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# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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## 1. Syrian developments

A. Prime Minister Kuzbari is attempting to avoid having the reactionary label pinned on his government and to identify his regime with Syrian nationalism. He has announced that UAR-decreed social-welfare measures will be retained and has told the press Syria will be "non-aligned." Damascus requested UN membership yesterday.

B. The Egyptian forces which had loaded in Alexandria are apparently still standing by there; we have no further evidence of any Egyptian moves to overthrow Kuzbari.

Cairo propaganda is making much of the now-cancelled Sixth Fleet visit to Beirut as evidence of US involvement.

## 2. Syrian repercussions

A. There have apparently been no further announcements of recognition. The USSR continues noncommittal.

Another period of instability in Lebanon may follow.

C. Qasim may take the opportunity to grab for Kuwait, but we doubt that he plans to do so in the face of the considerable UK strength still maintained in the Persian Gulf.

3. Prospects improving for  
Laotian settlement



Phoumi has finally agreed to accept Souvanna as cabinet formateur, has drawn up a cabinet proposal within negotiating distance of the formulas discussed with Souvanna, and claims he will try to persuade his associates that this is the right course. The three princes will meet again on Friday. Ambassador Harriman reports further progress in his talks with Pushkin.

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4. Brazilian Congress  
reluctantly accepts  
Goulart-Neves program

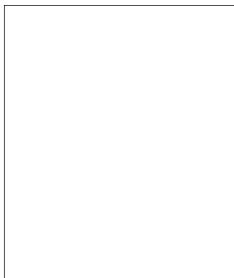


The program, which is slightly more conservative than that of Quadros, is under attack from the right for its foreign policy and from the left for its domestic provisions. The Congress also resents Neves' failure to oppose Goulart's reclaiming of powers which Congress intended to take from the Presidency by constitutional amendment.

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5. East Germany-Berlin



A. Preparations for removal of unreliable residents from a zone 5 kilometers east of the East German-West German border are well advanced.

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a New York Herald Tribune story that West Berlin residents are leaving the city at the rate of 2,000 a week.

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- A. President Diem has asked the US for a bilateral defense treaty "like the one with Taiwan." [redacted] 50X1
- B. President Velasco of Ecuador is preparing to take strong measures against a general strike called for Wednesday by Communist-dominated labor unions in protest against his economic stabilization program. He appears to have postponed his trip to Washington for fear that his opposition will move against him in his absence. [redacted] 50X1
- C. Although both sides in Katanga are trying to avoid a renewal of fighting, rioting by anti-Tshombé tribesmen spread into Elizabethville yesterday. [redacted] 50X1
- D. Withdrawal of troops in Bizerte by both sides is proceeding on schedule. [redacted] [redacted] 50X1
- E. Some of the South Korean regime's military leaders may be trying to force nationalization of industry by demanding exorbitant taxes and fines for illegal profiteering. [redacted] 50X1

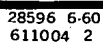
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# 1. Syria

a) The new government has been strengthened internally by a declaration of support by a cross section of Syrian political leaders, but is not relaxing its security precautions in the face of continuing inflammatory propaganda from Cairo. Since Monday, there has been a decline in public disorders;

In Alexandria, 3 of the 6 or 7 freighters which had loaded military equipment earlier were unloaded yesterday but the equipment remained on the quays. The Egyptian navy had begun rationing fuel oil to foreign ships there on Sunday;

c) we believe that, should he finally decide to move, Nasir will face the threat of counteraction by Jordan, Iraq, Turkey and possibly Israel. There are also signs that Nasir is none too confident of his own internal position--Egyptian police are on a 24-hour alert.

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A. Adoula is continuing to fend off extremists in his government who are pushing for military intervention in Katanga. [redacted] some army leaders are making plans for such an operation, despite the considerable logistical difficulties involved.

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B. The Polish armed forces have taken over control of all Polish communications, [redacted]

[redacted] This step appears to be related to the Warsaw Pact maneuvers scheduled for this month and next.

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C. Preparations are underway which point to another Soviet space attempt, possibly timed for the Party Congress which starts the 17th.

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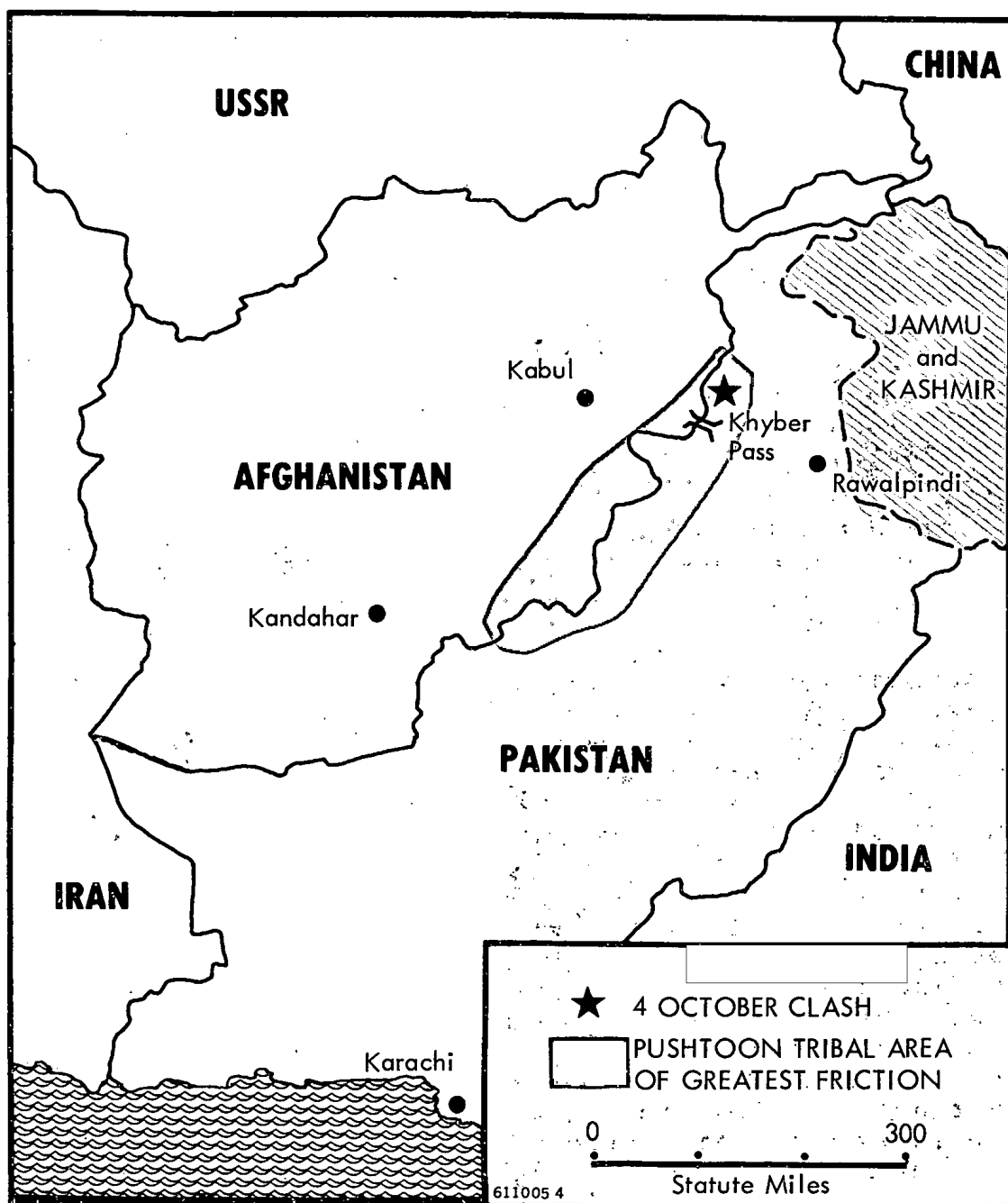
1. Syrian developments

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we expect Nasir to make use of his substantial resources for clandestine trouble making in Syria and Jordan. The parliamentary elections in Jordan on 19 October, which are being openly rigged by Husayn's government, will provide Nasir with an opportunity to exploit public dissatisfaction.

B. Two of the Egyptian ships which had been held in Alexandria have sailed; we have not yet determined their destination and cargo, but we do not believe their departure means that a major military operation against Syria is imminent.

C. The situation in Syria is relatively quiet and some security measures have been relaxed.



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D. The Syrian Communist Party has announced its enthusiastic support of the new regime. The party, effectively suppressed by Nasir for several years, now expects to be able to operate in the open. The USSR, however, apparently hopes to avoid antagonizing Nasir by not committing itself until the Syrian government wins wider Arab recognition. (No such seems presently in prospect [redacted] 50X1  
[redacted] 50X1

E. The UK has decided to complete its withdrawal from Kuwait on schedule and its troops will be out by 14 October. [redacted] 50X1  
[redacted] 50X1

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2. Afghan- Pakistani  
clash



The danger of large-scale hostilities was further increased yesterday when an Afghan tribal force of about 500 men clashed with tribes loyal to Pakistan in Pakistani territory north of the Khyber pass. The Pakistanis claim victory. [redacted] 50X1  
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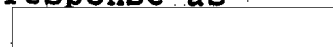
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3. Taipei may be weakening  
on Outer Mongolia



On Tuesday, the Nationalist UN delegation asked the Japanese to find out from the French Africans whether they would vote positively on the "important question" issue if Taipei withheld its veto of Mongolia. The Japanese report the Africans' response as generally favorable.



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4. Communist airlift into  
Laos stepped up since  
mid-September



Flights have risen to the pre-June level and now include a considerable number to southern Laos. Although the increase could represent preparations for a possible resumption of hostilities or a change in supply pattern at the end of the rainy season, part of it at least reflects support for guerrilla operations in South Vietnam.



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- A. The USSR has again protested US military patrols of the West Germany-Berlin autobahn. [REDACTED]

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- C. Factional maneuvering within the South Korean ruling group continues and may soon reach a crisis. [REDACTED]

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- D. The Kurdish leader Barzani has asked the Iraqi government for a truce, promising to "return to the boundaries of our area." [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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- E. Ambassador Romulo has announced he will retire from the Philippine diplomatic service. [REDACTED]

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# **WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--4 October 1961**

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

NOTE: Although recently noted actions to strengthen Soviet bloc forces serve to improve bloc military preparedness, the USSR continues to maintain an appearance of willingness to negotiate a settlement on Berlin. While Nasir has undertaken contingency military preparations to move against Syria, he seems so far unable to develop the conditions that might permit him to act. Should Nasir actually launch an armed invasion of Syria, military involvement of some neighboring states is possible.

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1. Syrian developments

a) Nasir's speech yesterday, in which he indicated he would not try to block Syria's admission to the UN or Arab League, may bring wider Middle Eastern recognition of the new government; 50X1  
b) the Egyptian troops who had been standing by ships in Alexandria have reportedly begun to withdraw from the harbor area; 50X1

d) Moscow continues hesitant in dealing with the situation. 50X1

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2. Military pressuring Frondizi for break with Cuba



The Argentine military, who have been urging a break for some time, have found new ammunition in recently published documents concerning Cuban subversive activities in Argentina. Frondizi, although embarrassed, wants to keep his Cuban ties and is suspicious of the documents' authenticity. Sources of our Embassy say that he is trying to deflect the pressures by putting out the word that the US would like to have a continued Argentine presence in Havana.



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3. French-Algerian negotiations



There is information from Paris that the two sides have resumed their meetings in secret to discuss formation of a provisional Algerian government and the creation of a Moslem armed force. The appointment on Wednesday of Moslem general Rafa as commander of French infantry in Algeria looks like a product of these meetings.

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4. Goulart trying to check  
Quadros supporters

There have been indications that Goulart is not discounting residual support for Quadros and is taking steps to block any movement for his return to power. [REDACTED] 50X1

[REDACTED] Quadros [REDACTED] 50X1  
[REDACTED] will return to Brazil [REDACTED] 50X1  
to teach in Sao Paulo and to resume political activity from that base. [REDACTED] 50X1

NOTES

A. Tshombé is publicly taking a somewhat more conciliatory line toward Leopoldville but seems to be privately hedging his bets. He has been in touch with the Portuguese on the question of receiving military supplies through Angola. [REDACTED] 50X11

B. The Chinese Communists are continuing to strengthen their influence in Albania at Soviet expense. [REDACTED] 50X1

C. The three Laotian princes met on schedule this morning at Ban Hin Heup. [REDACTED] 50X1  
[REDACTED] 50X1

E. There was another Soviet nuclear test at Novaya Zemlya this morning, the 22nd in the current series. [REDACTED] 50X1  
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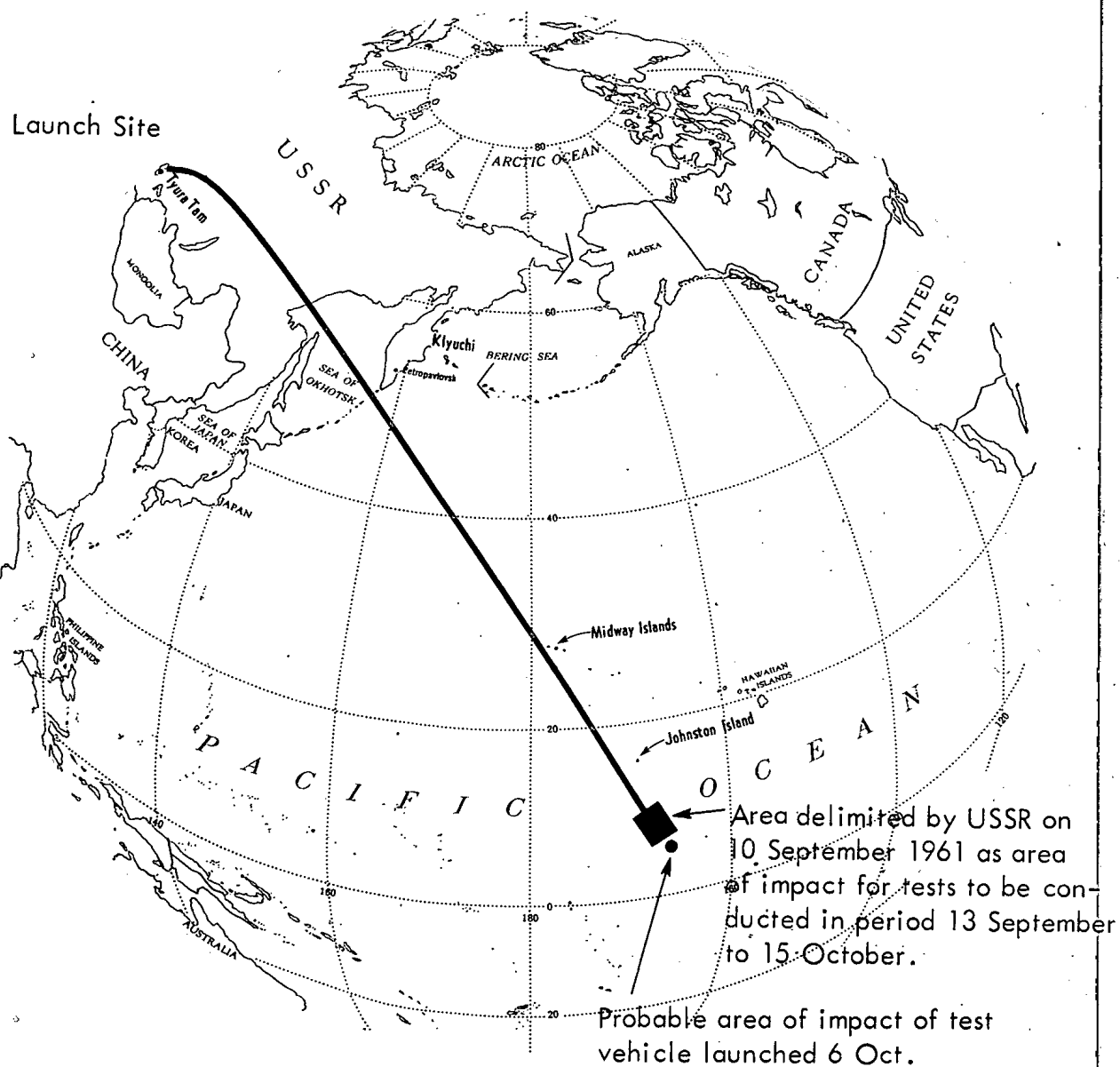


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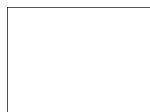
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1. Warsaw Pact maneuvers  
about to begin



We have noted a wide variety of preparations throughout Soviet and Satellite ground and air forces. In addition, a Soviet mechanized army from the Carpathian Military District is passing through southern Poland into Czechoslovakia, while Polish and perhaps Czech troops are moving into assembly areas in East Germany. Nava exercises also can be expected.

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2. Soviet weapons tests  
yesterday



A. There were two nuclear shots, one at Novaya Zemlya and at Kapustin Yar. The former appears to have been air-dropped; the latter was fired at considerable (but not yet determined) altitude, and probably was an important test of a missile or air defense warhead.

B. Another ICBM--probably one of the new types being tested this year--was fired from Tyura Tam to the Central Pacific. It went more than 200 miles beyond the four range ships and overshot the impact area announced by the USSR last month.

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3. Katanga's military strength grows

Tshombe has been heavily reinforced with Belgian, Rhodesian and South African mercenaries and now has some light armor. He apparently has acquired six to twelve more aircraft, including cargo planes equipped for light bombing and additional jet trainers. His troops believe themselves ready to drive out the UN and may precipitate another round of fighting. If so, we think the UN forces will be in for a rough time.

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4. Syria

A. We have noted signs of friction between Kuzbari's civilian cabinet and the military "revolutionary command." The latter apparently forced Kuzbari to retract a conciliatory response to Nasir's speech of Thursday. Dissension in the new regime could open the way for more radical elements in Syria or for Nasir's return.

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B. The concentration of Egyptian forces and shipping in Alexandria has been dispersed.

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C. Damascus Radio reports that the USSR and Bulgaria have recognized the Kuzbari government.

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5. Serious trouble possible  
in Jordan



Open rigging of the upcoming elections and sympathy for Nasir among Palestinian Arabs have combined to create a potentially explosive situation. Nasir is apparently encouraging the Baath-- a radical socialist Arab nationalist party--to assassinate Husayn and overthrow his government. The Communists and the rightist Moslem Brotherhood are also independently making plans for violent action.

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6. Dominican military disturbed by Balaguer's UN speech



His plea for world understanding of his program for gradual restoration of democracy has convinced many officers--who are aware that his speech was cleared with Ramfis Trujillo--that he and Ramfis are willing to accept an opposition-controlled regime, under which the officers would "bear the brunt of the peoples' wrath". Some are considering a coup to restore military dictatorship.

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A. The Laotian princes' meeting yesterday was inconclusive, as both sides put forth their maximum positions. Another meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. 50X1

B. The Chinese Communists plan to open a consulate in Phong Saly province in northern Laos, where they have been working to create a zone of Chinese influence. 50X1  
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C. We have intercepted a Vietnamese Communist message containing instructions for handling Colonel Nam, the kidnapped South Vietnamese officer who is highly knowledgeable of US programs in that area. The message shows that Hanoi learned of the kidnapping only through announcements from Saigon, but is aware of the value of Nam. 50X1  
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D. A prominent De Gaulle supporter has launched a trial balloon by proposing permanent partition for Algeria, probably to satisfy the army's objections to complete withdrawal. 50X1

E. attempt to assassinate President Lopez Mateos 550X1  
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DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

- I. Ambassador Kennan's comments on Soviet intentions in the Berlin crisis.



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1. Ecuador

The leftist general strike which began last week is posing a serious threat to President Velasco, with rioting and sabotage frequent in some districts. Velasco is having to rely on the military and security forces to control the situation, but the latter's support is apparently contingent on abandonment of his leftist, pro-Cuban foreign policy. Velasco will probably break relations with Cuba and move against the Ecuadorean Communist party, and has asked assistance from the US.

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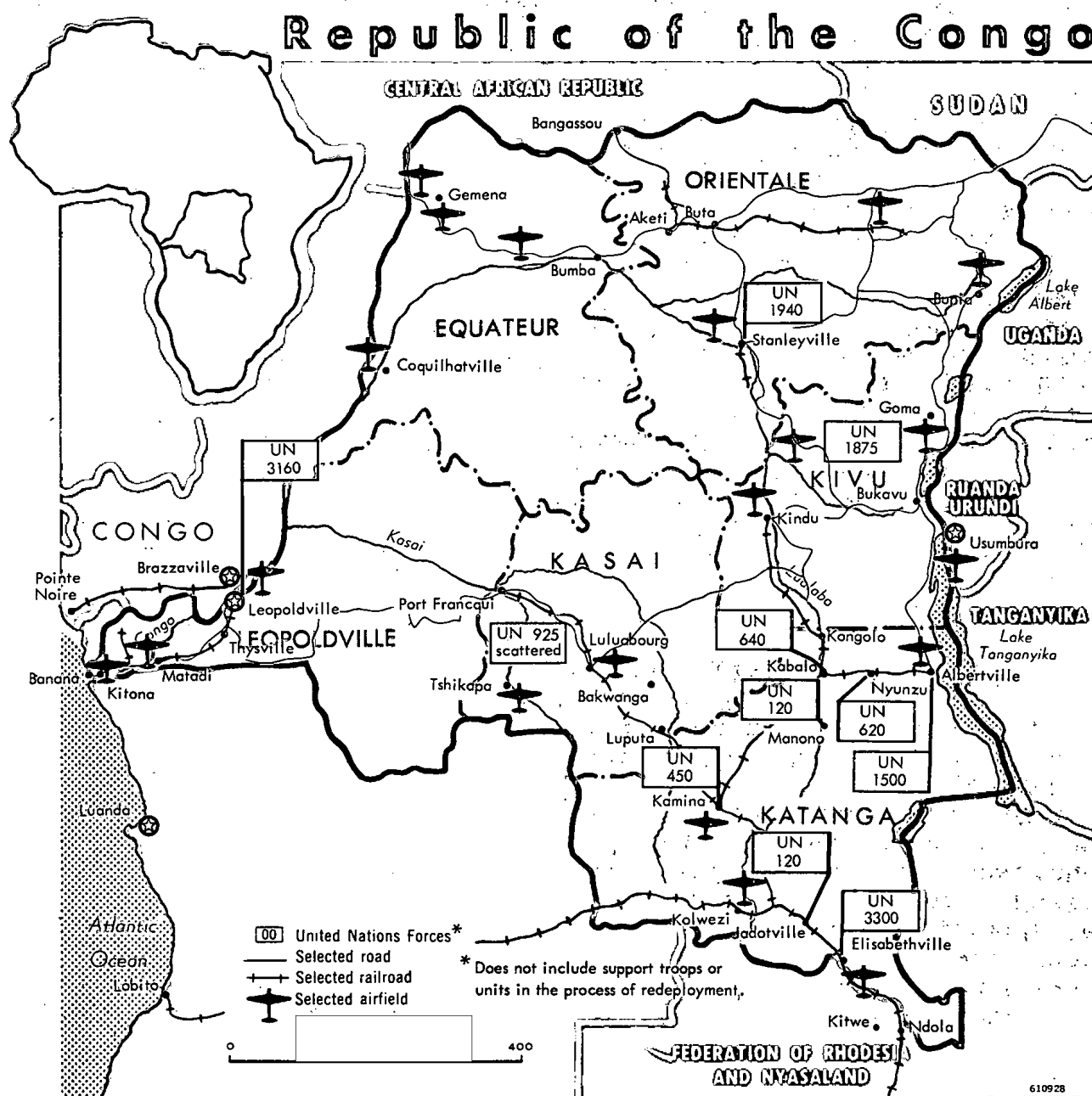
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3. Soviet weapons tests yesterday

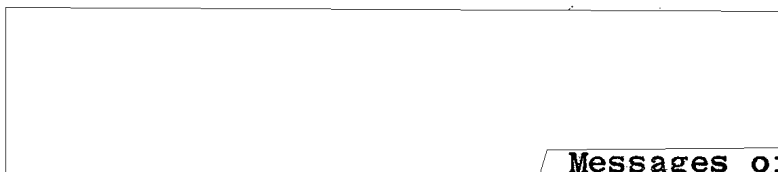
A. An ICBM fired from Tyura Tam toward the Central Pacific failed at or shortly after launch.  
B. The nuclear test at Novaya Zemlya took place in the area where megaton-yield devices are usually tested, but only yielded about 25 kilotons.

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4. Guerrilla activity in South Vietnam



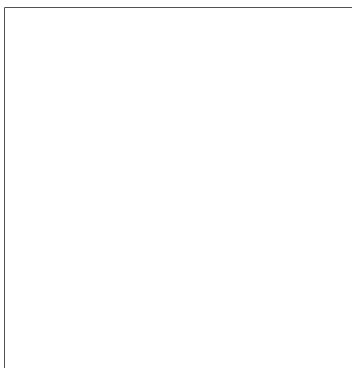
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Messages of the last few weeks show comprehensive planning to expand areas of Communist control. The first phase of a "break-through"--not further defined--is to be completed by Tuesday, with the second phase opening 10-15 days later and the third 20-30 days after completion of the second.

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5. Stalemate in Katanga continues



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Both sides are trying to strengthen their military positions, with the UN stronger in the northern part of the province and Tshombe stronger in the south. Tshombe is getting a steady stream of white volunteer reinforcements through Rhodesia, but his Katanga troops and gendarmerie are defecting in considerable numbers to the UN. We see some possibility that what began as a native Katangan movement (with Belgian support) may be pushed aside by die-hard white supremacy forces, changing the character of the struggle. Meanwhile the UN is apparently implementing the first phase of its contingency plan for operations in Katanga. Jet fighters have been moved forward to Luluabourg, from which they can cover the Kamina base and make attacks at extreme range against Tshombe's base at Kolwezi.

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- A. There have been no further major developments reported in the Syrian situation. Ambassador Stevenson reports that general Arab recognition will probably come today or tomorrow. Saudi Arabia has already recognized.
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- B. Deployments for the Warsaw pact maneuvers continue throughout East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Poland, and the western USSR. 50X1  
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- C. French [ ] have finally made some progress in identifying and neutralizing OAS elements in Algeria. They expect an OAS rising [ ] 50X1  
[ ] , but think the army will remain loyal. [ ] 50X1  
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- D. The meeting of the Laotian princes which accepted Souvanna as premier went very smoothly [ ]. The crucial question of cabinet seat allotment will not be discussed until after Souvanna goes to Luang Prabang tomorrow for confirmation by the King. 50X1  
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- E. U Thant [ ] had the active support of the Arabs, Niger, Venezuela, Chile, El Salvador, Peru, Australia, Denmark, and Greece, and that no delegation had expressed opposition. [ ] 50X1  
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- F. Adenauer has told Ambassador Dowling that agreement on a coalition with Mende is "99 percent" complete. There will be no change in foreign or defense policy, and Brentano and Strauss will stay on in their present jobs.

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1. Argentina-Brazil discuss mediation on Cuba



Fronidizi has indicated to the Brazilian government that he sees eye-to-eye with it on the need to "r50X1 integrate Cuba into the intercontinental system" and opposes alleged US efforts to isolate Havana. Argentina and Brazil can mediate with the US, he said, if Cuba takes "perceptible steps" to help them. Frondizi is, however, extremely anxious that knowledge of any exchanges involving him in the Cuban question be tightly held, because he fears the reaction of admittedly strong anti-Cuban elements in Argentina. 50X1

2. Assessment of Syrian situation



The US mission in Damascus concludes: the Syrian regime has a good chance of maintaining stability for some time 50X1 to come, provided it gives full consideration to all factions and to socialist forces set in motion by last government. If, however, it succumbs to pressures from its rightist supporters and tries to turn the clock back, socialist, Marxist, and unionist opposition will be quick to exploit the situation. 50X1

NOTES

- A. The Moscow grapevine, often accurate, is carrying word that Malinovsky will be replaced before long by his deputy Grechko for health reasons and that Molotov will be "completely rehabilitated" at the Party Congress which begins a week from today. [REDACTED] 50X1
- B. A Soviet test vehicle, probably one of the new types under test, was successfully launched to Kamchatka yesterday. [REDACTED] 50X1  
[REDACTED] 50X11
- C. Prime Minister Welensky says that he will announce that any Rhodesian mercenaries in Katanga will lose their passports unless they return home immediately. Our reports have indicated that Rhodesians, along with Belgians and South Africans, make up the bulk of Tshombe's white mercenaries. [REDACTED] 50X1



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- A. We have identified a new, torpedo-attack, class of Soviet nuclear submarines. At least three of this type are believed operational. We had previously identified another nuclear class, probably missile equipped, of which at least six are operational.

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revolt against Nasir will break out in Egypt in the next few days. We doubt these rumors, which are to be expected under present circumstances, but we are not so confident of our assessment of the Egyptian army's attitude in the aftermath of the Syrian affair to say that such a move is out of the question.

- D. De Gaulle now plans to go to Algeria--but not the city of Algiers--at the end of this month. His visit will yet again increase the danger of demonstrations or attempts at assassination.

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- E. Embassy Quito reports the situation in Ecuador "not now as alarming as previously appeared".

- F. Some Chinese Communist troops may be operating in Burma--with Rangoon's permission--as they did last year against the Nationalist irregulars.

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- G. British troop withdrawal from Kuwait has been completed.

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- H. It now appears that at least five, and perhaps several more, of the 26 regional Chinese Communist party bosses have been replaced over the past year. The purged leaders are apparently being made scapegoats for failures in the commune and "leap forward" programs, and for difficulties with ethnic minorities.

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- I. Turkish parliamentary elections will be held this Sunday. While there is a good deal of popular sympathy for the Menderes regime, the present military junta believes its party will win at least a plurality.

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2. Argentina - Cuba

Cuban Foreign Minister Roa, who is at the UN, has been informed that Frondizi is resisting pressures to break with Cuba and will do so only if Chile did likewise. Roa has appealed to Brazil and Mexico to do what they can to prevent a break by Chile "in order to strengthen President Frondizi's stand against this rupture."

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- A. There have been a number of recent instances of East German interference with or delays of US military trains travelling to and from Berlin which our Embassy in Bonn sees as falling into a rudimentary pattern: East German cockiness, wilfull violation of standing procedures, and inability to obtain Soviet intervention. [redacted] 50X1
- B. The nuclear test at Semipalatinsk yesterday [redacted] 50X2  
[redacted]
- C. A Soviet attempt to launch another missile into the Central Pacific yesterday failed. The score on the seven attempts in the current series of extended range shots is now: 3 generally successful, 3 failures, and 1 probable overshoot. [redacted] [redacted] 50X1
- D. [redacted]  
[redacted] constant threat of new outbreaks in Algeria. [redacted] 50X1  
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- E. The UN chief in the Congo, Khiari of Tunisia, has offered to help the Angolan rebel leader Holden Roberto ship arms via the Congo. Khiari indicated [redacted] UN headquarters "would not raise any objections if the plane transporting arms landed in Leopoldville." [redacted] C/B 50X1
- F. Our Embassy in Taipei thinks that the Chinese Nationalist premier and foreign minister may both have to go in the political aftermath of a reversal on the Outer Mongolian issue. [redacted] 50X1



- G. The Portuguese see signs of a rising danger that India will use force against Goa and have asked the US to express support for them in New Delhi.

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1. South Vietnam



A. The presence of North Vietnamese regular army personnel with the guerrillas seems virtually confirmed in a [redacted] Viet Cong headquarters warning to its subordinate units on 14 September that "the friends who have just arrived" should destroy all "revealing items" brought from the "distant places", especially "photographs taken with regular army shirts." [redacted] 50X1

B. [redacted] some guerrilla concern over successful countermeasures in the area just south of Saigon. 50X1

C. Recent guerrilla successes, however, have stimulated a renewal of anti-Communist plotting to overthrow Diem. [redacted] 50X1

2. Pinay will bid for leadership of parliamentary opposition to De Gaulle



He plans soon to make a public announcement of his candidacy as leader of a coalition government designed eventually to replace the Debre government. Pinay will seek support on the right, but will try to leave the way open for the Socialists to join his coalition. How he would fit De Gaulle into this scheme is unclear. [redacted] 50X1

3. Berlin

A. The Polish UN representative said last Monday Soviet hints of a delay in signing the German peace treaty had no meaning, that Khrushchev would commit himself at the Party Congress to sign it this year, and that the signing would take place either immediately after the Congress or in December, depending on the state of US-Soviet negotiations.

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C. East German police fired more than 250 shots into West Berlin this morning in trying unsuccessfully to stop a group of refugees from crossing the line. The fire was not returned by West Berlin police.

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4. Soviet weapons tests yesterday

A. Another ICBM test to the Central Pacific appears to have been successful. The score now is 4 successes, 3 failures in flight and 1 overshoot.

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B. The nuclear test at Semipalatinsk, 26th in the series,

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NOTES

A. The Afghan-Pakistani impasse continues, while each side waits for Western pressure to force concessions from the other. Moscow is taking advantage of the situation to develop greater Afghan economic dependence on the USSR. 50X1

B. The Indian Communist Party [redacted] has declared its support for the Indian government in its border quarrel with Communist China. 50X1

Embassy Rio de Janeiro reports that the campaign for recall of Quadros to active political life is gathering momentum.

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DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST



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**WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--12 October**

No Sino-Soviet bloc country intends deliberately to initiate direct military action in the immediate future. However, current military measures associated with Soviet bloc - Warsaw Pact exercises are improving bloc military capabilities in Eastern Europe, and could afford the bloc a cover for preparations for hostilities.

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## OUTGOING MESSAGE



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#### 1. CONGO.

A. THE FORMAL CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UN AND KATANGA WILL PROBABLY RESULT IN AN EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS BUT OTHERWISE HAVE LITTLE EFFECT ON EFFORTS BY BOTH SIDES TO IMPROVE THEIR MILITARY POSITIONS;

B. THE ADOULA GOVERNMENT IS UNLIKELY TO BE PLEASED AND THERE MAY BE DEMONSTRATIONS BY THE 30,000 BALUBA REFUGEES CAMPED OUTSIDE ELISABETHVILLE, WHO WILL SEE THE AGREEMENT AS STRENGTHENING TSHOMBE'S PRESTIGE;

C. THE SITUATION IN STANLEYVILLE IS, MEANWHILE, ~~KAHHEKE~~ <sup>50X1</sup>  
~~EN~~ CAUSING THE UN AND THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT SOME CONCERN. THERE <sup>50X1</sup>  
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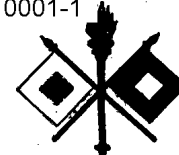
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**2. PEIPING REITERATES DETERMINATION TO HAVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS.****THE CHINESE COMMUNIST CHIEF OF STAFF RECENTLY TOLD****THAT "WE WILL NOT BE CHEATED" BY A TEST**

**BAN AIMED AT LIMITING THE NUMBER OF NUCLEAR POWERS. HE DECLARED THAT CHINA, LIKE FRANCE, WOULD CONDUCT TESTS "AS NECESSARY" WHEN NUCLEAR WEAPONS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED. OUR EVIDENCE IS THAT MOSCOW HAS BEEN HOLDING BACK IN HELPING THE CHINESE DEVELOP A NUCLEAR CAPABILITY AND THAT THIS HAS BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE A SORESPOT IN SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS.**

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**3. SITUATION IN COLOMBIA.**

**THE STATE OF SEIGE DECLARED LAST WEDNESDAY, THOUGH TOUCHED OFF BY A SMALL-SCALE REBELLION, REFLECTS THE LLERAS GOVERNMENTS CONCERN AT GROWING SUBVERSIVE AGITATION BY LEFT AND RIGHT WING EXTREMISTS. THE SITUATION HAS CREATED INCREASED PESSIMISM OVER THE CAPABILITY OF THE COUNTRYS ELECTORAL PROCESS TO DEAL WITH ITS PROBLEMS.**

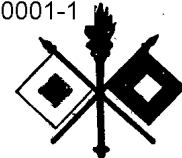
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#### 4. FURTHER DUNCAN SANDYS CONCLUSIONS ON GHANA.

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A. SANDYS BELIEVES THAT NKRUMAH IS "BOWLED OVER" BY SOVIET INDUSTRIAL ACHIEVEMENTS RATHER THAN COMMUNIST DOCTRINE: HE IS "THINKING MORE IN TERMS OF SMOKESTACKS THAN IDEOLOGY";

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B. NKRUMAH SEEMED GENUINELY SURPRISED WHEN CONFRONTED WITH EVIDENCE OF HIS RECENT DEPARTURE FROM A NEUTRAL POSITION;

C. SANDYS FEELS THAT HIS VISIT TO GHANA "BOUGHT TIME" AND IS HOPEFUL THAT SUCH THINGS AS SIGNING OF THE VOLTA AGREEMENT AND THE QUEENS VISIT WILL HELP TO BRING NKRUMAH BACK INTO LINE.

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#### 5. YEMEN.

A PERIOD OF SERIOUS POLITICAL INSTABILITY APPEARS TO BE IN THE OFFING IN YEMEN. YESTERDAY, THE IMAN, WHO HAS BEEN NEAR DEATH FOR MONTHS, MADE A PUBLIC STATEMENT TURNING OVER PART OF HIS POWERS TO HIS SON, CROWN PRINCE BADR.

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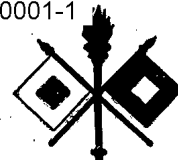
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HOWEVER, IMPORTANT ELEMENTS, INCLUDING THE IMAN'S BROTHER PRINCE HASAN, OPPOSED TO THE PRO-EGYPTIAN, PRO-SOVIET CROWN PRINCE AND A CONTEST

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**6. NOTES.**

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POSITIONED IN EAST GERMANY, POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. WE STILL  
EXPECT SIZABLE FIELD MANEUVERS TO BE HELD.

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B. XX MOSCOW HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT IS EXTENDING THE PERIOD FOR  
MISSILE FIRINGS INTO THE CENTRAL PACIFIC FROM 15 OCTOBER, AS WE  
PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED, TO 30 OCTOBER. THIS LESSENS, BUT DOES NOT RULE  
OUT, THE POSSIBILITY OF A SPACE LAUNCHING TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH THE  
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C. **EX THERE IS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF SOVIET BLOC MILITARY INVOLVE-**  
**MENT IN MALI. FIFTEEN SOVIET MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE NOW REPORTED TO**  
**BE STATIONED THERE.** **INFORMATION INDICATED THAT A REGULAR**  
**FLOW OF BLOC MILITARY EQUIPMENT WAS ENTERING MALI BY WAY OF GUINEA.**

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1. Geneva conference developments





Ambassador Harriman thinks that the problem of reaching agreement with Moscow now boils down to two critical issues: voting procedures in the ICC and Laos' association with SEATO. He feels that settlement of these points would put us on the verge of a significant breakthrough. Soviet representative Pushkin indicated that his return to Moscow had been cancelled by Gromyko as a result of the latter's meeting with the President. 

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2. Top Communists trooping into Moscow for Congress



As many as 70 foreign parties--Bloc and non-bloc--will be on hand for the opening session on Tuesday morning. The Yugoslavs have been excluded and  the Albanians may not be there either. The meeting may last as long as two weeks, with Khrushchev scheduled to make two major speeches. 

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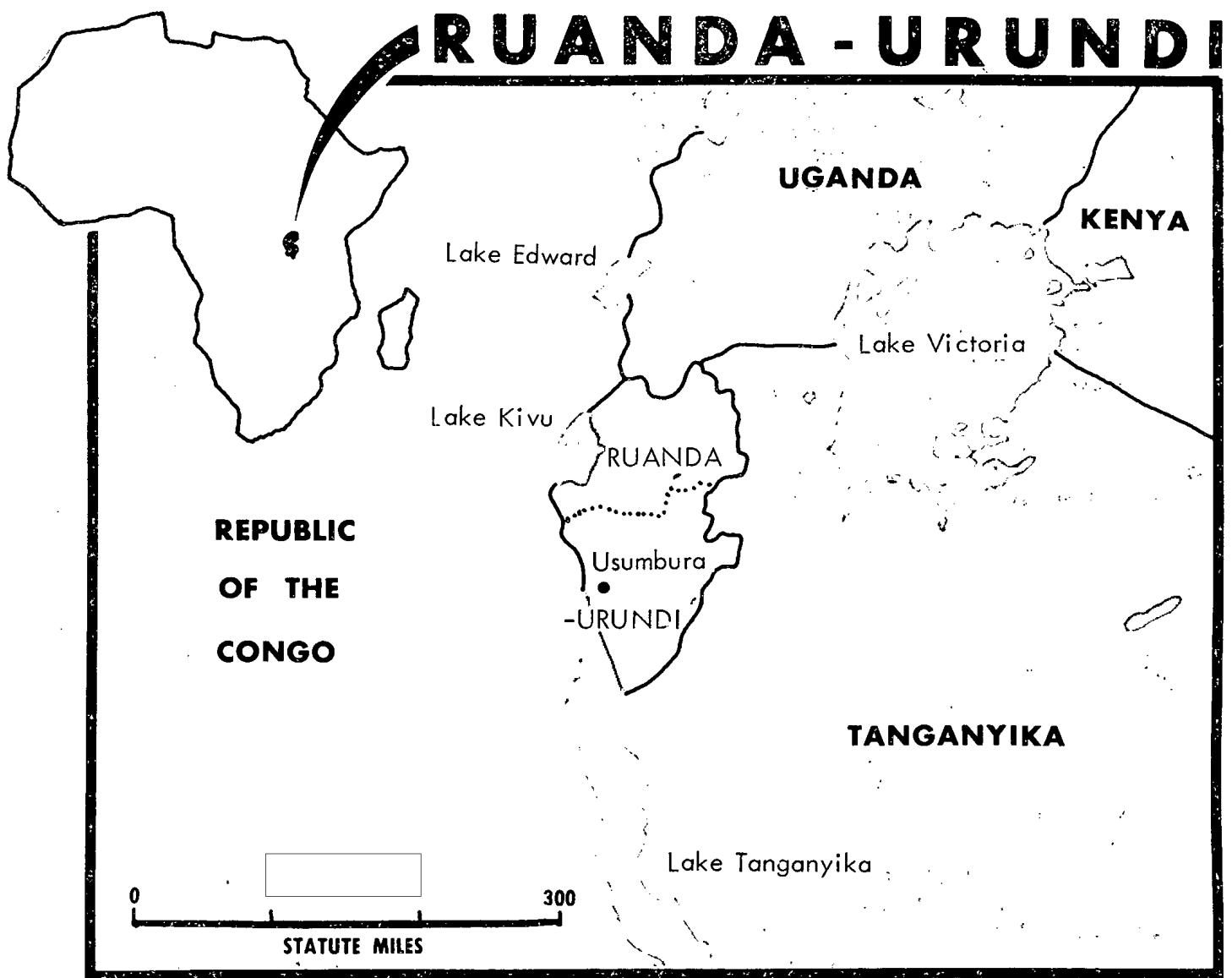
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3. Urundi tense following prime minister's assassination



The Belgian trust territory is described as a "tinder box" following the assassination of moderate prime minister Rwagasore on Saturday. Africans are blaming his death on the Belgians. Pressures for the early end of the Belgian trusteeship will increase, the door may open to more radical elements in the dominant nationalist party, and clashes between traditionally hostile tribal groups may occur.

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4. Nasir's position



Many Egyptians think he handled the Syrian situation sensibly and he has regained some prestige internally. His aura of invincibility has been cracked, however.

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his setback has stimulated elements which would like to unseat him. Our embassy in Cairo feels that failures in his domestic program, which has not been going too well, could make his position shaky or tempt him into some foreign adventure.

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A. The USSR fired another missile into the Central Pacific area yesterday, the ninth in the current series in which there have been 5 successes, 3 failures in flight and 1 overshoot.

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B. On the basis of incomplete returns Turkey's Justice Party, which has made a vigorous campaign aimed at attracting supporters of ex-premier Menderes, appears to be running nearly even with the well established Republican Peoples Party--favored by the military junta. The Turks have had no experience with a coalition government, which appears to be the likely result of the elections, and an unstable situation is likely to develop.

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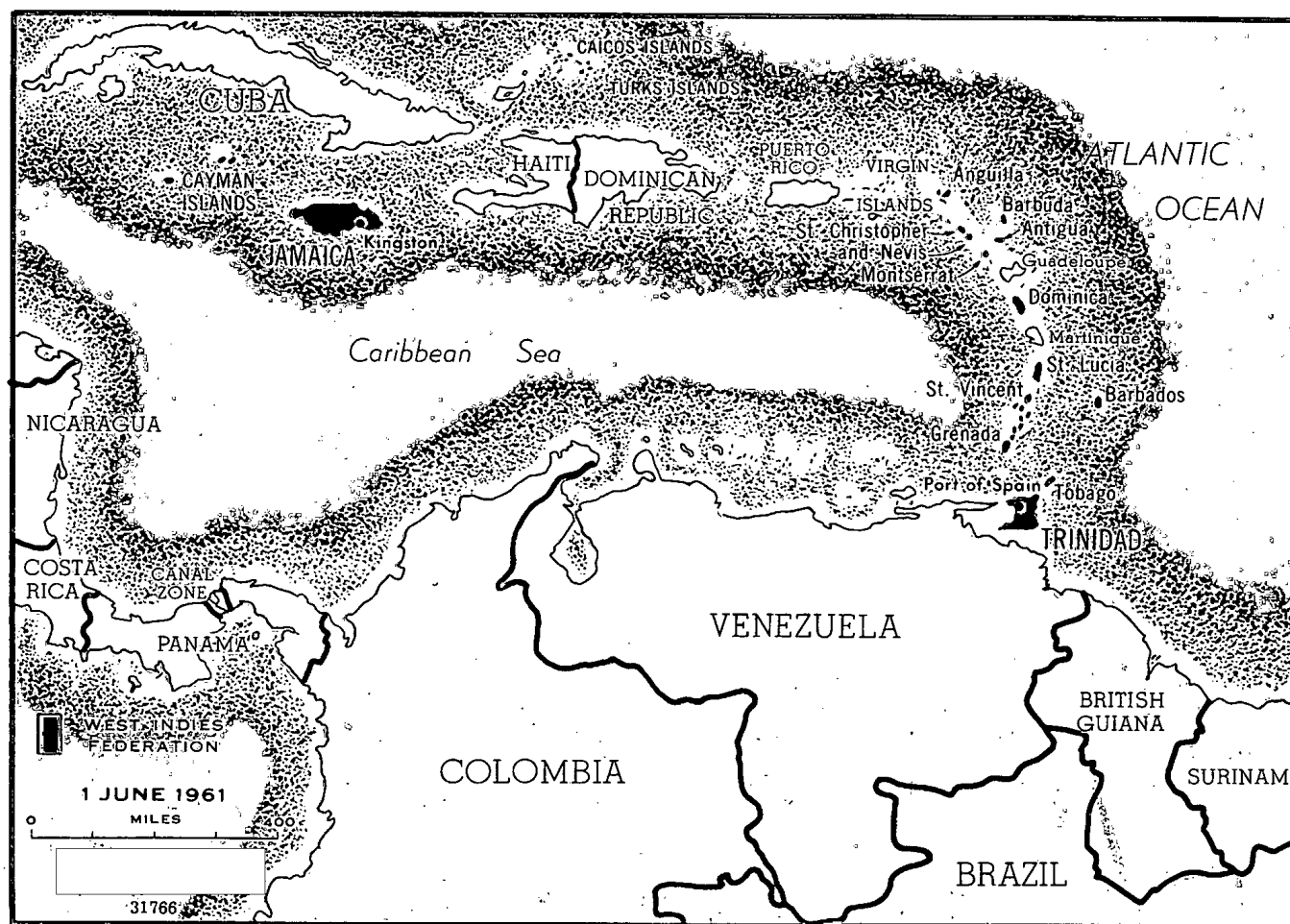
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D. There is growing concern in Brazil over a worsening financial position.

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F. Trinidad's premier Williams, facing re-election, has threatened to repudiate the West Indies base agreement with the US. In addition, St. Lucia and Antigua, where there are important US missile-tracking and space research facilities, will face serious problems from Jamaica's impending withdrawal from the Federation, and pressure will thus increase for renegotiating agreements for these bases as well.

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G. The general strike in Ecuador has been interrupted by a temporary truce. The military, fearing a leftist alternative, are urging President Velasco to dig in and to check the flow of Communist funds, agitators, and propaganda into the country.

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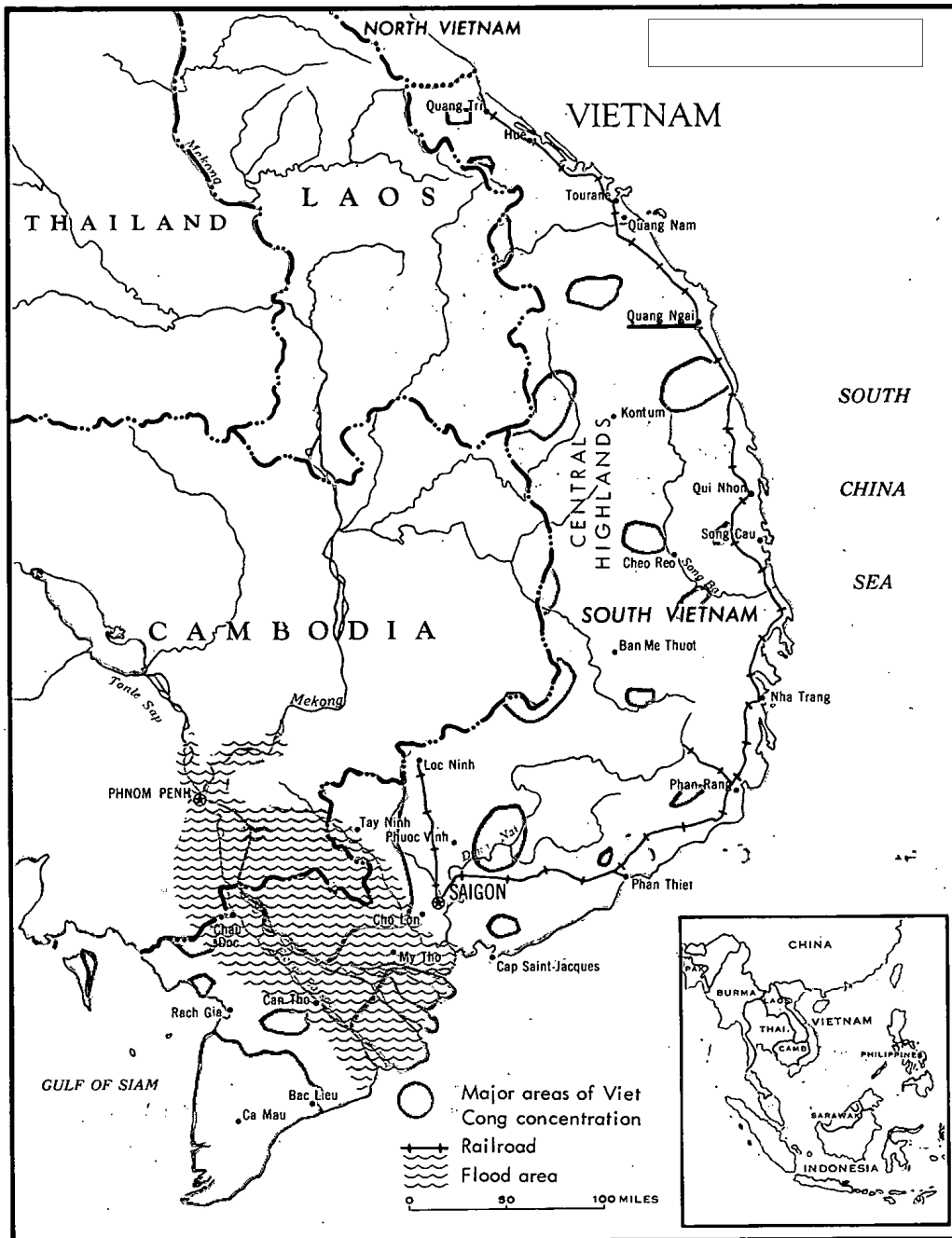
LATE ITEM

Khrushchev opened the Soviet Party Congress today with his major speech--the report of the Party First Secretary. Available highlights together with our preliminary comment are attached in a separate document.

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## Communist Guerrilla Activity in South Vietnam

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1. South Vietnam

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A. The pattern of Viet Cong activity is beginning to suggest an attempt to sever communications to the area north of Quang Ngai.

B. President Diem is quoted as saying that the approach of the dry season made it "now or never" in the fight with the Viet Cong.

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Diems brother is quoted as saying that South Vietnamese army casualties now exceed the recruitment rate.

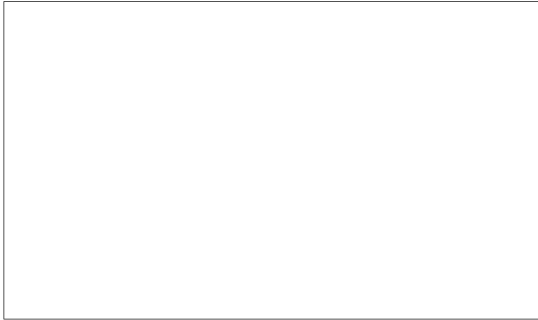
C. Authorities in Saigon expect a step up in Viet Cong activity to greet General Taylor, and have tightened security.

D. Severe flooding of the upper Mekong delta will place an additional heavy strain on South Vietnam's resources. Damage to the rice crop will be particularly serious, as Viet Cong activity has already reduced the rice export surplus for this year from 400,000 to 100,000 tons. On the other hand the Viet Cong itself has lost heavily in supplies and "arsenals" in this same area.

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2. Turkish election  
results unsatisfactory  
to ruling military  
group



We can now confirm the failure of the military government-favored Republic People's Party to win a majority in the lower house. In the Senate, followers of the late Menderes appear to hold a majority. The prospect of coalition government, and the obvious popular disapproval of the military junta and its execution of Menderes may impel the junta to break its promise to return the country to civilian rule. This possibility is heightened by an apparent reconciliation of the junta with its dissident radical faction of younger officers who favor prolonged military rule.



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3. Bourguiba again presses  
France for commitment on  
evacuation of Bizerte



He is described by Ambassador Walmsley as "more aggressive and nervous than we have seen him before". The French Navy is in the early planning stages for eventual evacuation, but De Gaulle still shows no signs of willingness to meet Bourguiba's demands.



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There appears to have been a crisis over the weekend within the Syrian ruling group, with Revolutionary Command, other army elements, and civilian cabinet members variously opposed on such issues as relations with the UAR and socialization versus denationalization. While things have calmed down for the moment, a political upheaval appears merely to have been postponed.

- B. Poland--in doubt over continued PL-480 supplies--has concluded arrangements to make up its grain deficit for the year ending next June by additional purchases from Canada and Finland.
- C. Salazar has stated he expects rebellion in Mozambique after Tanganyika achieves independence in December.
- D. Souvanna now plans to go to Luang Prabang on Wednesday.

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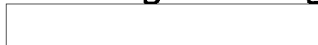
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4. Elimination of Trujillo family influence in sight



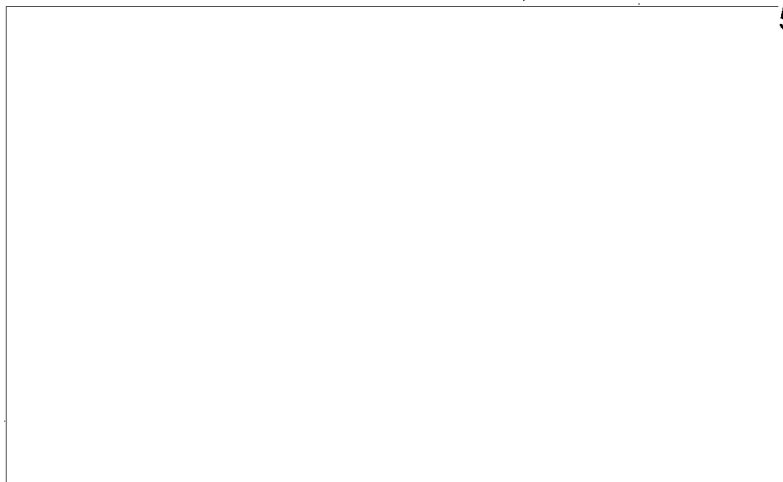
Ramfis Trujillo appears close to agreement on a program which would divest his family of its concentration of wealth and military strength in 50X1 the Dominican Republic and remove most of its members from the country, although he is still bargaining hard. There is no certainty, however, that his uncle Arismendi, who controls a considerable paramilitary force, 50X1 will agree to go quietly. 50X1



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## 1. Congo situation



a) UN authorities in Leopoldville and New York are said to be disconcerted over terms of the Katanga cease-fire and Adoula regards it as a damaging blow to prospects for reintegration. They are troubled by the provision that Tshombé is free to defend himself if Katanga is invaded by the central government; 50X1

b) although Tshombé has indicated his readiness to begin negotiations with the central government, his "victory" over the UN is not likely to make him more tractable;

c) Gizenga, who is virtually AWOL from his post in Leopoldville, is attempting to put together a new "Lumumbist" coalition in Stanleyville. 50X1

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## 2. Violence in Algeria



Moslems have so far been fairly restrained in the face of the European mob attacks of the last few days--probably inspired by the Secret Army Organization. The likelihood of a worsening in the situation is strong, however, particularly in view of the nationwide Moslem demonstrations scheduled for 1 November which will probably provoke widespread clashes. 50X1

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3. Brazilian financial difficulties

Faced by a deteriorating short-term financial position, the government would like to get a speed-up in the flow of US aid under commitments made to the Quadros government. Goulart is quoted as saying that President Kennedy thought he might be a Communist but this wasn't so and he would prove it, by changes in his government if necessary. Pro-American Finance Minister Salles, on Goulart's urging, may come to Washington to outline Brazil's position and problems.

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4. South Vietnamese assessment of Viet Cong rural strength

the Viet Cong fully controls 10 percent of the country's 2700 villages; 30 percent of the villages back the Diem regime; and the remaining 60 percent, though generally anti-Communist, are susceptible to economic, political and propaganda pressures from the Viet Cong. We have no comprehensive check on this estimate, but feel the figures are probably fairly close to the mark.

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- A. The South Vietnamese government today declared a state of emergency, in effect until further notice.
- B. Our UN delegation believes that a Security Council meeting on Outer Mongolia can be postponed until next Monday or Tuesday. The Chinese Nationalist delegate has indicated that such a schedule is suitable to him.

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- D. Soviet nuclear test at Semipalatinsk yesterday

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- E. Anti-Castro elements in Argentina have lost ground in their efforts to force a break with Havana. Frondizi's case has been strengthened by the refusal of Cuban exiles to allow the Argentine government to examine the documents which they claim prove Castro-directed subversion.

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- F. Neither Moscow nor Kabul has announced a figure for the credit agreement which they signed on Monday, but we expect the Afghans to receive at least \$300 million spread over the 5-year term of their economic plan.

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1. Party Congress highlights



A. Khrushchev made a second long speech yesterday, this time on the Party Program. His speech was essentially a rehash of the draft programs published in July, with heavy emphasis on his intention to maintain the present pattern of Soviet economic growth favoring heavy industry.

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B. The Congress is evidently designed to be a major step in the deification of Khrushchev. Embassy Moscow reports that a book called "Story of an Honorary Miner" was published for the occasion; it contains a doctored photograph which purports to show Khrushchev and Stalin with a group of miners in 1925.

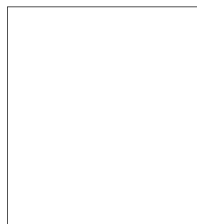
C. Initial Soviet attempts to play down the quarrel with China are not having much success. The Chinese responded to Khrushchev's attack on Albania by publishing yesterday an earlier speech praising Sino-Albanian friendship, and have not so far reported either of Khrushchev's speeches. The press also reports that Chou En-lai's reaction to the speeches has been less than enthusiastic.

D. It also appears that the East German regime was thoroughly surprised by Khrushchev's withdrawal of the deadline for signing a German peace treaty.

E. Today the Congress is "debating" the two speeches.

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2. New crisis in Ecuador

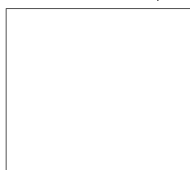


Leftist Vice-President Arosemena is attempting to impeach President Velasco, apparently hoping the military will back him in fear that Velasco will assume dictatorial powers. We doubt the army will jump this way, for its leaders prefer Velasco to Arosemena and have shown a willingness to support the former in moves against the left.

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3. French dislike British terms for Common Market membership



They say London has merely presented a well-packaged statement of "old Free Trade Area ideas," while the various special arrangements proposed to protect the Commonwealth and the Outer Seven make the general British acceptance meaningless. Other Common Market countries have reacted more favorably, but foresee long and complicated negotiations.

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4. Second Asia-Africa Conference may be called at Bandung



Indonesia has been trying for some time to convene such a conference, and has now been seconded by Communist China. The Chinese, who made much hay at the first Bandung meeting in 1955, want to hold the second next April. Indian reluctance is apparently the main obstacle.

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- A. Gizenga is trying to reestablish the channel of support from Cairo to Stanleyville--and indirectly from the bloc--which had operated during his earlier period of isolation there. 50X1  
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- B. Communist China is opposed to U Thant as UN Secretary-General because it fears that Nehru will lead Burma "toward the right." 50X1  
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- C. The King of Laos has "accepted" Souvanna as cabinet formateur. The next step is another meeting of the three princes to agree on makeup of the cabinet, which will not be easy. 50X1
- D. The pro-forma Jordanian parliamentary elections are in progress today and could cause disorders.

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WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--18 October 1961

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

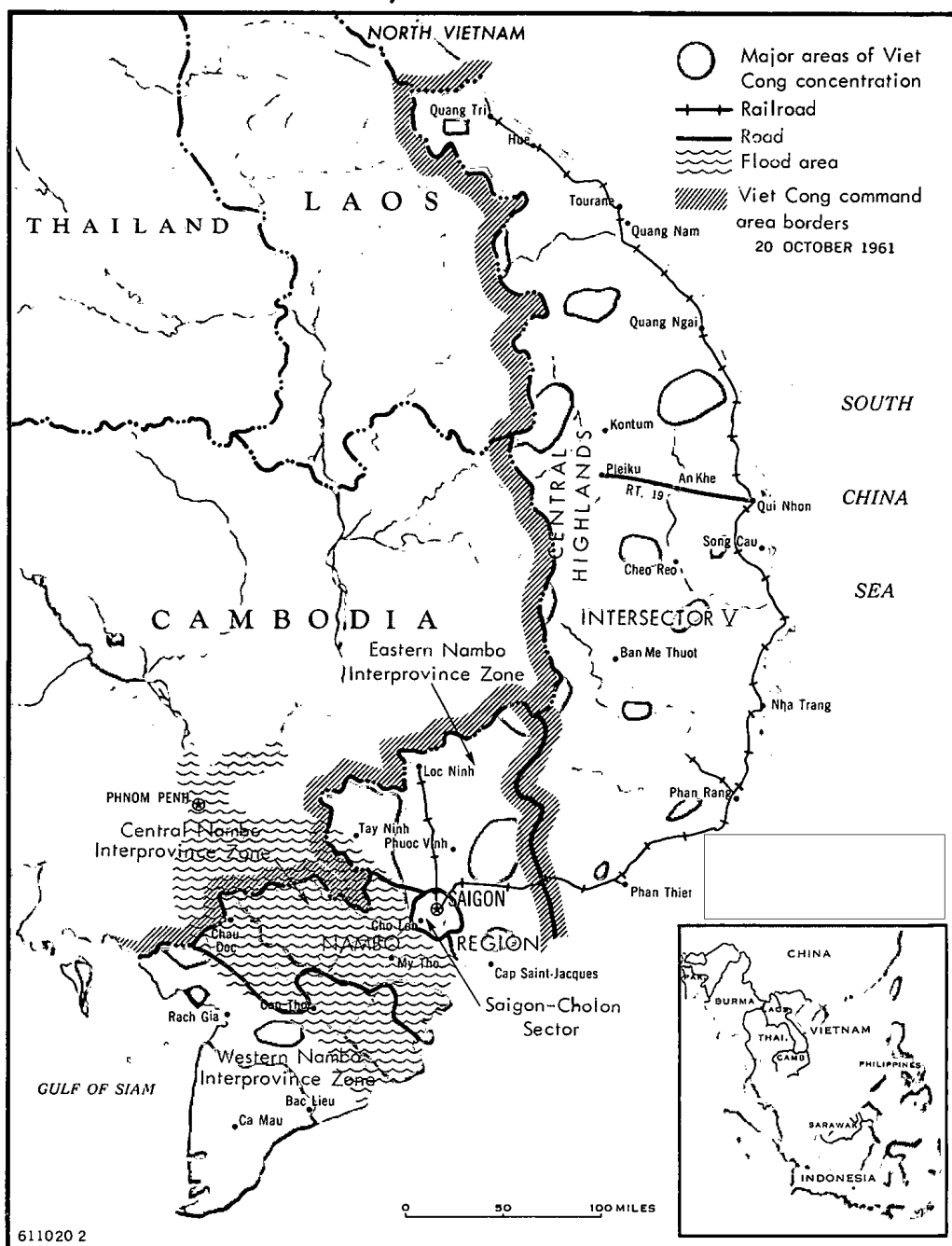
NOTE: Further Warsaw Pact exercises, which would improve the Soviet military posture, are likely in the near future.

South Vietnam: Communist forces are increasing their efforts to undermine the Diem government by sabotage and terrorism and to expand the Viet Cong areas of military control in South Vietnam.

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## Communist Guerrilla Activity in South Vietnam





1. Chou En-Lai speech  
to Soviet Congress

a) In his speech yesterday Chou made a pitch for public unity between Moscow and Peiping ("household affairs should not be solved in the street"), but then went on to indicate that Peiping does not intend to eat humble pie. He criticized Khrushchev's earlier condemnation of the Albanians, calling it a "one-sided censure." He also said that Peiping was grateful for Soviet aid in the past, but was capable of standing on its own and would get through its present economic difficulties with "the work of our own hands";

b) Chou's invective against the US and his stress on the danger of war, struck a more strident note than Khrushchev, but this was pretty much a standard performance;

c) Peiping has finally reported on the contents of Khrushchev's two speeches to the Congress, but not until it could report Chou's speech simultaneously.

2. South Vietnam

A Viet Cong attack which began late on Wednesday is still going on against the town of An Khê. The Communists' objective, consistent with the pattern which has been developing recently, is apparently to sever Saigon's land routes with the northern part of the country.

### 3. Congo situation

a) There was a clash yesterday between the forces of Tshombé and of the Leopoldville government inside Katanga's border. From the details available, it would appear that Leopoldville, which has been much upset by the UN-Katanga cease-fire agreement, has been testing Katanga border defenses with small patrols; 50X1

b) Elisabethville is once again in an uneasy state. Katangan forces are described as impatient with the cease-fire and anxious to resume fighting against the UN. 50X1

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4. West Berlin Morale



The latest assessment by our Mission in West Berlin finds that:

- a) The West Berliners are showing an outward confidence but are more uneasy than at any time in the last two years;
- b) government, business and press leaders think that the US underrates the impact which the sealing off of the border has had on the Berlin problem, and;
- c) the Communists have been encouraged to get tougher by the failure of the West to take countermeasures.

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5. Burma riled by Nationalist Chinese irregulars



The issue, which Rangoon cites to justify the presence of Communist Chinese troops in the country, has been rekindled by the recent movement of 800 of the Chinese Nationalist from Thailand into Burma. Customary charges of US support for the irregulars are beginning to stir again in the Burmese press. About 3,477 of the irregulars were evacuated to Taiwan early this year but an estimated 3,000-3,500 remain in the area--1,200 in Thailand, 400-600 in Laos and 1,200-1,600 now in Burma.

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A. There was another nuclear test at Semipalatinsk yesterday  50X2

B. The Syrian government has made unofficial soundings on the availability of US military aid. In addition to arms, they are seeking radio transmitting equipment with which to counter Egyptian propaganda.

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C. One of Adenauer's aides says that a "very favorable" reply to the President's letter is now being drafted. It will say that West Germany wants to contribute toward reaching an acceptable basis for negotiating with Moscow.

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 PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

1. SOVIET PARTY CONGRESS -- INTRABLOC PROBLEMS:

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A. KHRUSHCHEV'S ATTACKS ON THE ALBANIAN LEADERSHIP HAVE PRECIPITATED A CRISIS IN INTRABLOC RELATIONS WHICH HE PROBABLY DID NOT EXPECT. THE ALBANIAN PARTY YESTERDAY, APPEALING TO THE RADICAL FACTION IN THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT OVER THE HEADS OF ITS LEADERS, BITTERLY DENOUNCED KHRUSHCHEV. IT CHARGED THAT HE AND "HIS FOLLOWERS" HAD "SERIOUSLY ENDANGERED" THE UNITY OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM BY ANTI-MARXIST ACTIONS AND PRAISED CHOU EN-LAI FOR HIS REBUKE OF KHRUSHCHEV THE DAY BEFORE. THE ALBANIANS CLAIM THEY WILL DOCUMENT THEIR CHARGES.

B. THE ALBANIAN RESPONSE PUTS THE CHINESE IN A DIFFICULT POSITION: THEY MUST EITHER PUBLICLY HUMBLE THEMSELVES BY ABANDONING THE ALBANIANS, OR SHATTER THE CAREFULLY REBUILT FACADE OF SINO-SOVIET UNITY -- THIS TIME PERHAPS FOR GOOD -- BY A BITTER POLEMIC WITH KHRUSHCHEV ON THE MOST CONSPICUOUS ROSTRUM AVAILABLE IN THE COMMUNIST WORLD. ANOTHER MEETING OF COMMUNIST PARTIES AFTER THE CONGRESS APPEARS TO BE REQUIRED.

C. MIKOYAN AT YESTERDAY'S SESSION QUOTED ALBANIAN PREMIER SHEHU AS SAYING THAT STALIN MADE ONLY TWO MISTAKES: HE DIED TOO SOON AND HE FAILED TO DESTROY THE PRESENT SOVIET LEADERSHIP.

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A. KHRUSHCHEV RENEWED HIS ATTACK ON THE ANTIPARTY GROUP PARTLY BECAUSE HIS CENTRAL COMMITTEE REPORT COVERS DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST REGULAR PARTY CONGRESS IN 1956; THE ABORTIVE ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW HIM IN 1957 WAS PERHAPS THE PRINCIPAL DOMESTIC POLITICAL EVENT OF THE PERIOD. SIMILAR ATTACKS BY LESSER RANKING PARTY OFFICIALS AT THE CONGRESS SUGGEST HOWEVER, THAT THE REAL INTENT IS TO DEMONSTRATE AGAIN--AND MORE VIVIDLY-- HOW MUCH BETTER OFF THE SOVIET PEOPLE HAVE BEEN UNDER KHRUSHCHEV THAN UNDER STALIN. THE VARYING DEGREES OF VIRULENCE PROBABLY REFLECT THE INDIVIDUAL SPEAKERS' DESIRE TO CURRY FAVOR WITH KHRUSHCHEV.

B. IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT ANY MEMBERS OF THE ANTIPARTY GROUP WILL BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL FOR THEIR PAST CRIMES, ALTHOUGH MALENKOV AND KAGANOVICH AT LEAST WILL PROBABLY BE DEPRIVED OF THEIR PARTZ CARDS--THEIR LAST REMAINING VESTIGE OF RESPECTABILITY. INITIATIVES TAKEN BEFORE A CONGRESS, HOWEVER, CAN BUILD UP A MOMENTUM OF THEIR OWN, AS THE "SECRET SPEECH" OF 1956 LED TO THE EVENTS IN HUNGARY AND POLAND LATER THAT YEAR, AND WE WOULD NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE INVECTIVE OF THE LAST FEW DAYS COULD DEVELOP INTO MORE WIDESPREAD ACTION AGAINST OFFICIALS WHO SERVED UNDER MALENKOV.

### 3. NOTES:

A. THE NUCLEAR DEVICE TESTED YESTERDAY AT NOVAYA ZEMLY, MAY HAVE BEEN DELIVERED BY A MEDIUM OR SHORT-RANGE MISSILE

B. WE ARE BEGINNING TO GET INDICATIONS THAT ALGERIAN MOSLEMS ARE PREPARING FOR MAJOR DEMONSTRATIONS ON 1 NOVEMBER. THESE MIGHT BREAK OUT AS EARLY AS TOMORROW, HOWEVER, IN REACTION TO FRENCH SUPPRESSION OF ALGERIAN RIOTS IN PARIS THIS WEEK.

D. EMBASSY DJAKARTA SPECULATES THAT SUKARONO MAY HAVE CHOSEN TOGO TO VIENNA FOR TREATMENT IN ORDER TO MEET DUTCH EMISSARIES THERE FOR DISCUSSION OF WEST NEW GUINEA.

E. PERU'S CALL FOR FORMAL OAS ACTION AGAINST CASTRO IS GETTING A COOL RECEPTION IN LATIN AMERICAN.

F. PORTUGAL IS BUILDING UP MILITARY STRENGTH IN MOZAMBIQUE IN ANTICIPATION OF TROUBLE AFTER TANGANYIKA BECOMES INDEPENDENT ON 9 DECEMBER. ALMOST HALF THE PORTUGUESE ARMY IS NOW STATIONED IN ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE.

G. COMMUNIST CHINA HAS NOT SHELLLED THE OFFSHORE ISLANDS SINCE 12 SEPTEMBER, ONE OF THE LONGEST LULLS SINCE 1958. PEIPING PROBABLY HAS THE UN VOTE IN MIND. THE NATIONALISTS HAVE DONE A MODERATE AMOUNT OF SHELLING IN THE SAME PERIOD.

H. EMBASSY ACCRA, REPORTING ON SENATOR GORE'S CONVERSATION WITH NKURUMAH, SUGGESTS THAT THE LATTER HAS BEEN "POSSIBLY SOBERED, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY," BY DELAY OF VOLTA PROJECT.

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TWO LATE ITEMS

A. SUKARNO HAS ANNOUNCED A GENERAL AMNESTY FOR INDONESIAN REBELS  
CAPTURED SINCE THE 1958 UPRISING. THIS MAY INCLUDE POPE,

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B. DISTURBANCES CONTINUE IN MOST CITIES OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.  
THE BALAGUER REGIME IS REACTING STRONGLY, BUT THE DIRECTION OF EVENTS  
IS STILL UNCLEAR.

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1. Soviet weapons tests



A. We have preliminary indications of two nuclear tests this morning. The first, at Novaya Zemlya

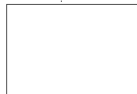
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The second, just south of Novaya Zemlya, created a massive seismic disturbance, but we suspect this may have been caused by a detonation under water rather than a high-yield air burst.

B. Another ICBM was successfully fired to the Central Pacific yesterday. makes six successes, three failures, and one overshoot.

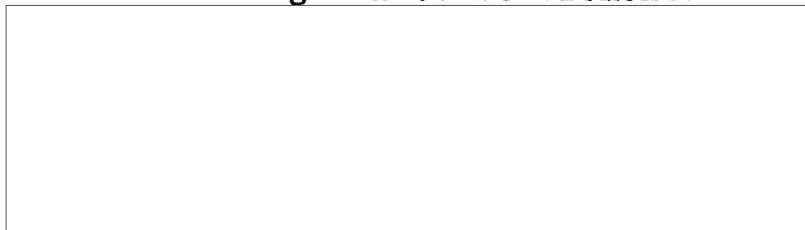
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2. New climax approaches in Algeria

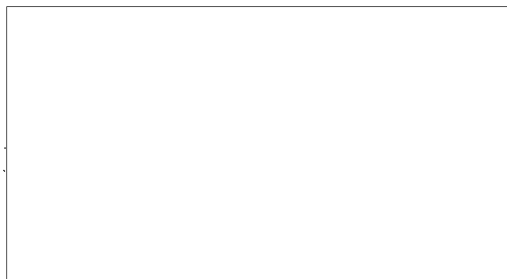


A. As the rebels prepare to produce an all-out demonstration by the Moslem population on 1 November, there are indications that the OAS will make its own demonstration a few days earlier. The Moslems say their activities will be peaceful, but we see considerable danger that the two communities will go for each other, which would seriously damage the possibilities for a negotiated settlement.

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3. Tension in the  
Dominican Republic



Since early last week there has been widespread anti-regime rioting throughout the country. The Balaguer government has finally moved to deport leaders of the pro-Castro movement, but the armed forces are pressing for wholesale action against all opposition elements. Meanwhile, Hector and Arismendi Trujillo have apparently left the country.

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4. Thai-Cambodian  
diplomatic break



Both sides have violated a propaganda truce reached last November. Friction between the two is of long standing and arises from differences in political orientation, a border dispute now before the World Court, and animosity between Sarit and Sihanouk.

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5. UN ratification of  
Katanga cease-fire  
agreement has reserva-  
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The UN wants to dispel any notion that it has recognized Katanga's independence, and is noncommittal on its policy should the central government invade Katanga. Tshombe, confident of his military superiority, is unlikely to accept.

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☐ A. There have been no major Party Congress developments since Saturday. 50X1

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☐ B. Embassy Cairo reports its suspicion, based on the pattern of recent arrests, that Nasir is attempting to liquidate the wealthy class in Egypt.

☐ C. There has been a new outbreak of violence in Ruanda-Urundi. Public security there is steadily deteriorating. 50X1

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1. Marshal Malinovsky's  
anti-ballistic missile  
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The Marshal--who has frequently substituted aspiration for realization in the past--told the Party Congress yesterday that "the problem of destroying rockets in flight has been successfully solved." We do not take this at face value as meaning that the Soviets have actually achieved an operational anti-ballistic missile capability. We do think it possible, however, that they have reached a point in their R & D at which they think success is in sight. We know that their anti-ballistic missile program has a high priority and there are some indications of an early attempt to destroy an IRBM with an nuclear-armed anti-missile missile. However, we have no positive evidence that defensive missiles have yet been fired at incoming ballistic missiles. Malinovsky's statement has not changed our estimate that the Soviets "will probably begin at least limited deployment of an antiballistic missile system in about 1963-66."

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2. Chinese Communist  
internal difficulties

The Danish Ambassador, who recently ended a 2-year tour in Peiping, reports that the country has suffered "extraordinary economic setbacks," of a fundamental nature. He attributes them not so much to natural calamities as to institutional defects, primarily the elimination of incentives for the peasantry. Among the results: rations are at a bare minimum, public lassitude has set in, and labor productivity has fallen off visibly.

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### 3. Soviet Party Congress

a) Chou En-lai left Moscow for home yesterday, probably for consultations with other members of the Chinese Communist leadership on the turn-for-the worse in Sino-Soviet relations which has developed at the Congress, and on what position to take at the session of Communist party leaders that will probably follow the Congress. Defiant to the end, Chou paid homage at Stalin's grave before being seen off by Khrushchev; b) yesterday's Congress session again featured denunciation of the "anti-party group" and Albania. There were strong hints that the latter may be formally expelled from the Warsaw Pact;

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provide further evidence that the Ulbricht regime's internal propaganda has been put somewhat out of joint by Khrushchev's equivocation on the German issue at the Congress.

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### 4. Congo situation

Deputy Premier Gizenga, still in Stanleyville, is once again seeking military supplies from Cairo. He has specified that he wants small arms and communications equipment for "platoons of troops in combat." Although he may merely be trying to strengthen his Stanleyville stronghold, we do not discount the possibility that he hopes to propel himself into the forefront of the "nationalist" cause by a military move against Katanga.

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5. Nasir shaking up Egyptian officer corps



He has begun to weed out military personnel whose support would be essential to the success of any right-wing plot against him. In the wake of his Syrian setback, Nasir is also intent on getting more momentum into his government machinery and a fairly broad shake-up of the bureaucracy and the country's only political party is in the offing.

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- A. Tension remains high in the Dominican Republic as sporadic rioting continues.
- B. Warsaw Pact activity, which has now subsided throughout Eastern Europe, is scheduled to resume the beginning of next month.

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- C. The Turkish military junta has apparently decided on at least a trial period of civilian government. It announced yesterday that the armed forces have returned to their "basic duty." The step was taken, however, over the opposition of a group within the military which is highly reluctant to surrender control to a coalition of civilian parties.

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Brazil is continuing discussion with Moscow on the resumption of diplomatic relations-begun under Quadros-but is setting conditions which include restrictions on travel and limitations on the number of Soviet personnel.

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25 OCT 1961

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1. Algerian rebel proposal shows progress

Premier Ben Khedda appears to be offering De Gaulle an immediate settlement in return for abandonment of the latter's insistence on self-determination. First French reaction has been good, we suspect because the secret talks held in recent weeks have achieved a good measure of agreement, particularly on the future of the Sahara. The cart may well be upset, however, by OAS action or by the Moslem demonstrations planned for next Wednesday.

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2. Disorders in Bolivia

Rioting in La Paz, which has been building up since last Friday, has forced the government to alert military units, mobilize civilian militia, and to permit security forces to fire on mobs. [REDACTED] describes the situation as "chaotic, with everybody wanting to fight everybody else." President Paz's government has so far not been in danger, but the possibility of leftist revolutionary action increases as the disorders continue.

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### 3. Soviet Party Congress

Indications of Sino-Soviet difficulties over Albania continue to accumulate. Although Soviet officials have said

[redacted] Chou En-lai will be back in Moscow in four days, we have now learned that Peng Chen, acting head of the Chinese delegation, is "visiting Leningrad" and both Ho Chi-minh and Kim Il-sung, who have not supported the Soviet position on Albania, are also out of Moscow.

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WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--25 October 1961

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

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

1. Soviet Party Congress

a) Abuse of Albania and of Khrushchev's defeated "Stalinist" opposition continue to be central themes at the meeting, which has now passed the mid-way point. Khrushchev appears intent on putting the Chinese Communists--the indirect target of his anti-Stalinist invective--in their place, even at the cost of an open display of Bloc disunity. Peiping seems to have been caught by surprise by the bluntness of Moscow's challenge, but we do not expect the Chinese to give much ground.

b) Gromyko's foreign policy speech yesterday was a carbon copy of Khrushchev's speech on the opening day of the Congress.

c) pro-regime demonstrations in Albania, though organized, seem to have brought out a good deal of latent anti-Soviet feeling. 50X1

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2. Nasir jumpy over  
coup possibility

Nasir had begun a security screening of his officer corps 50X1

he is feeling considerable anxiety (probably exaggerated) over plotting against him. 50X1

Nasir, who suspects that one regiment would be enough to bring off a coup, has since formed an emergency regiment for his own security. 50X1

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A. Both Thailand and Cambodia have taken steps to increase their military readiness. These appear so far to be precautionary moves on both sides.

B. The Bundestag vote on the Chancellor is now scheduled for 30 October.

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C. Yesterday's nuclear test at Novaya Zemlya

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27 OCT 1961

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1. Berlin

US authorities in Berlin confirmed by telephone last night that a Soviet force, including at least 13 tanks and 5 armored personnel carriers, has moved into East Berlin and assembled just off Friederichstrasse about six blocks from the checkpoint. Earlier the Soviet Commandant stated in a letter to the US Commandant that "the sending of armed patrols into East Berlin will be considered an act of provocative armed penetration into the territory of the GDR" and warned that "such acts involving application of force will be stopped by countermeasures from our side." In another letter, he warned that further US helicopter flights over East Berlin would be met with "necessary measures." So far this morning no further moves by either side have been reported.

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LATE NOTE

There may have been another nuclear test, at Novaya Zemlya this morning.

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## 2. Soviet Party Congress

A. The new attacks on Molotov yesterday led by Pavel Satyukov, one of Khrushchev's inner circle of assistants, was a clear attempt to link the anti-party group with the Chinese and Albanians, as well as to establish that the group is unrepentant and deserves further punishment.

B. If Molotov did in fact attack Khrushchev's program as "revisionist" and appeal to foreign parties for support, as he has now been charged, it would appear that he believes there is substantial anti-Khrushchev sentiment at the Congress. We have seen no evidence of such, but since Khrushchev controls the rostrum and the press we would not expect to see anything but the present adulation. Nevertheless, we continue to suspect that the Congress is not following its original scenario.

C. In contrast to Chou En-lai's plea to the Party Congress last week not to fight over Albania in public, Peiping is now publishing full details of Khrushchev's charges and the Albanian reply, and has again endorsed Premier Hoxha. Its leadership is probably readying an answer to Khrushchev.

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### LATE NOTE

It has just been announced that scheduled Congress proceedings for today are cancelled, that "debate on Khrushchev's report and program has been "discontinued" and that he will make a "winding-up speech" this afternoon. Kozlov's report on changes in Party rules is presumably to come, but may also be foreshortened, with the election of the new central committee and presidium following almost immediately.

3. Soviets attack Boun Oum

Pushkin has asked Ambassador Harriman that the US "use its influence" to see that Souvanna has a free hand to choose the eight neutralist members of his cabinet without interference by Boun Oum. Negotiations on cabinet make-up are presently stalled by inability of the three princes to agree on a meeting site, but the Soviets evidently believe that Phoumi has persuaded Boun Oum to sabotage the talks. Harriman also is suspicious of Phoumi's good faith. Phoumi in a press interview Wednesday said the only alternatives facing Laos were going Communist under Souvanna or fighting under Phoumi.

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4. Growing public uneasiness in Saigon

Ambassador Nolting attributes it to recent dramatic Viet Cong attacks, Diem's declaration of a national emergency, cancellation of National Day celebrations yesterday, and the murder of Colonel Nam. He also notes increasing dissatisfaction with Diem in top government and military circles.

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5. Dominican situation improves

Democratic opposition leaders, recognizing that Ramfis Trujillo could help to control the restive military, may withdraw their stipulation that he must step down as head of the armed forces before they enter a coalition government.

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6. **Resurgence of Gizenga in the Congo**      The serious setback suffered by Adoula when the UN's Katanga operation collapsed has opened the way for Gizenga to re-establish himself in Stanleyville, while his supporters in Leopoldville are attempting to undercut Adoula. [REDACTED] 50X1
- 50X1      [REDACTED] Gizenga is preparing for a military incursion into northern Katanga, which if successful would further increase Gizenga's status vis-a-vis Adoula. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 50X1  
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7. **Bolivian situation precarious**      While sporadic violence continues, the government believes it has postponed a threatened general strike until Sunday and hopes to get financial help from the US in granting promised wage concessions to factory workers. It is also faced with paying off by the end of the month on promised wage boosts to teachers and other government workers, and the exhaustion of its financial resources is approaching. [REDACTED] 50X1  
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8. **Plot against Qasim still alive**      [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 50X1

NOTES

- A. West German Defense Minister Strauss told Ambassador Dowling he had secretly met with a group of French politicians last Monday. He gave no details on what happened, but said that if anything should happen to De Gaulle, the Germans would favor a government under Pinay, as the only alternative, he said, would be a popular front. [REDACTED] 50X1  
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- B. The Indonesian Air Force has recommended reduction of Pope's sentence.
- C. The OAS demonstrations in Algeria rumored for this morning have not materialized.

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## 1. Berlin

- a) The Soviet tanks drawn up at the Friedrichstrasse checkpoint were withdrawn this morning, according to press reports from Berlin. The US tanks facing them were also pulled out soon afterward;
- b) Gromyko was completely unbending in his talks with Ambassador Thompson yesterday, saying that if US actions continue "they will be regarded as an act of provocative armed invasion of GDR territory, and the German Democratic Republic will be given necessary support for purposes of ending such actions." He went beyond earlier claims to assert in effect that the East German police have complete authority over entry into the Soviet sector;
- c) Thompson's preliminary conclusion is that Moscow thinks it has a good issue and will be prepared to use force;
- d) Khrushchev did not touch directly on the access issue in his speech to the Party Congress yesterday, but he said again that he was not setting any specific deadline on Berlin negotiations and urged "a businesslike and fair solution of the problem."

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2. Soviet Party Congress

a) Khrushchev's speech yesterday probably marked the end of the talking stage, but the meeting will continue for several more days, ending with the election of the party's chief organs.

b) Khrushchev's remarks on Albania seemed to indicate that the point of no return has been reached in their relations. He came close to pinning the blame for the split directly on Peiping.

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3. Sihanouk turns rage on US over Thai dispute

a) His virulent attack on the US in a speech on Thursday leads diplomats in Phnom Penh to think he is at least temporarily deranged and to fear that he may do something reckless such as appealing for Chinese Communist military assistance:

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4. South Vietnam

The Viet Cong's Eastern Nambo Inter-provincial Command instructed subordinate units on 20 October that "the enemy is entering a period of being completely on the defensive...take the initiative." The same message points out, however, that "the enemy has retaken a number of places," and implies that the Communists have their problems too, by stating that cadres must "combat the feeling of wanting to be left in peace." This and other recent messages reflect Viet Cong concern about government efforts to get at their rice supply, and suggest steps to conceal foodstuffs. The Communists have been trying to create a self-sufficient food base.

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 Soviet Congress

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Khrushchev does not contemplate any change in his peaceful coexistence policy and does look forward to further high-level talks with West.

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- A. Yesterday Reuters reported from the Far East that Peiping radio had broadcast warnings to the population in North China to take steps against the danger of radioactive fallout. However, these broadcasts, although on Peiping radio's frequency, originated outside Communist China.
- B. It now seems fairly certain that Phoumi is only giving lip service to the goal of a Laotian coalition--a line which risks driving Souvanna closer to the Communists.
- C. Prospects for the naming of a new German government on Monday have faded as the Christian Democrats and Free Democrats continue to disagree over coalition arrangements. 50X2
- D. Yesterday's nuclear test in the Novaya Zemlya area  50X1
- E. The Syrian government is uncertain about how much political activity it will permit, but asserts that it is determined not to lift the ban on the Communist party.
- F. Pressures for an "opening to the left" from one of the coalition parties may result in the fall of the present Italian government, with the issue likely to come to a head soon after the first of next month.

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## 1. SITUATION IN SYRIA.

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A. THERE IS NO FIRM EVIDENCE OF EGYPTIAN MILITARY PREPARATIONS BEYOND THOSE WE REPORTED YESTERDAY.

B. THERE HAVE BEEN DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE NEW GOVERNMENT AT VARIOUS POINTS IN SYRIA, ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN QUELLED BY THE MILITARY BUT NOT WITHOUT GUNFIRE. ALEPPO WAS REPORTED QUIET AFTER WEEKEND DISORDERS WHICH PRODUCED AT LEAST 11 KILLED AND 37 WOUNDED;

C. THE KUZBARI GOVERNMENT IS CONTINUING ITS EFFORTS TO GAIN WIDER ACCEPTANCE. IT HAS NOW BEEN RECOGNIZED BY JORDAN. TURKEY. IRAN. GUATEMALA AND NATIONALIST CHINA.

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2. FRANCO TO SEEK REVISION OF AGREEMENT WITH US. BESIDES PRESSING FOR CONCESSIONS ON MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID WHEN RENEGOTIATION OF THE DEFENSE AND BASES AGREEMENT BEGINS NEXT YEAR, HE MAY ASK THE US TO BOLSTER MADRID'S MILITARY POSITION IN AFRICA AND TO SPEED UP ITS ADMISSION TO NATO. THE SPANISH HAVE RECENTLY SHOWN CONCERN THAT MOROCCAN PRESSURE ON SPAIN'S AFRICAN HOLDINGS WILL INCREASE AS THE US PHASE-OUT IN MOROCCO PROGRESSES.

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## NOTES

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A. ADENAUER IS SCHEDULED TO MEET TODAY WITH FREE DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER MENDE FOR THEIR FIRST DISCUSSION ON A COALITION. THE CHANCELLOR HAS A MUCH IMPROVED BARGAINING POSITION AS A RESULT OF POST-ELECTION MANEUVERS WHICH OUR EMBASSY IN BONN CALLS AN IMPRESSIVE DISPLAY OF POLITICAL VIRTUOSITY.

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B. DE GAULLE WILL MAKE A MAJOR TV-RADIO ADDRESS TO THE NATION THIS AFTERNOON. EARLIER TODAY IN ALGERIA, FRENCH TROOPS WERE OUT IN FORCE DURING A 30-MINUTE GENERAL STRIKE CALLED BY THE SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS OF SERIOUS VIOLENCE.

C. NKURUMAH'S CABINET SHAKEUP LAST WEEK AND OTHER RECENT MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST MODERATES WHO HAVE RESISTED HIS LEFTWARD TREND HAVE PROVOKED CONSIDERABLE RESENTMENT WITHIN GHANA. THE GOVERNMENT'S UNEASINESS IS REVEALED IN POLICE MESSAGES WHICH FORCAST A CLEAVAGE IN THE RULING PARTY AND FURTHER LABOR UNREST.

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SYRIAN SITUATION

1. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT NASIR IS STEPPING-UP HIS EFFORTS TO INSTIGATE AN UPRISING AGAINST THE NEW SYRIAN GOVERNMENT AS THE RESULT OF THE DAMASCUS ANNOUNCEMENT YESTERDAY THAT ALL EGYPTIANS, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS ARE TO BE EXPELLED. THIS WOULD, OF COURSE, ELIMINATE A GROUP WHICH COULD PLAY A KEY ROLE SHOULD PRO-NASIR SYRIANS ATTEMPT TO MOVE AGAINST THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

2. NASIR APPARENTLY REMAINS HOPEFUL THAT THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND MAY LOSE CONTROL IN ONE OF THE NORTHERN SYRIAN CITIES, SUCH AS THE PORT OF LATAKIA OR ALEPPO, WHERE THE SYRIAN MILITARY YESTERDAY SUPPRESSED SMALL-SCALE DEMONSTRATIONS BY PRO-NASIR STUDENTS AND WORKERS. [REDACTED] SMALL NUMBERS OF TANKS, TRUCKS, ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS WERE BEING LOADED ON FOUR EGYPTIAN FREIGHTERS AT THE PORT OF ALEXANDRIA YESTERDAY SUGGEST THAT NASIR INTENDS TO BE PREPARED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SUCH A CONTINGENCY. LATAKIA IS 30-36 HOURS SAILING TIME FROM ALEXANDRIA.

3. THE SYRIAN REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND, WHILE PROCLAIMING THAT ITS CONTROL OF THE COUNTRY IS FIRM, NOTED IN A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED THIS MORNING THAT "SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS--WHICH IT CLAIMS ARE OF NON-SYRIAN NATIONALITY--ARE "PENETRATING DEMONSTRATIONS OF JUBILATION WITH THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE CHARACTER OF THESE DEMONSTRATIONS". RADIO CAIRO, BROADCASTING A HIGHLY COLORED VERSION OF THESE "GIGANTIC DEMONSTRATIONS", HAS CALLED ON SYRIANS TO RISE IN REBELLION.

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1. Berlin developments

- a) A US C-47 and a helicopter overflew East Berlin again yesterday--no Communist reaction as yet;
- b) over the weekend the Soviets refused passage on the autobahn to two of the US "assistance vehicles" which have been making several trips daily, charging that they were actually patrol vehicles;
- c) NATO Secretary General Stikker says that representatives of Belgium, Canada, Denmark, the Netherlands, Norway and the UK have indicated to him uneasiness over the US position on East German access. They are said to feel that their governments and publics would not understand why there should be hostilities over refusal "to show a mere piece of paper."

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2. UK [ ] views  
on South Vietnam

[ ] A British Foreign Office representative, describing the situation there as "ominous," avers that the UK is firmly committed to the defense of South Vietnam. He indicated that the British would support a US decision to beef up the US training mission, but would consider it "unwise" if we introduced American troops;

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3. West German political impasse still unbroken

Coalition negotiations, broken off last Thursday, have been resumed. Foreign Minister Brentano's offer to resign may remove one of the major stumbling blocks to agreement between the Christian Democrats and Free Democrats. Our Embassy in Bonn sees the protracted crisis as the greatest test of the democratic process thus far experienced by the Federal Republic. Adenauer's prestige has been tarnished, with many Germans holding him at fault for undue preoccupation with his personal position in the midst of the Berlin crisis. A Bundestag vote for Chancellor is now not likely before November 6 at the earliest.

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4. Shooting renewed  
in Laos

Political negotiations may be set back by an outbreak last Friday during which Meo guerrillas belonging to the Laotian army lobbed mortar shells into the town of Xieng Khouang for several hours. Vientiane's cease-fire orders are apparently being obeyed, but the damage may have been done. Souvanna has protested to the ICC and the incident will probably reinforce his doubts about Vientiane's sincerity in negotiations.

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5. French tense over up-  
coming Algerian demon-  
strations

Algerian rebel leaders say they want the Moslem demonstrations, scheduled for Wednesday, to be peaceful, but French security officials question whether they can be kept that way. European or rebel zealots may try to provoke the demonstrators into violence. If this happens, the French fear, the Secret Army Organization would have a springboard for an attempted seizure of Oran or Algiers.

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6. Sihanouk remains at fever pitch over Thai dispute

- a) He has again blasted the US, charging lopsided military aid to Thailand and South Vietnam and encouragement of their hostility toward Cambodia;
  - b) We are still inclined to doubt that Sihanouk will accept Chinese military assistance unless he becomes convinced that Thailand or South Vietnam are on the point of launching a clear-cut aggression against him.
  - c) Nonetheless, his neutralism is likely now to tip perceptibly toward the Communist Bloc, as it did during earlier quarrels with his neighbors.
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- A. The Party Congress in Moscow has voted to have Stalin's body removed from the Red Square mausoleum, thus virtually completing his descent from Olympus. At least some Russians, however, are asking how Khrushchev squares his attacks on Stalin with his own "personality cult."
- B. Another Soviet ICBM was fired to the Central Pacific on 28 October. Moscow has indicated that this was the last in the series, during which 8 of the 11 launchings reached the impact area. [REDACTED] 50X1
- C. The US task force on Vietnam reports a deterioration in both internal security and the stability of the Diem regime during October.
- D. Cairo is disturbed by Afghanistan's drift toward Moscow and is urging other neutrals to "caution" Afghanistan lest it abandon "the policy of non-alignment." [REDACTED] 50X1
- E. Tshombe, who last week announced that he needed a brief rest for health reasons [REDACTED] 50X6

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# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

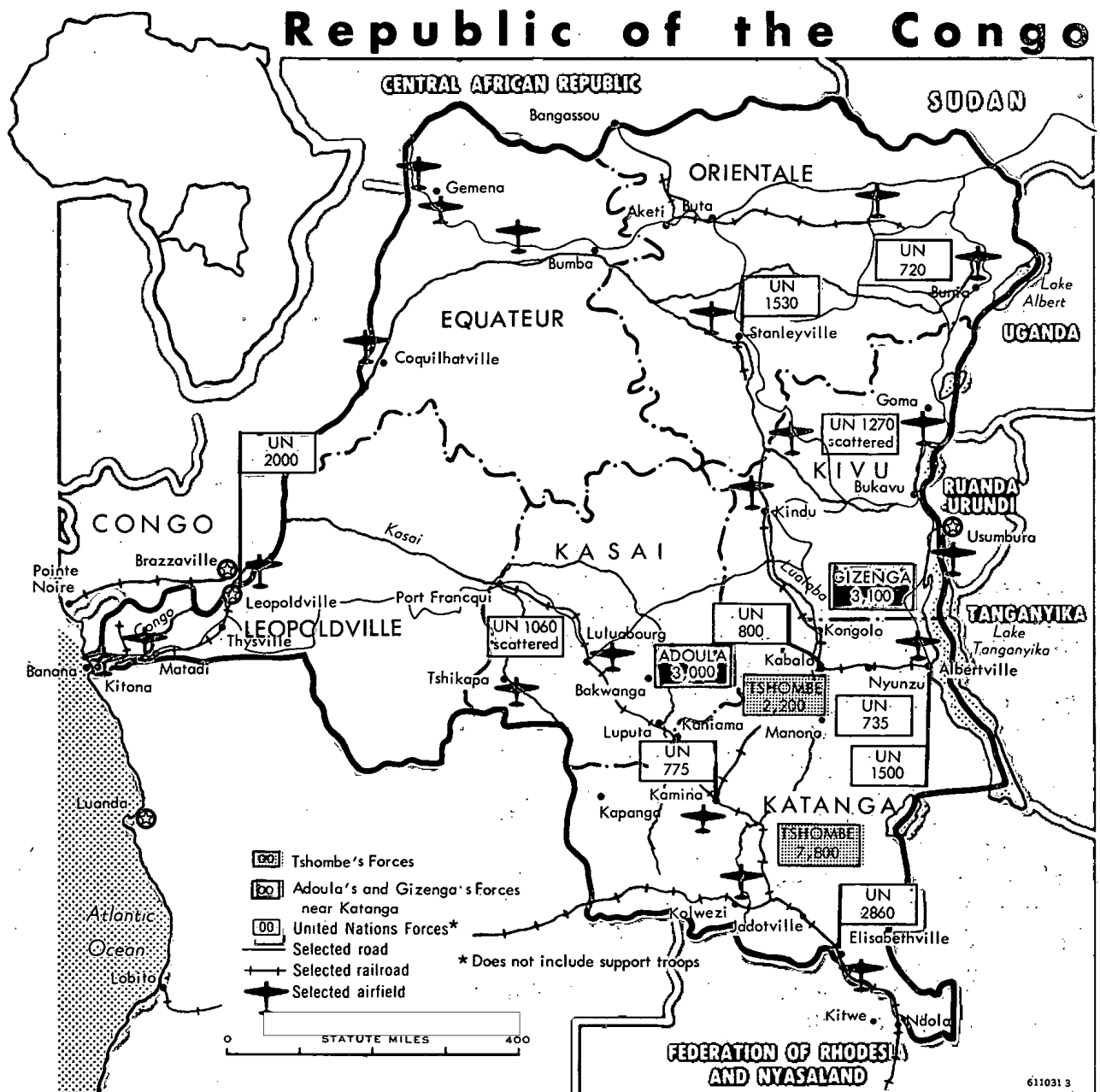
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1. Soviet Party Congress

Today's will apparently be the last meeting. After a perfunctory debate, the Congress approved changes in the Party rules and went into a closed session at which, according to press reports, further action against Malenkov, Molotov, et al was discussed. Another closed session this morning will ratify the leadership's proposed membership for the new Central Committee. The list will probably be announced at a final public session this afternoon; this will be followed today or tomorrow by the new Committee's first meeting, at which it will "elect" a new Presidium..

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### 3. Congo

The cease fire in the Congo broke down yesterday. Adoula announced a "police action" to "liquidate" Tshombé's secession. Some fighting is under way in North Katanga and there are indications that Gizengist forces may be moving to join in the campaign. The UN is so far limiting its reaction to using Swedish jets to ward off Katangan air attacks against Kasai. We remain highly skeptical about Adoula's and Gizenga's ability to bring real force to bear in South Katanga where Tshombé's main forces are concentrated.

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5. New clashes possible on  
Pakistani-Afghan border

The first 7000 of some 250,000 Pushtoon nomads who traditionally winter in Pakistan have been stopped for lack of passports and visas. As more caravans reach the border, many nomads may try to fight through. The Afghans, who now face the burden of feeding the nomads through the winter, can be expected to exploit anti-Pakistan sentiment among them.

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- A. Ambassador Thompson describes the Soviet note to Finland yesterday (requesting consultations under the 1948 mutual defense treaty) as "part of the war of nerves." We think the USSR is thus seeking to force Finland's acknowledgement of a threat to the peace from West Germany. We doubt, however, that the Soviets would jeopardize Kekkonen's reelection by asking for military bases.
- B. Embassy Saigon believes that the Diem government is trying to drive the ICC out of the country by "spontaneous" demonstrations and administrative obstruction.
- C. Karamanlis' party won nearly 50 percent of the Greek popular vote (and about 175 of 300 parliamentary seats) in Sunday's election--an unexpected margin. Communist-front parties got only 15 percent (as opposed to 25 percent in 1958); a new non-communist opposition coalition won the remainder, but is expected to splinter.

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