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1 OCTOBER 1963
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1. Venezuela

a. Betancourt yesterday began to move directly against the terrorist leaders. He was probably pressured by the military who are indignant over the murder of five national guardsmen this weekend.

b. A number of high Communists and extreme leftists have been arrested. Included in yesterday's bag were a number of congressmen whose immunity the government has hitherto assiduously respected.

c. Police and the armed forces have been put on the alert in connection with the round-up.

d. The government may also have decided on a campaign of reprisals in kind against Castro-backed elements. We have heard of one case where several Molotov cocktails were tossed at the house of a Communist leader.

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2. Brazil

a. Rio remains uneasy. Goulart's scheduled TV and radio talk to the nation was called off without explanation.

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b. We had speculated [redacted]

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[redacted] that Goulart would use the time to try to sooth the situation.

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c. The Brazilian president did, however, ask the labor court to postpone a decision on the legality of the bank workers' strike.

d. Goulart faces a problem here which will tax his reputed skill at political maneuver. Labor leaders have threatened to call a general strike if the court rules the strike illegal, while banks will have to close if the strike continues, leaving employers without funds and today is payday.

3. Dominican Republic

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[redacted] Late press has Bosch
in Guadeloupe [redacted]

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c.

Bosch's party and the Castroist 14th of June movement have united under the leadership of the latter.

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4. Guinea

a. A crisis is shaping up for Sekou Toure as the sick Guinean economy continues to sink.

b. The country's most pressing problem is a shortage of food staples. Two food riots have already taken place, one necessitating the use of troops.

c. The economy has been hampered, since Toure's break with France in 1958, by his doctrinaire insistence on rigid and unworkable central controls. Aid from the Communist countries amounts to \$127 million but has contributed little to Guinean growth while saddling the country with a large external debt.

d. Toure may announce further steps to encourage western investment tomorrow.

5. Communist Asia

a. This year's harvests in Communist China and North Vietnam were again mediocre to poor.

b. A Chinese official [redacted] has said that this year's crop will not be appreciably better than last year's. This is borne out by what we know of growing conditions and peasant morale.

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c. It lends some substance to the fears of Chinese peasants that rations might sag this winter. We do not believe, however, that conditions will be anywhere near as bad as they were in the near-disaster years of 1959-61.

d. In North Vietnam, both the early and late rice crops were sub-standard, the result of adverse weather and the bungling hand of Hanoi.

e. Bad crops in earlier years have had no visible effect on North Vietnamese support of operations in Laos and South Vietnam, and we see no signs that this year's will either.

6. Malaysia

a. The Indonesians have let several chances slip by without more stirring of the Malaysian pot.

b. Sukarno, for example, addressed 10,000 students yesterday without once mentioning the subject, even though he usually goes in for rabble-rousing before such youthful audiences. The Indonesians also announced yesterday they would rebuild the British embassy and renovate embassy residences.

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NOTES

- A. Somalia - The Bloc We do not regard Somali prospects for obtaining large-scale military aid from the Communists as particularly good. The Soviets will probably play along with Somali Defense Minister Daud to some extent, but they are also committed to good relations with Ethiopia and Kenya.

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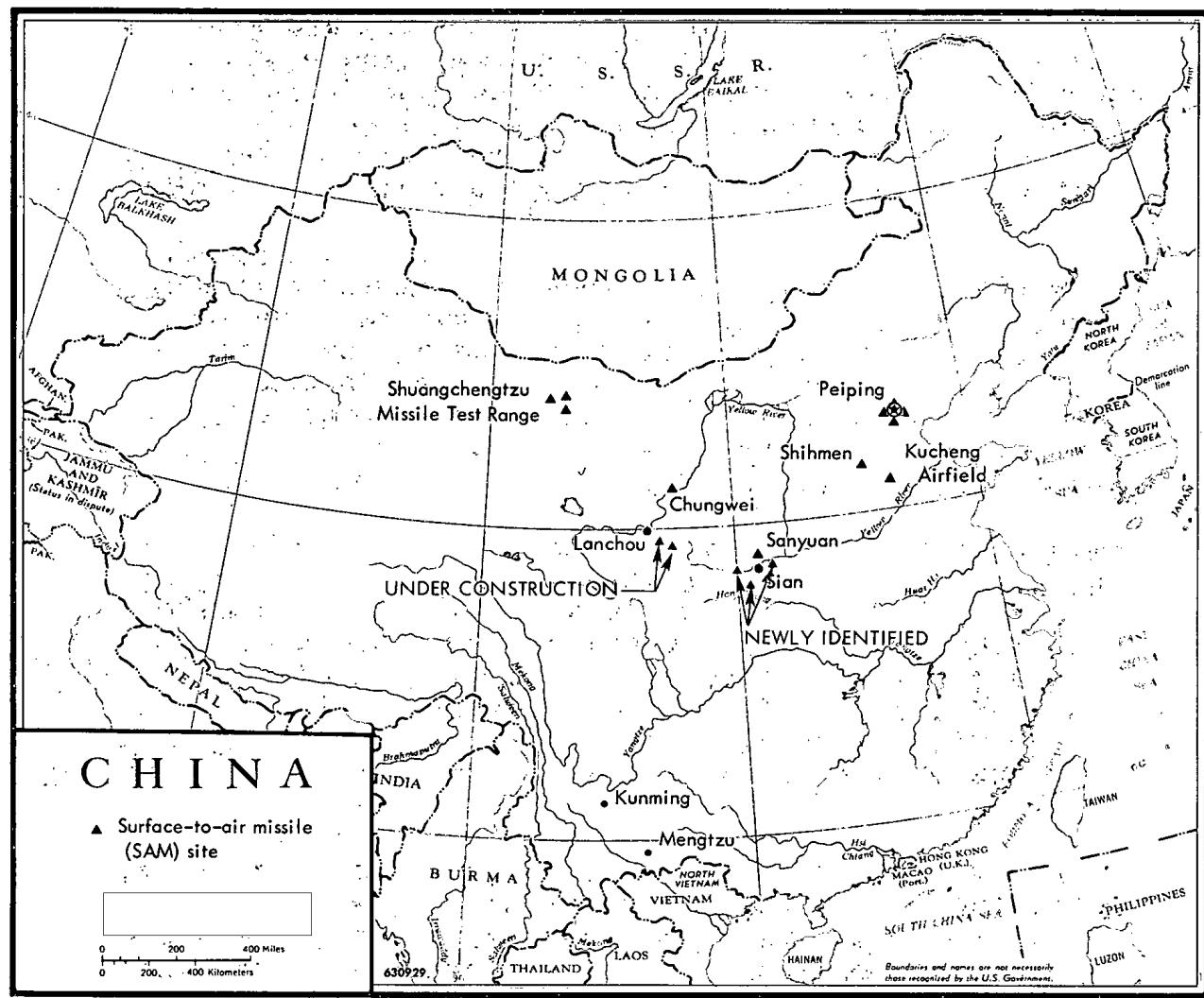
- B.

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- C. Communist China We have not noted anything unusual in the handling of the 14th anniversary of Mao's regime today, either from Peiping or the rest of the Bloc. Greetings from the Soviets and the Eastern European satellites were perfunctory.

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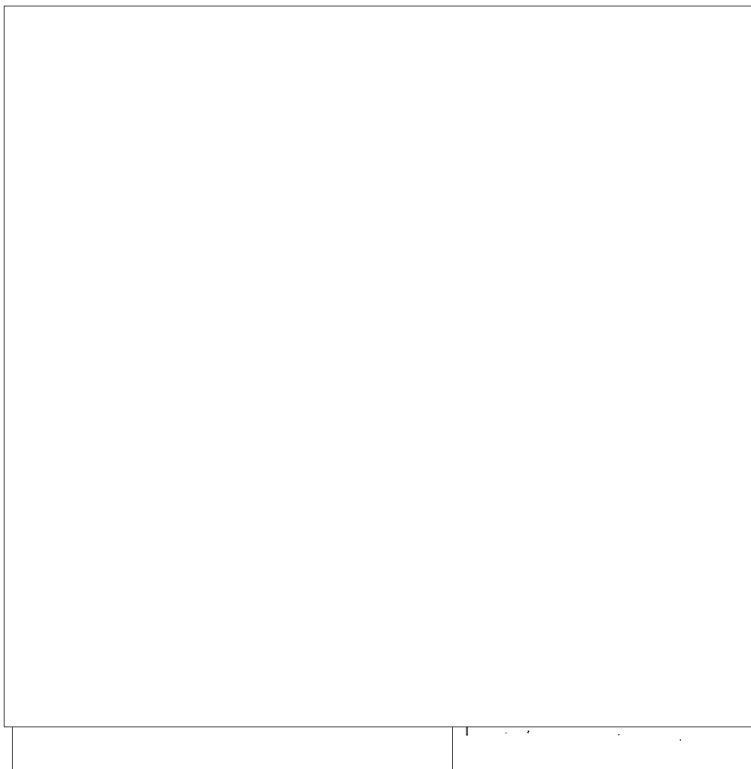
- D. Communist China The first look at photography taken by the Chinese Nationalists last week has turned up, near Sian, three more SAM sites. The pictures also show two installations hard by Lanchou which resemble SAM sites in an early stage of construction. The Sian sites, if confirmed, would bring to 14 the number of completed SAM sites in China. Not all of these appear to be equipped with the launchers, missiles and electronic gear needed to fire missiles.
- E. EEC-USSR The EEC last week sent a note to the Soviets offering tariff reductions on imports of Soviet vodka, crabmeat and caviar, in exchange for abandonment of Moscow's claim to the tariff concessions community members grant each other. Some EEC people view the offer as a first step toward a single trade agreement between the community and the USSR, though they recognize that this will take time.
- F. Honduras President Villeda is confident that Honduras will get through its elections a week from Sunday without a military coup. [redacted]
- G. Algeria We have no confirmation of press reports that the rising against Ben Bella is growing in strength. He is scheduled to address an important mass meeting at noon Washington time and all employers in Algiers have been asked to release their workers so they can attend.

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1. Soviet [REDACTED]



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2. Egypt-Yemen

a. Prospects for an accommodation between Yemeni Royalist and Republican elements appear to be gaining slightly.

b. Amer is still in Yemen, apparently working for a compromise solution.

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c. Our embassy at Taiz reports that the UAR commander in Yemen sees no basic conflict between Egyptian interests and the resolutions adopted by a recent conference of Yemeni tribal and religious leaders.

d. These resolutions called for continued republican government, a 28,000-man tribal army, and a new council of ministers under a strong Prime Minister with a consequent reduction of President Sallal's power.

3. France [redacted]

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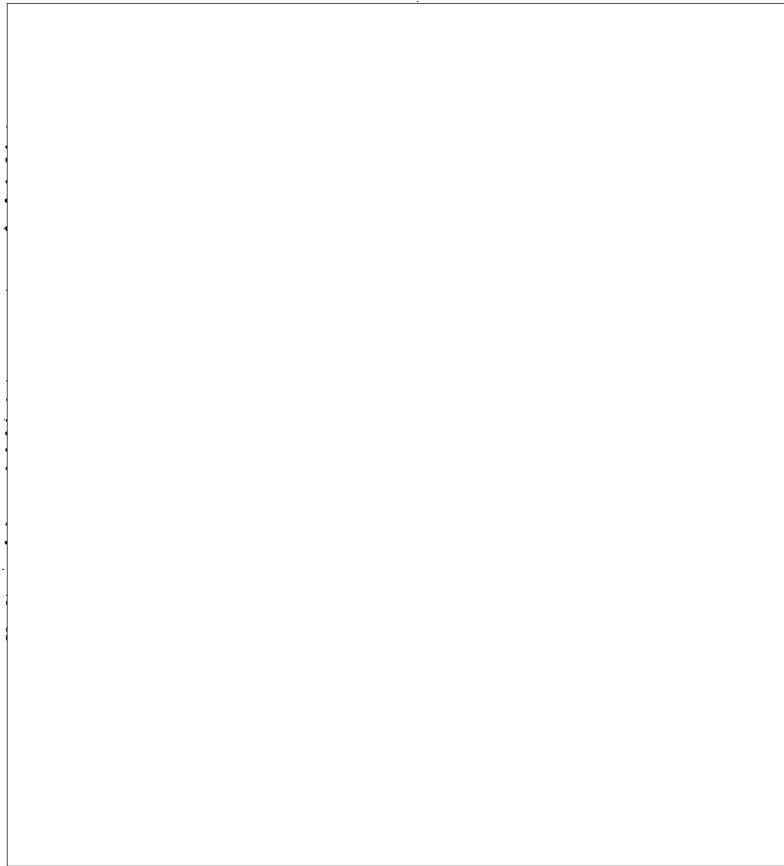
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4. South Vietnam

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5. Cuba

a. Civil air authorities have tightened regulations for aircraft flying over Cuba.

b. This new directive is almost certainly a response to recent exile group raids and has no connection with US high-altitude reconnaissance flights.



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6. USSR-China

a. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] organizing
a new international Communist meeting.



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7. Algeria

a. Berber dissident forces continue to assert their authority in the Tizi Ouzou region east of Algiers.

b. Their public declarations to date suggest that they seek to modify Ben Bella's rule rather than to overthrow it.

c. Ben Bella's accusation that Moroccan forces are massed on his border was probably made to inspire unity among the Algerians.

[redacted] however, we do see some recent reinforcement of Moroccan forces on the border [redacted]

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A. **Indonesia**

[redacted] Indonesia is now trying to draw back from the brink [redacted] the Indonesians are hesitating about their next moves and waiting to see if any advantage can be gained from a superficial show of moderation which does not in any way affect their present capacity or preparation for total confrontation. [redacted]

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B. **USSR-Egypt** Moscow [redacted] agreed to an additional \$28 million credit to finance construction of an electric power grid for the Aswan Dam. [redacted]

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LATE ITEM

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Honduras

a. Latin America's best advertised coup began on schedule this morning as military [redacted]

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[redacted] moved into the capital and are surrounding the palace.

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1. Venezuela

- a. President Betancourt is getting into a bind over his crackdown on the left.
- b. The right opposition wants more and are watching skeptically to see if he can make even this much stick.
- c. If the Supreme Court does not act on his request to outlaw the Communist Party and the Movement of the Revolutionary Left, he will have to release the 150 activists rounded up so far or stand in violation of the constitution.
- d. Any backpedalling now could easily bring the military down on him.

2. Syria-Iraq

- a. Syria is sending military forces into Iraq, probably to relieve Iraqi troops which could then be used against the Kurds.
- b. We expect Iraqi government forces to mount a "final" offensive before the advent of rains in mid-October.

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c. The two Baathi regimes thus have an opportunity to put into practice their declared policy of ever closer collaboration. Iraqi troops were preparing to move into Syria in late August during Syria's border crisis with Israel, but the move was cancelled when the situation calmed down.

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3. Brazil

a. Goulart finally addressed the nation last night, and said nothing except to blame the nation's ills on his detractors from the right.

b. He mentioned no names nor indicated what if any action was planned, confining himself to such generalities as: "The rhythm of the issuance of currency aggravated the painful effects of the inflationary process, the containment of which was seriously handicapped by the contradictions existing in our economic and financial structure."

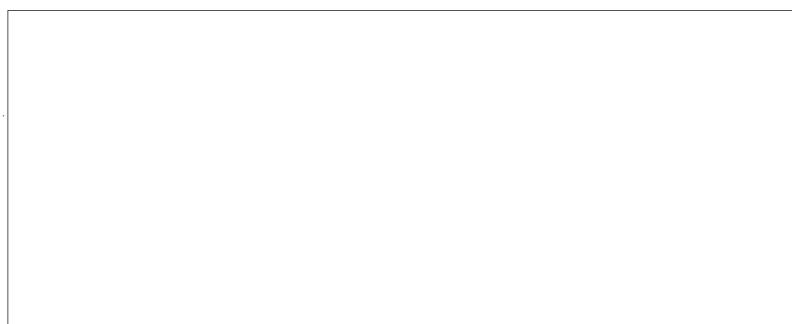
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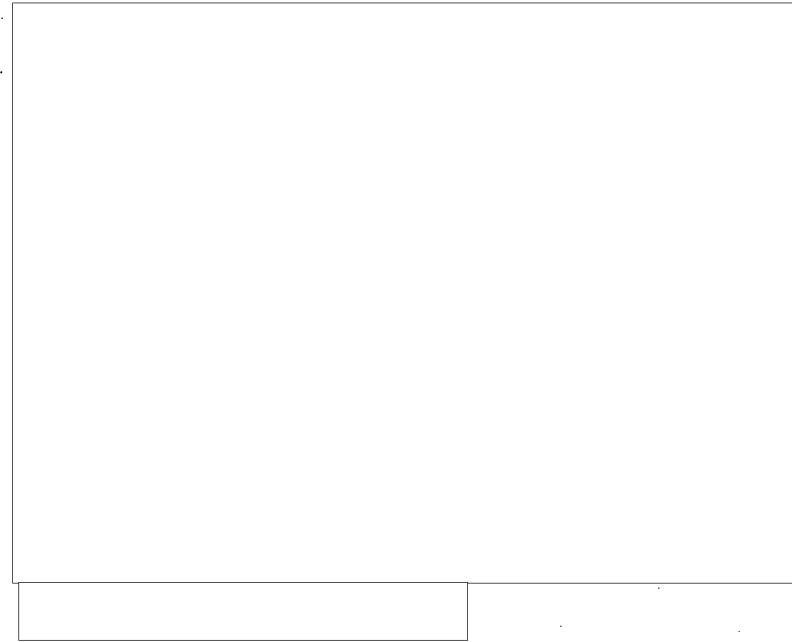
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5. Haiti

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NOTES

A. Cuba

tightening of regulations governing flights over Cuba.

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B. South Korea With opposition candidates dropping out one by one, the South Korean presidential elections are shaping up into a two-man race between junta leader Pak and former President Yun Po-son whose hard-hitting campaign is attracting increasing attention. The regime had been counting on the opposition's lack of unity to avoid the need for flagrant rigging of the elections, but may now feel it can not afford to let matters take their course.

C. USSR-US The Soviet press has been cautiously critical for the past two weeks of the President's proposal to cooperate in putting a man on the moon, but has been playing it in very low key. Pravda brought it up for the first time yesterday, however, and implied approval by printing, under the heading of "a sober approach," Walter Lippman's recent favorable column on the subject;

D. Somalia-USSR Somali army commander Daud, currently in Moscow, has arranged for 110 Somali officers and men to go to the USSR this month for training. Last year, 50 prospective pilots and mechanics, who are to form the nucleus of an air force, went to the USSR for training.

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E. USSR trade Not unexpectedly, Soviet pressure for more and longer term commercial credits is increasing. Almost all Western trade missions and commercial representatives in Moscow have encountered it.

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1. Honduras

- a. The armed forces are in effective control of the country today after some sharp street fighting.
- b. The civil guard, loyal to the Villeda government, resisted the army move. Some 120 were killed or wounded.
- c. Army commander Lopez has assumed office as "head of state." He may step aside as soon as order is restored in favor of a civilian government.
- d. President Villeda and the Liberal Party's presidential candidate Rodas, whose election Lopez is trying to prevent, have been sent to Costa Rica.
- e. Further fighting is in prospect if Rodas goes through with his plans to organize a "counter-revolution." Should he do so, he will probably get Costa Rican support.

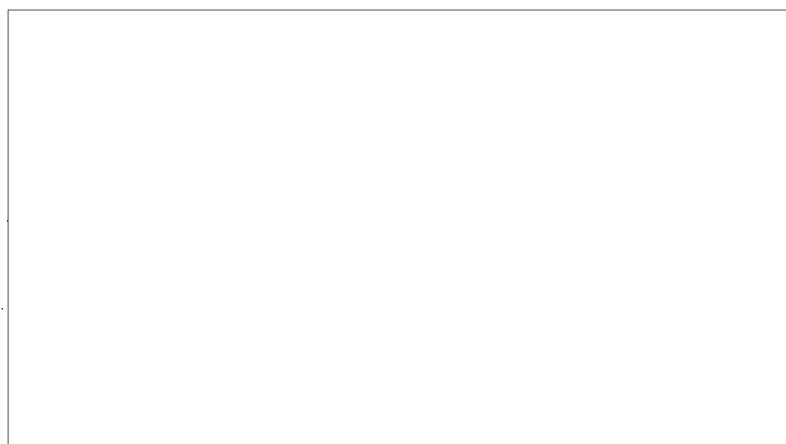
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3. Brazil

a. An air of confusion and uncertainty still hangs over Rio.

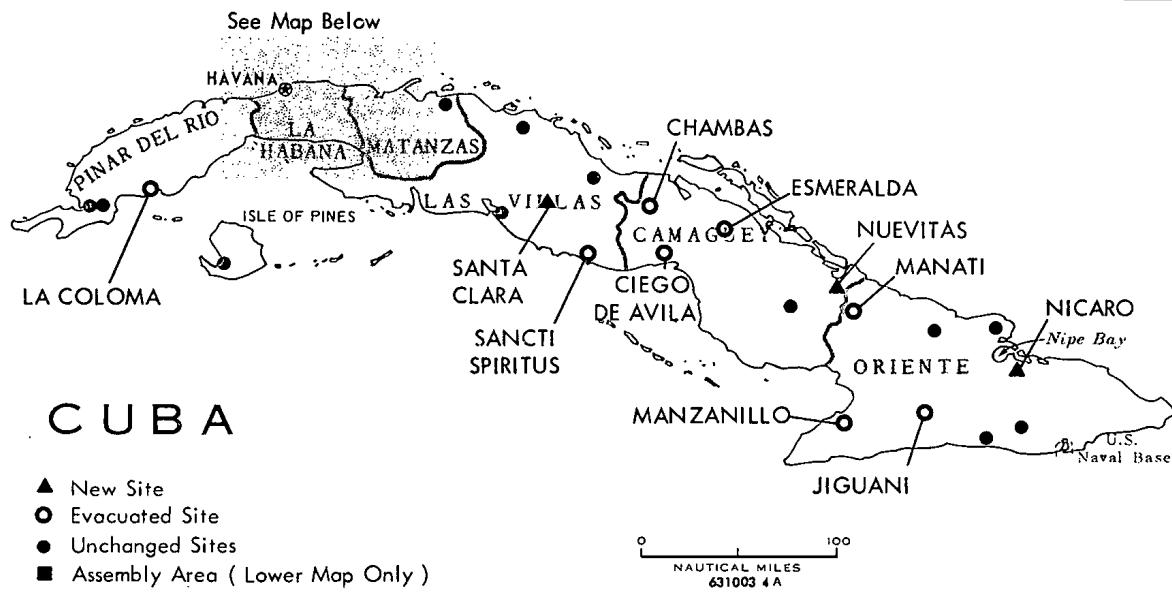
b. The armed forces, which are far from presenting a united front in this situation, were yesterday in a state of full alert.

c. Goulart's weak Wednesday night speech did little to restore popular confidence.

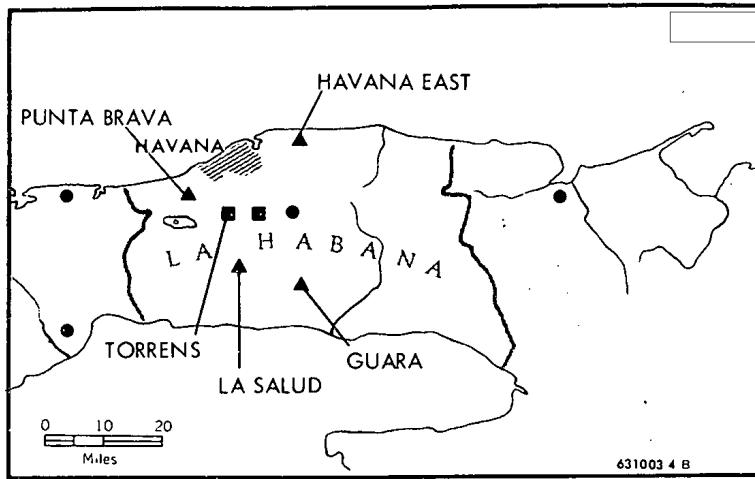
d. A group of conservatives has been angling for his impeachment by the Chamber of Deputies. We do not think, however, that the group can in the near term round up the votes to bring this off.

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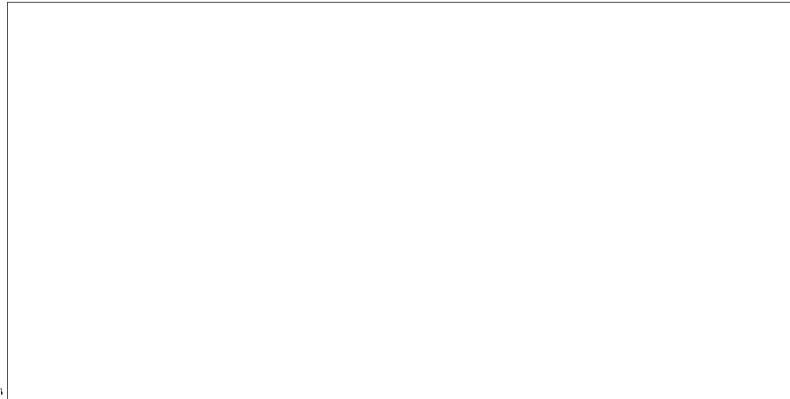


HAVANA AREA SAM INSTALLATIONS (NEW ONES IDENTIFIED)



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4. Cuba-USSR

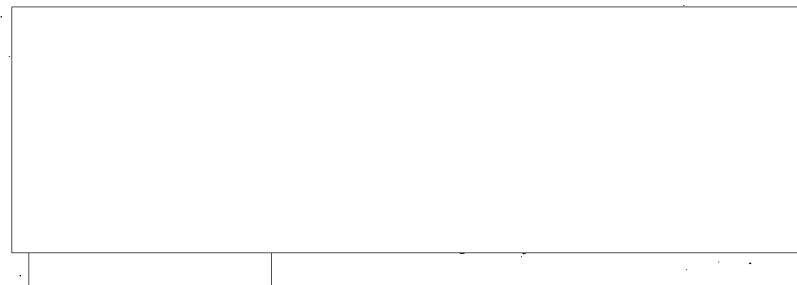
a. Photographs taken over Cuba in the past few days reveal that all but one of the eight SAM sites evacuated last month have been re-established.

b. The pattern of the relocations confirms our theory that this is a shift from an island-wide defense to a point defense of important installations. The point getting the most attention is, not surprisingly, Havana.

c. Four of the recently moved sites have been set up around the capital which is now protected by eight SAM sites. The evacuated SAM assembly area has also turned up in the Havana area where there are now two.

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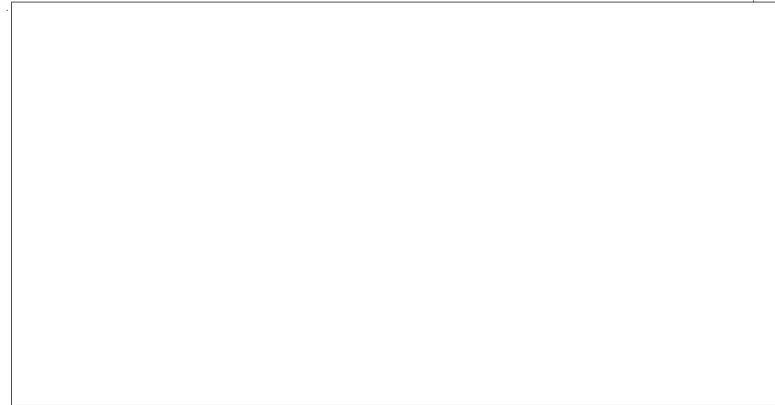
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5. Algeria-Morocco

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c. As far as we know, the situation along the disputed sector of the Algerian-Moroccan border remains quiet, but explosive.

d. Similarly, within Algeria no shots have been fired in the dispute between Ben Bella and the Kabylie Berbers. The situation is precarious, however, as armed supporters of each side are in close proximity.

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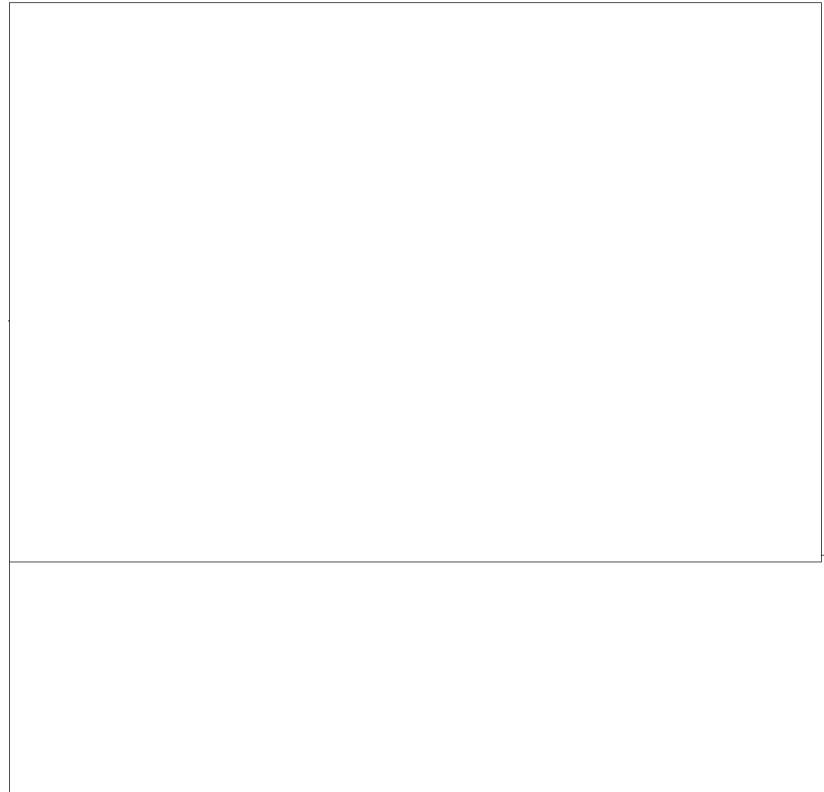


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e. Ben Bella still plans to come to New York next Thursday. He does not intend to visit Washington.

6. Malaysia

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A. **Panama**

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B. **USSR-Berlin** Moscow is trying to promote some sort of meeting between West Berlin and East German officials. They have hinted that it might be possible for Mayor Brandt to talk to his East Berlin counterpart about the "human problems" caused by the wall. The Soviets, of course, would like to see this if only to underscore the separate status of West Berlin.

C. **China**

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D. Syria-Iraq It now looks to us like the Syrians
and Iraqis are exchanging military forces. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Iraqi
units are now in northern Syria. This follows the
recent appearance of Syrian units in Iraq. [REDACTED]

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E. Saudi Arabia [REDACTED]

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1. Brazil

a. Goulart continues to play both ends against the middle. 50X1

b. [redacted] his request to Congress for a state of siege to come to a vote before next Tuesday. [redacted]
[redacted]
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d. War Minister Jair Ribeiro ordered the arrest of Lacerda yesterday; the order was later rescinded probably pending the outcome of the state of siege request.

e. Lacerda's arrest without proper constitutional grounds could well have set in motion a military coup against Goulart.

f. In the next few days, with the general state of confusion in Brazil compounded by yesterday's events, and political maneuvering growing even more frenetic, almost anything could happen.

2. Egypt-Yemen

a. The Egyptians may be on the verge of some key policy decision on Yemen. The commanders of the Egyptian air force and navy are now in Yemen where they have joined Marshal Amer and Anwar Sadat, one of Nasir's top political aides.

b. It is just possible that these men are there to assess the consequences of some self-generated Yemeni solution stemming from the Umran conference last month of 3,000 Yemeni figures representing both Republican and Royalist elements.

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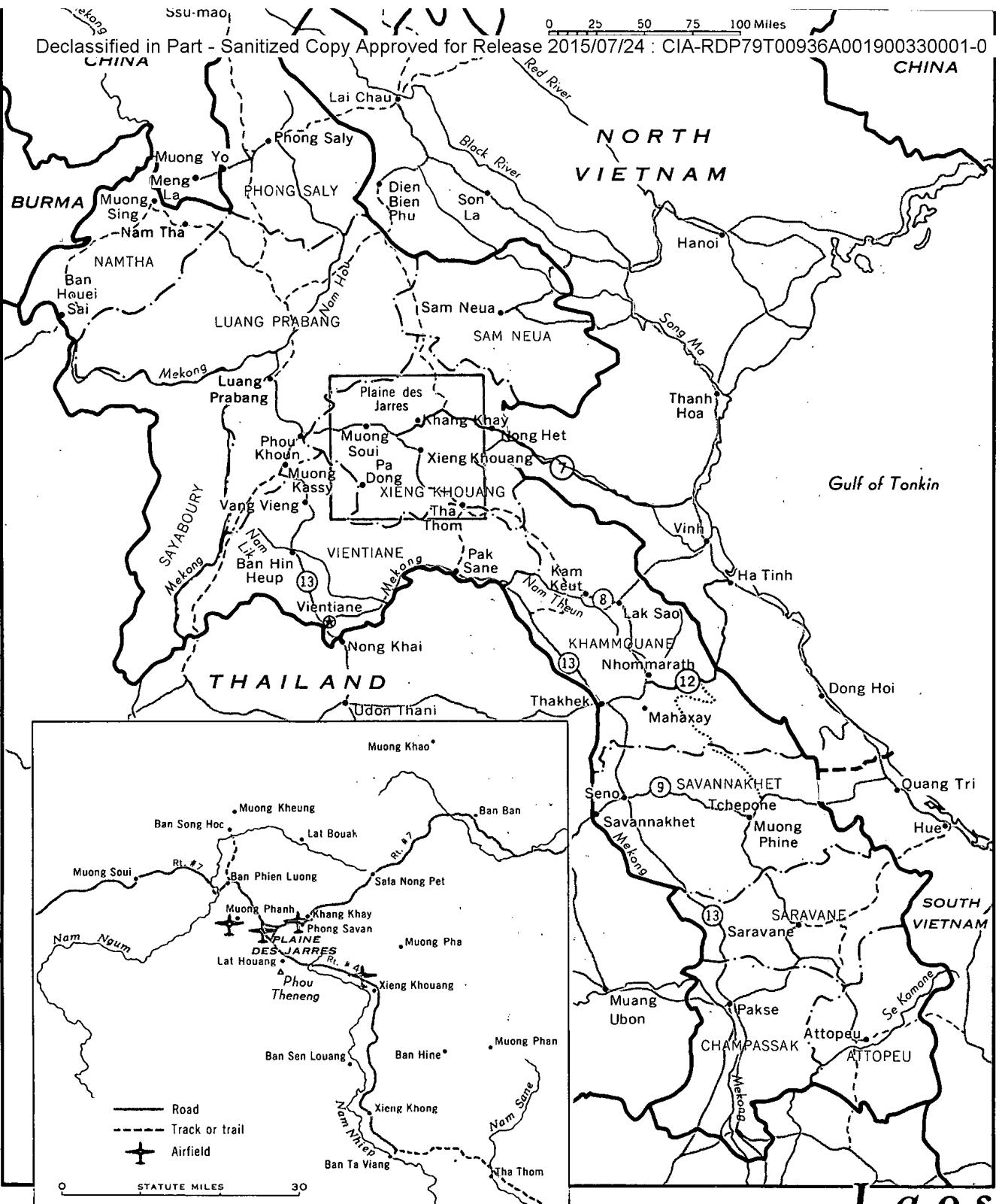
3. Algeria

a. Government forces and Berber dissidents have still not come to grips with each other but the day may not be far off.

b. The leaders of the revolt have rejected Ben Bella's invitation for discussions and claim he must be overthrown.

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d. Meanwhile Ben Bella has taken measures to put his own house in order prior to departure for the UN general assembly session next Thursday. Taking advantage of Defense Minister Boumedienne's shopping trip to Moscow, he has named Colonel Tahar Zbiri--no friend of Boumedienne's--as Chief of Staff. Boumedienne previously wore both hats.

e. The press reports that the Moroccan and Algerian foreign ministers will meet today at Oujda on the Moroccan side to discuss recent border tension. Ben Bella charges Morocco with supporting the Berbers.

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4. Laos

a. Now that the dry season has arrived, truck convoys from North Vietnam into Laos are moving more regularly again.

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a substantial infusion of troops and supplies during the past two weeks.

b. The Communists are probably now in position to resume their game of political pressure and military pecking.

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c. Right wing and neutralist forces appear fairly well dug in on the western edge of the Plaine des Jarres. However, further south non-Communist forces would probably not be able to hold out against significant enemy pressure.

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5. South Vietnam

a. A sixth Buddhist monk burned himself to death this morning and in the ensuing melee three reporters, including Halberstam (New York Times), were beaten up by police.

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NOTES

- A. Venezuela The Supreme Court has upheld Betancourt's decree suspending the Communist Party and the Movement of the Revolutionary Left, but it is not clear whether the ruling gives the government the legal basis to continue detention of leftist congressmen. [redacted] quoting a Communist student leader as saying that if the arrested congressmen are not released at the end of 96 hours (today), as provided in the constitution, the Communists will launch an all-out campaign of violence.
- B. Soviet wheat deals A trade source in Canada has told the US Embassy that Matveev, head of the Soviet trade delegation, has returned to Ottawa. The source speculated Matveev is waiting in the wings for a US decision on grain sales.
- C. Iraq-Syria Some form of union between the two countries may not be far off. The international leadership of the Baath Party is scheduled to meet soon in Damascus. Though Iraq so far has been the reluctant bride, the recent exchange of military forces between the two countries suggests the Bagdad régime is changing its mind.
- D. Honduras Central American governments are criticizing the overthrow of Villeda, but we do not think they will propose strong measures against the new regime. Non-recognition would get in the way of the Central American Common Market. The foreign ministers of El Salvador, Costa Rica, and Nicaragua are to meet in Managua tomorrow to adopt a common policy.

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1. Brazil

a. The bank workers in Rio and the railroad employees in Sao Paulo have weakened Goulart's case for a state of siege by ending their strikes. Goulart's floor leader in the Chamber of Deputies has apparently withdrawn his support for the measure.

b. The air is thick with reports of what Goulart will do or will have done to him if his request is denied.

c. The consensus seems to be that War Minister Jair Ribeiro is now in--or at least climbing into--the driver's seat. Despite Goulart's notable ability to meddle through, his authority may not survive this one, whichever way the vote goes.

d. [redacted]
[redacted] Tito was alarmed with the state of affairs in Brazil [redacted]
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2. Algeria

a. The clash between Ben Bella's forces and the Berbers reported in the press seems to have been an isolated incident. Both sides still would rather stick to political action.

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c. Boumedienne has left Moscow but was slated to come home via Yugoslavia. He may press for more vigorous action against the Berbers.

d. We have no details as yet of the aid agreement he signed with the Russians.

e. The Algerian and Moroccan delegations which met on Saturday have issued a favorable communique. They approved "the principle" of a meeting between King Hassan and Ben Bella but did not fix a date. We have our doubts that the two rulers will get together very soon.

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3. Honduras

a. Colonel Lopez has formed a new government with himself at the top.

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b. The new regime is larded with men who have served in previous Honduran cabinets. Lopez and Colonel Armando Escalon, chief of the air force and new Minister of Defense, are the only military officers holding high positions.

c. On Saturday Lopez said his government would stay in power about a year, but would not respect any of Villeda's social legislation.

d. Further violence can be expected from militant liberals and Communists, but Lopez appears to be winning the support of professional and business groups.

e. The new Foreign Minister, concerned with US reaction to the coup, is floating the idea of a plebiscite to approve the new government.

4. USSR

a. [redacted]

[redacted] an SA-3,
surface-to-air missile site [redacted]
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b. [redacted] a small
(20-foot) two-stage missile. [redacted]

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[redacted]
the SA-3 is intended for defense in
the low-to-medium altitude range.

c. About 70 SA-3 sites have
been identified, many of them co-
located with SA-2 positions which
defend in the medium-to-high-altitude
range.

5. Kurds

a. [redacted]

[redacted] continued shipment
of food, arms and cash to the Kurds
via Iran.

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b. Iran [redacted] has
been [redacted]
in support of the
Kurdish rebellion, which despite
government successes, is still very
much alive.

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6. Israel - Arab States

a. The Israeli project to divert Jordan waters may be finished in December and actual withdrawals from Lake Tiberias on a continuing basis should begin by the middle of next year.

b. An emergency meeting of the Arab League Defense Council has been called, but our Embassy in Amman doubts that any concrete and agreed Arab military plan will come out of it.

c. However, we do not discount Syrian harassing raids against the project which could provoke a major flap.

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1. Brazil

a. Goulart has withdrawn his request for congressional approval of a state of siege in the face of almost certain rejection by congress.

b. One result of all this is that Goulart will probably now have to put off any plans he might have had to use the special powers for a move against Lacerda.

c. The attitude of military leaders who had pressed for the measure for different reasons is not yet clear. They will probably do nothing, as the strike wave seems to have abated for the moment.

2. Cuba-USSR

a. [redacted] the arrival in Cuba of the KRASNOYE ZNAMIYA, which we believe delivered [redacted] major arms shipment to Cuba [redacted].

b. Photography [redacted] indicate the ship docked and unloaded in Mariel [redacted].

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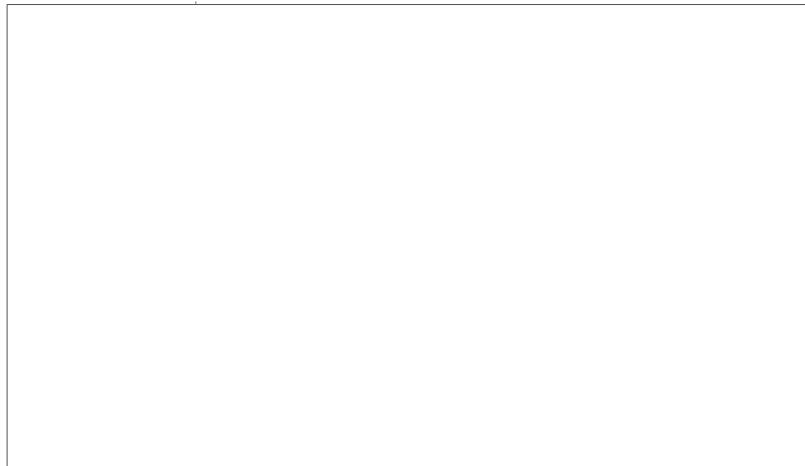
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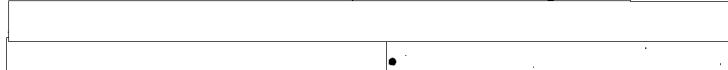


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4. USSR

a. [redacted] things were
bad in the New Lands this year [redacted]



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b. [redacted] Kazakhstan, heart
of the New Lands area, harvested
less than four bushels of wheat to
the acre. This is less than half
of last year's average, which, itself
was not too good. The US averages
between 15 and 20.

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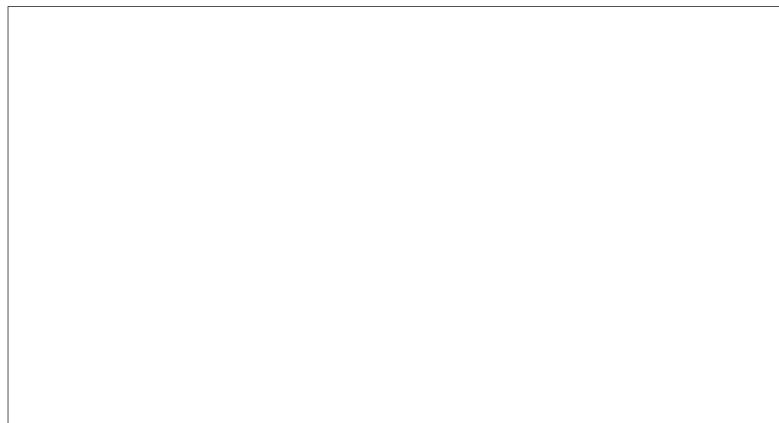
c. In 1958, when the New Lands
produced a fairly good crop, the
area accounted for about one-fourth
of Soviet wheat production, but dimin-
ishing soil moisture and fertility
have steadily reduced the area's con-
tribution since.

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d. We estimate the total Soviet wheat harvest will be around 44 million metric tons as against 57 million tons estimated for last year.

5. Saudi Arabia -
Yemen

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c. In Yemen, the remaking of the government is proceeding, but is being done by committee and promises to be slow.

6. Burma

a. Ne Win continues to try to suppress discontent and agitation by force.

b. In an ever widening vicious circle, however, this tactic seems to have generated more agitation requiring further and more numerous preventive arrests.

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c. Ne Win still fears a coup, and has concentrated on opposing political leaders and unreliables among the military.

d. He has so far been cautious in handling his religious opponents, but criticism from that quarter, too, is sharpening.

e. A leading Buddhist monk told a crowd of some 10,000 in Mandalay late last month that Ne Win should be overthrown.

NOTES

- A. Dominican Republic A state of siege was declared in effect in Santo Domingo last night following a substantial flare-up between police and university students who were demonstrating against Bosch's overthrow. The university area has been closed off, but the situation is still precarious.
- B. France-EEC The French are putting out the line among their EEC partners that there is no need to hurry with preparations for "Kennedy-Round" tariff negotiations because the US administration would just as soon put them off until after the 1964 elections anyway.
- C. Mexico-Cuba sell Mexican
wheat to Cuba.

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1. Algeria-Berbers

a. Despite threats to "crush" his Berber opponents, Ben Bella still hesitates to use force. So far he has contented himself with throwing a cordon around the Kabylie region.

b. He may, however, feel compelled to end his inaction soon lest the example of the Berbers spread.

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Ben Bella has postponed his departure for New York.

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2. Morocco-Algeria

a. Temperatures jumped again yesterday over the Moroccan-Algerian border issue.

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b. [redacted]

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Moroccan force attacked Algerian outposts some 250 miles southwest of Colomb-Bechar.

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3. Syria-Iraq

a. The Baathist rulers in Damascus and Baghdad moved a step closer together yesterday.

b. They agreed to unify their military commands by setting up a supreme defense council with a commander-in-chief and three members from each country. Iraqi Defense Minister Ammash was named to the top post.

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c. Decisions on other kinds of unified arrangements may flow from the meeting of the Baath international, now underway in Damascus. A supreme economic council is one possibility.

d. This will not sit well with Nasir. Moreover, strong elements in both countries have not been disabused of the idea that any Arab union must include the Egyptians.

[redacted] pro-Nasir elements plan to stage a coup in Iraq [redacted].

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4. Sino-Soviet dispute

a. Moscow still seems to be pointing toward a world-wide Communist meeting in November.

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c. Pravda has printed suggestions that representatives of some parties meet for this purpose. There were similar preliminaries to the 1960 Moscow conference.

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d. The Chinese, who were championing the idea of such a meeting a year ago when the Soviets saw it as bad tactics, have not been notably vocal on this point for some time.

e. At a conference held when the Chinese wanted it, there would have been great pressure on Moscow for more compromises to keep the movement together. Now the Chinese and their supporters can probably be isolated.

NOTES

- A. Cuba [redacted] 50X1
press accounts of the impact of hurricane Flora on Cuba. We do not have a clear idea yet on just how serious the damage was and will be taking a close look at this in the coming weeks. [redacted]
- B. Venezuela Pro-Castro terrorists reacted to Betancourt's Monday warning of an even more intensive crackdown by widespread acts of sabotage and terrorism. Yesterday two attempts were made to cut oil pipelines, there were a number of sniper attacks on police and national guardsmen, a pair of radio stations were bombed, and attacks were made on several villages in the northwestern part of the country. [redacted] 50X1
- C. Brazil Although the situation is calmer for the moment, nothing has been resolved. Goulart, already weakened by his inability to put over the state of siege declaration, was dealt another blow yesterday when congress voted down his constitutional amendment on agrarian reform. Lacerda emerges somewhat stronger, since he was the target of the state of siege.

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- E. Malaysia Singapore's volatile leftists may take advantage of the opportunities for violence presented by the general strike launched yesterday. Several minor clashes between strikers and police were noted in this morning's press, but US officials on the spot feel that available security forces can probably control the situation.
- F. France-Indonesia The French, willing as ever to try and steal a march on the Anglo-Saxons, have suggested to the Indonesians that trade between the two countries might profitably be developed, especially in rubber.

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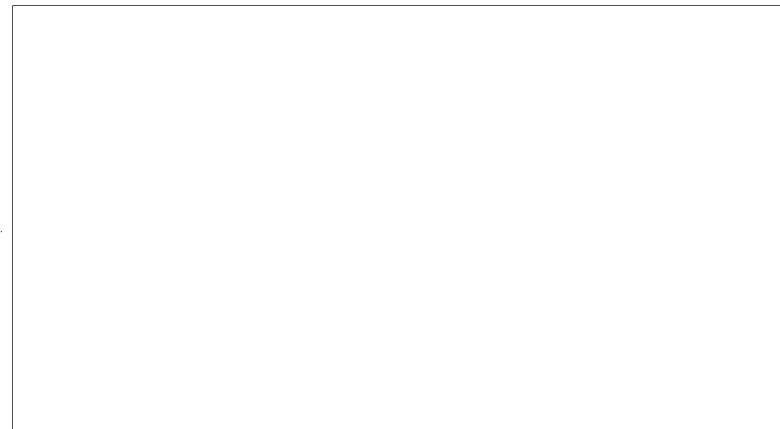
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1. Cuba

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c. We cannot yet estimate crop damage, since the weather has been too poor for reconnaissance over the eastern part of the island. Agricultural Czar Rodriguez said Tuesday that damages to the sugar crop could not be calculated for some time.

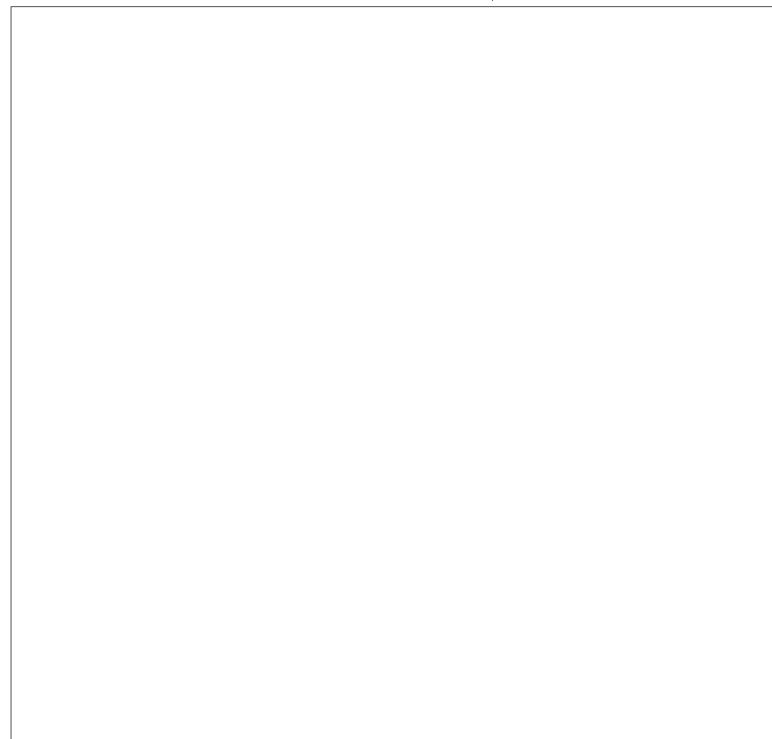
d. One Cuban refugee with long experience in sugar growing and processing estimates a loss of 50-percent for the 1963-64 and 1964-65 crops. He assumes that local rail lines have been devastated.



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2. South Vietnam

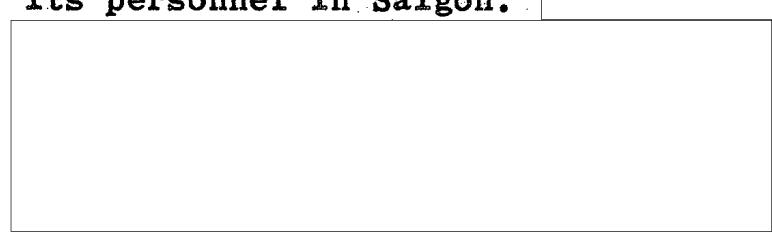
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c. [redacted]

[redacted] there are plans
to mount an attack or violent demon-
stration against the US Embassy and
its personnel in Saigon. [redacted]

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rule out demonstrations against the
Embassy which could get out of hand.

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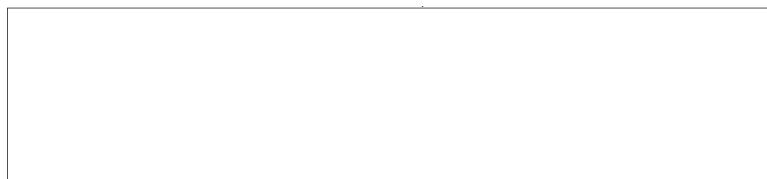
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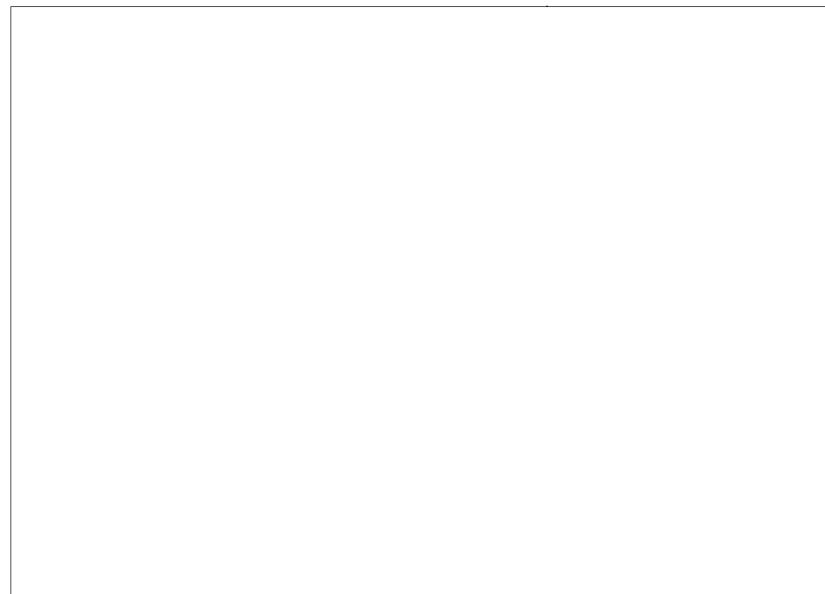


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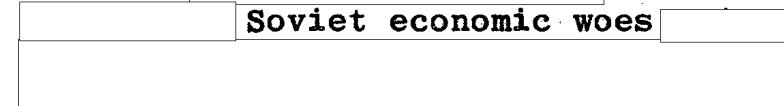
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5. USSR

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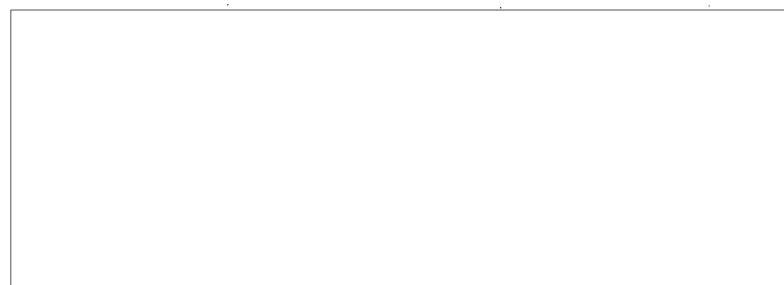
Soviet economic woes [REDACTED]



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c. There is no doubt the pinch
is getting worse, witness this year's
agricultural failure. [redacted]

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A. Guatemala

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- B. USSR Khrushchev's whereabouts have gone unreported for ten days following his tour of agricultural areas in the southern Ukraine. We assume he is resting somewhere on the Black Sea. In his absence presidium member Brezhnev, with an occasional assist from Podgorny, has been presiding at party functions and Kosygin has been handling government affairs.

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LATE ITEM

Berlin

- a. Reporting on the convoy incidents has been somewhat confused. The following is our best guess at the situation as of 0845 EDT.
- b. The Berlin-bound convoy held up yesterday for 15 hours on entering East Germany was finally allowed to pass that checkpoint without dismounting.
- c. At 0500 Berlin time (mid-night EDT) the same convoy was again held up by Soviet authorities at the Babelsberg. It consists of 18 vehicles and 61 men and is thus well below "dismount size."
- d. The Soviets have blockaded the eastbound lane into Berlin at Babelsberg and apparently the convoy is unable to move despite the ultimatum which we understand Gen. McConnell (Acting Chief, CINCEUR) delivered at 0545 EDT giving the Soviets two hours to begin processing the convoy.

1. Cuba-USSR

a. Soviet military personnel
continue to depart Cuba.

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b. There will probably be a
Soviet space operation soon.

c. The four Soviet instrumen-
tation ships now deployed off Africa

This has been a good tip-off
to a recoverable satellite operation.

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d. Three Pacific range instru-
mentation ships departed Petropav-
lovsk yesterday, probably for further
extended-range ICBM tests, although
they have also supported previous
space operations.

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e. We still expect a Soviet
lunar probe attempt later this fall.
[redacted]

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3. USSR

a. [redacted]

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[redacted] emergency
animal slaughtering in anticipation
of a major fodder shortage this win-
ter.

b. If [redacted] carried out by
Soviet agricultural managers in their
usual frantic fashion there will be
an inordinate amount of confusion and
not enough consideration will be
given to the capacity of slaughter
houses and storage plants. There is
likely to be a great deal of spoilage.

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c. Soviet plans to expand
meat production will, of course, be
set back sharply, even though some
feed grains will be imported.
[redacted]

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4. Laos

a. Kong Le has returned to
Laos after an absence of some three
months, mostly in the USSR.

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b. His last stop before re-
turning was Bangkok



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5. India

a. The new president of India's Congress Party, Kamaraj Nadar, is one of India's most powerful politicians. He probably is not a serious contender to succeed Nehru, however, because of his identification with South India and his scant knowledge of Hindi and English.

b. He was prime mover behind the Congress party refurbishing in the first place, and is now in a position to carry it further with the authority and energy he commands.

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c. Factional lines are likely to harden, however, as a result of Nadar's rise, as would-be successors to Nehru, particularly Desai, see their prospects dimmed.

6. Communist China-
USSR

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NOTES

A. Congo-Angola Tshombe's brother Daniel, a sometime resident in Luanda, is there now openly placing orders for vehicles, tents, generators etc. with various firms including some representing US companies.

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B. Morocco-Algeria Algeria has responded to the Moroccan buildup in the disputed border area with a buildup of its own. Hassan's efforts to get the Algerians to negotiate the dispute have so far been unavailing and immediate prospects for calming the situation are not bright.

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C. Communist China - Algeria Having already given Algeria a total of \$13.5 million, Peiping is now offering a \$50 million long-term, interest-free credit for as yet undisclosed uses. Unable to match Moscow's recent \$100 million credit, Peiping may well have offered some cash. The Chinese have done this before in similar arrangements with other African countries, which the Soviets have not.

D. Algeria Ben Bella has decided to use a show of military force against the Kabylie rebels, and late press reports this morning indicate that operations are now getting underway.

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1. Algeria-Morocco

a. Government troops moved into the Berber Kabylie yesterday. Some shots were fired but fighting was light and casualties, if any, were few.

b. Ben Bella may have been encouraged to move by his success in buying off a potentially dissident former guerrilla leader, Colonel Chaabani, by making him deputy chief of staff. Chaabani's stamping ground was just to the south of the Kabylie.

c. Although there have been no further clashes along the Algerian-Moroccan border, the situation remains agitated.

[redacted] intense activity on both sides of the border.

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2. Kenya

a. Anti-Kenyatta politicians who have threatened to secede and set up a separate state do not have the strength to carry out this design.

b. They have been urging a greater measure of local autonomy in an independent Kenya than Kenyatta would like to see and than the British are likely to give.

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c. These oppositionists are quite capable of inciting their tribes to violence in order to give weight to their demands.

d. British security forces are taking steps to cope with this and local authorities feel they will be able to keep the situation in hand.

3. Cyprus

a. Animosities between the Greek and Turkish Cypriots, never far below the surface, threaten to boil over again.

b. The catalyst may well be an attempt by Makarios to revise the constitution by unilateral action. The Turkish minority believes the changes he is proposing will seriously damage their position on the island.

c. We know that both sides have laid in a store of arms against an outbreak of trouble. Armed forces from Greece and Turkey stationed in Nicosia could be drawn into any violence.

d. Some cautionary voices are being raised, however, and it is possible that Makarios may postpone action on the constitutional issue until after the Greek elections early next month.

4. Dominican Republic

a. The post-Bosch regime is finding it difficult to get a firm grip on the reins.

b. The failure to win US recognition and the withdrawal of US aid have shaken its confidence and given comfort to its detractors.

c. [redacted]

[redacted] plotting against the regime by military figures and by political elements on both the right and the left.

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d. Plans by university students to march again this week end could trigger "real trouble" in the opinion of US embassy officials.

5. Cuba

a. Castro's bloc partners have not been quick on the trigger with aid in the wake of last week's hurricane.

b. So far the only items which we have noted from the Soviets have been [redacted] food and medical supplies plus a shipload of coffee.

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c. Havana will doubtless be pressing for more once it gets a clearer idea of the extent of the damage.

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NOTES

- A. USSR Though Khrushchev's movements continue to go unreported in the Soviet press, he was seen last Monday in a green convertible enroute to Yalta by a US embassy traveller.
- B. USSR--Space The upcoming Soviet space spectacular may be a manned effort.
- C. Somalia-USSR [redacted] the Somali government has decided to accept [redacted] Soviet military aid. The Somalis [redacted] hope that this action will not result in the loss of military help from the West. They are apt to be disappointed on this score [redacted]
- D. Cuba--Architects The head of the International Union of Architects has complained that last week's congress in Havana was "too political." Big groups of Communist representatives, largely student architects, were easily able with an assist from their hosts to dominate the meeting and turn it into a propaganda show.

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LATE NOTE

Algeria-Berbers: Government forces are rapidly occupying the major towns in Kabylie and the press this morning reports the capture of the onetime Berber headquarters at Michelet. The Berbers are offering no resistance and are simply fading into the hills. We do not expect the government forces to be equally successful in dislodging these veteran guerrilla fighters from their mountain retreats.

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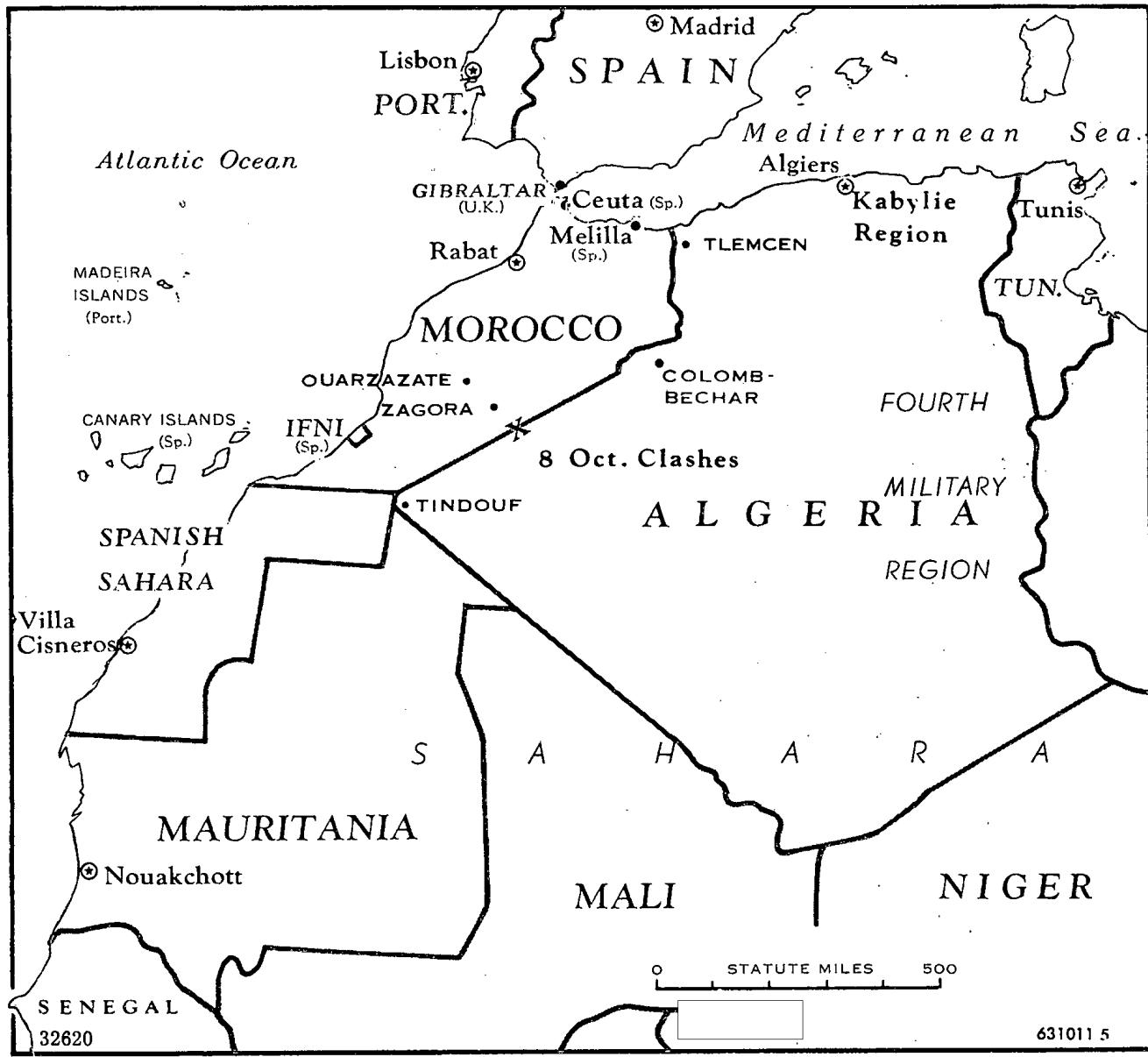
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1. Morocco-
Algeria

a. New fighting broke out early this morning in the Tinjoub area where Moroccan and Algerian forces clashed last week.

b. Today's fighting appears, on the basis of first sketchy reporting, to be on a larger scale, however.

c. Over the weekend the Moroccans had begun to take a more assertive line towards the border dispute. King Hassan has declared that his patience is at an end and has set pre-conditions for talks with Ben Bella which seem completely unacceptable to the Algerians.

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f. Hassan probably wants to take advantage of Ben Bella's other troubles, his as yet unresolved quarrel with the Berbers and his falling-out with Boumedienne. Also, Nasir, while making gestures of support for Ben Bella, has his own troubles and will be most reluctant to engage himself deeply in another war.

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2. South Korea

a. In Korean terms, Pak is running scared. (The presidential election is Tuesday.)

b. The opposition, down finally to one major candidate, has been conducting a hard-hitting campaign and Pak's supporters are no longer sure they can win in a relatively free election.

c. The police and other government agencies, which were being used largely to drum out crowds for Pak, have begun to harrass opposition electioneering and intimidate the electorate.

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3. South Vietnam

- a. Signs accumulate that the Saigon regime is getting set for prolonged difficulties with the US.
- b. The regime has taken several belt-tightening steps, including the slicing of government salaries, against a possible major reduction of US aid. These actions could foreshadow requests for some reduction in the US presence.
- c. Nhu's Times of Vietnam charged on Friday that the US had embarked on a "semi-secret policy of diplomatic and economic blackmail." This issue of the Times did not, as it has in the past, absolve President Kennedy of blame for anti-regime activities by US officials on the spot.

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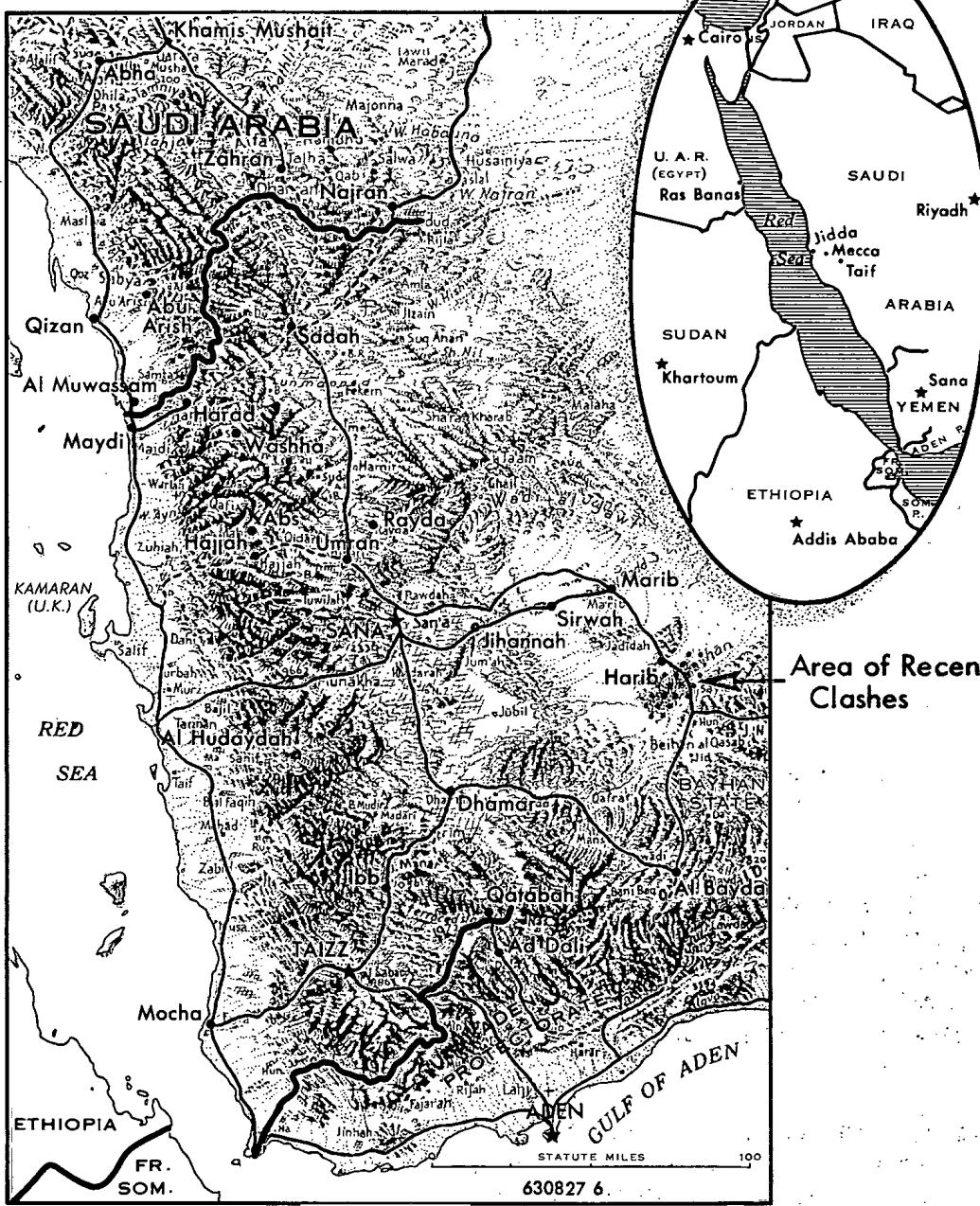
4. Yemen - Saudi Arabia - UAR

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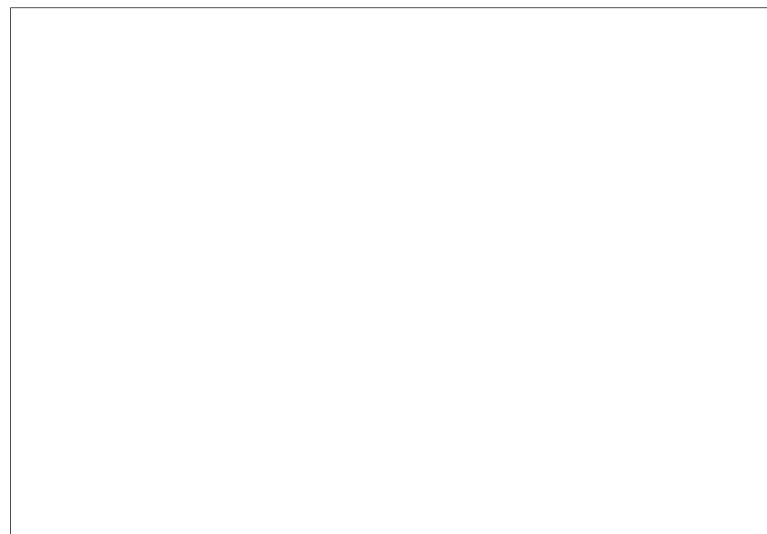
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NOTES

- A. Dominican Republic There were rather mild student demonstrations over the weekend outside the capital but Santo Domingo students appeared somewhat cowed by the strong line taken by the police. Non-student agitators and troublemakers are reported mixing with the university students, obviously to stiffen the student protest.
- B. Cuba-USSR A seventh shipload of Soviet arms may be on its way to Cuba. [REDACTED]
- C. [REDACTED]
- D. Italy Labor troubles now shaping up--including a possible general strike in Rome [REDACTED] will complicate the forthcoming negotiations between Nenni and the Christian Democrats to form a government. Communist and neo-fascist agitators will be in the streets. Their game is to provoke joint Socialist-Communist riots and thus give ammunition to opponents of another center-left experiment.

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E. Ecuador

[redacted] **Arosemena has returned to**

Ecuador. [redacted]

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1. Morocco-Algeria

a. The Moroccan army seems intent on reoccupying military outposts in the undemarcated Algerian border area.

b. Moroccan officials claim their army has retaken the posts of Hassi Beida and Tinjoub, which they assert the Algerian Army seized a week ago.

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c. King Hassan is reported to have agreed to attend a conference of North African leaders proposed by Bourguiba for mid-November to settle Moroccan-Algerian border difficulties. Ben Bella's reaction is not yet known.

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2. Berlin

a. Our Berlin Mission has concluded that the interference with Convoy 27 was a deliberate Soviet action, with both important tactical and political motives, which required advance Moscow clearance.

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b. On the other hand, our Moscow Embassy does not believe the Soviet government would have chosen this precise moment to create trouble. Its guess is that Soviet middle-level authorities in both Germany and the USSR felt the US was stepping up its activities on the Autobahn. Embassy Moscow speculates that after clearing sizeable convoys without having them dismount on October 8 and 9, the Soviet military in Germany, possibly after a routine check with Moscow, ordered that convoys in this range should be required to dismount with resultant difficulties for Convoy 27.

c.

[redacted] either the incident was provoked by local military authorities to test whether they could encroach on procedures accepted in the past or the incident arose from a genuine confusion over dismounting procedures, and the Soviet military authorities considered that the convoy was of a size which would normally dismount.

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d. Westbound Convoy 32 of dismount size was held up for thirty minutes yesterday by Soviet authorities. The convoy commander refused a Soviet demand to dismount because of rain. At the end of thirty minutes the rain ceased, the convoy dismounted, and was cleared.

e. Three convoys are scheduled for today, one for tomorrow and one for Friday. None is of dismount size.

3. Saudi Arabia -
Yemen

a. It looks as though Saudi Arabia will soon resume military aid to the Yemeni royalists.



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c. Faysal has recently voiced dissatisfaction over Egypt's failure to reduce its troops in Yemen and has threatened to return to his previous policy of aid to the royalists. Faysal may have in mind implementing this policy when the UN Observation Mission's mandate expires on 4 November.

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4. Cuba

a. Castro is accepting disaster relief from various national and international organizations but is sticking to his position not to accept aid from the American Red Cross unless it is handled by the international Red Cross organization. Havana radio continues to condemn the offer of direct US Red Cross aid as hypocritical. The Guantanamo Naval Base reports that Castro's refusal to accept direct US aid has angered the Cuban people and some members of the party organization.

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[Redacted]
**Castro may find the hurricane
a convenient scapegoat for the
fundamental economic problems that
were already apparent before the
hurricane struck.**

NOTES

A. South Vietnam The regime has avoided a showdown with organized labor by releasing Dam Sy Hien, vice president of the General Confederation of Vietnamese Labor (CVTC), who was arrested a week ago. CVTC president Tran Quoc Huu had threatened to dissolve the CVTC and call on international labor to condemn labor suppression in South Vietnam if Huu were not released by this Thursday.

B. Uruguay [redacted] a small group of rightist army officers led by Colonel Mario Aquerrondo is plotting to overthrow the government. It seems unlikely that the army, which supports constitutional government, would follow Aquerrondo. The army might stand aside, however, because the government has not met its demands to curb Communist activity, to raise military pay and to deal with grievances of personnel.

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C. Communist China - Japan Peiping is making a bid for increased trade relations with Japan.

[redacted] the Chinese Communists have suggested the barter of Hainan iron ore for Japanese steel, a direct Tokyo-Peiping air route, and an exchange of permanent trade delegations. Similar proposals are expected to be made at the \$5 million Japanese trade fair now being held in Peiping.

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- D. Iceland The Thors government will face difficult economic and political problems after today when the present provisional seven-and-one-half percent wage increase expires. Both Communists and non-Communists are likely to press for higher wages. The Communists, who control the central labor federation, are likely to resort to prolonged labor agitation. The consequences could lead to popular dissatisfaction with the government.
- E. Burma The Ne Win government and the pro-Peiping Burma Communist Party (BCP) are reported to have agreed on terms for talks aimed at ending the party's long-time insurgency. In these talks, which probably will be long drawn out, Ne Win, according to an [redacted] diplomatic source, has agreed to legalize the BCP, to publicize final negotiations with the party, and to guarantee the security of its leader, Thakin Than Tun.

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1. Berlin

a. A Westbound British convoy
is still being held up by the So-
viets at the Babelsberg checkpoint
outside West Berlin.

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d. The Soviets are apparently
taking advantage of the confusion
on procedures to probe for weak
points in Allied solidarity on
the access issue. In any case,
regardless of whether our troubles
last week began accidentally,
the move against the British is
almost certainly deliberate.

e. Our own eastbound convoy
today, also of non-dismount size,
passed Marienborn without inci-
dent at 0645 Berlin time. We
have no report yet on its treat-
ment at Babelsberg.



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2. Algeria-Morocco

a. The Algerians counter-attacked at Tinjoub and Hassi Beida late yesterday.

b. Reports of their success conflict. The Moroccans intend to hold these border posts

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c. Ben Bella's propagandistic call of all veterans to arms has whipped feeling up to a fever pitch. The Algerian public is all too ready to accept rumors that US pilots are flying Moroccan reinforcements to the front. We have denied this with little effect.

d. Both sides continue to reinforce, but their ability to sustain a military effort in the present area of fighting is extremely limited.

e. We are looking for signs that the fighting might spread to the north, where larger forces can be deployed and where the two sides can really hurt each other. Our Consul in Oran has confirmed Algerian troop movements toward Marnia and Tlemcen.

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f. Negotiations, meanwhile, are apparently not going well. Ben Bella's emissaries returned to Algiers yesterday with King Hassan's terms for settlement. They return today to Marrakesh with Ben Bella's answer, which we do not believe has any give in it.

3. South Korea

a. Opposition candidate Yun Po-sun has conceded the election to General Pak, according to late press. Yun has gone into hiding, however, and we have no information on his real attitude.

b. The election was ostensibly very close, with Pak's margin running somewhere under 50,000.

c. Yun was at times in the lead and appeared to be gaining, but, curiously enough, Pak kept pulling back ahead.

4. Congo

a. The political situation has boiled up again. Several top ministers, formerly among Adoula's closest supporters, plan to have President Kasavubu declare a "state of emergency" under which they would take over in Adoula's place and govern as a committee.

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b. This group, generally pro-Western, has for some time been critical of what it considers to be Adoula's lack of forcefulness and failure to act firmly against leftist and ultra-nationalist agitators.

c. More recently, with the fate of Brazzaville's former President Youlou in mind, these officials are worried by the growing power of labor and the possible consequences for them of a threatened general strike.

d. Army chief Mobutu may be supporting the move. He also has become disillusioned with Adoula.

e. Hurry-up calls for Adoula's return from New York have gone out.

5. Pakistan-India
a. Senior Pakistani military officers met in Rawalpindi late last week with leaders of Pakistani-held Azad Kashmir.

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b. Their purpose was to consider what could be done to discourage the Indians from any plans to link the Indian-held portion of Kashmir more closely with India proper.

c. In the current emotional atmosphere in Pakistan the Pakistanis might provoke clashes along the cease-fire line or organize some guerrilla operations in the hope of generating new international pressure for a settlement.

6. UK-Indonesia-Malaysia

a. The British are convinced that any further concessions to Sukarno would be taken as a sign of weakness and that only strong action will deter him from his course against Malaysia.

b. They intend, among other things, to protect Malaysian shipping to the point of direct engagement if necessary with Indonesian naval craft.

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7. Dominican Republic

a. The Imbert and Amiama duo is reported to have combined with Bosch's party and the leftist 14 June movement in plotting a coup which they plan to carry out today or tomorrow.

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b. We do not doubt the plotting, but do not believe the assets are there yet to make a move against the triumvirate stick.

c. More likely there will be calls, only partially successful, for a general strike.

d. [REDACTED] student protest march on the palace is [REDACTED] scheduled [REDACTED]. If it takes place it will almost certainly cause trouble.

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- A. USSR We have another indication [redacted] 50X1
that a space spectacular of sorts is planned to pre-
cede the Soviet anniversary celebrations on 7 Novem-
ber. Signs do point to another Soviet space effort
soon, but it would be the wrong time of the month for
the expected moon shot. [redacted] 50X1
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- C. Czechoslovakia [redacted] Rudolph Barak,
former Czech Minister of Interior will soon be rein-
stated to a top job in the government. [redacted] 50X1
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- D. Panama-US We will soon be in for some more pres-
sure from Panama to negotiate revisions to the 1903
Canal Treaty. President Chiari's problem is that
he must make a move in this direction to keep the
initiative away from his opponents as presidential
elections, set for next May, approach.

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- E. East Germany - Berlin The Ulbricht regime [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] will not take the 50X1
action it had been planning to take to incorporate
East Berlin more formally into the East German govern-
ment structure. The city will still only send ob-
servers to the East German government assembly. Ap-
parently, the Communists are afraid they would give
the West Germans an opening for closer relations
between West Germany and West Berlin. [redacted] 50X1
- F. Angola Holden Roberto, [redacted] is
currently infiltrating a group of [redacted] trained
troops into northern Angola. [redacted] 50X1
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1. Tito in America

a. Tito's month-long tour of Latin America was hardly a smashing success.

b. His Brazilian visit, which came just after the sergeants' revolt touched off a new domestic crisis, was by all reports a fiasco. Tito made little real impact in Bolivia or Chile where he was met, by and large, with polite indifference.

c. His entourage [redacted] acknowledges his failure in these countries. They were pleased, however, by the relative warmth of his reception in Mexico.

d. Tito's public utterances in Latin America were filled with the platitudes common to such occasions. One exception was a statement in Brazil which has attracted considerable attention in non-aligned circles. He said that the concept of blocs and non-aligned states has been superceded by a new division between states working for "peaceful coexistence" and those against it.

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2. Morocco-Algeria

a. Sporadic fighting continues today for the isolated desert outposts of Tinjoub and Hassi Beida.

b. Few details are at hand, although [redacted] the fighting--still limited in scale--may be spreading. [redacted]

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c. We have a late, unconfirmed press story from Marrakech that the two countries have now reached "an agreement in principle" on a ceasefire.

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3. Bolivia-Cuba

a. Bolivia has ordered the immediate removal of a first secretary of the Cuban embassy in La Paz, accusing him of trying to get information from the foreign ministry "by clandestine means."

b. He is the first high Cuban diplomat in Bolivia to be declared persona non grata since June 1961. The Cuban charge came close last summer when he was charged with interfering in the tin miners' strike.

c. The Cubans have been particularly active in promoting their revolutionary line amongst Bolivian leftists.

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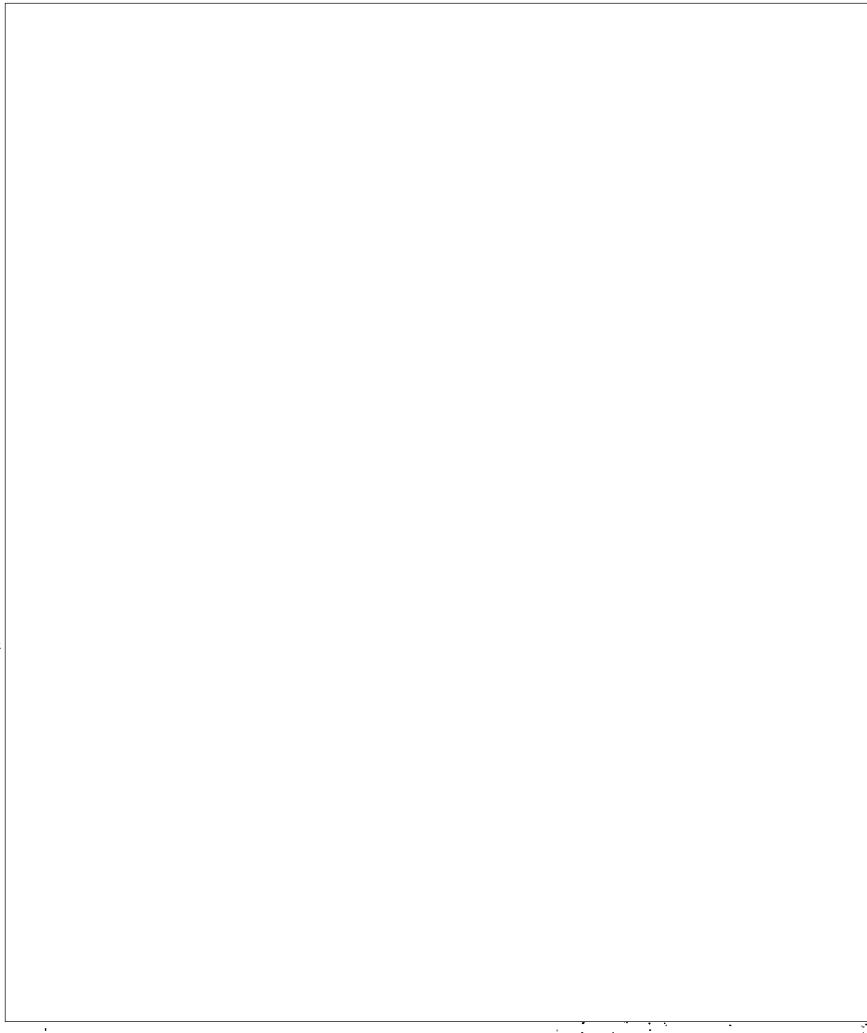
4. Poland

a. Poland's Communist rulers have had to call out troops to quell opposition to some of their recent moves against the Church.

b. In one such incident local police were twice driven back by a hail of stones from those resisting

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the closure of a Church school before troops successfully stormed the building. In another, armored cars and tear gas were used to seize a Capuchin monastery.

c. The incidents arose in the wake of nationwide closings of seminaries, convents, monasteries and the few remaining parochial schools. The regime hopes in this way to break the power of the religious orders which it regards as a pillar of Church resistance.

5. Ethiopia-Somalia

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d. Relations between the two countries are already badly strained by several recent exchanges of fire near the border. [REDACTED]

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6. Yemen-UAR

a. Tribal leaders on the republican side who met several weeks ago and issued anti-Egyptian resolutions are now expressing their dissatisfaction with Sallal.

b. They have, for example, been hinting more or less openly that his government had something to do with the recent murder of one of their number.

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A. Berlin In continuing their harassment of allied convoys the Soviets appear to be operating on the assumption that they can keep these actions from doing irreparable damage to the atmosphere of detente and still draw the West, which in Soviet eyes also has an interest in preserving this atmosphere, into a new round of Berlin talks.

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C. Sino-Soviet dispute The Soviets have now delivered the unkindest cut of all. Izvestia, having examined Mao's works at length, has concluded that he made no original contribution to Communist ideology. Where Mao did break new ground, Izvestia finds that he merely "falsified" the true doctrine.

D. Laos Kong Le returned yesterday to the Plaine des Jarres. We have been getting a number of indications recently that the Pathet Lao are building up strength, perhaps in preparation for action against neutralist and rightist forces in this area now that the dry season is coming.

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1. South Vietnam

a. Nhu has returned to the attack. He is trying to dissuade us from allowing Buddhist leader Tri Quang to meet with the UN fact-finding mission.

b. Yesterday the Times of Vietnam said that to arrange such a meeting would be "the act of an enemy."

c. Nhu told correspondents that Buddhist monks now under arrest have asserted that CIA agents encouraged them to stage a coup. He hinted that these monks might be allowed to tell all to the UN mission.

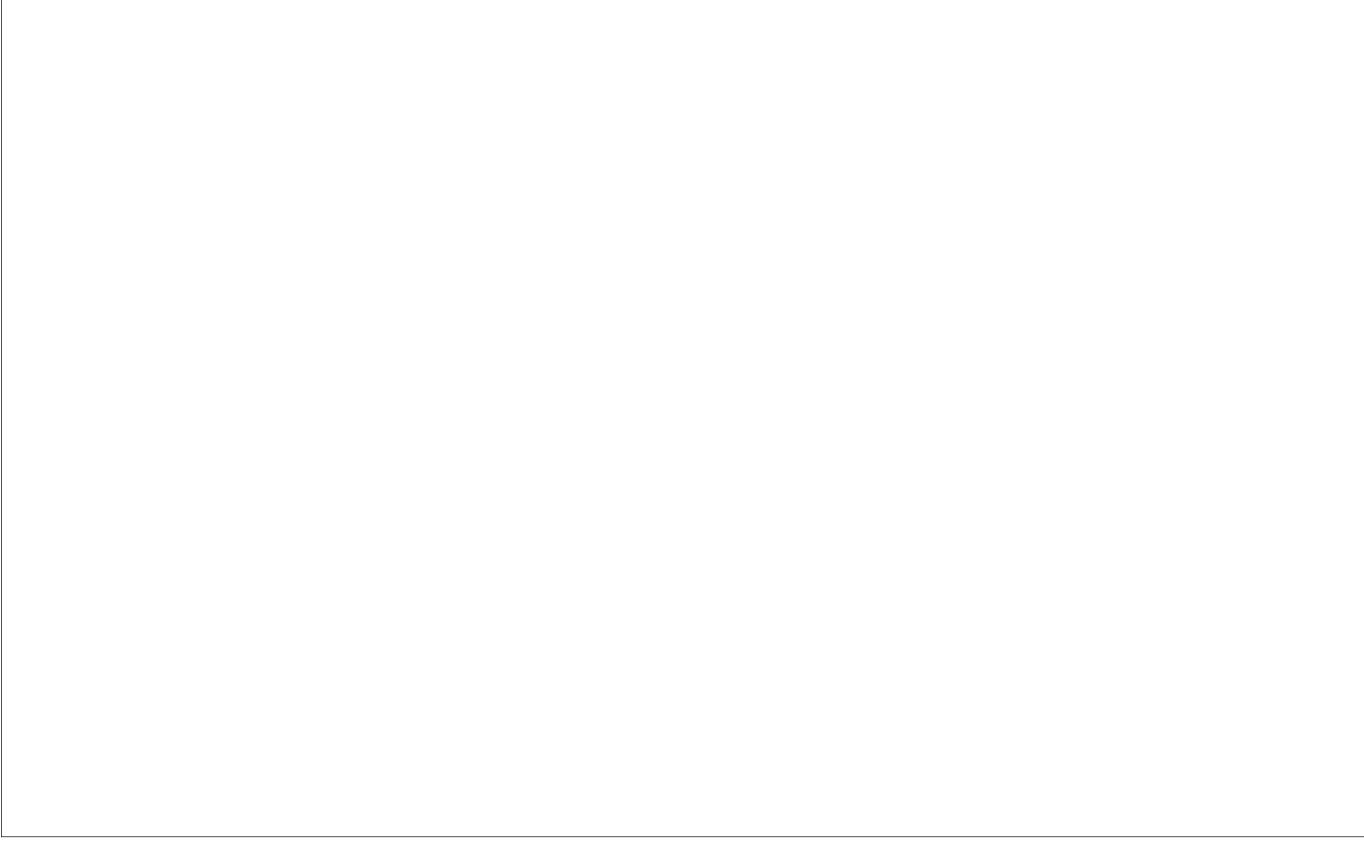
d. On Wednesday Nhu gave an interview to the Australian novelist Morris West who described it as "the most blatant anti-American tirade I have heard." Among other things Nhu said he wanted all Americans to leave, including every helicopter pilot.

e. Cach Mang Quoc Gia, vernacular press organ of the government, has attacked US efforts to shield newsmen allegedly involved in plotting against Diem. It urged the regime to deal with them "in the same way as the Algerian Government

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has just acted vis-a-vis six foreign newsmen." This presumably means expulsion.

f. [redacted]

[redacted] the Viet Cong have received light antiaircraft artillery (37mm) from China. [redacted]

[redacted] these weapons would be quite effective against helicopters and other low-flying aircraft,

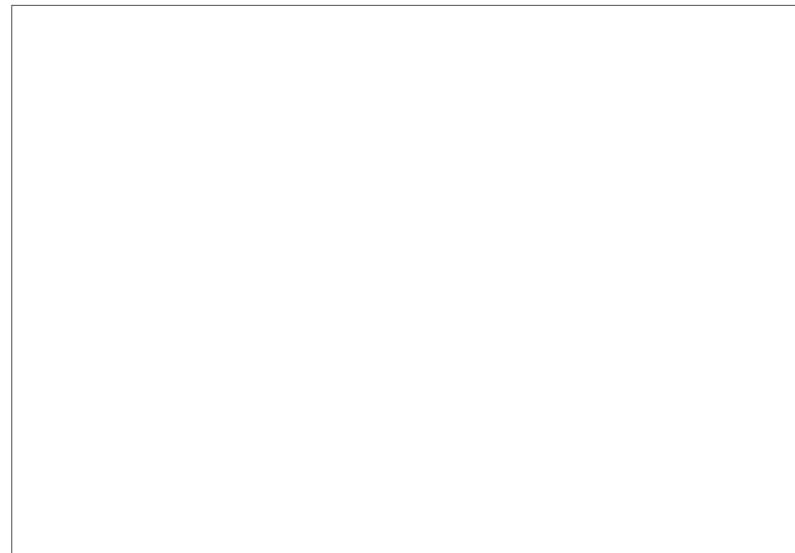
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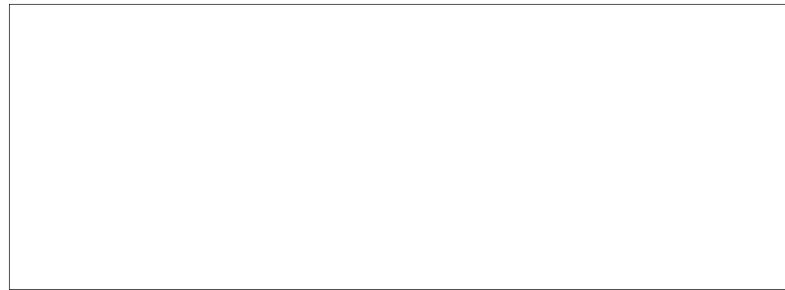
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d. Cuba wants to resume diplomatic relations (broken in 1959) with Haiti. Duvalier's initial reaction has been noncommittal.

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3. USSR

a. An official in Moscow said yesterday that the departure of the Soviet trade mission for New York to discuss wheat has been delayed for a few days because delegation leader Borisov is sick. We suspect Borisov has a touch of "Berlin flu," but will recover soon.

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b. The impact of the poor harvest continues to dominate internal affairs. Moscow has taken measures to lessen its effect on the economy, to forestall civil disorders, to guard supplies of grain and to reassure the population that such failures will not happen again.

4. Morocco-Algeria

a. Fighting continues around the two disputed border posts, and the Algerians claim to have retaken one. This morning's press reports, however, seem heavily overdrawn.

b. The Algerian delegation to the Marrakech talks abruptly left Morocco almost as soon as it arrived. The talks probably broke down over Morocco's insistence on discussing its territorial claims and Algeria's refusal to do so.

c. Various Arab states and organizations are trying to calm things down and get negotiations resumed before the fighting spreads to new areas.

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d. Even if they succeed the suspicion with which Morocco and Algeria regard each other will deepen and each can be expected to support subversive activities in the other's backyard.

e. In Morocco, the border difficulties probably will rally support around King Hassan. In Algeria, on the other hand, the difficulties with Morocco are likely to weaken Ben Bella and encourage his opposition.

5. Algeria

a. The Algerian press continues its somewhat hysterical charges that the US is involved in Moroccan military air activity. The government has not yet seen fit to publish our denial.

b. These reports have already led to one incident of violence against our USIS center in Constantine.

c. A French journalist has told our UN mission in New York the Algerian delegation there is convinced the US is backing the Moroccans in order to bring down the

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Ben Bella government. The source said the Algerians also point to the "press campaign" against Ben Bella and are convinced that CIA is behind "this whole plot."

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6. Kenya

a. Duncan Sandys, not noted for his celerity, has yet to work out a constitutional settlement for Kenya. After three weeks of talks in London, he is still trying to persuade the small tribes to buy the stronger central government demanded by Prime Minister Kenyatta's majority party.

b. Kenyatta is furious at the delay and as a pressure tactic has instigated party leaders in Nairobi to demand that he leave the talks and proclaim Kenya independent on 20 October.

c. Either way the UK loses. If, as expected, the ultimate decision is regarded by the minority party as unacceptable, reaction in its tribal areas is expected to be swift and violent.

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d. Sandys will have to wind up the Kenya meeting pretty soon because next Tuesday he has to move on to another unenviable job--the conference on constitutional arrangements for British Guiana.

7. South Korea

a. Despite assurances that no retaliation will be taken against opposition leaders for their hard-fought election campaign, there have been some hints that Pak's major opponent Yun Po-sun may be jailed.

b. The regime has been informed that the US would condemn such arrests in strong terms.

c. In any event, Pak's tougher supporters are likely to pressure him for more extreme measures to make sure that the government wins the National Assembly elections on 26 November.

8. Honduras

a. President Villeda says he will return to Honduras from Costa Rica as soon as the military regime sets the date for new elections.

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b. Villeda expects to resume
leadership of the Liberal Party once
it expels his would-be successor
Rodas.

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- A. UK Macmillan has resigned and Home has apparently been tapped.
- B. USSR An unmanned earth satellite was launched from Tyuratam early this morning.

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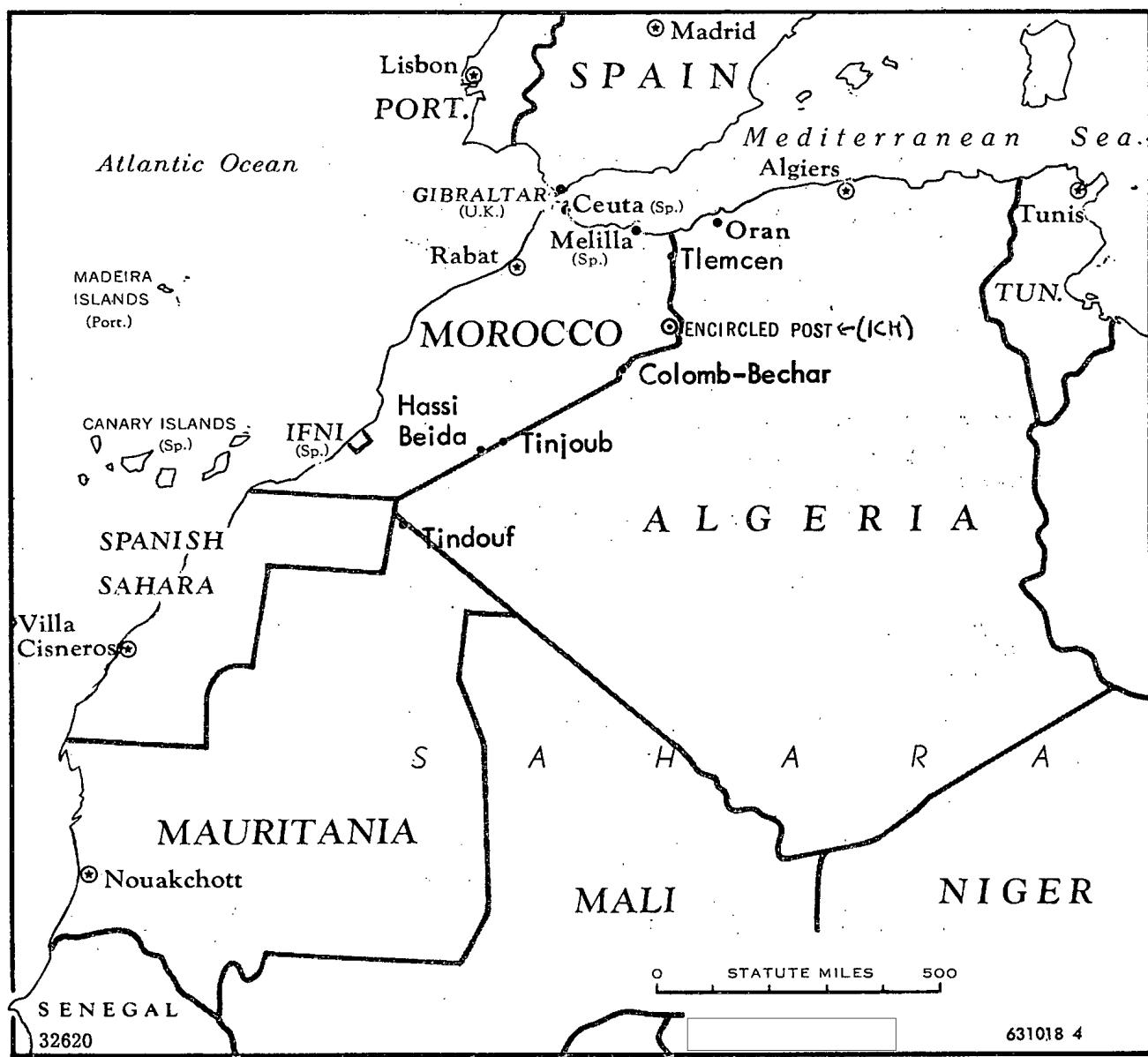
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1. Morocco-
Algeria

a. Stymied by superior Moroccan force in the disputed border area, the Algerians, as we had feared, have carried the conflict northward, attacking and defeating a small Moroccan garrison at Ich, some 100 miles northeast of Colomb-Bechar. They are also building up in the Tlemcen area.

b. Ben Bella, now in uniform and busily sending government deputies off to war, is whipping up an emotional atmosphere. The Algerian press, in Castro-like tones, continues to explain the frontier incidents in terms of monarchist-imperialist plots against the Algerian state and people.

c. Both parties are hard at work trying to line up support, if not aid; Algeria from the Communist and Afro-Asian nations at the UN, and Morocco from Spain, France, and, if possible, other Western countries. Neither party wants UN intervention, yet at least.

d. Haile Selassie and Nkrumah, the latter through his foreign minister, Botsio, are currently trying to mediate, although they avoid using the term. So are Syria and Iraq.

2. Congo

a. The plan to put Leopoldville under a state of emergency is being held up until after Adoula returns (he arrived in Leopoldville last night).

b. The idea is to get his approval,

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c. Mobutu appears prepared to support emergency decrees.

d. While the so-called "state of exception" will apply to Leopoldville only, other areas, such as Stanleyville, have been under a "state of exception" for some time, and its application in Leopoldville will undoubtedly be felt beyond the city limits.

e. Adoula's position in the immediate future remains unclear but, Ambassador Gullion is very pessimistic. He believes Adoula's regime is now perilously close to dissolution. The political disquiet, he feels, is due to the government's inability to stem the process of economic decay seen particularly in massive unemployment, flight of capital, and, as always, corruption.

3. Cuba

a. Cuban [redacted]

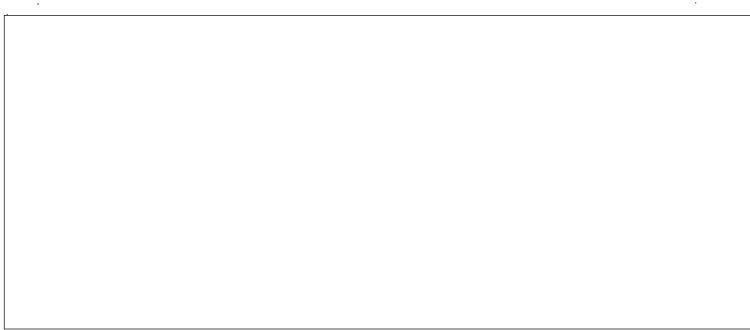
[redacted] "critical" shortages of goods, such as food, water, clothing and gasoline, for example, have become commonplace since the hurricane.

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b. Even so, the Cubans persist in their hardnosed attitude toward foreign aid. They refuse to allow an adviser to be sent from the Red Cross in Geneva, with the result that little, if any, further aid from that quarter will be forthcoming.

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e. The Chinese, however, are outdoing themselves. To hear them tell it, they are sending 20,000 tons of rice, 30,000 tons of wheat, nearly 4 million meters of cloth, 1 million pairs of rubber shoes, 20,000 tons of cement, etc., etc.; goods in quantities which most Chinese, we are sure, did not know they had to spare.



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A. Britain Lord Home has succeeded in forming a government after tense negotiations throughout most of yesterday and last night to quell an insipient rebellion in party ranks.

B. USSR

Khrushchev's chemical fertilizer project will be pursued full speed, despite heavy expenditures for imported grain. Other sectors of the economy will have to suffer.

the major portion of funds allocated to capital construction would go to the chemical industry. Plans for other projects were being curtailed.

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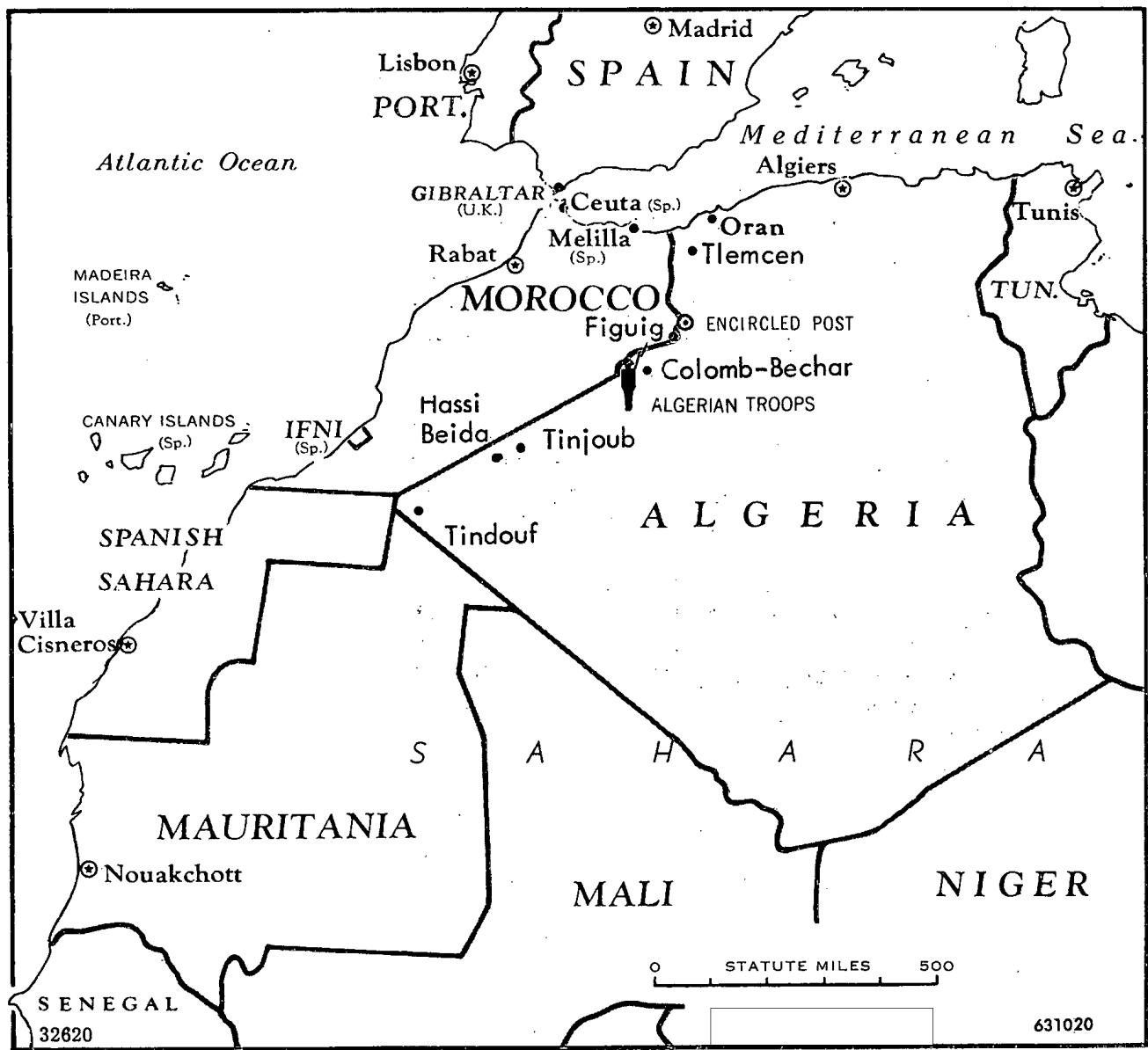
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1. Algeria-Morocco

a. Both sides continue to move up reinforcements, and Algeria evidently is preparing to seize the Figuig area of Morocco in retaliation for the loss of Hassi Beida and Tinjoub.

b. Actual fighting, however, has abated temporarily as attention shifts to diplomatic efforts to arrange a cease-fire.

c. Algerian Foreign Minister Bouteflika flew suddenly to Rabat late yesterday in company with the Ethiopian Foreign Minister--a surprise move which has encouraged hopes that Haile Selassie's mediation may prove successful.

d. The emperor himself has been in Morocco for the past few days and, in a change of schedule, is coming to Algiers today.

e. Ghana also has its emissaries on the scene, and the Arab League, having called for a cease-fire and a return to the status quo ante, has selected a mediation committee which is expected to be in the act by mid-week.

2. Egypt-Morocco-Algeria

a. The Moroccans yesterday captured at least three and more likely five Egyptian officers who were aboard an Algerian helicopter, evidently on a reconnaissance mission, when it landed in Moroccan territory northwest of Colomb-Bechar.

b. The Algerians, who have admitted five Egyptians were aboard, say Moroccan planes violated the border and forced the helicopter to land in Morocco.

c. [Redacted]

d. Morocco has already claimed Egyptian troops were fighting along with the Algerians, and capture of the officers will reinforce the claim.

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3. South Vietnam

- a. Business circles in Saigon are becoming uneasy over continued strains in the government's relations with the US.
- b. Prices last week began to rise, some as much as 30 percent, hoarding is increasing, and confidence in the piaster is beginning to wane.
- c. This could snowball rapidly, but the government shows no sign of softening its argument with the US.

4. USSR - Cosmos Satellite

- a. There has been no evidence of further ESV activity at Tyuratam since the launch of Cosmos 20 on 18 October

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B. Congo President Kasavubu last night declared a "state of emergency" for the Leopoldville area. It will now be governed, at least for the next six months, by a committee under Defense Minister Anany with special military powers. Clashes with organized labor seem inevitable. Adoula apparently has been talked into going along with the arrangement.

C. France - Nuclear test

[Redacted] the French under-
ground test [Redacted] occurred yesterday [Redacted]
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D. Kenya The talks in London on Kenya have finally ended "with agreement on all major issues," which we assume means Kenyatta got the powers for the central government he had demanded. If so, the minority tribes may feel compelled to fight for their lives.

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E. Syria-Jordan The Syrians apparently are fed up
with subversive Egyptian [redacted] operations
mounted against them from Lebanon. A border foray
into Lebanon by a Syrian patrol [redacted] re-
sulted in a clash [redacted]
[redacted] Other such incidents may follow.

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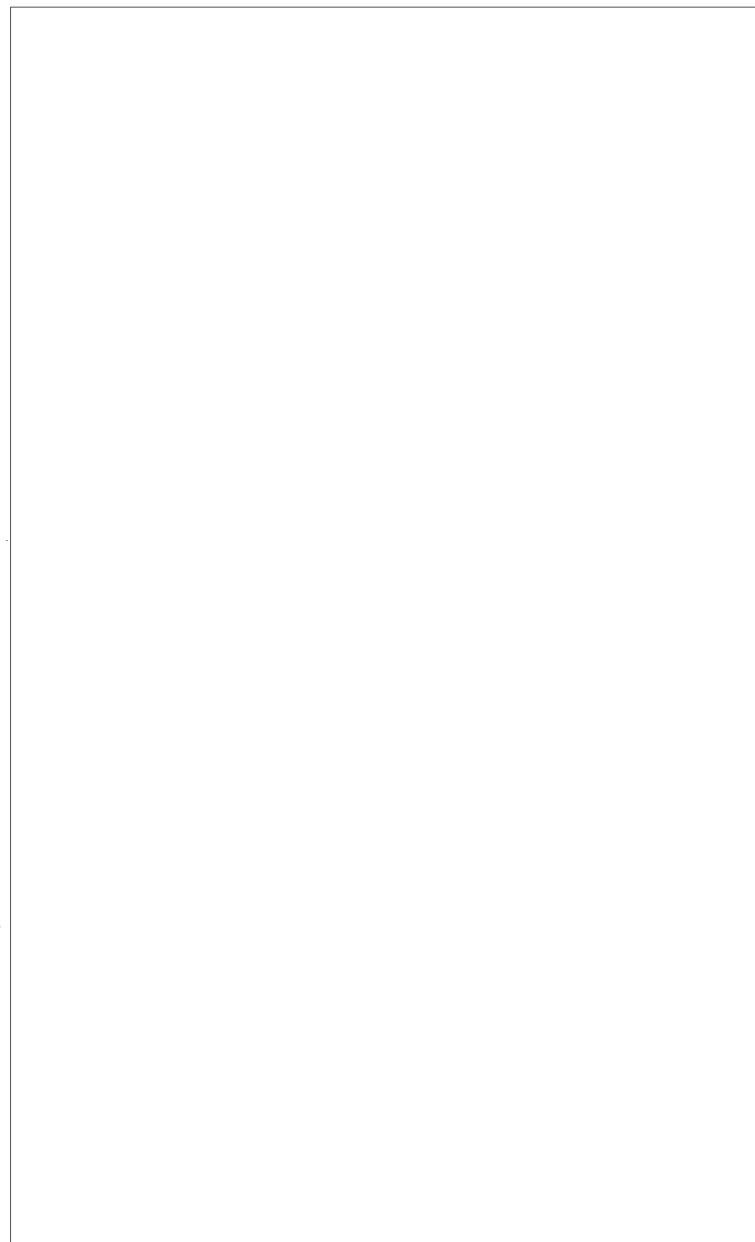
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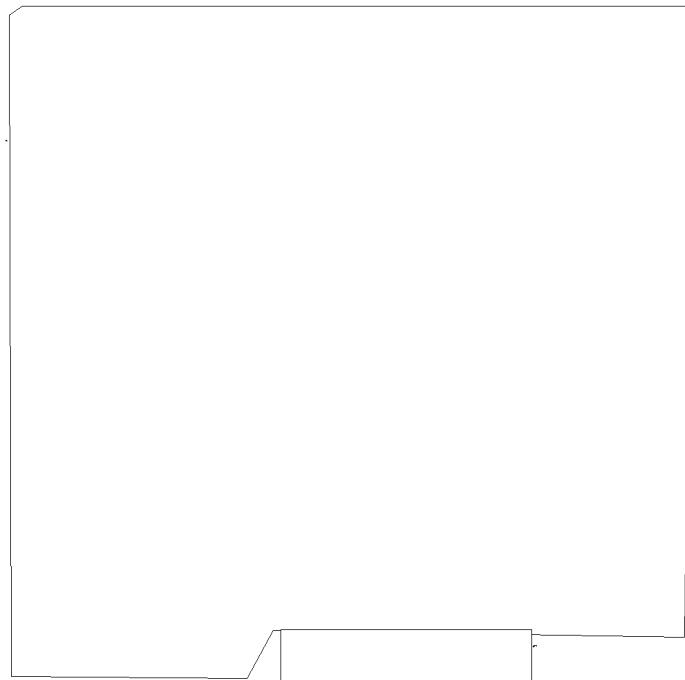


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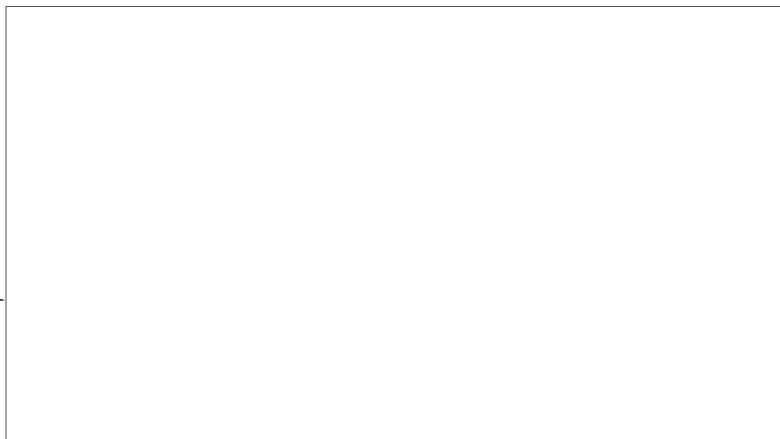


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1. Morocco-
Algeria

a. The lull in the border war may already have ended. The Moroccans claim another Algerian attack this morning.



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d. There was plenty of activity on the diplomatic front, but little discernible progress. Morocco, at first receptive, has now rejected the idea of a mediation committee from the Arab League.

e. The most promising initiative is still that of Haile Selassie. The latter is in Algiers pressing his offer to meet with Hassan and Ben Bella.

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f. Nasir, whatever his desires
to the contrary, is getting in deeper.

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Additional military equip-
ment [redacted] is
[redacted] for Al-
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2. UAR - Yemen -
Saudi Arabia

a. Nasir has again refused to
withdraw an appreciable number of
his 30,000 troops from Yemen at this
time.

b. He told Ambassador Badeau
Sunday that such an action would lead
inevitably to a Yemeni royalist re-
surgence. He cited "firm" intelli-
gence of continuing Saudi activities
in Yemen and of secret Saudi prepara-
tions to ship arms to the royalists.

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e. Nasir may have developed his own long-term solution to his dilemma in Yemen. He is bringing Yemeni soldiers to Egypt for training,

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3. South Vietnam

a. Saigon's pagodas are being spruced up in preparation for this week's visit by a UN observation team.

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c. Opposition elements, convinced they will have little if any direct access to the UN team, probably look on further demonstrations and self-immolations as the only way to get their points across.

d. [redacted]
Nhu is still thinking in terms of staging a demonstration, possibly violent, in front of the US embassy

e. On the military side, Saturday's battle in the southern delta was an effective demonstration of Viet Cong defensive capabilities. Profiting from lessons learned in the bloody affair at Ap Bac early in the year, the Communists made good use of carefully prepared defenses to hold off a superior force. Government troops gave a good account of themselves in trying circumstances.

4. South Korea

a. Kim Chong-pil returns to South Korea Wednesday.

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would if elected assume a leading position in the government rather than operate behind the scenes as before.

c. This effort to rehabilitate the cordially disliked Kim will not sit well with important civilian and military figures in South Korea.

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A. Dominican Republic

leftist and Castroite elements will begin armed action against the post-Bosch regime

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B. Pakistan-India We continue to pick up inklings of possible Pakistani plans to stir up the Kashmir pot. The talk this weekend in Karachi and Rawalpindi of "something big" about to happen involving Kashmir showed signs of being inspired by the government.

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C. Greece The sharp clashes last week between left-wing elements and the Athens police were instigated by the Communist-dominated United Democratic Party in the hopes of provoking strong police measures. The party's aim, of course, is to discredit the 3 November elections as a "legalized fraud."

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- D. USSR-Iraq [redacted] 50X1
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Soviet military equipment to Iraq [redacted] Moscow agreed to resume supplying equipment contracted for by the Qasim regime. Further shipments are expected. [redacted] 50X1
- E. North Vietnam [redacted] 50X1
capture of [redacted] government officials by "raiders" operating near Hanoi. [redacted] 50X1
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- F. France-China Officials at the French foreign office have assured Embassy Paris that, despite the New York Times, France has no plan or intention to make any change in its political relations with the Chinese Communists. These officials do say that, conceivably, there might be cultural exchanges or private commercial transactions.
- G. Congo [redacted] Congolese paracommandos were seized Sunday [redacted] under the "state of emergency" declaration. The grounds were that the men were plotting to assassinate leading government figures including Adoula and Kasavubu. 50X1
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1. South Vietnam

a. Our UN delegation believes we must be prepared for a sharp and extensive debate in the General Assembly on Vietnam which will go well beyond the human rights question.

b. It expects, as do we, that the special UN mission will be cut off from contact with "real" Buddhists and will hence be obliged to submit an unfavorable report.

2. UK-Cyprus

a. Britain is going to try its hand at keeping the Cyprus situation under control.

b. The UK will attempt: to dissuade Makarios from taking unilateral action to change the constitution; to persuade Turkey some changes are necessary; and to encourage the Greek Cypriots to formulate proposals which are "fair and reasonable" to Turk Cypriots.

c. The Commonwealth Relations Office will then endeavor to promote an informal meeting of the Greek, Turkish and Cypriot foreign ministers to approve the constitutional proposals.

3. Indonesia

a. Sukarno has told Ambassador Jones that if President Kennedy does not visit Indonesia it will have a most unfortunate effect on US-Indonesian relations.

b. General Nasution has said that before visiting the US he will go to Moscow to discuss the rollback of Indonesia's debt to the USSR and to Paris to discuss buying tanks.

c. [redacted]

[redacted] the USSR will provide economic assistance to Indonesia

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Malaysia was adopting an anti-Communist posture, the USSR had no choice but to oppose it and to assist Indonesia.

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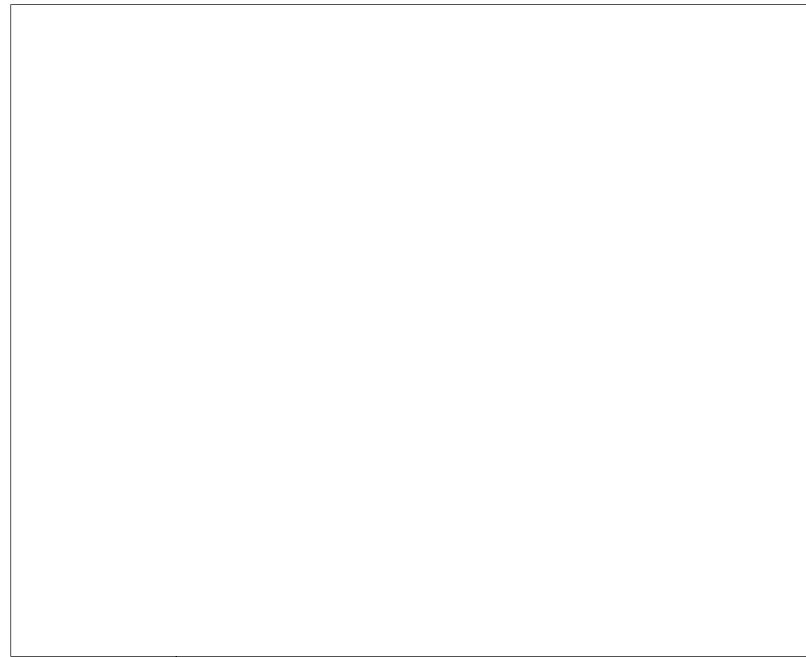
4. Morocco-
Algeria

a. There was only minor activity along the border yesterday with both sides still marking time. However, defensive preparations and reinforcement of troops continue.

b. Our Embassy in Rabat thinks that efforts of the Algerian government and exiled Moroccan opposition leaders in Algeria and Egypt to topple King Hassan have little chance of success.

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c. The largest opposition party is deeply nationalist, monarchist, and anti-Algerian. Most of the left-wing opposition would either retreat in confusion or side with the monarchy if forced to choose between it and Algerian "super-national socialism."



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f. In Moscow, a Ministry of Foreign Trade official has said that Minister Patolichev will head a trade delegation to Algiers in the near future.



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5. Somali Republic - USSR

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MIG aircraft will be sent to Somalia in the first consignment under the recently concluded [redacted] Soviet military aid agreement.

b. [redacted] 50X1
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Somali army commander Daud watched Somali pilot trainees fly practice sorties in MIGs during his recent visit to the USSR.

c. Last August Egypt sent Somalia [redacted] Vampire jet aircraft and [redacted] will furnish [redacted] more jet fighters of unknown make next month.

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1. South Vietnam

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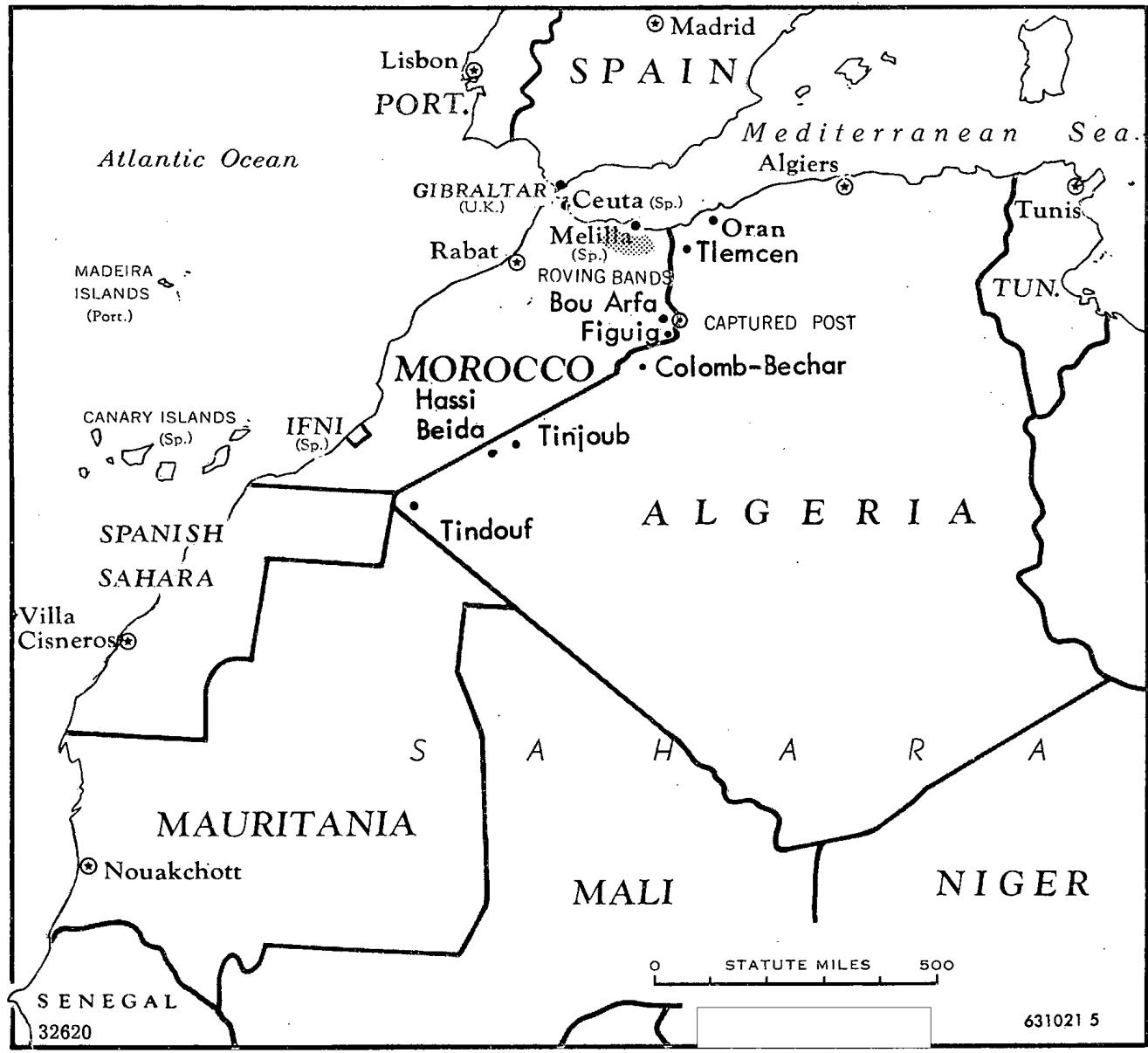
[redacted] a coup
attempt against the palace was imminent.

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f. The UN observer team has arrived. Also an Asian People's Anti-Communist League conference opens in Saigon today. Finally, Saturday is South Vietnam's National Day.

g. There are further rumors of regime-inspired demonstrations against our Embassy and USIS headquarters.

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2. Algeria-Morocco

a. Haile Selassie's mediation effort has clearly failed. Ben Bella, obviously heartened by the prospect of substantial help from Cairo continues to insist that the Moroccans give up the border posts they have occupied.

b. While determined to hold to what he has, Hassan has gone no further, having apparently turned down his army's pleas to move on Tindouf. He has made plain, however, his expectation that help will be forthcoming from us when the chips are down.

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c. This point may have arrived. The Algerians have raised the scale of hostilities by launching what the press calls a major offensive to regain the two posts. Algerian troops are said to have retaken Hassi Beida in heavy fighting and to be threatening Tinjoub.

d. Ben Bella, believing he is about to regain by force what he could not get by negotiation, has dispatched an emissary to Tunis to catch up with Haile Selassie and tell him Algeria is now ready to talk.

e. Nasir has publicly labeled Hassan the aggressor and committed himself to support Algeria.

3. Congo

a. Leopoldville is strike-ridden. Teachers want pay due them in arrears and government workers want long-promised raises.

b. Meanwhile, the vernacular radio in Brazzaville calls for a labor uprising and the same treatment for Adoula's government as that accorded Youlou's.

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d. Adoula and Defense Minister Anany, meanwhile, have announced discovery of a Communist-inspired plot to overthrow the government. "A certain" (unnamed) Communist Bloc embassy is implicated, and Adoula tells us he plans to declare its personnel persona non grata.

4. Cuba-USSR

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5. Italy

- a. Left wing Socialists have had to concede victory to Nenni's faction in Party elections just concluded. Nenni slightly increased his hold over the party's congress (55 percent last year).
- b. To preserve what influence they can, the left wingers have given up direct opposition to coalition with the Christian Democrats and are now trying to get Nenni to stipulate certain conditions.
- c. The situation remains ticklish, however, as the right wing Christian Democrats have yet to be brought into line.

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B. Brazil Goulart [redacted]

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apparently in hope of [redacted]
[redacted] regaining the cooperation of other parties. This
has given rise to speculation that he may be shift-
ing to a more centrist-political stance. [redacted]

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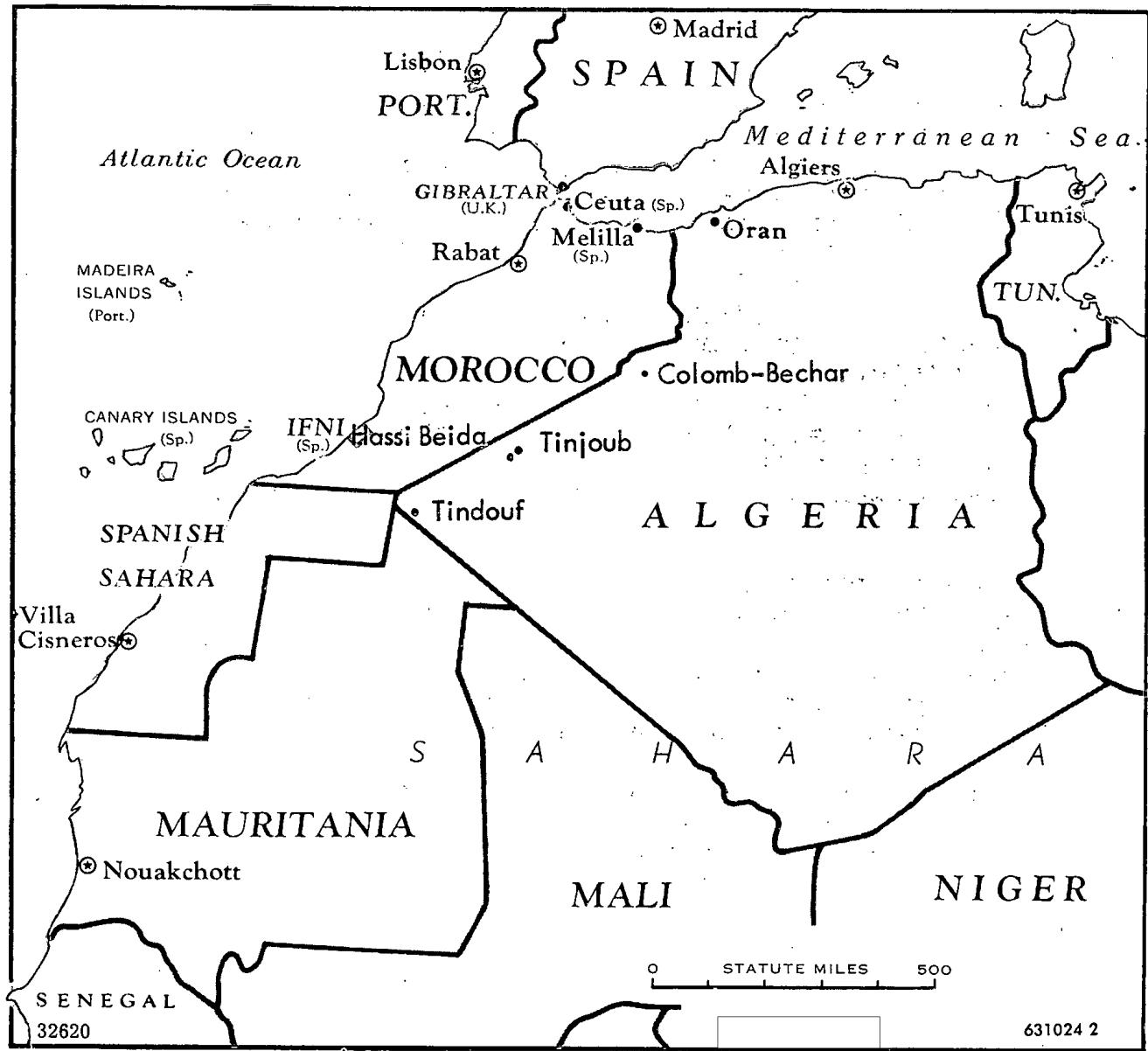
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1. Morocco-Algeria

- a. Skirmishing yesterday along the border and on the diplomatic front produced no major changes.
- b. The Algerians probably have not, as they claim, retaken the disputed post of Hassi Beida, where the Moroccans have marked superiority.
- c. We have no confirmation of a French press item this morning that Hassan and Ben Bella have agreed to meet in Libya. Our best information is that they have not yet agreed on a site or on a basis for discussions.
- d. Haile Selassie, pessimistic about bilateral talks, is slightly more hopeful that the meeting of African foreign ministers he is now promoting might yield something. U Thant may get into the act today.

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2. Aid to Algeria

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b. [redacted] transported
some equipment and dispatched some
[redacted] military personnel [redacted]

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c. [redacted]

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[redacted] a personal appeal to
Nasir from Ben Bella for "troops,
weapons and a military command."

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d. Castro may have received
a similar appeal.

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f. Several Cuban vessels are
enroute to or have arrived in Alger-
ian ports with military equipment,
including T-34 tanks.

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3. Congo

a. Just as the situation in Leopoldville seemed yesterday to be calming down and the strikes ending, the "emergency committee" arrested the three top labor leaders.

b. This action could spark more trouble in the tinder dry Leopoldville situation. The committee must have concluded that this was a chance they had to take since these individuals were calling for a new government minus most of the committeeen.

c. Ambassador Gullion has called on Prime Minister Adoula, whom the laborites are willing to retain, and found him a "spectator", the real operational center of government having shifted to the offices of the committee in the center of town.

4. Malaysia

- a. Thai Foreign Minister Thanat is back trying to bring the Maphilindo powers together again.
- b. Yesterday he sent messages to the three capitals urging a restoration of diplomatic relations and early talks.
- c. He is not sanguine about his chances and neither are we.
- d. Indonesia early in the week issued a new decree which provides the death penalty for certain economic and political crimes. It is intended to suppress opposition to or evasion of the government's anti-Malaysia policies and is a sharp departure from Sukarno's hitherto rather mild authoritarianism.
- e. We do not think that the amounts and types of Soviet aid--which Ambassador Mikhailov indicated earlier in the week would be forthcoming--will compensate Djakarta for the losses incurred through these policies.

5. UAR - Yemen -
Saudi Arabia

a. Faysal has demonstrated anew his disgruntlement with UAR performance under the UN disengagement agreement.

b. In a [redacted]

conversation yesterday with Ambassador Hart, Faysal intimated that he is not inclined to extend the UN mission beyond early next month, the present deadline, in the absence of Egyptian troop withdrawals. He did not completely close the door, however.

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c. The Egyptians have indicated a willingness to go along with the UN mission for a further month,

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- A. USSR-Cuba Khrushchev's "Dear Fidel" letter yesterday offers aid a bit in excess of that needed for immediate relief but far short of what would be required to cover the longer term effects of Flora.
- B. Kenya Some of the pressure went out of the Kenya situation Thursday when the leading opposition group "postponed" its plans to secede and said it would try instead to work with Kenyatta. It still expects, however, that he will transfer certain powers and funds to regional authorities by the turn of the year.
- C. Ecuador The junta has not been able to lay hands on the perpetrators of a recent series of bombings in Quito but promises to deal firmly with them. The authorities, warning that they intend to fight fire with fire, have ordered special training for police and opened counterinsurgency courses for troops.
- D. Honduras Colonel Lopez, a successful coup behind him, now wants to be elected president. [redacted] his followers are organizing a new political party as the vehicle of this ambition. [redacted]

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E. Austria-Berlin Austrian Airlines is trying for authorization of a Vienna-Berlin air route and has sent identical letters on the subject to the four occupying powers. We opposed a similar Austrian effort last spring on the grounds that it would require negotiations with the East Germans and could thus raise questions about allied use of air corridors to West Berlin.

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1. Congo

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the government plans to break diplomatic relations this weekend with all Communist countries represented in the Congo except Yugoslavia.

b. About 150 Bloc representatives of the USSR, Poland, Bulgaria, and Czechoslovakia will be ordered to leave.

c. The move follows recent indications that the government was disturbed by Bloc activity in the Congo.

d. The three-man "emergency committee" now running the show has followed up Wednesday's arrests of the three top labor leaders by seizing some second echelon figures. So far there has been no reaction.

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2. Morocco-Algeria

a. Morocco has been unsuccessful in her attempts to get military aid from Spain, France, and the UK.

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b. King Hassan in an emotional interview with Ambassador Ferguson has claimed he would prefer to receive nothing from the US rather than the small amount of aid now in the pipeline under the military assistance program.

c. Meanwhile, the Algerians have been continuing their efforts to engage the Egyptians in the affair.

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3. South Vietnam

[redacted] inflation is beginning to spread to the provinces.

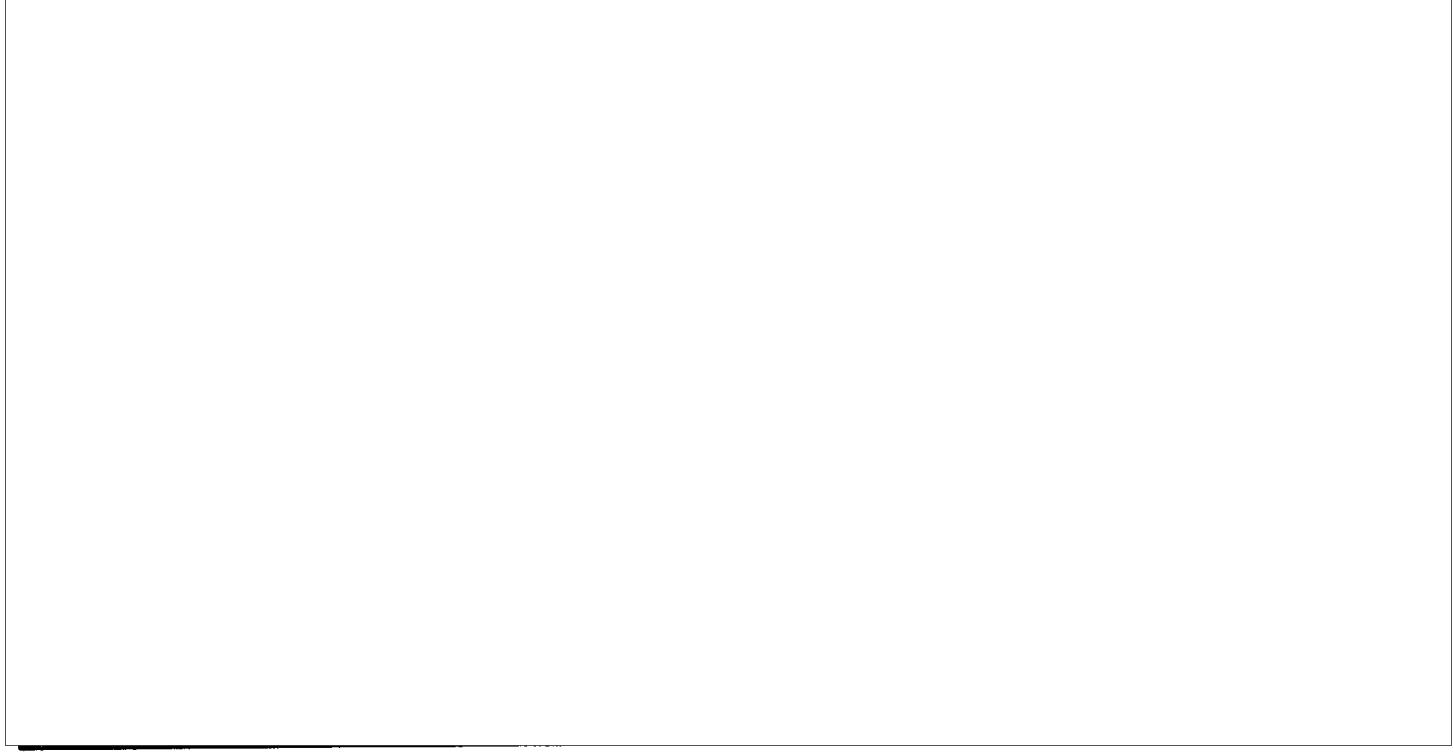
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b. The mayor of Danang (Tourane), a port city in Quang Nam province in the north near Hué, reported on Wednesday that prices there had risen following rumors of rises in Saigon.

c. The unconfirmed report we had last week about the Viet Cong receiving 37-mm. antiaircraft artillery from Communist China has not panned out.

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4. USSR

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5. West Germany -
Portugal

a. The West German Foreign Ministry has withdrawn its objection to the sale of aircraft to Portugal since Lisbon has promised that they will be used only for NATO purposes and not in the African territories.



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- B. Panama A strike of banana workers against the United Fruit Company in western Panama is reported to be imminent and could trigger violence by leftist extremists. The workers are said to have some arms as well as sufficient food and money for a prolonged strike. There is also a possibility that leftist students in Panama City may stage sympathy demonstrations which could lead to violent outbreaks.
- C. Hungary There just may be a Budapest Hilton someday. Hungarian tourist officials reacted favorably to the idea in exploratory talks with a friend of Conrad Hilton. The scheme, if it gets off the ground, would involve Hilton management on a percentage basis with the construction funds probably coming from Western European sources. A Hilton hotel is currently being built in Belgrade.

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1. USSR

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2. South Vietnam

a. National Day celebrations passed without major incident save the burning of another Buddhist monk. As before, some of the US newsmen were tipped off in advance and had their cameras at the ready.

b. [redacted] talk of coup plotting, none of it very concrete.

[redacted] unrest among some senior military officers, who continue to suspect that Nhu is trying to work something out with the Communists.

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c. The regime has quickly denied London press rumors of a truce between North and South Vietnam. It is no doubt aware that such reports upset some of the military.

d. The UN mission continues to get the fast shuffle.

3. Dahomey

a. President Maga appears heading the way of Abbe Youlou in the Brazzaville Congo.

b. The army chief of staff announced a government reorganization yesterday in which Maga remains President but, within a ruling triumvirate including Vice President

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Apithy, a militant nationalist and favorite of the labor demonstrators.

c. This was not enough for labor leaders who say their general strike will continue until Maga resigns.

d. So far the army has seemed reluctant to cashier Maga, who belongs to one of the northern tribes which predominate in the military.

e. Maga was warned last Thursday by De Gaulle that France was not prepared to go any further to keep him in office than it had for Youlou. In that case limited intervention by French troops had little effect on the outcome.

4. Morocco-Algeria

a. Hassan and Ben Bella are still a few steps away from the negotiating table. Latest version is that the two leaders will attend a select "summit" meeting tomorrow in Bamako, Mali, but it remains to be seen whether they will get there.

b. U Thant had decided to keep out of the peacemaking arena largely because he thinks any appeal of his would not go down well with Egypt.

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c. The USSR, while blaming the US and France for starting everything, is still on the theme of settlement through negotiations.

d. France has now decided to proceed with deliveries already in the French military program for Morocco and to give immediate additional help in the form of ammunition and food.

e. The military front does not appear to be as active as the press would have us believe. However, skirmishing is continuing

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5. Congo

a. The government has yet to break relations with Communist bloc countries and the leadership is now reported to be divided on the issue.

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A. USSR [redacted]

[redacted] there is to be a top-level Soviet meeting [redacted] to decide how to pay for wheat imports and what other import transactions to approve. [redacted]

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Cuba [redacted] wheat that Communist China is diverting to Cuba may be a while getting there. [redacted]

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[redacted] if the orders were confirmed the voyage would take a couple of months via the long route around South Africa.

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C.

USSR The satellite Cosmos 20 was returned to earth and recovered on 26 October after eight days in orbit. [redacted]

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1. Morocco-
Algeria

- a. Ben Bella has arrived in Bamako, and Hassan will follow later today. Mali officials anticipate a two-day round of talks.
- b. All, including Nasir, place great hope on this mediation effort.
- c. Talking to Ambassador Bedau yesterday, Nasir justified his assistance to Ben Bella on the grounds that it would keep Ben Bella from an irrevocable commitment to the Soviet-Castro camp. In fact, he says, he made it plain to Ben Bella that if "significant amounts" of Cuban assistance were brought in, UAR aid would be withdrawn. Ben Bella could not have both, as Egyptians would not be caught in the same boat with Cubans.

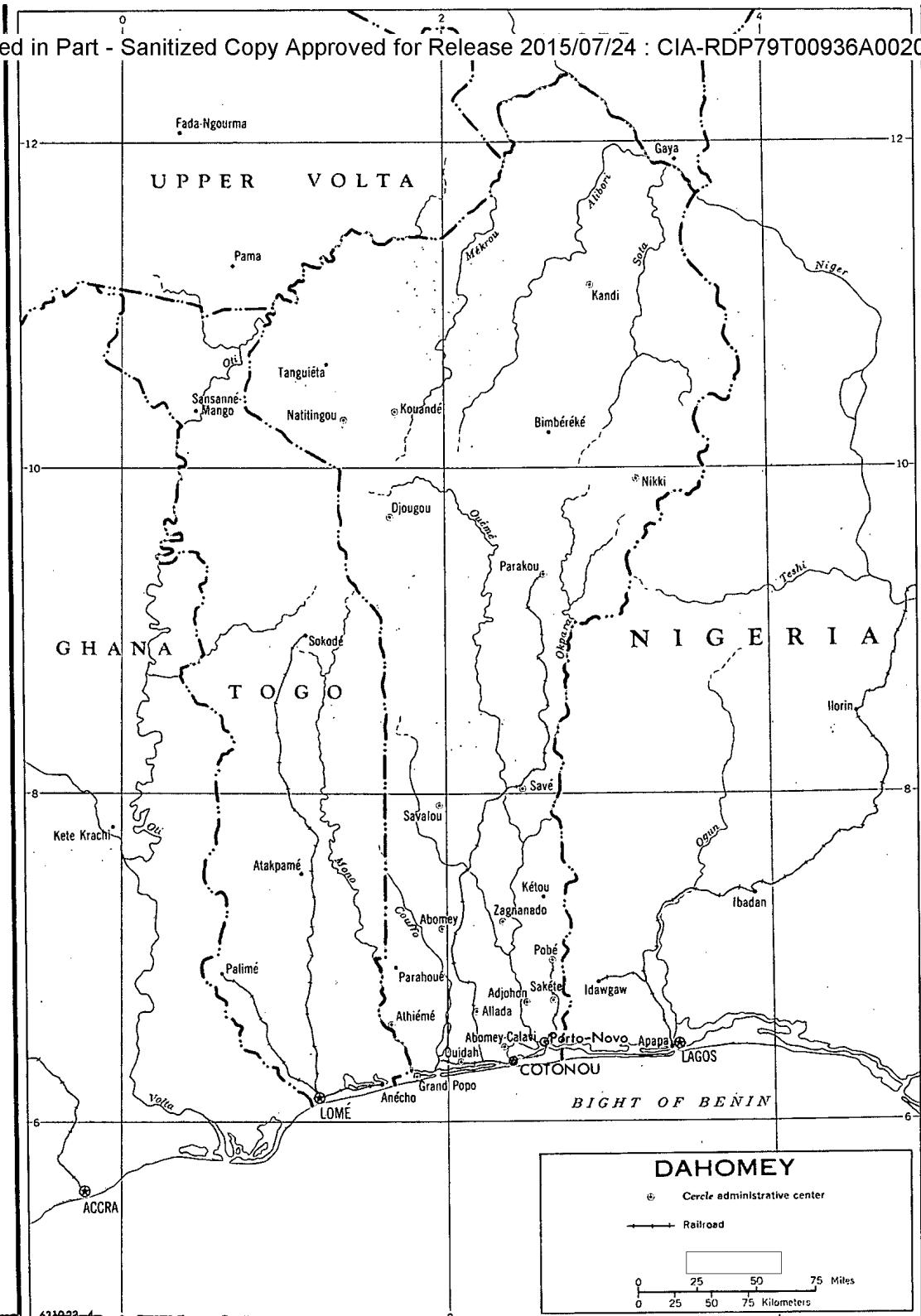


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- e. King Hassan has told Ambassador Ferguson that he is not looking to us for military aid; this he can get elsewhere so long as we do not prevent it. What he wants is economic aid.

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f. Hassan also said that at today's talks we will be seeking only a cease-fire and establishment of a date for opening border negotiations.

g. The front, meanwhile, seems relatively quiet, despite some skirmishing in the Tindouf area.

2. Dahomey

a. The military in the person of Army Chief of Staff Soglo stepped in late yesterday, turning the three-man provisional government into a four-man one which still includes Maga although he resigned as President yesterday.

b. Maga's retention reflects Army concern lest the northern tribes, which he represents and which are, in turn, well represented in the army, touch off a civil war against the south.

c. Ex-vice president Apithy and former National Assembly president Ahomadegbe, the other two members of the unstable, new governing group, seem also to favor Maga's retention. They lead the two rival southern factions in Dahomey's long-standing three-cornered power struggle.

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d. Cotonou is superficially quiet and workers are returning to their jobs, but labor unionists will not like the retention of Maga. The possibility of civil disorders still looms large, particularly as there are now signs that military leaders are beginning to split along regional lines.

e. Equally large looms the possibility of outside involvement between rivals Nigeria and Ghana, with Ivory Coast, Niger, and Upper Volta, (the latter three "committed" to support Maga) watchfully in the wings.

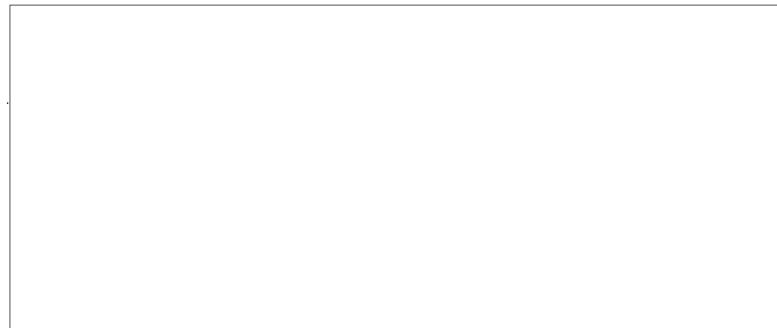
3. Brazil

a. An association of some eighty Communist-oriented unions in Sao Paulo has threatened to call a strike (mostly for higher wages) this week, and Brazil's largest labor confederation, the Communist-controlled National Confederation of Industrial Workers, is talking of a nationwide sympathy strike.

b. The Second Army in Sao Paulo has been alerted against possible disorders and can probably control the situation.

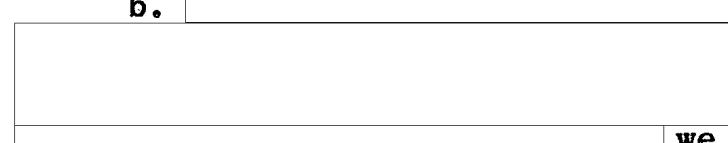
c. Even so, the possibility of federal intervention remains.

4. Communist
China



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have indicated early 1964 as the earliest probable date with later dates more likely if the Chinese encounter even normal difficulties.

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- A. Syria-Iraq Recent actions by Syrian and Iraqi Leaders have caused Ambassador Knight in Damascus to conclude that they intend to arrive at full political unity within two or three months "at the most." The Ambassador feels that the cautious "sector by sector" approach to unity has been abandoned and that the present "all or nothing" pace is not necessarily a sign of strength and confidence.
- B. Japan-Pakistan To make their air agreement with China mean something, the Pakistanis have been working hard on the Japanese for onward rights to Tokyo. The Japanese have told us in confidence, however, that they will grant Pakistan no such privilege until the Chinese give Japan rights for a route through China from Tokyo to South and Southeast Asia.

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1. Morocco-
Algeria

a. The little summit got under-way in Bamako today.

b. The signs are not auspicious. The two principals, Hassan and Ben Bella, were in the Malian capital yesterday striking inflexible, and antithetical, poses.

c. Whatever the outcome, each appears determined to oversee a build-up in his armed forces. Ben Bella, especially, sees in the aid from his friends the opportunity to correct the imbalance between his and Hassan's forces. He is not apt to turn off the spigot.

e. Hassan is of course well aware of the aid being given Algeria and will not give up his advantage easily. He has put out feelers--to Jordan for one--for added military help.

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f. We now learn that the French may not be as wholly in the Moroccan camp as we had thought.

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g. Military activity on a small scale continues in some sectors of the border. The Moroccans have been reinforcing the area north of Tindouf (center of the iron mining region) and may move if the Bamako talks fail.

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2. South Vietnam

a. An extensive reshuffling of top military figures is in the works, ranging from the chief army post down through the regional commands.

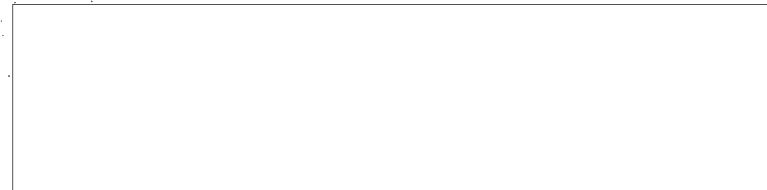
b. We regard this as a step by Diem and Nhu to head off any coup tries by the generals. The two may well succeed, though their schemes could conceivably trigger the very action they wish to avoid.

c. The generals [redacted] have not abandoned [redacted] their coup planning.

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3. Cuba-USSR

a. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Soviet
vessel Orenburg berthed at Mariel
[REDACTED] and off-loaded [REDACTED]

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T-34 tanks, as well as ammunition
and other military items.



4. Somalia-USSR

- a. The Somalis are having some second thoughts about their arms deal with the Soviets.
- b. Pro-western President Aden returned from a visit to Italy and refused to sign off on the deal despite the fact that in his absence it had been accepted by the prime minister and the Council of Ministers.

c. [redacted] the matter will be reconsidered by the Council later this week. It looks to us, however, as though the Somalis are in too deeply with the Soviets to renege completely.

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NOTES

- A. South Vietnam This morning's press dispatches from Saigon report that the Viet Cong scored again yesterday when they chewed up a crack government task force 140 miles southwest of Saigon. They may have captured three American advisors.
- B. Dominican Republic The ruling junta will get a shot in the arm today if Great Britain follows through on its plan to extend recognition. We assume that other Western European nations would follow suit.
- C. Cuba-Bloc Our evidence does not support the reports, prominent in the weekend press, that the bloc is cutting back its aid to Cuba.
- D. Brazil So far the strike call from a group of Communist-inspired unions in Sao Paulo has been only partially successful. The press says that half the industrial work force answered the call, but US officials in Sao Paulo report many factories working normally yesterday. The authorities appear to be taking a strong line and still have the situation in hand.

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E. Panama Plans by Castro-type revolutionaries to
launch a campaign of violence [redacted]

[redacted] attacks
will be aimed at the US and may extend into the
Canal Zone.

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F. Sino-Soviet Dispute The Soviets may now be back-
ing away from holding a big Communist conference in
conjunction with this year's October Revolution
celebrations. The Soviet press, which had printed
articles favoring such a confab, has taken to point-
ing up the existence of opposition to a meeting at
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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

**ISSUED BY THE
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

31 OCTOBER 1963
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1. Morocco-Algeria

a. King Hassan and President Ben Bella have signed an agreement calling for a cease-fire and a withdrawal of their forces to the lines each held before the fighting started.

b. According to the plan, the cease-fire will become effective Saturday. A team of Moroccan, Algerian, Malian and Ethiopian officers will fix the demarcation lines, with the Malians and Ethiopians remaining as observers in the disputed areas.

c. The Organization of African Unity will be asked to convene a foreign ministers' meeting to establish a commission to discuss the question of permanent frontiers.

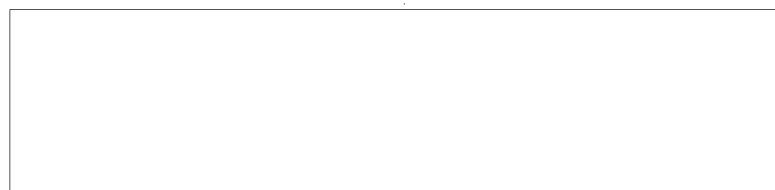
d. The life expectancy of this agreement is uncertain because the basic hostility and suspicion between the two regimes remain. The press reports both sides are already squabbling over their different interpretations of the agreement.



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2. USSR Gold Sales

a. Soviet gold continues to flow into Western coffers at a record rate. The press yesterday reported ten tons unloaded at Paris and five and a half tons en route London.

b. The gold sales this year have now reached about \$400 million with more to follow. About \$250 million has been sold since early September, largely to provide funds for wheat purchases.

c. Soviet gold sales in recent years have averaged just over \$200 million. These sales have been used in the past to support part of the trade deficit caused by Soviet purchases in hard currency areas. (Soviet receipt of credits, about 300 million per year in 1962 and 1963, met the rest of the deficit.)

d. The USSR's gold reserve is now estimated at just under \$2 billion.

STATISTICS ON THE WAR IN VIETNAM

Month	VIET CONG					GOVERNMENT		
	Total Incidents	Armed Attacks	Total Casualties	Defectors	Weapons Lost	Total Casualties	Missing & Captured	Weapons Lost
1962								
May	1768	503	2623	120*	412	993	83	518
Jun	1489	407	2520	120*	382	1017	88	402
Jul	1595	448	2510	120*	353	1282	212	440*
Aug	1642	378	3297	120*	378	1068	63	440*
Sep	1375	391	3029	120*	462	1124	59	440*
Oct	1357	419	2626	99	446	1048	64	440*
Nov	1311	421	2911	158	414	1336	92	359
Dec	1346	384	2755	225	484	990	78	450*
1963								
Jan	927	252	2451	168	683	1463	102	457
Feb	788	195	1677	245	399	1117	82	253
Mar	1282	344	2034	394	367	1327	66	467
Apr	1331	383	2304	371	468	1480	96	797
May	1208	357	2885	414	564	1418	94	463
Jun	1311	410	2609	426	394	1251	90	580
Jul	1368	407	2677	308	374	2310	457	934
Aug	1349	362	2404	204	428	1567	358	627
Sep	1763	503	2563	114	539	2401	574	878

* Indicates average; actual figures not available for each month.

3. Laos-USSR

a. Souvanna Phouma arrived in Moscow yesterday and got the VIP treatment by Khrushchev and other Soviet leaders.

b. The Laotian Prime Minister has said he will press Khrushchev to support a stronger International Control Commission (ICC) in Laos. The ICC's effectiveness has long been hampered by the obstructionism of the Polish delegate.

c. Even Souvanna does not think he will have much success.

4. Hungary

a. The New York Times went on sale in Hungary last Thursday for the first time since 1948; the Herald Tribune followed suit two days later.

b. The sales volume will not warm the cockles of a circulation manager's heart (five copies daily in each of six leading hotels) but the development is nonetheless significant. It adds one more element to the trend toward loosening restrictions in satellite regimes.

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c. An equal number of papers from five other Western European countries are being sold under a similar plan.

d. The negotiations for the sale of the New York papers probably started as a result of Kadar's efforts several months ago to encourage Western news services to station permanent correspondents in Budapest. So far we have no word that The Times or The Tribune intends to do so.

5. Poland

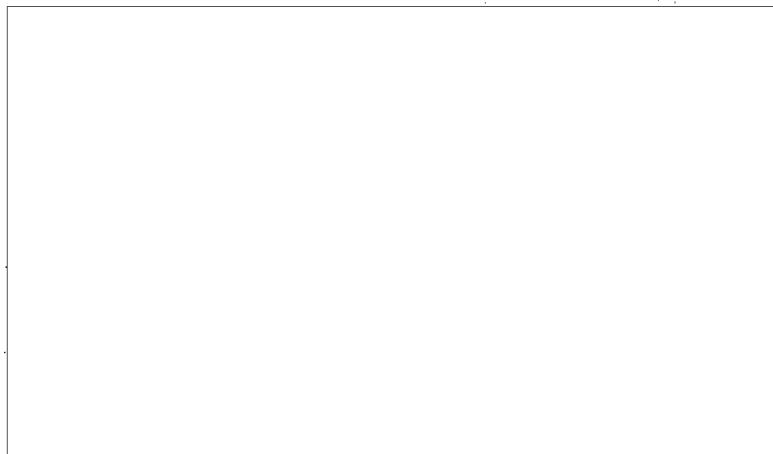


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- B. France-USSR Guy Mollet and other French Socialist Party leaders met with Khrushchev yesterday and discussed relations between Socialists and Communists. Mollet is quoted by the press as saying the meeting had been friendly, frank and cordial. Another session with Khrushchev and the Party Presidium is scheduled for Saturday indicating that the Soviet leaders are making a special effort to charm their guests.