon as chief and chief of staff respectively of the Joint General Staff. The shift, while placing two of South Vietnam's best officers in top staff positions, would also remove them from direct troop command. In the past both have been critical of Diem's administration. Meanwhile, the Viet Cong has stepped up military operations after a month-long decline. Last week a large force ambushed a government detachment in central Vietnam; Tuesday a Communist battalion inflicted heavy casualties on a Civil Guard company southwest of Saigon and yesterday government forces reportedly suffered additional casualties in a clash northeast of Saigon.

Republic of the Congo



3. Congo

a. Generals Mobutu and Lundula accompanied by the UN commander arrived in Albertville Wednesday. Adoula and his interior minister are [redacted] to observe the situation in Katanga and then proceed to Stanleyville. The Tshombe-UN truce in Elizabethville is under constant strain as a result of UN military elements pressing for action and Tshombe's subordinates working to undermine any agreement with Adoula.

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b. Ambassador MacArthur reports concern in Belgian circles that Tshombe is engaged in a power struggle with his extremist opponents and sees an early meeting with Adoula as the best hope for breaking the impasse.

c. Tshombe is still waiting for UN security assurances before scheduling a firm date for meeting Adoula.

d. The anti-American demonstrations before our Leopoldville Consulate yesterday were without incident.

e. Gizenga, still under detention [redacted] on a Congo river island [redacted]

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4. West New Guinea

Subandrio has given us "unqualified confirmation" of Djakarta's readiness for secret talks without conditions in a third party presence. He sees the third party primarily as a "helpful bystander" and expects to come up with a list of suggested candidates shortly.

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A. The two Soviet transports which filed outward bound flight plans for the Berlin northern corridor this morning proceeded on schedule and no incidents have been reported.

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The Portuguese North Atlantic Council representative has flatly rejected our proposal for economic action against Cuba.

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E. OAS [redacted]

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[redacted] is [redacted] prepared for prolonged guerrilla warfare. OAS strategy to goad the Moslems into retaliatory violence appears to be having some success.

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F. We have nothing new to report on Laotian negotiations for a coalition government. General Phoumi has taken his family with him to Bangkok [redacted]

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3 MAR. 1962
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1. Laos

Souphannouvong has not yet responded to Souvanna's cabinet list, but Souvanna expects to pass us his reply, which he believes will be favorable, tomorrow. If Souphannouvong does not accept, Souvanna says he will turn in his mandate. In either case he will report to the King in Vientiane.

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[redacted] the Lao Ambassador in Bangkok claims Phoumi will be back in Vientiane before Souvanna returns.

2. Military complete takeover of Burmese government

Rangoon is quiet and no opposition has appeared. U Nu and his cabinet were arrested; a few less important ministers have since been released. While a breakdown in relations between the central government and the constituent states appears to have precipitated the coup, long-standing army dissatisfaction with government inefficiency and lack of economic progress was at the root of it. Ne Win

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[redacted] has reaffirmed Burma's neutralism, but in his previous stewardship leaned more to the West than U Nu has.

3. Moslem restraint in Algeria begins to break down under OAS provocation

While French troops have so far been able--with difficulty--to control Moslem mobs in Algiers and Oran, there is rising danger of retaliation against Europeans in the countryside. The rebel government negotiators have delayed their departure for the next round of talks until Tuesday at least, while they seek further reassurance that De Gaulle can hold the OAS in check. His ability to do so seems to us to be decreasing day by day.

4. South Korean Prime Minister Song [redacted] security chief Kim Chong-pil

Junta leader Pak has so far backed Song in an effort to reduce Kim's growing power. In a showdown much dirty linen will be washed. 50X1

5. Ydigoras confirms plan to visit US

He has been invited by the mayor of Miami to appear at a ceremony there on 14 April; then he intends to come to Washington to address the OAS Council, call on the President, and address Congress. He apparently is trying to entangle the US in his claims to British Honduras. (Note: the rebellion in Guatemala finally seems to be dying out)

NOTES

- A. Two Soviet flights were [redacted] carried out in the air corridors today. No incidents have been reported.

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- C. The Communist Chinese have postponed their National Peoples' Congress, presumably to see whether the Soviet Party Central Committee which meets Monday will have anything to say about them.
- D. The first meeting in Warsaw between Ambassador Cabot and Chinese Communist representative Wang contained no surprises.
- E. Sukarno has submitted his list of possible "third parties": the United States, Yugoslavia, India, Cambodia.
- F. Nehru has invited Ayub to visit Delhi in April; Ayub has not committed himself yet.
- G. Ayub has decided to take several small steps toward improving Pakistan's relations with the USSR. The idea is apparently to appease local neutralists and remind the US not to take him for granted.
- H. Japan has told our Embassy it has "no intention" of cutting trade with Cuba unless "virtually global sanctions" are adopted.

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J. King Saud has finally given in and decided to go home.

K. Syria [redacted] is shopping for the same line 50X1
of advanced weapons which the Soviets are giving to Egypt, Iraq, and
Indonesia: jet medium bombers, MIG-21 supersonic fighters, and
short-range tactical missiles.

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LATE ITEM

Khrushchev speaks to
Soviet Central Committee

The session is closed to the press, but we are getting the first passages of an advance text being distributed by TASS to the Soviet regional press. These passages at least are devoted to agriculture, the announced topic of the meeting. They contain, however, an attack on "enemies" who have criticized the Soviet Party Program adopted last fall; it appears to us to be another slap at the Chinese.

1. West New Guinea problem

a. Sukarno has agreed to secret preliminary talks with the Dutch without preconditions, although he told Jones "to me these secret talks are a preparation for formal talks about the transfer of administration" to Indonesia. He also agreed to a third party, preferably American, to be named by U Thant.

b. [redacted]

[redacted] Djakarta is moderating its inflammatory public line.

c. The last Indonesian arms shopping mission to Moscow came back emptyhanded. [redacted]

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2. Congo

Prospects for bringing Tshombe and Adoula together are worsening as extremists in both camps pressure the two leaders toward harder positions. Adoula is threatening to use military force if the Katanga problem is not solved by the end of the month, a move which could be disastrous for him. Tshombe is still stalling on implementation of the Kitona agreement and is not satisfied--our Consul thinks justifiably--with guarantees so far advanced by Leopoldville for his safety at a meeting with Adoula.

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4. Ne Win scraps Burmese constitution

His government clearly intends to stay in power for some time. In his earlier takeover in 1958, however, he had the grudging support of all political elements except the Communists; this time civilian politicians were unanimously against military rule, and the army itself not fully united. While opposition is presently disorganized by the suddenness and efficiency of the coup, it may coalesce around U Nu, who still retains widespread national popularity.

5. France-Algeria

The rebel government, apparently now satisfied that De Gaulle can and will bring the OAS under control, has decided to resume negotiations. These will open tomorrow and may go on for a week. Issues outstanding are the composition of the provisional government, release of prisoners, and rate of withdrawal of French troops; the first two could prove tricky. The OAS made a show of strength in Algiers this morning with a hundred-odd plastic bomb explosions at dawn.

NOTES

- A. We have no further word from Laos on Souvanna's negotiations with Souphanouvong. Admiral Felt is to see Phoumi [redacted] tomorrow. [redacted] 50X6
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- B. A second-generation ICBM was successfully fired from Tyuratam to Kamchatka Saturday night; there is some possibility it may have overshot the target area. There have been five previous tests of this missile this year, all successful. [redacted] 50X1
- C. We have some indication that the long-delayed Soviet space shot may be postponed again. [redacted] 50X1
- D. [redacted] Soviet flight [redacted] has been carried out in the Berlin air corridors this morning, without incident. There were no flights yesterday. [redacted] 50X1
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- E. President Goulart, who is considering whether to call off his visit to Washington in the face of adverse US press comment on expropriations, is reported in the Brazilian press to have ordered his Ambassador in Rome, Hugo Gouthier, to take soundings in Washington.

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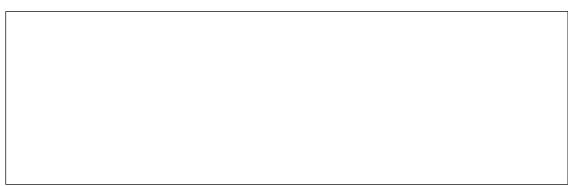
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1. Souvanna and Souphanouvong have agreed on a cabinet list

Souvanna, as premier, would hold the controversial posts of Defense and Interior as well as Social Action; Souphanouvong as deputy premier would hold the portfolios of Sports, Youth, and Information. Phoumi would also be a vice-premier and have the post of Finance. They agreed that Phoumi must participate in the government, but that prior to presentation of the proposal to him the US must approve it. Ambassador Brown's first reaction to Souphanouvong's holding the Ministry of Information is that it is wholly unacceptable. He adds that most of the important ministries with direct contact with the people (Information, Sports, and Youth, Social Action, Prevoyance Sociale) were in the hands of the Pathet Lao or Xieng Khouang personalities, and that three out of four Vientiane neutrals are total nonentities. Phoumi is meeting Admiral Felt in Bangkok today and plans to return to Vientiane tomorrow.

2. Khrushchev's agriculture program

His marathon address yesterday--seven hours--was limited to agriculture. Pointing to past failures he proposed an elaborate structure of area and national committees, calculated to tighten management controls and procedures. Cultivated acreage is to be increased by 55,000,000 acres by planting about half the land presently held in grass or fallow under crop rotation procedures. He referred to the need for investment in fertilizers and machinery, which we believe essential if the short-run gains from planting grasslands do not have long-term adverse effects. He also emphasized the lack of adequate incentives for the individual. The party central committee today began discussion of his report.

3. The Syrian military are restless with the government

They have been increasingly dissatisfied with its compromises and indecision. 50X1 50X1

Although a military take-over is always possible, key army leaders are more likely to exert behind-the-scenes pressure for a change in the Dawilibi cabinet.

4. Betancourt loses control of the Venezuelan Congress

Loss of the leftist faction from his Democratic Action appears to have cost him his majority in the lower house. An opposition alliance, which functioned against him in the congressional election on 2 March, could have a majority of 10 or 12 that might try to block both his reform programs and the ratification of US development loans.

5. East Germany

a. The USSR yesterday granted East Germany a credit of \$325,000,000 and agreed to increase trade between the two countries by 12 percent in 1962. This was a timely gesture of support for Ulbricht on the eve of East-West negotiations, as well as a needed boost for its economy.

b. Ulbricht has proposed talks between East and West Germany at the disarmament conference.

6. Congo

a. Katangan and UN troops clashed yesterday near Kamina, in central Katanga. Tshombé charges that 1,200 UN troops attacked Kamina, the UN states that a routine patrol of ten men were fired upon and that a reconnaissance plane was hit; we believe the UN version.

[redacted] mounting tension and hostility towards the UN among the Katanganese and estimate that "Round Three" could start at any time.

b. Tshombé, seeking guarantees for his safety, has added Kasavubu and the parliament to his list of requested guarantors. He still vows that he intends to meet Adoula in Leopoldville on 10 March "if arrangements can be made." The UN representatives believe he is sincere and are trying to obtain acceptable assurances.

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7. [redacted] Iran [redacted]

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[redacted] the Shah is considering abdicating.

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- A. The USSR scheduled two flights in the southern corridor for this morning, one out and one in. The latter was to leave the corridor about half way to Berlin, at 0843 EST. No Western flights were scheduled during this period.
- B. The return of former president Quadros to Brazil this week is causing apprehension in political circles. Regaining popularity since his resignation last August, he is expected to re-enter politics; but we have no knowledge of his exact plans.

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- E. A Puerto Rican airline C-46, en route from Haiti to San Juan, was forced to land at the Dominican Republic international airport by two P-51s, apparently because its flight plan had not been forwarded. Its cargo was meat.
- F. The Communist-backed Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola has scored a significant success by winning over to its side the Chief of Staff of Holden Roberto's Angolan People's Union, Marcos Cassanga. Roberto's hold over the rebel movement in the North will not be weakened, but he will be hampered in his efforts to expand southward where Cassanga is strongly entrenched.

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7 MAR. 1962
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1. Berlin

a. The Soviets scheduled the highest number of flights yet in the Berlin corridors for this morning. Five outbound flights have already been completed, and five inbound flights--one coinciding in time and altitude with a scheduled Panam flight--are due to take place at 20-minute intervals, ending at 1005 Washington time. This latest variation, affecting both the northern and southern corridors, is a step in the direction of flooding tactics.

b. The East Germans were busy yesterday shifting barriers around at the Friedrichstrasse crossing point into East Berlin (the only one open to non-Germans) to make room around the sheds they set up there last December. The present lay-out could easily be turned into a passport-and visa-checking station.

2. Congo

a. Tshombe has publicly announced that he is satisfied with UN security guarantees and that he plans to go to Leopoldville on March 15, but Hoffacker reports mounting resistance to the idea among Katanga extremists.

b. There has been no repetition of Monday's skirmishing between Katangan and UN elements near Kamina, but the incident has put a scare into top UN people in both New York and Leopoldville, and they are now looking on an Adoula-Tshombe meeting as an urgent necessity. 50X1

c. A number of the radical nationalists in Leopoldville are deeply disgruntled over their place in the Adoula government and are eyeing Stanleyville as a base for another separatist effort with a Lumumbist slant. [redacted]

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3. Indonesia

a. The cabinet reorganization carried out by Sukarno yesterday, in the name of tighter administration, marks a clear gain for the moderately-inclined military in their tug-of-war with the extreme left for influence. General Nasution stays on as both Minister of National Security and Army Chief of Staff and seems to have succeeded also in engineering the demotion of several cabinet members unpalatable to the military.

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c.. Sukarno is slated to give a major address tomorrow in which, besides New Guinea, he will probably go into the matter of the domestic economic tangle.

4. Anti-Chinese theme showing through at Soviet party meeting

Embassy Moscow, which now has the text of Khrushchev's opening speech to the Central Committee meeting as published in the Soviet press, notes a distinct USSR-first motif and believes that many of its arguments are directed tacitly but blatantly against Peiping. Among the jabs are references to "our opponents" who are likened to early Christians and ascetics and to "vulgar theories" which aim at an equalization of poverty. However, by not naming names, Khrushchev has, in effect, put the ball back in Peiping's court.

5. Laos

Phoumi is scheduled to return to Vientiane today, but there is no word yet as to whether he has yet left Bangkok or as to what effect the latest US representations to him may have had.

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6. German sidelights

a. A check in Bonn on what Ambassador Kroll actually said at the meeting with journalists--the meeting which touched off West German press charges against him--points to considerable exaggeration in the allegations. One account indicates that some of the positions attributed to him were lifted from his outline of what he thinks are the Soviet goals vis-a-vis Germany. He apparently did say, however, that the Oder-Neisse line could be recognized if something in return were obtained and that Moscow might be interested in a West German loan.

b. There are indications that the Soviets may make a pitch for having both West and East German representatives on hand for the Geneva meeting.

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- A. [redacted] Algiers and Oran are moving decisively toward anarchy. [redacted] 50X1
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- B. Moscow transferred nearly \$3.8 million in US dollars to Cuba's account late last month as part of their sugar deal. The amounts of money and sugar involved in this particular transaction, taken together with other evidence, makes us think that Havana is getting as much as \$50 million annually in convertible US currency under a special provision of its sugar agreements with the USSR. [redacted] 50X1
- C. Embassy Buenos Aires believes that Frondizi has regained his momentum through intensive politicking over the last two weeks.
- D. [redacted] 50X1
- E. The Ecuadorian military, still disturbed at what they consider to be Arosemena's persistent leftward drift but so far unable to get together on countermeasures, may have their mettle tested when the President tries to remove the chief of the general staff [redacted]. 50X1
- F. The EEC subcommittee working on a political statute for the community has wound up with a document which counterposes the French position on major questions to that of the other 5 members. The job of bridging the gap is being bucked up to the foreign ministers' meeting scheduled for later this month.

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8 MAR. 1962
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1. The ability of the French government to maintain order in Algeria is in doubt

a. The loyalties of the French army to De Gaulle's policy in Algeria remain in doubt and there is uncertainty over the government's ability to contain OAS terrorism successfully. The French Air Force Chief of Staff told Ambassador Gavin that he believes the Army is in a "rather dangerous condition" and that Algiers itself is "completely out of control." [redacted]

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b. Salan, [redacted]

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[redacted] does not expect to defeat the Moslems, he is trying to cow them into submission by threatening that the Algeria left to them after the struggle will "be that of 1830 in which we have destroyed everything."

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2. Laos

a. Following discussions with American representatives in Vientiane yesterday, Boun Oum agreed to collaborate in trying to persuade Phoumi to enter Souvanna's government. Emphasizing Phoumi's concern for the army, Boun Oum said it should be made clear to Souvanna that until integration had taken place the army command structure should remain intact--presumably, with Phoumi in command. Meanwhile, the western ambassadors continue juggling names for a cabinet.

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Phoumi was still trying to find some way to hold southern Laos rather than submit to US pressure to join a Souvanna government.

3. King Saud returns home to pressing problems

[redacted] he must repair 50X1 his fragmented Council of Ministers, which fell apart during his absence. He must also cope with a strident Egyptian propaganda campaign that appears to be having some effect on his subjects. This, added to reports of Egyptian assassination plots, will make UAR relations an early matter for action. While a full break is possible, Saud may decide against it rather than lose the needed contribution being made by Egyptian doctors, teachers, construction technicians and administrators.

4. Berlin access

- a. The USSR filed flight plans for two transports in the northern corridor this morning, both outbound. Both flights were completed without incident. Yesterday the British protested Soviet fighter harassment of one of their flights.
- b. Two US army convoys moved in opposite directions yesterday between Berlin and West Germany without serious incident.

(For the conclusions of the Special USIB Subcommittee on Berlin, see Documents of Interest.)

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- B. Tshombé, still interested in assurances of his safety, has now set 15 March for his meeting in Leopoldville with Adoula.
- C. A New Delhi newspaper reports that Krishna Menon may be appointed Indian Foreign Minister.
- D. The Conference of Independent African States, originally scheduled to be held in Tunis in April, has been postponed until November as only three of the invitees have replied.
[redacted]
- E. Turkey has notified South Korea that it will not withdraw its troops, as had been planned.
- F. The Dutch have agreed not to transport troops to New Guinea by KLM flights via Tokyo.
[redacted]
- G. Troop train movements in East Germany in January and February indicate that the annual rotation of Soviet troops in East Germany, normally carried out in the fall and possibly delayed because of the Berlin situation, has been under way since January.
- H. We have no official word on the major South Vietnamese military drive against the Viet Cong reported in the press.

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WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--7 March 1962

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BERLIN: Soviet probing tactics against Allied access to Berlin will probably continue, but Bloc military activity in general suggests that the Communists do not expect their actions to provoke military confrontation in the immediate future.

LAOS: The tempo of military activity continues at a relatively low level, although the Communist forces continue to improve their logistical situation. Neither side is likely to undertake major hostilities while the current round of talks is in progress.

SOUTH VIETNAM: The Viet Cong are continuing to expand the number and size of their guerrilla actions against government forces, including occasional battalion-size attacks. Continued Bloc criticism of US military assistance to South Vietnam suggests that the Communist Bloc may increase its efforts to assist the Viet Cong with materiel assistance.

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LATE ITEM

Berlin

Ten TU-16s entered the East German airspace from the USSR this morning. Two dropped chaff, one engaged in S-band jamming. This activity rendered the Tempelhof airport radar ineffective for 30 minutes. We cannot yet be certain whether this was intentional.

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1. Berlin

a. The Soviets, continuing their gradual flooding tactics, have 24 transport flights (12 inbound-12 outbound) scheduled for the northern air corridor this morning from 0352 to 0951 Eastern Standard Time at varying altitudes between 2500 to 6500 feet, in effect pre-empting this block of airspace for the period.

b. As of 0800 the Soviet flights were proceeding normally and no incidents have been reported. Six allied military transport flights are scheduled in the corridor during the critical period.

c. We see in this steadily increasing number of flights and extension of the notification period--they filed today's schedule 20 hours in advance--a ploy whereby, if we followed suit, we would appear to be seeking their prior permission for corridor use or alternatively risk endangering air safety.

d. It is possible that Gromyko may approach us in Geneva alleging the need to renegotiate air access arrangements.

e. On Wednesday the East Germans began using their sheds at the Friedrichstrasse crossing for processing vehicles and pedestrians entering and leaving East Berlin.

f. Ambassador Thompson notes a hint in Mikoyan's Leipzig speech that the Soviets may be reintroducing the time element for a German peace treaty into the Berlin issue.

2. Laos

a. Ambassador Brown continues negotiating with his Western colleagues in Vientiane on suggestions for an acceptable coalition cabinet. London and Canberra are in agreement with his proposals

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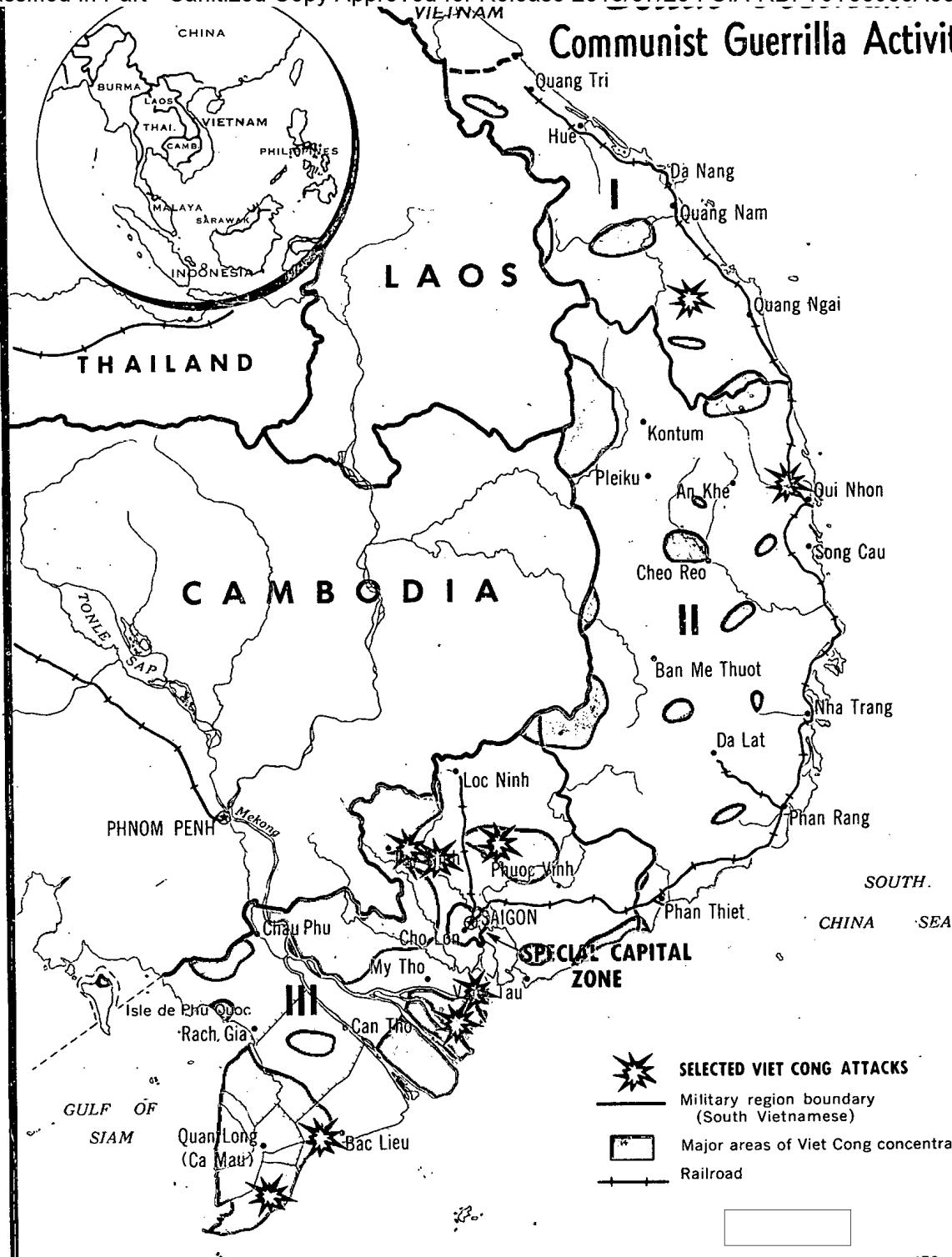
Paris had initial qualms about our proposal for the Foreign Affairs post to Souphanouvong but we expect them to go along.

b. We still see no signs of give on the part of Phoumi and his supporters. Somewhat belatedly he is trying to drum up popular support for his position

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c. Embassy Vientiane notes that the wide official distribution given a bitterly anti-American article carried yesterday in the government press organ suggests initiation of a psychological and propaganda campaign to rally public support for Phoumi's opposition to our policy and to Souvanna Phouma.

Communist Guerrilla Activity



3. Communist aggressiveness in South Vietnam increasing

a. Since mid-February they have employed larger forces in attacks against their prime targets - Civil Guard and self defense troops manning remote outposts where the Viet Cong are trying to consolidate or link up base areas. The government has suffered heavy casualties in these clashes. The expanding scope of Viet Cong military activity coincides with the Bloc's propaganda campaign to stir up international alarm over South Vietnam as a "threat to world peace."

4. Latin America

a. The still smouldering rebellion in Guatemala is drawing increased Communist attention. The Guatemalan party is pressing for a second guerrilla front there

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b. Ambassador Martin says press reports of yesterday's anti-American incidents in Santo Domingo were exaggerated. He characterizes the attacks on Consulate property as the preplanned work of a youthful street gang organized and incited by a notorious leftist rabble rouser just released from detention. General Rodriguez Echavarria's deportation apparently came as a surprise to the military.

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c. Dominican-Haitian relations are under increasing strain as President Duvalier seeks to quarantine his dictatorship against democratic infection. His opponents, smitten by their neighbor's example, are stirring

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5. Congo

a. The government is proceeding with plans for Adoula-Tshombé talks on the 15th. Tshombé, supposedly out preparing his people for the Adoula meeting, showed up instead in Brazzaville for talks with his archally President Youlou.

b. The UN reports it is now in possession of documents on financial and planned arms support of Tshombé by European mining interests.

c. UN Congo officials continue emphasizing June as the critical target date for fulfilling their mandate.

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- A. Mexican Foreign Minister Tello has given Ambassador Mann an emotional presentation on the Colorado River salinity dispute with us, alleging it could assume crisis proportions and is the "most important problem" now facing him.
- B. The Shah of Iran in a lengthy session with Ambassador Holmes Wednesday reiterated his pessimistic outlook on Iran's and his own future.

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- D. Kenya's Jomo Kenyatta actively continues pressing for an invitation to visit the United States soon after completing his current London constitutional talks. His supporters say he is anxious for a bid and our Nairobi Consul General firmly seconds the motion. His London fund raising activities have now brought in \$14,000 from the Tunisians to go along with the \$70,000 Egyptian contribution reported last week.

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- E. In Moscow the party has come up with a typical bureaucratic solution for Soviet agricultural ills - a reorganization. Ambassador Thompson sees it a weak response to the problems outlined by Khrushchev and unlikely to produce any beneficial results this year. The Central Committee plenum technically ends today but a special one day "secret session" is to follow.

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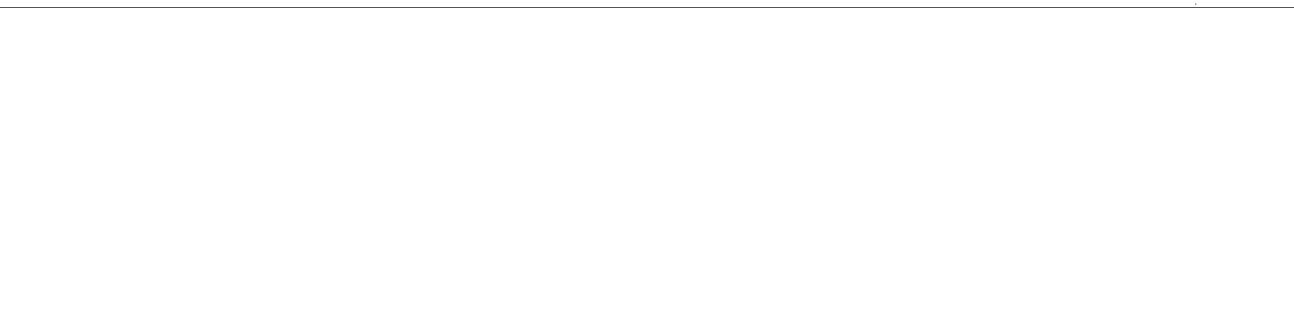
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1. BERLIN:

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**C. THE TWO SOVIET FLIGHTS SCHEDULED FOR THIS MORNING WERE
COMPLETED WITHOUT INCIDENT.**

2. FRANCE-ALGERIA:

**THE FINAL TALKS ARE MOVING QUICKLY AND A CEASE-FIRE MAY BE
ANNOUNCED SHORTLY.**

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3. BELGIUM:

OPPOSITION TO THE PRINCIPLE OF PERMITTING NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON BELGIAN SOIL IS REPORTED GROWING. THE US EMBASSY IS CONCERNED THAT THIS MAY PREJUDICE THE SIGNING OF THE NATO ATOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR TRAINING BELGIAN TROOPS IN THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

4. NOTES:

A. NO SIGNIFICANT NEWS FROM VIENTIANE--PARIS IS STILL OPPOSED TO GIVING SOUPHANNOUVONG THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO.

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D. THE SOVIET PARTY PLENUM WOUND UP WITH A RESOLUTION CONFINING ITSELF TO APPROVAL OF KHRUSHCHEV'S AGRICULTURAL PROPOSALS.

E. AMBASSADOR JONES SEES THE NEW INDONESIAN CABINET AS A MOVE TOWARD THE CENTER. HE ALSO LABELS IT AS ONE MORE SIGN OF SUKARNO'S CONFIDENCE THAT THE US INTENDS TO SUPPORT A SOLUTION OF THE WEST NEW GUINEA PROBLEM ACCEPTABLE TO INDONESIA. HE FEELS IT CONSTITUTES EVIDENCE THAT INDONESIAN POLICIES CAN BE ORIENTED AWAY FROM COMMUNISM ONCE THE NEW GUINEA ISSUE IS OUT OF THE WAY.

F. SUKARNO IS TO VISIT SUMATRA SOON AND EXTRA POLICE PROTECTION HAS BEEN ORDERED AGAINST ANOTHER ASSASSINATION PLOT JUST UNCOVERED IN DJAKARTA.

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G. A TRIBAL UPRISING HAS BEGUN IN EASTERN YEMEN, THE STRONG-HOLD OF PRINCE HASAN, CHIEF RIVAL OF BADR, DESIGNATED THE IMAM'S SUCCESSOR. THE FREE YEMENI MOVEMENT COULD USE THIS OCCASION TO MOVE AGAINST THE REGIME.

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1. Berlin

a. The four Soviet flights scheduled for this morning in the southern corridor--two in and two out--came off without incident. Nine western aircraft were in the corridors at the same time. No incidents have been reported. The Soviet flights [redacted]

[redacted] coincide with the altitudes and published schedules of six commercial flights. We believe this planned conflict to be aimed at forcing a rescheduling of western flights or demonstrating that present safety arrangements are inadequate. In either event the USSR can argue that greater Communist control in the corridors is necessary.

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b. Saturday night East German police fired on a British military liaison vehicle near Potsdam carrying the Deputy Chief of the British Military Liaison. The driver was seriously injured. [redacted]

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2. Laos

a. Our charge and the UK and French ambassadors feel that a package offer on a Laotian cabinet may be shaping up: Defense and Interior to Souvanna; Information to Souphanouvong; Social Action, Youth and Sports to Phoumi; Foreign Affairs to the center. Souvanna, who says "he will accept anything," set a dead-line of a week to ten days for agreement between Souphanouvong and the West. He is expected to communicate with the UK ambassador in Vientiane early this week to rejoin Souphanouvong and him in Plaine des Jarres.

b. Ambassador Brown observes from Baguio that statements by Boun Oum to the Laotian National Assembly, prior to its adjourning, reflects a decision by the Royal Government to reject a Souvanna government. The embassy meanwhile reports that the general belief in Vientiane--which may never find official expression--is that a "peaceful solution is mandatory."

3. New rebel demands
delay Algerian
settlement

Premier Debre is still optimistic, but he told Ambassador Gavin that the new demands will require several more days of negotiations. The Algerians doubt the ability of the French to maintain order and are demanding additional assurances that the army will be used against the OAS to protect the Moslem population. The Moroccan Ambassador in Madrid, as a result of talks with former Algerian leader Abbas, feels that if the French cannot give satisfaction on this point the cease-fire may be postponed indefinitely. Also under discussion is the composition of the interim regime.

4. Congo

Tshombe still plans to meet Adoula Thursday, but his supporters seem on the verge of causing an incident in Elisabethville to sabotage the talks. After conversations with Adoula and Kasavubu, Ambassador Gullion feels they want agreement with Tshombe, but that they are not counting on it. Gullion speculates that Adoula knows that he has neither the reliable army nor logistics to support any substantial military initiatives. However, he feels that he can hold his own vis-a-vis Katanga while building his military strength, perhaps with Belgian help. Meanwhile, the UN continues to grapple with the sticky problem of supporting a limited Congolese military move in Katanga without being drawn into hostilities, which the UN especially wishes to avoid while the US Congress considers the UN bond subscription.

5. Burma

There are persistent rumors that prior to the coup the Shan states were threatening secession and intending to join SEATO, and that this move was being instigated by Thailand and the US.

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The embassy feels that we must anticipate that enough suspicion has been implanted by these rumors in the minds of the members of the regime to color their attitude toward the US.

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- A. Public remarks by Madam Ngo Dinh Nhu--undoubtedly sharpened by her narrow escape from the bombing of Diem's palace--are seen by the US Embassy as a possible renewal of the anti-US press campaign.
- B. Peiping is making overtures to India for talks on the border dispute. 50X1
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India derives only marginal benefits from the trade agreement and had previously indicated that negotiations on it were pointless so long as China occupied Indian territory.
- C. The Indonesians want the preliminary talks on New Guinea to be in Europe, while the Dutch seem adamant on the US as the site. The Dutch also want a commitment from the Indonesians to tone down their bellicose statements during the talks. 50X1
- D. Permanent headquarters of the "Joint African High Command" of the Casablanca powers--Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Morocco, UAR, and the Algerian rebel regime--reportedly will be activated in Accra after approval at a meeting in Cairo next month.
- E. An early reshuffle of the Syrian cabinet is expected. Leftist Sabri al-Asali is favored to replace Prime Minister Dawalibi, with former Prime Minister Khalid al-Azm still in the running, supported by the Army.
- F. The 9 March announcement in Cuba of the formation of a 25-member National Directorate of the Integrated Revolutionary Organizations merely formalizes a situation which has existed since last August.

- G. On 9 March the Soviet press announced the success of preliminary talks for the 1962 Sino-Soviet trade agreement. The talks have been going on for twelve weeks and the agreement will be signed soon in Peiping, but probably without the traditional fanfare. This trade has dropped from around \$2 billion in 1959 to about \$1.2 billion in 1961.
- H. Holden Roberto lined up the support of the Algerian provisional government for his Angolan independence movement during a visit to Tunis in late February or early March. The Algerians will provide military materiel, the delivery of which, however, is dependent on Algerian independence making means of transport available.

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- J. Premier Debre on 9 March avoided a direct response to Ambassador Gavin's question as to whether Debre thought a French-German nuclear weapons program was likely. He merely said that nuclear weapons in German hands would be a catastrophe for the USSR and cause very dangerous conditions to arise.

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1. Berlin access

a. Soviet transport flights in the southern corridor this morning -- two inbound and two outbound at the 7,000 to 10,000 foot altitudes normally used by Western civil aircraft -- are a duplicate of yesterday's run. This time, however, they filed flight plans 21 hours in advance compared with 40 hours for Tuesday's flights.

b. The Soviet flights went off on schedule. 14 allied transport flights were made in the southern corridor during the period--6 military and 8 commercial. No incidents have been reported.

c. Three aircraft, presumably Soviet, were noted dropping chaff patches in East Germany but no significant interference in the air corridors resulted. The allies have now worked out a tripartite draft protest note to the USSR on Friday's chaff incident.

d. Yesterdays troop convoys on the autobahn also were completed without incident save for more than usual persistence displayed by two Soviet officers in attempting to inspect a supply convoy's trailers.

e. In a move facilitating East German procurement of badly needed equipment and materials from West Germany, Bonn has agreed to a one-year extension of the deadline for settling Pankow's interzonal trade debts. Bonn hopes the continuing advantage to Ulbricht of this trade will serve as a guarantee for access to Berlin.

2. Laos

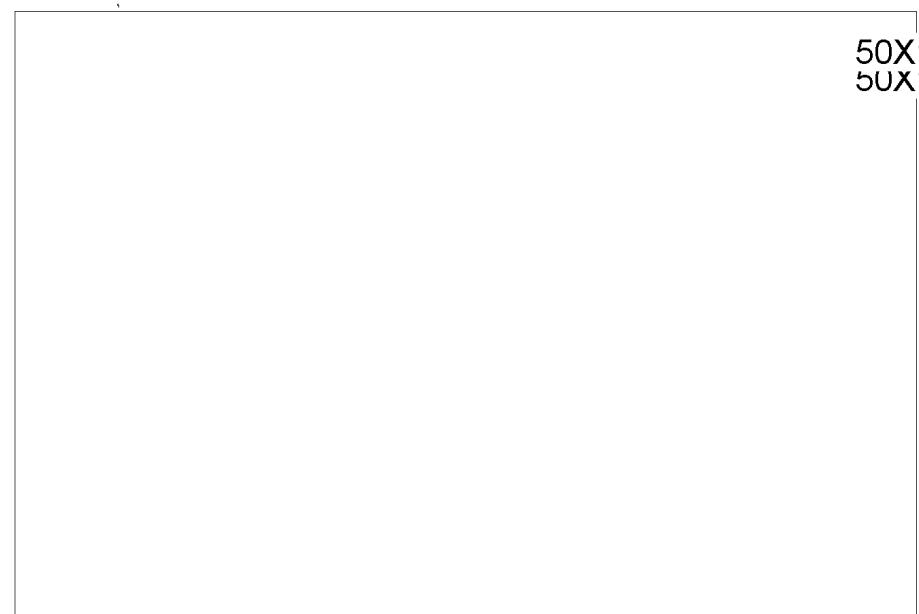
a. Returned Thai officials, edified by their visit to Washington, are now proposing way and means of joining with us to make Phoumi see the light. General Wallop suggests several schemes in which he might helpfully participate and even recommends we take over direct payment of Phoumi's troops. Wallop still has to obtain Sarit's support for these, however.

b. Meanwhile, Embassy Vientiane now considers Phoumi and Boun Oum have no intention of negotiating with Souvanna and are pushing the "Royal" solution for 50X1 all they are worth.

d. We have no new word on Souvanna's progress at Khang Khay. Paris still has reservations on offering Souphanouvong the Foreign Affairs portfolio.

3. South Vietnam [redacted]

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4. Algeria

a. The French have provided our Algiers Consul General a detailed briefing on the cease-fire provisions. The outstanding problem now is the actual drafting of the cease-fire announcements.

b. Arrangements are underway to fly Algerian leader Ben Bella to Rabat, reportedly to sign the cease-fire agreement. The Moroccans have requested he land at our Nouasseur base and may also request that our transport instead of French be used to prevent any possible OAS interception attempt.

5. West New Guinea

a.. Prospects continue good for preliminary Dutch-Indonesian talks. Subandrio says, however, that Djakarta meanwhile will not suspend its military preparations and the movement of troops and equipment to eastern Indonesia continues. [redacted]

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b. A Dutch parliamentary spokesman indicates the government, including Luns, would be willing to give up West New Guinea if a face-saving formula can be negotiated.

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- A. A Warsaw Pact political session may be on in Moscow.

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We suspect they may be meeting to ratify Soviet disarmament and nuclear test proposals on the eve of the Geneva conference. The Albanian chestnut and tactical moves on Berlin and a German peace treaty may also be under consideration.

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- B. Pakistan's Ayub is "sincerely" appreciative of President Kennedy's advance notice on our prospective C-130 sales to India. His initial reaction to our suggestions for further improvement in Afghanistan relations left Charge Hall "hopeful" for a favorable response in the near future, Foreign Minister Dehlavi's reservations notwithstanding.

- C. King Saud has told Ambassador Hart that he has decided against a political rupture with Egypt, but is still considering breaking economic relations. Saud waxed enthusiastic over his visit here and was very receptive to the Ambassador's proposals on renewing our military training agreement.

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- E. Holden Roberto reportedly may soon announce formation of a provisional Angolan government in order to steal the march on his leftist rival organization. Indian and Bloc representatives in Leopoldville are urging Holden to join with the leftist group in a "united front."

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H. The Chinese Communists are jogging the Portuguese in Macao with a warning to take "effective measures" against Nationalist use of the colony to support sabotage operations against the mainland.

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severity of industrial cutbacks in Communist China. We find 1961 freight car production 80 to 90 percent under 1960, with no indication that idle productive capacity was turned to repair and maintenance of the existing over-burdened freight car inventory.

J. Soviet Ambassador-designate Dobrynin is expected to arrive here next week.

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1. Dutch-Indonesian negotiations

a. The Dutch have agreed to our suggestion that discussions begin on March 20 near Washington. They have indicated that although Bunker would be acceptable, Black, Gross, or Boland would suit them somewhat better.

b. Subandrio is flying to Bali to lay the proposal before Sukarno and has promised the Indonesian answer later today. Embassy Djakarta looks for a favorable reply on the arrangements.

c. The Hague remains troubled by reports it has received concerning a planned Indonesian military move against West New Guinea sometime in April, and a fairly substantial minority within the government is still in favor of reinforcing the Dutch positions. We believe from our evidence that a large-scale action is not yet within Djakarta's means, but a sizeable infiltration movement could be attempted at any moment.

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2. Berlin corridors:
Soviets introduce
further variant

a. Today's Soviet flights are scheduled to take place after dark for the first time. The flight plans filed yesterday call for four flights, two out and two in, in the northern corridor between 8 and 9 PM, Berlin time (2 and 3 this afternoon, Washington time.) For the third day in a row they are to be within the time and altitude spans of scheduled Western commercial flights. Flight plans filed this morning for tomorrow, 3 in and 3 out along the southern corridor, revert to the AM pattern.

b. There was more chaff-dropping yesterday but it was not close enough in to affect the Berlin control zone.

3. Restiveness in
Guatemala

Student demonstrators, who have been protesting alleged election frauds 3-months old, rioted yesterday in Guatemala City under prodding from a comparative handful of Communist agitators. Casualties were high after the police moved in but no fatalities have been reported. The outburst--with more in the offing--signals an intensified effort by the Communists, who are too weak to act alone, to provoke and ride along with non-Communist opposition to the Ydigoras government. Ydigoras is also in for some buffeting from the right which fears a rising leftist tide and he has not yet eliminated the guerrilla bands operating in the eastern part of the country.

4. Soviet space activity

a. The indications of an upcoming Soviet space attempt [redacted]

[redacted] are now pointing toward another postponement. We have no clues to explain the on-again-off-again sequence. [redacted]

[redacted] there were probably two earth satellite failures at the Kapustin Yar missile test range in the latter part of last year--on October 27 and December 21. Neither vehicle achieved orbit, as plainly intended in each case.

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5. Chinese Communists bargaining for Italian assistance for petroleum industry

A group representing Italy's state-owned petroleum agency, now in Peiping, is getting top-drawer attention and seems likely to reach an agreement for the supply of Italian equipment and technicians. Similar negotiations in the past have hung-up on Chinese refusal to accept Italian technical assistance, but the withdrawal of Soviet help in this area has apparently brought a change of heart.

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B. Quadros is scheduled to go on radio and television tomorrow for his first major statement since returning to Brazil. After he puts up some trial balloons there is likely to be more seclusion while he studies which way the winds are blowing.

C. The Honduran Communist Party is trying to build support for a general strike within the next few days, using the impasse in contract negotiations between the Standard Fruit Company and its Communist-dominated union as a springboard. A tough response by the government would be welcomed by the party leaders.

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D. The government of Guinea continues to show distinct interest in improving economic relations with the West. In meetings with US, UK, Italian and West German representatives last week in Conakry, Guinean officials made an unprecedentedly forceful pitch for private investment capital, indicating that the Touré government was planning "clarification" of nationalization policies in order to reduce investors' apprehensions.

E. Sarit has agreed to Ambassador Harriman's visit to Bangkok, beginning on the 21st, and has acknowledged that the upshot is meant to be joint Thai-US pressure on Phoumi.

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- G. President Lleras has ordered the Colombian military to go on the alert on the 18th of March because of a feared outbreak of Communist-inspired violence following the elections on that date.
- H. Soviet ambassador Dobrynin's schedule now calls for him to arrive in New York today.

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1. Laos

There are indications that a power struggle is taking place within Souvanna's neutralist following at Khang Khay and that left-wing elements are gaining the ascendancy. The Communists appear apprehensive over Souvanna's recent contacts with Western ambassadors and may fear that he will reach an accomodation with the Vientiane leaders that would be unacceptable to them. If pro-Pathet Lao elements should in fact achieve dominance in Souvanna's neutralist group, it is doubtful that Souvanna could resist Pathet Lao pressures after a political settlement.

2. Algerian cease-fire talks continue

There are conflicting reports that the agreement would be signed today and that the talks had run into new problems. Looking ahead to an eventual cease-fire French officials in Algiers are expressing more confidence in their ability to reestablish control if the OAS takes over after the cease-fire.

The government expects "spectacular" OAS terrorism in France. In this context the matter of De Gaulle's personal security becomes more acute, particularly in the public appearances this week related to the visit of the President of Chad.

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3. Guatemala

Student demonstrators have paralyzed key areas of Guatemala City. The Communist party--boasting that it supplied the leadership for the students--claims to have won a great objective in forcing the government to fire on the students.

[redacted] the government has reported a clash with a small band about 20 miles from Guatemala City. A curfew and news blackout was declared last night and the army has seized the railroads, which are tied up by a strike in support of the students.

The Communist Party of Guatemala is [redacted] 50X1

[redacted] believing it has the momentum to carry through and overthrow the government. This may be over optimistic but the situation definitely is precarious.

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4. Berlin

a. Four Soviet flights scheduled for last night were rescheduled for Friday. No reason was given; weather did not appear to be a factor. Six flights were scheduled for this morning in the southern corridor--three in each direction--at the same time as ten Western flights. There are no reports of untoward incidents.

b. There was a repetition of chaff-dropping in the southern corridor yesterday afternoon.

c. Yesterday the rotation--by auto-bahn--of the US battle group in Berlin was completed without incident.

d. The US Mission in Berlin reports growing concern among the West Berlin leadership over Soviet air corridor harassment and the Western response to it. Awareness of the population that the full story has not been made public, combined with incidents such as the shooting of a British military driver, are reported as contributing to an atmosphere of uneasiness.

5. Libya

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[redacted] Busairi Shalhi, the Royal Chamberlain, previously reported as planning a coup, is unlikely to move overtly to seize power prior to the death of the King, unless the King's increasing senility makes the succession of the Crown Prince imminent, or Shalhi's present strong position begins to deteriorate. Shalhi hesitates to move against the respected King, but would expect no popular opposition to his preventing the succession of the Crown Prince.

6. Congo

With Tshombé due in Leopoldville today, Adoula left town to fly to Coquilhatville in Equateur Province. The reason for the timing of the trip was not apparent, unless it is part of some sort of gamesmanship. Adoula plans to return tomorrow. We are not too hopeful of agreement on basic issues, but there is room for improvement in technical fields such as rail, air and telecommunications links between Leopoldville and Elisabethville.

7. Sino-Indian relations

We see little chance for a meeting of minds if India sticks by its conditions for negotiating the boundary question with Communist China. India wants China to publish the full text of the joint boundary commission report (which India believes supports its claims), to vacate the posts found at the 1960 Rangoon meeting to be in Indian territory, and declare the end of further encroachments. India also wants China to admit its error in building a road on land claimed by India.

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WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--14 March 1962

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

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

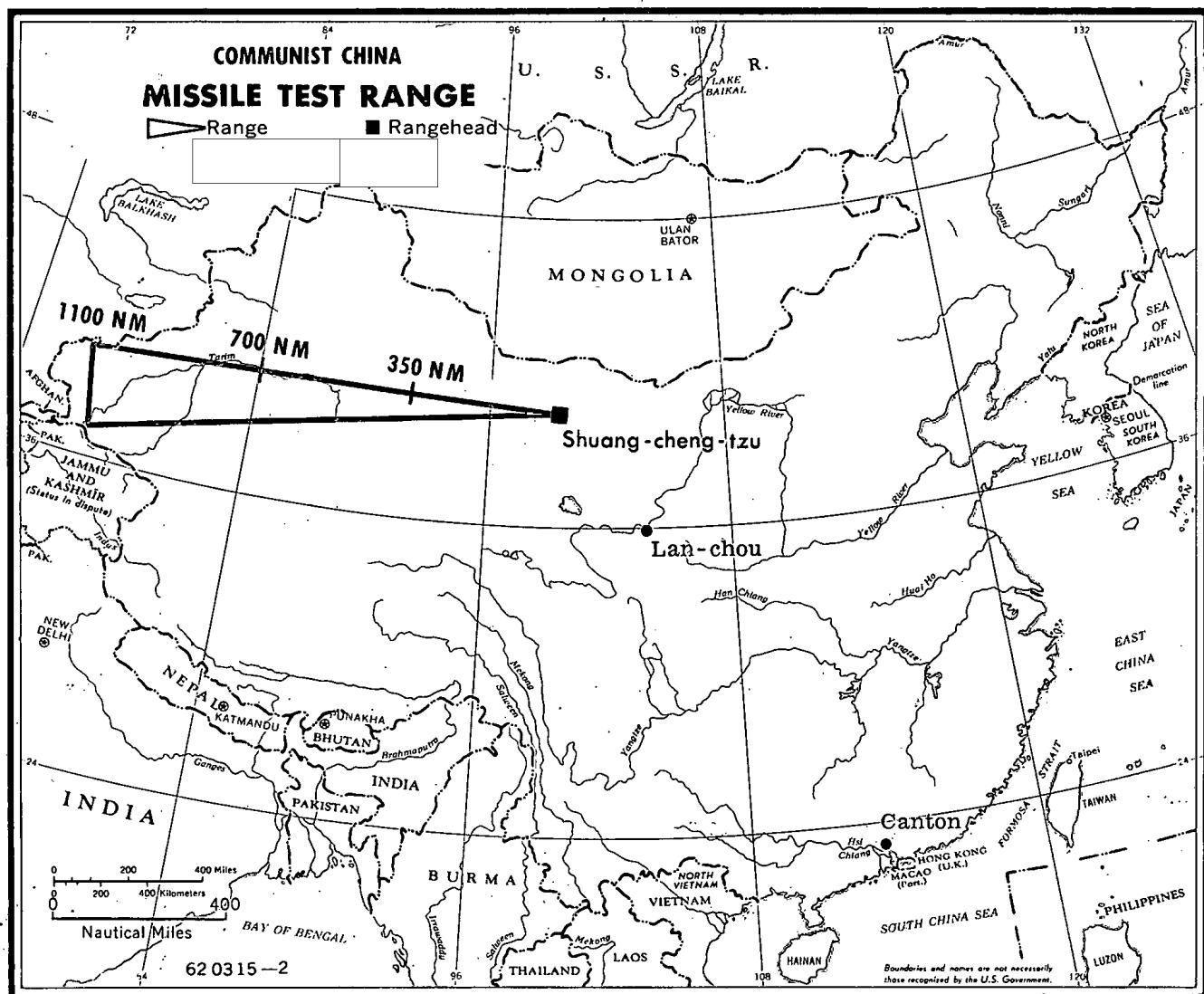
BERLIN: Soviet harassing and probing tactics against Allied access to Berlin will continue, especially in the air corridors. Bloc military activity suggests that the Communists do not expect their actions to provoke military confrontation in the immediate future.

LAOS: Limited objective attacks by both sides continue, although neither is attempting to achieve a military decision at this time. The increased tempo of Communist airlift support suggests stepped up logistic preparation for resumption of major operations should negotiations for a coalition government be terminated. The negotiations, however, are expected to continue.

SOUTH VIETNAM: Despite vigorous government military operations, the Viet Cong continue to launch company and battalion-size attacks against lines of communications and isolated guard posts. Bloc propaganda against US assistance to South Vietnam and Communist logistical improvements in North Vietnam continue.

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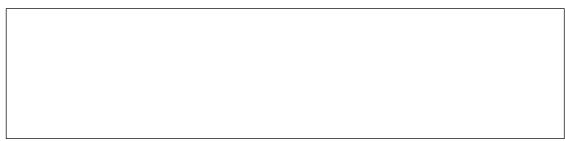
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- B. Chinese Communist military flight activity into the Shuangchengtzu missile rangehead area suggests the possibility of a missile test firing there. Similar activity [redacted] 50X1 that could have reflected a surface-to-surface missile-launch test in early December 1961. [redacted] 50X1
- C. King Saud [redacted] dissolved his Council of Ministers 50X1 and is working with Prince Faysal to form a new Council. [redacted] 50X1

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1. Berlin air corridors

a. Four Soviet transport flights -- two outbound and two inbound -- are scheduled in the northern corridor today during the hours of darkness (1400-1500 Washington time) at altitudes from 6,500 to 9,500 feet.

b. Shortly after completion of their flights yesterday, the Soviets protested that Western aircraft had deliberately violated established flight procedures and endangered air safety in the corridors. They charge allied aircraft overtook Soviet transports in the same flight levels and approached inadmissibly close.

2. Guatemala

The security situation in the capital has deteriorated further as rioting continued for the third successive day and the anti-government strike spread. Police ineptness and brutality have led, as Communist instigators hoped, to growing public sympathy and active support for the original student demonstrators. The number of casualties is substantial. If the army is called in to restore order there is a chance it would take over the government itself. The Embassy, however, reports that it was reliably informed the army High Command has pledged its loyalty to Ydigoras.

3. Cuba needles us again
on Guantanamo

a. Havana has asked the Czech Embassy covering for them here to present a note of protest to the State Department over our "acts of growing and deliberate provocation" from our naval base there. They charge us with 12 incidents between 3 and 5 March and repeat their "undeniable intentions of claiming, at an opportune time and manner, and in accord with the norms of international law, the return of that portion of national territory usurped by the imperialist Government of the United States."

b. For the past two months, Cuba has stepped up its defense measures in the Guantanamo area and has been attempting to isolate the base by establishing a militarized zone around it.

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4. Laos

a. Charging the King's recent statement in support of Vientiane had modified the political situation, Souvanna yesterday asked British Ambassador Addis to join him in Khang Khay for discussions as soon as possible. Addis goes today, hoping to persuade him not to allow the King's statement to deter him from his mission to form a new government.

b. Phoumi, surrounded by his military cronies in Savannakhet, has again been told in no uncertain terms where we stand. He says he will consult his supporters and military commanders and let us know in a few days where he stands.

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5. Congo [redacted]

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b. We suspect [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] that Tshombé will be 50X1
well off Adoula's mark. [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] 50X1

6. Saud's "new look"
cabinet strengthens
Crown Prince Faysal's
hand

Yesterday's major shake-up, re- 50X1
placing 10 out of 13 ministers, is
said to have come only after strong
pressure on the King [redacted]

Faysal was named deputy prime minister
and minister of foreign affairs and
his backers came up with several of
the most important posts, particularly
in the economic and financial fields.

NOTES

- A. Diem's mistrust of his pilots continues. Only after some prodding from us are his planes now permitted to carry napalm and anti-personnel bombs, but nothing larger.
- B. The Brazilian government suspects its navy will attempt unilateral purchase in the US of aircraft and ask us to do whatever we can to prevent any commercial deals.
- C. Algerian representatives in Tunis have urgently requested US financial assistance in repatriating Algerian refugees in Tunis and Morocco immediately after the cease-fire.
- D. [redacted] anti-regime plotting by dissident Syrian junior officer groups.
- E. Resettlement of Chinese Nationalist irregulars roaming the Thai-Burma-Laos border area still drags on. The Thais now propose settling them in southwest Laos as a buffer against Communist infiltration.
- F. North Korea is moving off the fence and making clearer its sympathy for Communist China and Albania in their dispute with the USSR.
- G. Chile has permitted a Soviet delegation to attend the current Chilean Communist party congress - the first time the USSR party has been represented at such a Latin American assembly.

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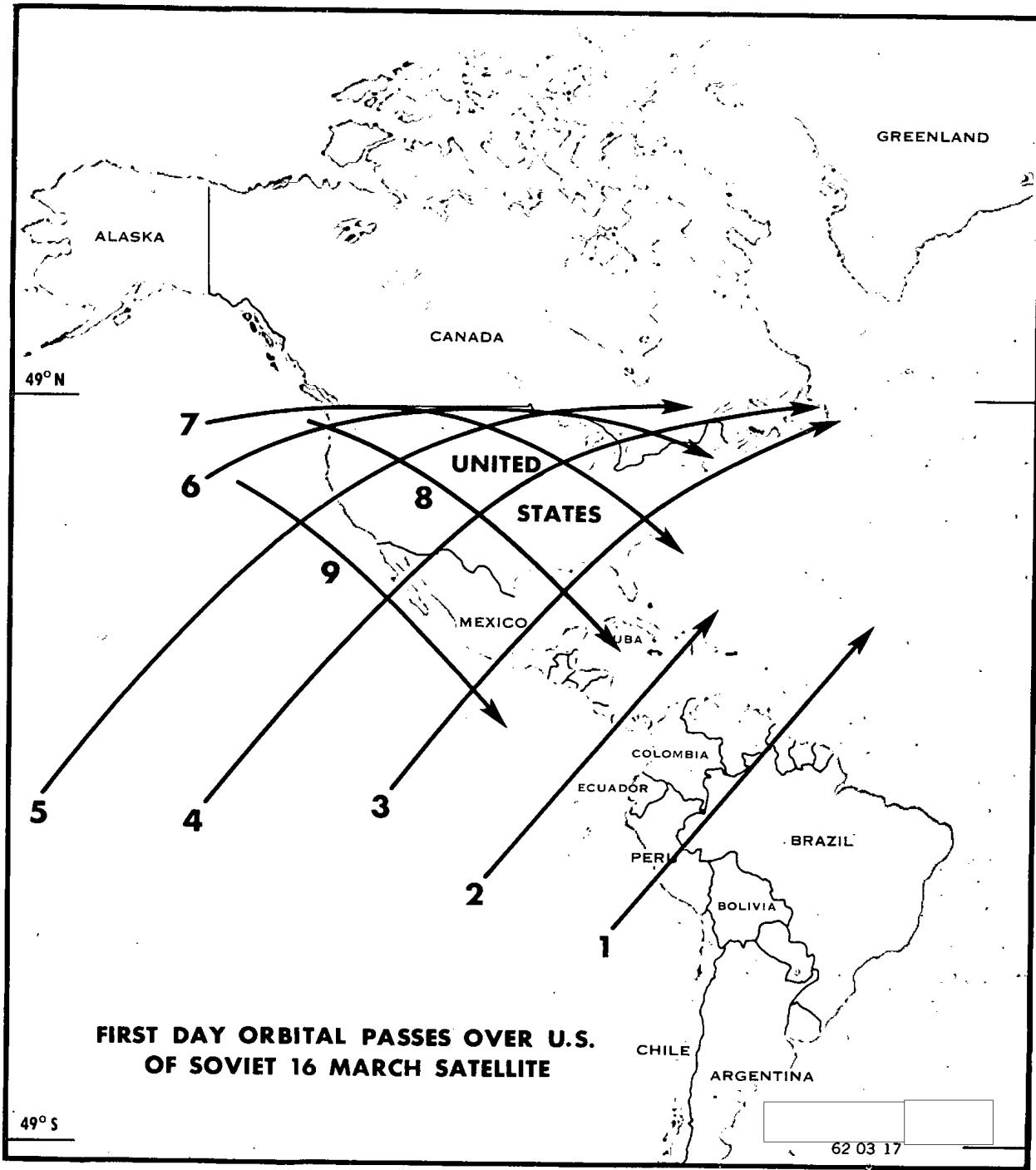
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1. Guatemalan situation

The strike spread yesterday, leaving normal activities in Guatemala City at a near standstill. Police functions, transport and electric power facilities are now under the control of the Ministry of Defense, bringing closer the prospect of a military take-over. Ydigoras, now turning to last-ditch measures to save his position, is threatening a levée of peasant supporters, some of whom are already being moved into the capital.

2. Trouble flares on Syrian-Israeli border

After a number of lesser incidents arising out of Syria's suspicion that the Israelis are planning to divert Jordan River waters, Israeli planes, artillery and tank-supported infantry this morning opened-up on Syrian positions east of the Sea of Galilee. A cease-fire has since been declared, but the situation is disquieting. Syrian units in the area have been put on the highest degree of alert and the evacuation of military dependents from the border is under way.



3. Soviet space launch

Yesterday morning's launch used a smaller booster than the man-in-space vehicles and all signs point to an instrumented payload. The satellite's orbit is ideal for coverage of the US and it will pass over the US during afternoon daylight hours. It is possible that a photo reconnaissance function is involved. This was the first vehicle to be launched successfully from the Kapustin Yar site, where there were two failures late last year. This satellite vehicle launching is not the anticipated space launch and recovery operation for which preparations have been underway at Tyura Tam, where the stand down seems to be still in effect.

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4. Berlin corridors

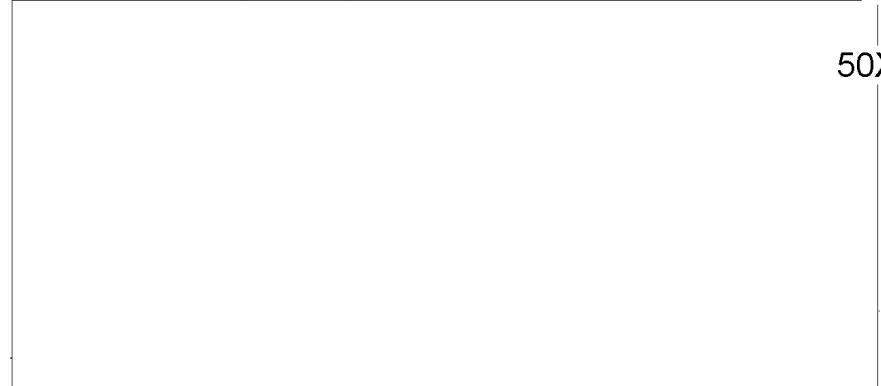
The after-dark flights of four Soviet transports in the northern corridor went off as scheduled yesterday. Today's flights, again four, have already taken place in daylight hours, this time beneath the levels normally flown by Western commercial airlines.

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5. French government braces for OAS reaction to ceasefire

a. The OAS has Paris guessing on what its reaction will be in Algeria when the announcement comes. An immediate spasm of violence is feared, but there is some hope that the OAS will not run the risk of coming into the wide-open.

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6. Burma-Thailand

The possibility of a major uprising in northeastern Burma, where the Shan minority sees the Ne Win coup d'etat as a blow to its hopes for autonomy, has both Rangoon and Bangkok worried. The Thais fear that trouble there would spill across their borders and might invite intervention by both the Chinese nationalist irregulars and the Chinese Communists.

7. Laos

a. Gromyko has so far shown no inclination to force the question into the Geneva deliberations.

b. The King of Laos is standing behind Phoumi's opposition to Souvanna but seems to be no readier than before for a formula which would place him at the head of a government.

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NOTES

- A. Initial Indonesian reaction to news of Dutch ship movement plans is fairly temperate.
- B. Adoula has returned to Leopoldville and has agreed to meet Tshombe later today. It now turns out that Adoula's absence from Leopoldville at Tshombe's arrival was meant to be repayment for Tshombe's not having notified him officially of his coming.
- C. The Canadians, who last December concluded a wheat deal with the Chinese Communists for the first half of 1962, have now agreed to supply another 1 million tons during the second half.

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- D. Spaak, who is due in The Hague and Luxembourg over the weekend for preliminary discussion on the upcoming EEC foreign ministers' meeting, is deeply pessimistic on chances for an early meeting-of-minds with the French on new steps toward European confederation. He says he has no confidence in the future foreign policy of De Gaulle in either the political or defense fields, and is particularly incensed by the French boycott of the disarmament conference.
- E. Lingering bitterness from last December's unsuccessful revolt in Lebanon, which closely follows Moslem-Christian dividing lines, has the Lebanese army command feuding. The government's precarious stability is dependent on the army's effectiveness.
- F. The Czechs are making some progress in their efforts to give the Bloc a foothold in Brazil's depressed northeast. The Czech Commercial Attaché has just offered a considerable enlargement in Prague's economic and technical assistance to the area and a bid for the opening of a consulate seems likely to follow.
- G. A joint invasion attempt by Paraguayan Communists and leftists, based in Argentina, is [redacted] in the offing.

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1. Argentina

Frondizi, maneuvering furiously to avoid being unseated by the military, has declared federal "intervention" in all provinces won by the Peronist party

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[redacted] This in effect 50X1
nullifies the election. As of now, the military are calling the shots, and, even if Frondizi comes through this latest crisis, the electoral result has turned him into a political invalid.

2. Algeria

The general strike called by the OAS has begun in Algeria. It is accompanied by an outpouring of verbal defiance, but the expected wave of terror has not yet developed. Moslems are throwing up barricades around their quarters in Algiers and Oran.

3. Adoula and Tshombé finally meet

a. The cat-and-mouse game ended yesterday when the two sat down together in Leopoldville. We have a better line on Tshombé's opening position--an offer to trade financial help in return for a loose federation--than on Adoula's, but it is certain that they will have to travel some distance to get onto the same ground.

b. On the eve of the meeting Adoula was taking an increasingly tough line with the UN people, telling them that, unless the Katanga problem is solved by the end of April, the Leopoldville government would take things into its own hands. The UN thinks there is more bark than bite here, but Embassy Leopoldville is disturbed.

4. Guatemalan situation

There was a decline in violence over the week end, but the fate of the Ydigoras government is still up in the air.

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5. Soviet ambassador registers pain over Indonesian policy

As Foreign Minister Subandrio tells it, the Soviet ambassador to Djakarta was anything but diplomatic when they talked about the latest developments on New Guinea late last week, charging that the Indonesians were "in danger of falling into the trap of America." Subandrio says that his rejoinder was that the Indonesians can take care of themselves and that the Soviets ran the risk of pushing too hard. His conclusion: the ambassador's real fear is that the Soviets would be caught in a position of putting up most of the money while the US walks off with the laurels.

6. South Korean junta
deals blow to public
cohesion

The military-civilian gulf in South Korea has been opened wider by last Friday's decree giving the junta the right to black-ball civilian politicians for the next 6 years. President Yun, the only important civilian holdover in the government, has agreed to hold off on his threat to resign, but the regime's already-narrow base of support seems certain to be further constricted.

NOTES

- A. No Soviet flights have been scheduled for today in the Berlin corridors.
- B. The Pathet Lao yesterday resumed mortar bombardment of the Nam Tha airfield, firing one round every two minutes.
- C. A tense watchfulness prevails in both Damascus and Tel Aviv, but the Syrian-Israeli border has remained quiet since Saturday morning. Present indications are that the Syrians were spoiling for trouble in order to: (1) set the stage internally for a Syrian-Iraqi military entente, and (2) put some cement into their own political cracks.
- D. The Japanese Socialist party is determined to make a big issue over the government's agreement to repay the US \$490 million for post-war rehabilitation assistance. The outcome may be a campaign of public demonstrations and violence such as accompanied the security treaty issue in 1960.

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1. Laos

Phoumi has refused to meet Ambassador Harriman in Bangkok and on 17 March he stated that as far as he was concerned there would definitely be no Souvanna coalition government. Meanwhile, Souvanna's deadline of a week to ten days for agreement on a government is nearly over. With no agreement in sight, and his control over his own forces slipping, he may throw in the sponge. Time may be running out for agreement on an acceptable neutral government.

2. Frondizi Regime In Peril

The situation remains fluid and confused. Frondizi is again in a squeeze, confronted by the determination of the military to deny the Peronistas the fruit of their electoral victories and by the danger that labor, backed by the Communists, will stage strikes and demonstrations that could get out of control if he bows to military demands. The military still prefers to keep Frondizi in power, but would probably not hesitate to oust him if Peronista forces appear to be getting the upper hand.

3. Dutch-Indonesian talks

Today's talks begin with the two sides still differing in their fundamental approach to the problem: the Indonesians are here for a short session to settle the method for transferring administration to them; the Dutch have indicated no change in their view that there must be at least some sort of interim arrangement before the Indonesians get full control.

4. European Common Market

The Common Market foreign ministers are to meet in Luxembourg today to tackle the draft treaty for political union. France opposes the other five, who want the EEC institutions guaranteed and NATO's pre-eminent defense role accepted.

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Even if agreement is reached, Belgium and the Netherlands will probably make their agreement contingent on the UK joining both EEC and the political union.

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NOTES

- A. Four Soviet outbound flights--two each in the center and southern, corridors--were completed without incident this morning. 50X1
[Redacted]
- B. The situation in Guatemala, though quieter on the surface, is still touch-and-go. Ydigoras has failed to make a deal with the moderate opposition and, with little civilian backing, continues to rely on the military which itself is of a divided mind about him. 50X1
- C. Last night was Algeria's quietest in weeks. The general strike is still on and the test of will between the OAS and the French Army is yet to come. France will hold a national referendum on the Algerian settlement on 8 April.
- D. [Redacted] Communist China 50X1
withdrew all its [redacted] deposits from Bloc banks at the end of last year and cancelled arrangements for extending commercial credit to East European banks. Coinciding with severe Bloc economic pressure on Albania. These actions were probably designed to reduce China's vulnerability to possible Soviet sanctions against it. 50X1
- E. Haiti and the Dominican Republic are beginning to close one another's consulates and seem to be inching towards a complete break. 50X1
[Redacted]
- F. [Redacted] the Portuguese terms for renewal of the US Azores base agreement will be: (1) the US must refrain from interfering with Portuguese colonies or voting with the Afro-Asians against Portugal: (2) the US must supply Portugal with military equipment. 50X1
[Redacted]

- G. The Singapore government's extreme leftist opposition--defeated in parliamentary maneuvers to frustrate the union of Singapore with Malaya and British Borneo--is expected to resort to demonstrations, strikes and possibly mass violence to prevent the establishment of a Greater Malaysia.
- H. The bitter feud for control of the Lebanese Army--permitted to smolder since the 31 December abortive coup--may flare up at any time and weaken the army's effectiveness as the key factor in maintaining stability.
- I. The resignation of Turkish Foreign Minister Sarper [redacted] continued illness of President Gursel [redacted] will further weaken Inonu's already shaky coalition government.
- J. Ambassador Gullion reports that the Adoula-Tshombé talks will almost inevitably get lost in murky legalisms before they get down to cases.
- K. The Cuban government has announced that the trial of prisoners taken in last April's invasion will begin on 29 March.
- L. Today Syrian shore batteries fired on Israeli police patrol boats in the Sea of Galilee, wounding two Israelis.

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21 MAR. 1962
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1. Argentina

a. Frondizi gained at least a breathing spell by yesterday's tentative agreement with armed forces leaders calling for a military-civilian coalition cabinet, strong measures against Communists and Peronistas and ouster of supporters of Frigerio, his controversial adviser. Disagreements over specific points of the agreement and its actual implementation could rekindle the crisis. There is still considerable sentiment within the armed forces for a military government and Ambassador McClintock reports Frondizi has suffered a serious loss of public confidence.

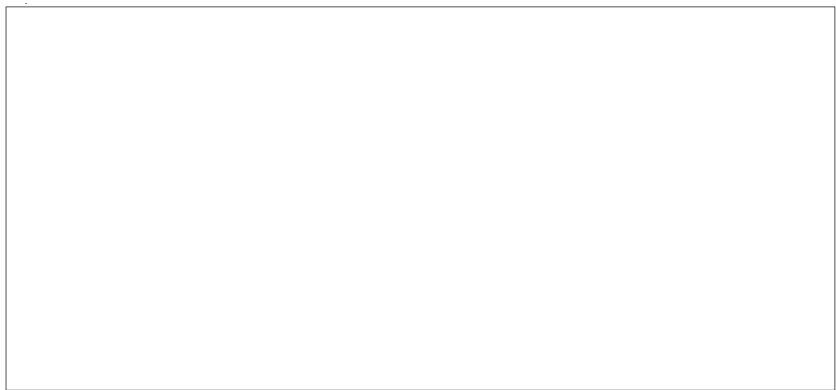
b. The threat of violence continues as Peronistas await orders from Peron in Spain and clarification of the government's intent on allowing them to take office on 1 May. Frondizi has asked us urgently to try to get Franco to persuade Peron not to incite his followers in Argentina to resort to violent action. (See Documents of Interest)

2. Syrian-Israeli tensions remain high

There were two Syrian-Israeli firing incidents on Lake Tiberias yesterday. Both sides are determined to maintain their claimed prerogatives in the area and appear preparing for further action. Ambassador Knight suspects the Syrian government believes the "battle of the water" has already begun and is gambling to forestall the Israeli Jordan River diversion by escalating tension to a point where the UN, led by the US, would step in and force Israel to abandon the project to avoid war.

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3. Laos impasse continues



b. Sarit, has expressed his alarm at Phoumi's stand and emphasized his willingness to do everything he could to bring Phoumi to a Bangkok meeting with Harriman and a compromise settlement. He has sent General Wallop to Savannaket in a last ditch effort to bring Phoumi around. Sarit sees Phoumi as now tied up in a matter of "face" and cautions that he will require "skillful" handling.

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c. King Savang, in his favorite role of detached observer, told Ambassador Brown on Monday that he can see no solution for the "great and tragic drama" in Laos. Brown sums up the session: we can expect no help from the King; his sympathies are already with Phoumi.

4. Berlin

a. Eight Soviet transport flights--two outbound and two inbound in both the central and northern Berlin corridors--were scheduled this morning between 0420 and 0709 Washington time at altitudes from 2,500 to 7,500 feet. A total of six Western flights in the northern and seven in the southern corridor were also scheduled during the period. As of 0830 no incidents or harassment of Western flights have been reported and all flights proceeded on schedule.

b. Yesterday our autobahn convoy experienced a two-and-half hour delay at the East German border. The Soviet officer ascribed the delay to our failure to give advance notice of the convoy's arrival and requested that such notice be given in the future. This is the first such Soviet request.

c. Recent crossing point activity suggests the East Germans may be preparing to impose on West German visitors to East Berlin the same custom controls now exercised over foreign nationals entering the Communist sector.

5. Guatemala

Surface calm has been restored in the capital and the strike is subsiding. The students have called off their street fighting tactics but announce they will continue anti-government agitation. Behind-the-scenes jockeying among the military continues and Ambassador Bell describes the situation as still uncertain and delicate.

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NOTES

- A. A test vehicle was launched from the Soviet Tyuratam missile rangehead yesterday but apparently failed in flight shortly after firing. It was intended to impact on the Kamchatka Peninsula.

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- B. Saigon officials are still reassuring us that Madame Nhu's speech did not reflect government views. Diem, somewhat embarrassed by it all, has told Ambassador Nolting her remarks were "politically stupid."

- C. Both Qasim and the Kurdish rebels seem to be cranking up for a renewal of hostilities. Qasim is also increasing diplomatic pressures on those countries still recognizing Kuwait.

- D. Precarious internal security, political infighting among the tribal factions and African static in the UN are combining to give the Belgians a rough go in setting up their Ruanda-Urundi trust territory for independence this summer.

- E. In the wake of the Algerian cease-fire, Egypt may resume diplomatic relations with France and Nasir [redacted] merely expel the French spy trial defendants to avoid further embarrassing De Gaulle.

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- F. The Egyptians are sending a delegation to Moscow to procure from the USSR more raw materials and semi-processed items now obtained from the West. We suspect the move stems from pressure on Nasir to alleviate Egypt's serious foreign exchange difficulties and his probable disappointment at advice from Western experts to cut his overambitious development program if he wants to qualify for stabilization aid.

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1. Argentina

a. Latest indications are that non-Peronist labor leaders have prevailed on the Peronists to call off the general strike which had been laid on for Friday.

b. Military leaders are still not of one mind on Frondizi's future, but a majority now favor leaving him in place in return for a veto over appointment of a new cabinet.

c. The arrival of Prince Philip, scheduled for this afternoon, seems likely to provide some more cooling-off time.

2. France-Algeria

a. Oran was the main trouble spot yesterday, but the OAS terror campaign is still not on a massive scale. French military and security forces, which suffered some casualties in the clash with the OAS in Oran, are holding fast, although they have not faced a really big test yet, and Moslem leaders have been able to restrain their followers.

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3. Syria-Israeli border

a. Local military moves on both sides continue. Syrian forces in the area remain on full alert and all taxis at hand there have been commandeered for possible transport service.

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[redacted] There is, however, no solid support for yesterday's charges and countercharges concerning air clashes.

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b. Jordanian forces are being augmented where the borders of the 3 countries converge

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There are also some indications that the Syrians look for Iraq to provide some help if needed.

c. There are, nevertheless, some signs that neither Damascus nor Tel Aviv wants a large-scale confrontation. The Syrians have agreed to permit the UN to establish an observation post in the clash area.

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[redacted] Both sides are planning to bring the issue before the Security Council.

4. Berlin access

a. No one was hurt in yesterday's incident in East Germany when East German police fired on and disabled a US Military Liaison vehicle. This may have been more harassment, but it more nearly resembles the March 10 incident involving a British vehicle which was a case of bad judgment on the part of the East Germans.

b. [redacted] Soviet flights in the southern corridor this morning have been completed. 50X1

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5. Ydigoras set to take initiative

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With another day behind him, his chances of holding on to the Presidency continue to improve, but the job of restoring political stability promises to be long and difficult.

6. South Vietnam

On Monday and Tuesday nights a joint US-South Vietnamese radar station picked up evidence which could be interpreted as reflecting airdrops in support of Viet Cong forces. [redacted]

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A high-priority effort is underway to try to pin down the facts. The South Vietnamese government thinks the evidence is good and has asked us to bring in interceptor aircraft and antiaircraft weapons.

7. Tshombé-Adoula
talks

Their third meeting yesterday turned on constitutional questions--the definition of federal vs. provincial rights--and it looks as though it will take many more sessions to produce any kind of substantive progress. Tshombé seems, however, to be leaning 50X1 over backwards to appear conciliatory

[redacted] back
in Elisabethville extremist elements continue to declare that they want no part of reconciliation.

8. Foreign students in
Moscow again register
disgruntlement

Another foreign student--a Ghanaian claiming to speak for 20 of his countrymen--has appeared at our Embassy in Moscow to ask help in relocating to a US institution. The Embassy has reported an average of 10 such visits a month since September. The complaints in this case were very much like those which have come before: poor living conditions, an over-surfeit of propaganda, language problems, and the color line.

NOTES

- A. The Dominican Embassy here has recommended that Munoz Marin's support be enlisted in the effort to get early restitution of the Dominican quota of the Cuban sugar windfall. This is also the principal mission of Foreign Minister Bonilla who arrived in Washington Tuesday. [redacted] 50X1
- B. The Ulbricht regime is cutting its party and government apparatus back by about 10 percent, the aim being to reduce uneconomic overhead and to increase the industrial force. [redacted] 50X1
- C. Relations between India and Nepal have taken a momentary turn for the better, with both sides working to ease the strains arising from the rebel activities of Nepalese exiles. A visit to New Delhi by King Mahendra sometime next month now seems likely.
- D. The Chinese Communists are on the verge of suspending merchant shipping operations in the Canton area because of a shortage of marine fuel. The shortage could also account for the limited activity of the South China naval fleet which has been noted during February and March. [redacted] 50X1

WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--21 March 1962

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

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

BERLIN: Soviet harassing and probing tactics against Allied access to Berlin will continue, especially in the air corridors. Bloc military activity suggests that the Communists do not intend their actions to provoke military confrontation in the immediate future.

LAOS: Although the negotiations are stalemates, we do not see indications that the Communists intend to renew major hostilities in the immediate future.

SOUTH VIETNAM: Despite vigorous government military operations, the Viet Cong continue aggressive operations against lines of communications and isolated guard posts. The Soviet statement of 17 March appears to be no more than an intensification of bloc propaganda against United States assistance to South Vietnam.

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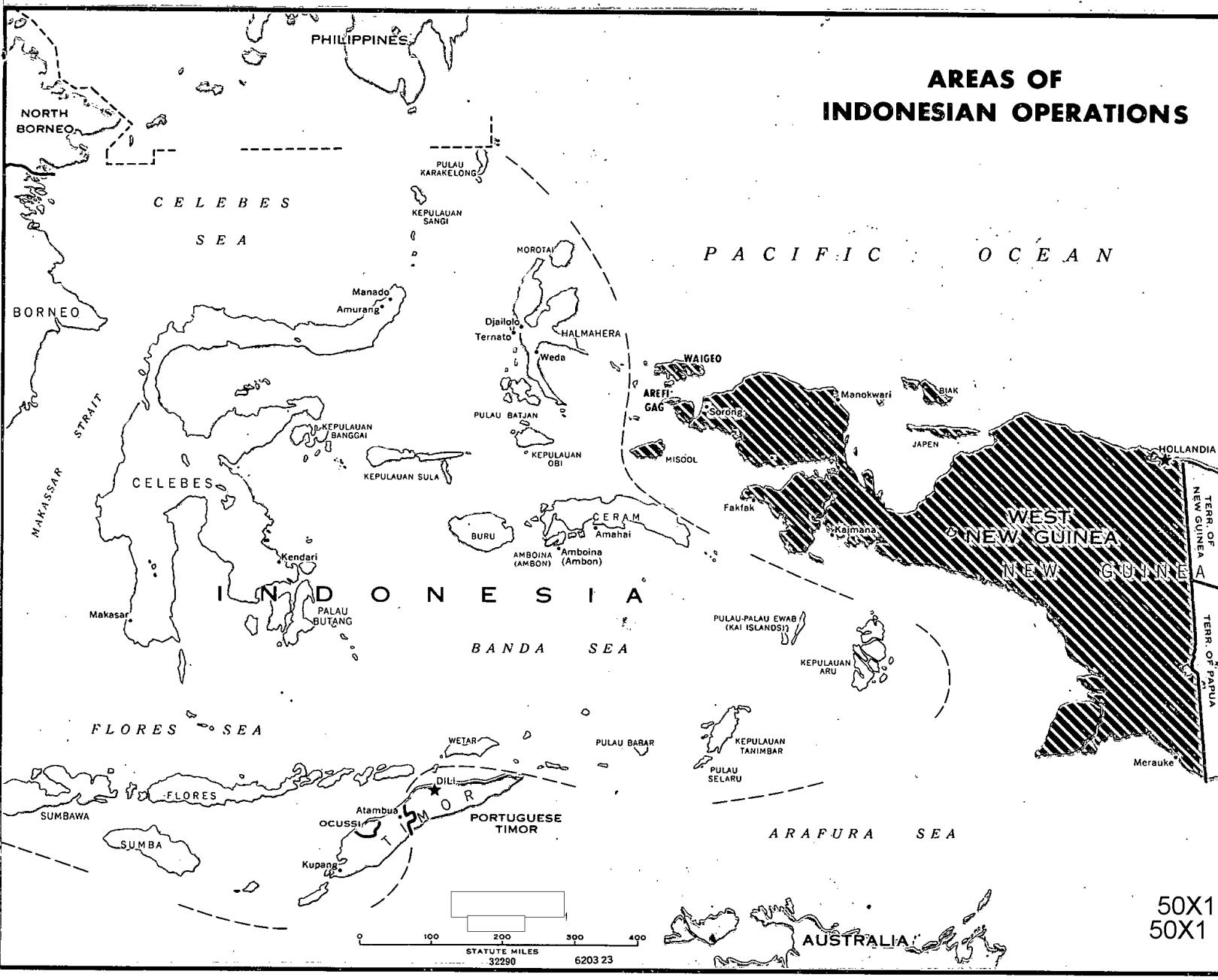
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AREAS OF INDONESIAN OPERATIONS



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1. Berlin

a. Continuing this week's more moderate pattern of flight activity, the USSR scheduled two outbound flights for this morning in the southern corridor.

b. The East German foreign ministry announced yesterday that West Berliners travelling abroad must have transit visas.

2. Laotian talks

Phoumi has invited Harriman to Vientiane and is willing to meet him and Sarit tomorrow in Nong Khai--in Thailand across the border from Vientiane.

3. West New Guinea

a. Indonesia has infiltrated three companies on the Dutch-administered island of Waigeo, and possibly Arefi, off West New Guinea. This is the largest such operation to date, and one group was reported sighted by Dutch aircraft.

b. The talks have made little headway because the authority of the Indonesian, Malik, does not extend to discussion of the interim administration envisioned by the Dutch. Yesterday Foreign Minister Subandrio told our chargé that he would have to negotiate this point himself. Previously he had said there was "no limit" of time and that the US would have a chance to speak prior to any decision to break off talks. The Indonesians have asked for Ambassador Jones to return to Djakarta from Manila.

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4. Algeria

a. The OAS has stepped up
terrorism in Algiers and Oran.

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5. Argentina

Peronista-led
labor unions--half of organized labor--
may stir things up again with a 24
hour strike called for today. Their
leaders told the US Embassy that the
strikes will continue until federal
intervention in the provinces is
cancelled. Early reports indicated
little disturbance. The military
is prepared to use harsh measures
in the event of violence.

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6. Soviet Space and Missile Activity

a. Soviet aircraft activity similar to that associated with the 16 March satellite launching from Kapustin Yar may indicate another launching from there in the next few days. However, as no such activity was evident in connection with the abortive attempts from Kapustin Yar on 27 October and 21 December this new activity may be only a support function for the satellite now in orbit.

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b. A test vehicle was successfully launched yesterday from Tyuratam to the Kamchatka Peninsula. It is believed to be the same type vehicle that had an in-flight failure on 20 March and is the tenth generally successful launching of this--"Category C"--vehicle. At least six failures in flight have been identified, one of which was an extended-range attempt.

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7. Brazil

a. With extensive oil shale reserves of its own, Brazil's state oil monopoly has a mission touring Western European and Bloc nations to inspect oil shale operations. The USSR is said to be ready to supply a pilot shale processing plant to a private Brazilian company.

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8. Iraq tries to isolate Kuwait

Iraq is trying to bring pressure against countries who have diplomatic representation in Kuwait. Iraqi ambassadors to Iran, Jordan and Tokyo have been withdrawn. When the Kuwaiti ambassador presents his credentials in Washington the Iraqi ambassador may be recalled. Iraq boycotts Arab League activities because of Kuwait's participation.

9. Congo talks

The early phases of the Adoula-Tshombé talks appear to be hanging on the issue of the official status of the participants. Adoula adheres to the view that the chief of state is not permitted by the constitution to bargain away national prerogatives with a provincial president. Ambassador Gullion expected a showdown yesterday, but the results have not yet been received in Washington.

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The Chinese are displeased over the limited support by the [redacted] UN votes on Peiping's membership. 50X1

B. Activity at Communist China's Shuangchengtzu missile test range suggests the launching of a surface-to-surface missile

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D. On 21 March Czechoslovakia extended a new credit of \$56,000,000 to Egypt for the purchase of machinery and equipment, bringing the total credit it has given Egypt to \$87,000,000.

E. The US Ambassador to Israel, after conversations with the Israeli Foreign Minister, Mrs. Meir, believes the Israelis wish to restore quiet to the border and are prepared to use the UN machinery to this end, although they question the effectiveness of the UN apparatus on the spot.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--24 MARCH 1962

1. ARGENTINE POLITICAL CRISIS STILL UNRESOLVED:

[REDACTED] THE MILITARY HAVE 50X1

MADE MONDAY THE DEADLINE FOR FRONDIZI TO FORM A SATISFACTORY CABINET. YESTERDAY, GENERAL ARAMBURU, A WIDELY RESPECTED SUPPORTER OF CONSTITUTIONALITY WHO SUCCEEDED PERON, AGREED TO HELP HIM FORM ONE. THIS EFFORT HAS APPARENTLY BOGGED DOWN, ALTHOUGH FOUR MINISTERS HAVE BEEN PUBLICLY NAMED IN AN EFFORT TO CALM THINGS DOWN. BETTING IS LESS THAN EVEN THAT FRONDIZI WILL MEET HIS DEADLINE,

[REDACTED] 50X1

[REDACTED] THE PERONISTA GENERAL STRIKE YESTERDAY WAS A FIZZLE.

2. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. WITHIN A TEN MILE RADIUS OF SNOUL, CAMBODIA, (ON THE BORDER ABOUT 100 MILES DUE NORTH OF SAIGON) WE HAVE LOCATED A NORTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY WITH LINKS TO HANOI, THE VIET CONG CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS AND ONE OF ITS TWO MAJOR REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS, AND THE MAIN TRANSMITTER FOR THE CLANDESTINE "LIBERATION NEWS AGENCY." THESE INSTALLATIONS COULD BE ON EITHER SIDE OF THE BORDER, OR STRADDLING IT.

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B. COMMUNIST CHINA ISSUED ANOTHER STRONGLY-WORDED ATTACK ON US ACTIVITIES TODAY.

C. THERE WERE 492 INCIDENTS REPORTED LAST WEEK, UP FROM 406 THE PREVIOUS WEEK. MOST OF THE INCREASE WAS IN KIDNAPPINGS.

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3. BERLIN:

A. TWO SOVIET FLIGHTS IN THE NORTHERN CORRIDOR THIS MORNING TOOK PLACE WITHOUT INCIDENT.

B. THE EAST GERMANS SEEM TO BE BACKING DOWN ON THE TRANSIT VISA ISSUE IN THE FACE OF IMPLIED WEST GERMAN THREATS TO INTERRUPT INTERZONAL TRADE.

C. THE EAST GERMANS LAST NIGHT BEGAN SETTING UP CONCRETE OBSTACLES AT FOUR CROSSING POINTS IN BERLIN SIMILAR TO THOSE CONSTRUCTED AT FRIEDRICHSTRASSE EARLY THIS MONTH.

D. A REGULAR US ARMY SUPPLY CONVOY LEAVING BERLIN WAS HELD UP BY THE SOVIETS FOR TWO HOURS YESTERDAY.

4. BOLIVIAN ULTIMATUM TO CHILE:

A HYDROELECTRIC AND IRRIGATION PROJECT BUILT BY CHILE ON THE LAUCA RIVER, WHICH RISES IN CHILE AND FLOWS INTO BOLIVIA, IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN OPERATION IN APRIL. BOLIVIA CHARGES CHILEAN USE OF THE RIVER WOULD BE AN "ACT OF AGGRESSION," IS THREATENING TO BRING THE MATTER TO THE OAS, AND HAS HINTED THE US SHOULD MEDIATE THE DISPUTE. BOLIVIA HAS NO USE FOR LAUCAN WATER AND IS MORE INTERESTED IN USING THE ISSUE TO DIVERT PUBLIC ATTENTION FROM DOMESTIC PROBLEMS AND PERHAPS TO INDUCE CHILE TO NEGOTIATE ON BOLIVIA'S SCHEME FOR ACCESS TO THE PACIFIC.

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5. WEST NEW GUINEA:

INDONESIAN NEGOTIATOR MALIK HAS FLOWN HOME TO SEEK GREATER
NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY. HE HOPES TO BE BACK THURSDAY. THE
ATMOSPHERE OF THE TALKS HAS BEEN GOOD, WITH EACH SIDE APPARENTLY
CONVINCED OF THE OTHER'S GOOD FAITH.

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6. DE GAULLE ORDERS FRENCH ARMY TO PUT DOWN EUROPEAN "ARMED INSURRECTION" IN ALGIERS:

THIS ORDER FORCES THE ARMY TO COMMIT ITSELF FULLY IN SUPPORT OF HIS POLICIES. THE OAS MUST MAKE A STRONG SHOWING IN RESPONSE OR LOSE MOMENTUM. PRESS REPORTS THIS MORNING SUGGEST THAT THE ARMY IS MOVING VIGOROUSLY, SOMEWHAT TO THE DISILLUSIONMENT OF THE EUROPEAN SETTLERS. IN ORAN, THE OAS YESTERDAY ROBBED A BANK OF ALMOST \$5,000,000.

7. SOVIET NUCLEAR TEST PREPARATIONS:

THE PATTERN OF SOVIET AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY IN THE WESTERN ARCTIC IS CONSISTENT WITH AN INTENTION TO BEGIN A NEW TEST SERIES AT NOVAYA ZEMLYA WITHIN THREE TO FIVE WEEKS.

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8. USSR EXPLOITS ISRAELI-SYRIAN TENSION:

THE SOVIETS HAVE PROMISED TO SUPPORT SYRIA IN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL NEXT WEEK. SYRIAN PRIME MINISTER DAWALIBI IS PRESSING THE UNITED STATES FOR SIMILAR BACKING, THREATENING THAT IF IT BECAME KNOWN THAT ONLY THE USSR WAS SUPPORTING THE ARABS, THERE WOULD BE A POPULAR GROUNDSWELL TOWARDS THE USSR IN THE ARAB WORLD. HE CLAIMED HIS OWN GOVERNMENT WOULD FALL. THE SITUATION AROUND LAKE TIBERIAS REMAINS UNEASY;

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9. GOULART VISIT PLANS:

PRESIDENT GOULART OF BRAZIL WANTS TO TALK WITH THE PRESIDENT ALONE, "WITHOUT THE LIMITATIONS WHICH THE PRESENCE OF BRAZILIAN CABINET MINISTERS MIGHT PLACE ON SUCH A FRANK DISCUSSION." HE SAID THE ARGENTINE SITUATION REINFORCED HIS CONVICTION THAT STABILIZATION MEASURES MUST NOT HURT THE WORKING CLASS AND THAT THE ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS MUST INCLUDE PROJECTS WITH A VERY BROAD SOCIAL APPEAL, SUCH AS MEDICAL CENTERS FOR SMALL TOWNS.

10. NOTES:

A. AS OF 0800 EST THIS MORNING, WE HAD NO WORD ON HARRIMAN'S MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR TODAY.

B. A SOVIET PARTY MEETING, PERHAPS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, IS TO TAKE PLACE IN MOSCOW TUESDAY, WITH OFFICIALS HURRIEDLY SUMMONED FROM THE HINTERLAND.

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WHICH MIGHT REFER TO KHRUSHCHEV'S RECENTLY ANNOUNCED AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM, BUT THE TIMING LEADS US TO SUSPECT SOMETHING MORE MAY BE INVOLVED. THE SAME OFFICIALS WILL HAVE TO BE BACK IN MOSCOW ON 10 APRIL FOR THE FIRST SESSION OF THE NEWLY ELECTED SUPREME SOVIET.

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D. ADOULA AND TSHOMBE ARE STILL BOGGED DOWN IN LEGALITIES,
WITH THE FORMER BECOMING INCREASINGLY IMPATIENT.

E. THE EEC FOREIGN MINISTERS MADE LITTLE PROGRESS ON POLITICAL
FEDERATION AT THEIR MEETING TUESDAY. THE NEXT ROUND IS SCHEDULED
FOR 17 APRIL.

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G. THE BRAZILIAN COMMUNIST PARTY HAS SPLIT. THE DISSIDENTS
HAVE ESTABLISHED A RIVAL "COMMUNIST PARTY OF BRAZIL," WITH CHINESE
OVERTONES, AND ARE ATTACKING THEIR PARENT BODY FOR ITS POLICY OF
REFRAINING FROM VIOLENT TACTICS.

H. THE MOROCCANS HAVE ASSURED US THEY WILL ADMIT NO SOVIET MILITARY
TECHNICIANS AND INSTRUCTORS IN CONNECTION WITH ANY ARMS AGREEMENT
THEY MAY REACH WITH THE USSR.

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PASSAGE GENERAL CLIFTON FOR THE PRESIDENT. RE ITEM 1, WE DO NOT HAVE CABLE BUT RECEIVED WORD BY PHONE FROM STATE; ASSUME YOU IN SAME BOAT.

1. HARRIMAN REPORTS HE MADE NO PROGRESS WITH PHOUMI, AND 50X1
THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HIS MISSION HAS "FAILED."
WE AS YET HAVE NO DETAILS.]

2. THE DUTCH HAVE ANNOUNCED TWO INCIDENTS OFF THE NEW GUINEA COAST. THEY CLAIM TO HAVE BROKEN UP AN INFILTRATION ATTEMPT 50X1
[] , AND SAY THAT A DUTCH LANDING 50X1
CRAFT HAS BEEN DAMAGED BY AN INDONESIAN AIRCRAFT. IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT TO WITHHOLD REINFORCEMENTS FOR NEW GUINEA MUCH LONGER.

3. THERE HAS BEEN MUCH MOVEMENT AND NO PROGRESS IN BUENOS AIRES. LACK OF AGREEMENT AMONG THE MILITARY MAY HAVE GIVEN FRONDIZI A LITTLE MANEUVERING ROOM, AND HIS CHANCES LOOK SLIGHTLY BETTER.

4. BERLIN, ALGERIA, SOUTH VIETNAM UNCHANGED FROM YESTERDAY,

[] ULBRICHT HAS A MAJOR SPEECH SCHEDULED TODAY.]

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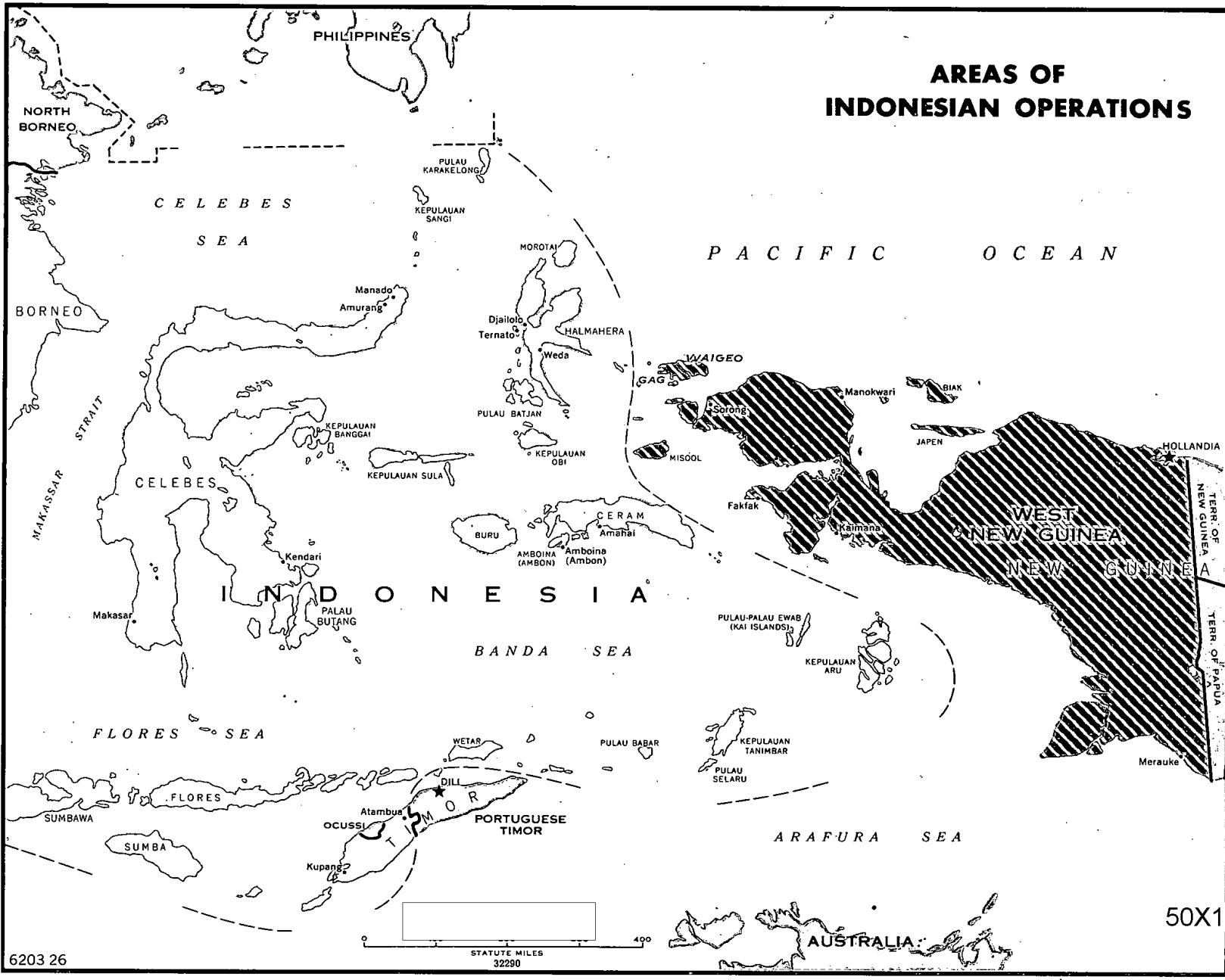


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AREAS OF INDONESIAN OPERATIONS



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1. West New Guinea

a. Indonesia has announced its withdrawal from the preliminary talks with the Dutch. The statement, presumably based on the Dutch unwillingness to agree immediately and without qualification to Indonesian terms, is only slightly softened by a declaration in that the action is not intended to "close the door completely to negotiations."

b. We have no further details on the incidents [redacted] yesterday, in 50X1 which the Dutch broke up a second infiltration attempt on the south coast. They are apparently moving to do something about the first, successful, landing on Waigeo Island. We do not yet know whether they have decided to reinforce.

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2. Frondizi hangs on

He has almost completed naming his new cabinet, but is finding little support for it. The navy, some army officers, the non-Peronista opposition and elements of his own party are demanding that he go. The bulk of the army, however, including the Buenos Aires garrison, is still riding with General Aramburu's mediation efforts. We do not believe Aramburu has made much progress; he apparently thinks the Peronista election victories should be allowed to stand, a suggestion the military will find difficult to swallow. Aramburu is to report to the nation tonight.

3. France-Algeria

The French public has reacted strongly against the OAS, and our Embassy believes that "it is inconceivable that the army will not now recognize the need to finish off the OAS." The army is continuing its methodical cleaning-out of the Bab-el-Oued district of Algiers and has moved into Oran, where there was heavy fighting yesterday. The OAS has so far not been seriously hurt by the Algiers action, but has probably suffered more in Oran. General Jouhaud, Salan's number two, was captured there yesterday. We believe, however, that most of the OAS hardcore trained forces have not yet been committed. The Algerians are moving rapidly to establish the provisional government.

4. Laos

Phoumi has shown no sign of give. Souvanna has declined the invitation to Vientiane which Harriman wrested from Phoumi Saturday, and has announced he will go to Paris the first week in April. He said he would return "if there were signs of progress."

RECENT MOVEMENT OF SOVIET MISSILE RANGE INSTRUMENTATION SHIPS (SMRIS)



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5. Soviet missile range ships sortie to the south

Three of the four have departed Vladivostok, and were sighted yesterday in the Straits of Tsushima. In previous movements into the Pacific they have always passed north of Japan. The reason for the change is not known; ice could be a factor, but we are playing with the possibility that the ships may be heading deep into the South Pacific or Indian Ocean for an ICBM shot at greatly extended range, perhaps over Antarctica, as part of the orchestration for Khrushchev's recent boast that the USSR has "global rockets" that can hit the US from the south.

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6. UN Security Council meets Wednesday on Syrian-Israeli dispute

Military forces on both sides of the border are in a high state of readiness. There is no evidence of an intent by either side to start anything, but Israeli Foreign Minister Meir is quoted as saying that "the Arabs only agree to peace if Israeli's strength is impressed upon them," an effect that Israel failed to achieve with the raid last week. The Syrians appear over-confident and Ambassador Knight fears "a collision of greater than incident proportions."

7. Congo

Adoula and Tshombé have come to a dead end. The latter seems willing to go on talking but insists any agreement he reaches must be ratified by the Katanga parliament. Adoula feels frustrated by his inability--and the UN's unwillingness--to apply sufficient pressure to Tshombé.

8. Berlin

Three Soviet flights were carried out in the corridors this morning. One was at 10,000 feet, the first at this altitude since 15 March. An Air France flight was in the corridor at 9,000 feet during the same period, and another Soviet protest may be forthcoming. There were no Soviet flights yesterday.

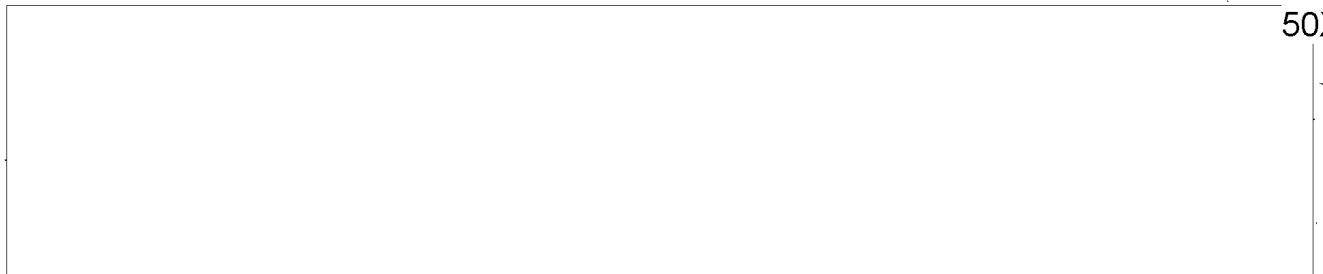
NOTES

- A. Communist military activity in Eastern Europe suggests preparation for large-scale exercises. 50X1
- B. President Diem has revoked an order to expel Homer Bigart of the New York Times, but insists on expelling Francois Sully of Newsweek for what he considers prejudiced reporting.
- C. Ambassador Kennan reports his impression that Yugoslav leaders are "in the throes of some sort of crisis of decision" on their economic problems which could involve their policy toward the US and USSR.
- D. Although no major new developments have been reported, the political situation in Venezuela is most uneasy, with extremists of both right and left increasingly active.
- E. The South Koreans are highly irritated over what they believe to be Japanese footdragging in the reparations negotiations.
- F. Quadros, having announced yesterday his intention to run for the governorship of Sao Paulo in October, last night announced his withdrawal from the race.

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1. Laos

a. With Phoumi and the King still standing firm after their talks with Secretary Harriman, the three Western Ambassadors in Vientiane have decided that all they could do for the moment was to give the Thais more time to work on Phoumi while continuing direct representations to the Vientiane leaders and Souvanna. While a few RLG leaders show some signs of give, Phoumi is still intent on completing his re-inforcement of Nam Tha and Secretary Harriman describes his two hour visit with the King as "futile."

2. West New Guinea

a. Subandrio told Ambassador Jones that Djakarta has decided not to send Malik back immediately but will do so if they get Dutch assurance of willingness to work out a plan resulting in ultimate Indonesian administration. Once given this the Indonesians could readily meet the Dutch problem of interim arrangements, saving Dutch face and taking over Dutch commitments to the Papuans, including self-determination.

b. Subandrio seemed particularly exercised about alleged Dutch intent to establish a new Papuan state on April 5. Dutch Foreign Ministry officials 50X1 deny any such design.

c. Meanwhile the military tempo quickens. [redacted] 50X1

3. Frondizi still hangs
on, but barely

He steadfastly refuses to resign despite intensified pressure for his ouster and rapidly dwindling support. General Aramburu, while continuing his mediation efforts with the armed forces chiefs, has requested he step down and military patience is wearing thin.

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4. Berlin

a. Soviet military transport flights are scheduled in the Berlin corridors today

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Several are again scheduled at the higher altitudes normally used by Western commercial carriers.

b. Two Soviet flights yesterday violated safety procedures by reversing course and maintaining the same altitude for short distances before exiting the southern corridor.

c. The East German People's Chamber meets tomorrow for final action on the new customs law, thus setting the stage for formally converting the East-West Berlin sector border into a state frontier. We cannot yet say whether Ulbricht intends immediate and full scale or piecemeal implementation of the law. In any case, we anticipate new controls on West German and possibly Western civilian traffic to and from West Berlin.

5. Syrian cabinet resigns

Pressures from Syrian army leaders in their chronic feud with the politicians finally forced Dawalibi out yesterday. Said al-Ghazzi, a political neutral and compromise candidate acceptable to the army, has been asked to form a cabinet. His prospects are not bright as army factions continue pressing for parliament dissolution and rule by Presidential decree. The outlook is for continued political instability and we expect no change in Syria's belligerent attitude toward Israel.

6. South Vietnam

a. Radar reflections of suspected Communist air drops in South Vietnam, previously reported for 20 and 21 March, were also noted on the two following nights. Attempts by friendly aircraft to make visual contact have thus far failed. On the basis of available data and past Communist practice, we speculate that there could have been some air drops by Communist AN-2 light transports operating either from Dong Hoi in southern North Vietnam or Tchepone in southern Laos.

b. We are still trying to pinpoint the location of the probably highly mobile Communist communication facilities reported Saturday as along the Cambodian-South Vietnam border. A subsequent and still tentative fix on at least one of the elements involved placed it in South Vietnam at a point south of last week's location approximately 3 kilometers from the Cambodian border.

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c. Ngo Dinh Nhu, President Diem's brother and political advisor, is sharing his wife's vendetta with the foreign press. He says journalists must learn to abide by Vietnam law if they want to remain and proposes the government "stop being nice" and restrict information available to them until they see the light. Meanwhile, Madame Nhu is preparing to visit the US, probably as a member of Saigon's Parliamentary delegation; we don't have details yet on her proposed itinerary.

7. Kurdish rebellion
on the rise

Fighting is spreading in north and northeast Iraq near the Turkish and Iranian borders. Several government security units have been repulsed with heavy losses and Qasim is moving army reinforcements to the area for a major campaign against the rebels.

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8. Congo

a. At Tshombé's request, the talks with Adoula are still going on; there was another meeting last night. Tshombé is putting on an appearance of patience and reasonableness--he has evidently backed down from his previous insistence that his Parliament must ratify any agreement reached with Adoula--but he is not yet making enough concessions to dampen Adoula's growing impatience for concrete results.

b. The UN is considering our proposals for further pressures on Katanga should the current talks fail.

c. The Czechs are complaining about Adoula's negative attitude toward Bloc aid offers. He has rebuffed unilateral approaches and is even stalling on their proposals made through the UN. They suspect Western pressure on both him and the UN may be behind it all.

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- A. De Gaulle's appeal in yesterday's address for full support against the OAS [redacted] suggests that a showdown in Algeria is imminent.
- B. The Chinese Communist are conducting a propaganda campaign in Hong Kong against the US action restricting textile imports from the colony and are reportedly offering financial assistance to distressed textile companies.
- C. [redacted] Chinese leaders are "eager" to buy Japanese generators for the Sanmen Gorge Dam--one of the most publicized of the major Soviet aid projects. Japanese Conservatives, however, are wary of the bid until they can get it through non-leftist channels.
- D. Greek-Turkish Cypriot tensions have revived following Sunday's 50X1 bombing of two Turkish mosques. Further incidents may occur next Sunday - the seventh anniversary of the opening of the Greek Cypriot violence campaign against the British.
- E. We suspect Quadros' broken-field running is confusing his constituents as much as it is us. He now says he is back in the Sao Paulo governorship race.
- F. Communist China is now training Cuban military personnel, including pilots. [redacted]

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1. Syrian military coup

The Syrian army command assumed power this morning.

The hard line toward Israel will probably continue.

2. Argentine crisis at the breaking point

Frondizi's time seems to be running out. Late press reports indicate that the armed services, in the face of his refusal to resign, have rejected various compromise offers and plan to move against him today.

3. Laos

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4. West New Guinea

The Dutch decision yesterday to send troop and naval reinforcements to West New Guinea will probably confirm Sukarno's belief that the Dutch are unwilling to transfer the territory to Indonesia. Prospects for an early negotiated settlement now look dim, and Indonesia may be expected to accelerate military preparations and carry out new infiltrations in the West New Guinea area.

5. Algeria

Selection of Abderrahamne Fares, a respected Moslem and former president of the Algerian Assembly, to head the provisional government until the referendum, improves the prospects for successful implementation of the accords. Meanwhile, despite continuing incidents and strikes, Algiers and Oran were relatively calm yesterday and last night.

6. Common Market reaction
to US tariff moves

The angry reaction in the Common Market to the US tariff action on carpets and glass will probably lead the Council of Ministers at their 4 April meeting to discuss the whole question of US-Common Market trading relations. The issue has become a "community" rather than a purely Belgian matter and the Council may consider taking retaliatory measures against the US which could seriously affect US exports to the entire EEC area.

7. Cuban leadership
fight

Castro's public attack on veteran Communist leader Anibal Escalante (and his subsequent flight from Cuba) confirms that there is conflict within the top Cuban leadership. Castro charged Escalante with following a "non-Marxist and deviationist line" and building a personal empire. The details are still not clear, but there is no evidence that Castro's position is jeopardized or that he is in conflict with the most influential Communists, Blas Roca and Carlos Rafael Rodriguez.

8. Berlin

a. Soviet flights are scheduled in the corridors during darkness this evening (between 1355 and 1646 EST), six in the northern corridor, two in the central corridor.

b. The Soviets have in effect rejected our protest against the firing on the US military mission car.

NOTES

- A. After several false starts and a two year hiatus, Communist China's National People's Congress met yesterday.. Early news releases indicate that the first order of business was routine. [redacted] 50X1
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- B. The pending nomination as Spanish ambassador to the US of Antonio Garrigues--a pro-American monarchist--is a further indication of Franco's desire to facilitate renegotiation of the base agreements that expire in 1963.
- C. A Middle-East plague of locusts threatens the crops of Jordan, Israel, Iran, Syria and possibly Turkey and the Sinai Peninsula during the next several months. Some damage has already been reported in Saudi Arabia, Yemen and West Pakistan.
- D. [redacted] a Soviet Northern Fleet submarine launched a missile on 26 March, and that additional launchings may take place. There is no clear evidence linking this to other activities in the area, some of which appear to be preparations for nuclear testing. [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] 50X1
- E. Brazilian president Goulart's advance agents are cranking up a publicity campaign in the US for his visit here at the same time the Brazilian Communist Party plans a campaign to force him to cancel the trip on the grounds of "repeated attacks against Brazil by US government officials and by the US press." Goulart's press secretary, who will accompany him, is an avowed Communist. [redacted] 50X1

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1. Frondizi falls

After a day of notable confusion, the armed forces deposed and arrested him early this morning. Plans for his disposal are unknown. No disorders have so far been reported. The military have announced that Senate President Guido, the constitutional successor, will replace Frondizi, but Guido has not confirmed his acceptance

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2. Laos

a. Sullivan reports Phoumi more stubborn and obstructive than ever. Sullivan will go to the Plaine des Jarres tomorrow.

b. Meanwhile, the British Ambassador has returned from talking to Souvanna and Souphanouvong. Souvanna

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is determined to leave for Paris on Tuesday. He has no intention of surrendering his mandate, however, and he and Souphanouvong believe it will take two or three months for US and other pressures to soften Phoumi up.

c. Souphanouvong, while claiming he had no intention of taking "important places" such as Nam Tha, also claimed that Phoumi was taking provocative action in reinforcing the town.

3. Congo

a. Adoula and Tshombé yesterday exchanged communiqus at long range. While neither showed any inclination to break off the talks, neither made any concessions, and Tshombé has renewed his insistence that any agreement be ratified by the Katangan Assembly. Adoula, in a attempt to break the deadlock, has called for members of all provisional assemblies, including the Katangan, to meet at Lovanium University on Monday.

b. The UN has apparently bought the plan to bring pressure on Tshombé by collecting mining taxes in Katanga, and has authorized Gardiner, its representative in Leopoldville, to undertake this whenever he thinks it necessary. Gardiner is willing but is afraid--as is Spaak--that Tshombé will resist such pressure tactics and that implementation of the plan will precipitate another round of fighting between UN and Katangan forces.

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[redacted] has some doubts that the UN force now in Katanga can do the job.

4. Berlin

a. Eight Soviet flights yesterday and four early this morning have been completed with no incidents so far reported.

b. The East German Customs law was passed yesterday.

5. France-Algeria

The Algerians, while still suspicious of French Army intentions, appear pleased with the action so far taken against the OAS. The French have been on the psychological defensive, however, since their troops fired into a European crowd on Monday; the OAS is playing up the fact that these troops were Moslems in an effort to divide the army and intensify European emotions.

6. Syria

Ambassador Knight believes the new regime will take the line that foreign recognitions of the earlier government (i.e. that set up after the split with Egypt) are still valid. The regime states that a new civilian provisional government will be set up in a few days. There has been some relaxation of alert status on both sides of the Syrian-Israeli border.

7. Latin American group in UN split over Cuban attendance

Argentina, Colombia, and "some" Central American countries want Cuba excluded from UN meetings. Bolivia threatens to withdraw if Cuba is excluded, and Brazil, Ecuador, and Mexico are also opposed. [redacted]

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8. Competition for control
of Angolan nationalist
movement

Holden Roberto's Angolan People's Union is losing ground to the Communist backed Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola, and is under pressure to merge with it. Roberto is trying to divert this pressure by setting up a "national front" which will take in all factions except the Communists [redacted] to form a provisional government.

9. Situation in British
Guiana remains chaotic

Colonial Office Undersecretary Fraser has returned to London pessimistic about the colony's future and anxious that Britain quit the colony as soon as possible. The British have apparently not yet decided whether to postpone the independence conference scheduled for May.

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NOTES

- A. There have been no major new developments relating to West New Guinea. [redacted] 50X1
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- B. The Soviet missile range ships have now turned east and appear headed toward the same general area of the Central Pacific where they have operated previously. [redacted] 50X1
- C. Embassy Ottawa forwards a report that the Canadian parliament will be dissolved next week, with elections to be held in June.
[redacted]
- E. The urgent meeting in Moscow which we reported Saturday now appears to have been urgent only because Khrushchev was scheduled to sneak. He gave a routine pep-talk on agriculture. [redacted] 50X1
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- F. The Chinese Communists, taking up where they left off with U Nu, are trying hard to butter up Ne Win.
- G. Balaguer's efforts to intervene in Dominican politics from Puerto Rico are developing strong resentment in Santo Domingo.
- H. An uprising in the south of Ecuador appears under control, but military leaders and conservative politicians are still waiting their chance to oust Arosemena.
- I. Embassy Madrid reports that recent US gestures toward Spain have been well received.

WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--28 March 1962

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

Berlin: Soviet harassing and probing tactics against Allied access to Berlin will continue and may be intensified in an attempt to maintain a sense of urgency on the Berlin question. There are tentative indications of impending Warsaw Pact training exercises, but Bloc military activity in general suggests that the Communists do not intend their actions to provoke military confrontation in the immediate future.

Laos: We continue to believe it unlikely that the Communists intend to renew major hostilities in the immediate future.

South Vietnam: In spite of vigorous government military operations, the Viet Cong continue aggressive operations against lines of communications and isolated guard posts. Suspected enemy airdrops suggest that the Viet Cong are building up their strength in the plateau region of the country.

Indonesia: Dutch and Indonesian military moves in the aftermath of the recent Indonesian infiltrations of West New Guinea territory may further jeopardize the currently stalled political negotiations.

Syria-Israel: Although neither Syria nor Israel desires major hostilities at this time, both have deployed and alerted forces in the Lake Tiberias area, and further clashes are likely.

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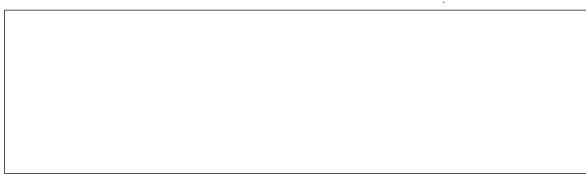
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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST



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30 MAR. 1962
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1. Argentina

a. Military misgivings over Senate President Guido and his own indecision produced more see-sawing in Buenos Aires yesterday, but by nightfall it had been agreed that he will be installed in Frondizi's place at noon today. A facade of constitutionality has been maintained, but the military get a large say in the composition of the new government as part of the agreement.

b. However, more trouble may be brewing. Much depends on the new regime's decisions on new elections and the status of the Peronists elected in the last one. The Peronists appear determined to hold their gains and their leaders are now converging on Buenos Aires for a strategy session.

c. Latin American reaction to Frondizi's ouster has been critical, Venezuela having already recalled its embassy personnel.

2. Brazilian governor
intends new expropria-
tion

A subsidiary of the US-owned American and Foreign Power has been marked as the next target of Rio Grande do Sol's Governor Brizola. Goulart has indicated that he will raise the utilities question during his Washington visit. This new grandstand play by his politically ambitious brother-in-law is not intended to make things easier for him.

3. France-Algeria

a. The government's measures in Algeria have made hardly a dent in colon attitudes and it begins to look as though it will have to pull the OAS out by the roots in order to make its point.

b. Pro-OAS French engineers at the Sahara oil wells are reportedly ready to set fire to the wells if the OAS command gives the word.

c. Security forces in the metropole are beginning to rest easier, however, and signs are now pointing to a strong vote in favor of De Gaulle's policy in the forthcoming referendum.

4. Berlin corridors

Today's schedule calls for 8 Soviet flights in the central corridor during the midday hours.

5. EEC concessions
to Africans

Prospects favor early approval of a proposal which would reconstitute, still on preferential terms, the arrangements, which are about to lapse, linking 16 African countries to the EEC. Other Africans are also expected to be brought in, and the British are asking for similar treatment for the African members of the Commonwealth as a condition for their joining the EEC. Only the Dutch are concerned about the impact of these steps on other underdeveloped areas, particularly Latin America.

6. Afghan-Pakistan
impasse unbroken

Kabul's 2-month time-limit for the passage of US aid shipments across the Afghan border ended yesterday. The deadline found both sides dug in about as deep as ever, with the Afghans demanding restoration of the consular and trade offices as they were before last September's border closure and the Pakistanis saying "no" unless the Afghans retreat on the Pushtoonistan issue.

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7. West New Guinea

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Dutch forces have clashed with Indonesian infiltrators on the offshore island of Gag.

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Sukarno overruled a majority of his cabinet and his chief negotiator Malik in ordering suspension of the Washington talks.

c. Ambassador Jones had an appointment with Sukarno scheduled for today, but his report is not yet in.

NOTES

- A. Adoula continues to bristle publicly but there was another meeting with Tshombé yesterday. The UN [redacted] still sees some hope of keeping the talks alive. 50X1
[redacted]
- B. Venezuelan Communists and some members of the military are talking seriously of a joint putsch against the government. Details of their plans have been passed to the government.
- C. [redacted] 50X1
- D. The Yugoslavs and to a lesser extent the Egyptians are still trying--with very little success--to drum up interest in having an economic conference of underdeveloped countries. The current bait is the idea that a united front must be presented to the Common Market. [redacted] 50X1
- E. The military revolt in southern Ecuador appears to have been quelled, as the government claims, but [redacted] the possibility of impending street clashes between leftist and rightist elements. 50X1
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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Laos

a. Phoumi, viewing US policy as aimed at replacing him, is taking steps to make it possible for Laos to resist American pressures. The cabinet has approved belt-tightening economic measures

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Foreseeing the possibility of a full break with the US, closer relations are being sought with France, although the French have again told the Laotians they support a Souvanna solution. Delegations are to be sent to Europe and Southeast Asia to seek aid, and diplomatic missions have already received preliminary instructions on approaches to be made.

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b. Sarit is still publicly backing US policy on Laos

2. Argentina

a. Meetings of Peronista leaders in Montevideo and Buenos Aires suggest that the Peronista high command is planning to oppose repressive measures by the military, even at the cost of civil war. Reportedly they have received arms and plan to move by 1 May.

b. Guido, now in the presidency with the reported agreement of Frondizi, has agreed to submit to Congress laws to proscribe totalitarian parties (Peronistas and Communists), and to so modify the basic labor law as to strip political power from the Peronista General Confederation of Labor. Frondizi's party, which controls Congress, is [redacted] 50X1 favoring Guido's finishing [redacted] 50X1 Frondizi's term in preference to having new elections.

c. The Brazilian attitude on relations with the new Argentine regime is somewhat ambivalent. The government has announced that it interprets Guido's succession to office as legal, while Foreign Minister Dantas has declared that a decision now on the question of recognition would be premature.

3. Berlin Access

a. Soviet flights scheduled for yesterday were cancelled and none were scheduled for today. Flight activity in the corridors for the past two weeks suggests that Moscow is satisfied with the limited gains to date and plans no major new moves on air access at present.

b. The Soviets appear to be concentrating their efforts on Western ground access and Military Liaison Missions, which may become the object of new moves in the near future.

4. France-Algeria

[redacted] 50X1
OAS activity in Oran and Algiers to continue until the leaders around Salan are liquidated. The OAS has shifted to hit-and-run terrorism and sabotage which will be more difficult to handle than direct attacks. Assassination attempts against the provisional executive may occur.

5. West New Guinea

a. Ambassador Malik wants Sukarno to continue the talks and feels Sukarno's "no progress" statement--with which he disagrees--resulted from pressure from the left.

b. Dutch Foreign Minister Luns told Ambassador Rice on 28 March that the Dutch would fight if necessary to keep their pledge to the Papuans of an opportunity to express a choice before being transferred to Indonesia.

c. [redacted] Indonesian reconnaissance and infiltration operations were to continue at least through yesterday. 50X1

6. Syria

The military junta that took charge this week may change abruptly in the near future. Senior conservative officers remain as spokesmen for the regime, but the failure to give important roles to the radical leftist officers whose pressures forced the takeover may cause them to try to seize control 50X1 for themselves.

7. India

c. India, although interested in a Communist Chinese proposal to recognize India's claims to part of Ladakh and give it use of a road there, is taking a hard line at present as it believes its bargaining position on the boundary dispute is improving because of Peiping's desire to clean up its reputation in Asia.

8. Ecuador prepares to break with Cuba

Arosemena has asked non-Communist leaders to organize anti-Cuban demonstrations in order that final action will not appear to be in response to recent military demands. Six political parties plan to demand a break and Arosemena has called for a plebiscite on the issue. The announced resignation of the cabinet was apparently for the purpose of getting rid of the three members who oppose the break.

NOTES

- A. The governor of Brazil's Guanabara state has expropriated the Canadian-owned Rio de Janeiro telephone system.
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- C. The various factions of the Algerian leadership are experiencing some initial problems in establishing their pecking order--as between military and civilian, and between contending civilians.
- D. Havana radio has a lot to say about the issues behind the trial of the invasion prisoners, but little news about the trial itself has leaked through. According to the broadcasts the prisoners have been divided into three categories for sentencing - execution, penal labor, political indoctrination.
- E. Greek Foreign Minister Averoff expects the USSR to step up its propaganda attacks against Greece which may reach a peak during the May NATO meeting in Athens, which is already the subject of Bloc complaints.

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