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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--1 SEPTEMBER 1962

1. SOVIET VENUS PROBE:

A VEHICLE WAS PUT INTO PARKING ORBIT FROM TYURATAM [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IF THIS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED WITH PRECISION,
THE VEHICLE WOULD REACH THE VICINITY OF VENUS ABOUT 7 DECEMBER,
APPROXIMATELY A WEEK AHEAD OF THE US VENUS PROBE. [REDACTED]

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2. ALGERIA:

A. WE THINK IT LIKELY STILL THAT THE CONTENDING FACTIONS PREFER THE "BATTLE OF COMMUNIQUES" NOW IN PROGRESS TO A SETTLEMENT BY ARMS. THE QUESTION IS WHETHER EITHER SIDE CAN UNBEND ENOUGH TO PERMIT A PEACEFUL OUTCOME.

B. THE MOSLEM POPULATION IS MAKING IT UNMISTAKABLY CLEAR THAT IT IS FED UP WITH THE DEBILITATING DISPUTE. A MASS MEETING IN ALGIERS YESTERDAY THREATENED A GENERAL STRIKE IF FIGHTING BEGINS. LARGE NUMBERS ROAMED THE STREETS SHOUTING "BARAKAT"---ENOUGH.

C. THERE ARE SOME INDICATIONS THAT THE BEN BELLA PEOPLE AND LEADERS OF WILAYA IV ARE MAKING A LAST ATTEMPT [REDACTED] 50X1 TO NEGOTIATE AN ACCOMMODATION. MILITARY FORCES LOYAL TO BEN BELLA, SOME OF THEM PROBABLY EQUIPPED WITH HEAVY WEAPONS, ARE CONTINUING THEIR MOVEMENTS INTO THE ENVIRONS OF ALGIERS. [REDACTED]

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3. CUBA:

A. THE STATE OF TENSION IN THE CUBAN ARMED FORCES

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YESTERDAY BE-

CAME VISIBLE TO REPORTERS FOR THE US PRESS ON THE SCENE. THEIR DISPATCHES FROM HAVANA REPORTED THAT THE CITY WAS ASTIR WITH UNEXPLAINED MILITARY ACTIVITY AND SPOKE OF RUMORS THAT "SOMETHING WAS GOING ON" AT THE EASTERN END OF THE ISLAND.

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B. IT APPEARS THAT THE REGIME HAS CREATED A GENU-50X1

INE INVASION SCARE IN [REDACTED] THE 50X1

US BASE AT GUANTANAMO [REDACTED] CUBANS IN THE NEARBY TOWN OF CAIMANERA 50X1

HAVE BEEN TOLD TO STAY INDOORS TODAY BECAUSE OF AN INVASION THREAT. [REDACTED] HEAVY MILITARY EQUIPMENT 50X1

IS BEING MOVED THROUGH NORTHERN ORIENTE PROVINCE.

4. CONGO:

A. WITH TSHOMBE'S RESPONSE TO THE UN'S RECONCILIATION PLAN ALMOST READY FOR DELIVERY, THE BEST INDICATIONS ARE THAT HE WILL ANNOUNCE HIS ACCEPTANCE WITH "RESERVATIONS." IN SO DOING, HE WILL BE OVERRULING THE EXTREMIST WING OF HIS GOVERNMENT, WHICH

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WANTS A FLAT REJECTION. TSHOMBE'S CHOICE OF THE MORE COOPERATIVE
STANCE [REDACTED] IS BASED ON THE EXPECTATION 50X1
THAT KATANGAN "INDEPENDENCE" CAN BE READILY RESTORED ONCE UN
FORCES HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN--LATE THIS YEAR [REDACTED] 50X1

B. WHILE TSHOMBE MAY THUS PLAN TO TURN HIS AMIABLE SIDE
TO THE WORLD, UN PERSONNEL IN ELISABETHVILLE REPORT THAT THEY
ARE UNDER INCREASING HARASSMENT FROM THE KATANGANS AND THAT THE
SETTING IS REMINISCENT OF LAST DECEMBER WHEN FIGHTING BETWEEN
THE TWO ERUPTED. THE NUMBER OF MERCENARIES IN THE CITY HAS ALSO
BEEN RISING.

5. BERLIN:

A. THE SOVIETS ARE TRYING TO BUILD A CASE FOR THE CONTEN-
TION THAT THE WESTERN RIGHT OF ACCESS TO THE CITY IS CONTINGENT
ON THEIR RIGHT OF ACCESS TO WEST BERLIN. 50X1

B. THE SOVIET COMMANDER IN EAST GERMANY [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] TOLD HIS US AND
BRITISH COUNTERPARTS THAT HE WOULD RETALIATE AGAINST "YOUR VEHICLES
WHICH PASS ON COMMUNICATION ROUTES UNDER OUR CONTROL," UNLESS THE
ESCORT ON THE SOVIET WAR MEMORIAL VEHICLES WAS LIFTED.

C. WE SEE TWO POSSIBLE OBJECTIVES IN THIS ARGUMENT: FOR THE
PRESENT, TO INDUCE US AND THE BRITISH TO ABANDON THE GALLING
ESCORT; BEYOND THIS, TO DISCOURAGE RETALIATION IN THE EVENT THE
EAST GERMANS TAKE STEPS TO BLOCK ALLIED MILITARY ACCESS TO EAST
BERLIN.

6. NOTES

A. WEST GERMANY: ADENAUER'S DISPARAGEMENT OF BRITISH MEMBERSHIP IN A EUROPEAN POLITICAL UNION HAS BEEN GREETED WITH DISMAY AND CRITICISM IN WEST GERMANY. FOREIGN MINISTER SCHROEDER EMBARRASSEDLY ASCRIBED THE CHANCELLOR'S COMMENTS ON TV EARLIER THIS WEEK TO FRUSTRATION OVER THE SLOW PACE OF INTEGRATION AND TO A LOSS OF DEFTNESS IN "MEET THE PRESS" SITUATIONS.

B. USSR: KHRUSHCHEV TOLD U THANT WHEN THEY MET LAST TUESDAY THAT, ALTHOUGH HE HAD NOT MADE PLANS TO COME TO THE UNGA, HE WOULD NOT HESITATE TO COME OR TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT IF UNNAMED DEVELOPMENTS FAVORED SUCH A MEETING.

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LATE ITEM

Berlin As of 1 p.m. Berlin time (8 a.m. here), the Soviets had not yet tested our move to limit their access to West Berlin by bus or armored carrier to either the Brandenburg gate or the Sandkrug Bridge in the British sector. So far they have only sent an automobile to reconnoitre the Sandkrug bridge route.

1. Congo

a. Tshombé yesterday publicly accepted the UN's plan for federation, specifically agreeing to a 50-50 split in Katangan revenues and to allowing a disinterested agency to handle foreign currency earnings. He set no conditions, but did imply the UN and government forces would have to pull out of Katanga first.

b. Katangan officials were furious at the news (which came on the heels of Tshombé's announcement) that the UN had landed Central Government forces at Kamina. This action is likely to give the Katangans the excuse they may be counting on for not going beyond issuance of well-meaning words.

c. Gardiner, UN Chief in the Congo, considers Tshombé's response pretty ambiguous but says the UN there is prepared to "grasp the little that is good" if Tshombé means business. There has been no reaction yet from Adoula who is likely to be both skeptical and uncooperative. Spaak feels encouraged and the British are "gratified."

d. We understand both Union Minière and Rhodesia's Welensky have been urging Tshombé to be forthcoming; Tshombé has been busy the past weekend selling the idea to reluctant tribal bosses in the south.

2. Bolivia

a. President Paz told Ambassador Stephansky yesterday that he will have to "postpone indefinitely" his visit to the US because we have not given him assurances of measures to ameliorate the effects on Bolivia of US tin sales. A press statement to this effect was subsequently issued in La Paz.

b. Bolivia also has "suspended" its participation in the OAS, in protest over failure of the Council to act on its complaint against Chile in the Lauca River dispute.

3. Cambodia

Sihanouk told the press yesterday he is not satisfied with letters from the Western powers recognizing Cambodia's territorial integrity. He wants specific guarantees. Then came the oft repeated, though never carried out, threat to turn to the Communist Chinese. Though aware of Western opposition, he still seems to favor the idea of an international conference.

4. USSR

The eighth nuclear test in the current series occurred over Novaya Zemlya on Sunday. All have been air-drops.

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5. Cuba

a. The joint Soviet-Cuban communiqué issued on Sunday does not bring the USSR any closer to a commitment to come to the military defense of Cuba. It sounds like an effort to justify continued large-scale military shipments in the face of evidence that the US is becoming increasingly concerned over the situation.

b. Probably over half of the 16 Soviet dry cargo ships now en route to Cuba are carrying military equipment of one sort or another. Their arrival will bring to 69 the number of Bloc dry cargo ships to have made this trip since the current influx began six weeks ago.

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NOTES

- A. Algeria Clashes continued this morning amid extraordinary pacifist demonstrations by the population as Ben Bella forces advance toward Algiers. The showdown is likely to come today and will probably be relatively peaceful as, at latest report, rebellious Wilaya IV troops have been ordered to cease fire and return to their barracks.
- B. Brazil The resignation yesterday of Finance Minister Moreira Salles may precipitate both an economic and political crisis in Brazil. He was the only generally conservative member in the cabinet.

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- D. Indonesia The Soviet light cruiser promised Indonesia last year is apparently about to depart the Black Sea. It is the first of its class to be transferred to another country by the USSR and follows four smaller warships which departed for Indonesia last week.
- E. Malaya So far at least, the Communists and sympathizers in Singapore are taking their defeat in Sunday's referendum on federation lying down.

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1. Cuba

a. The first reaction to the President's statement on Cuba came last night when one of Castro's spokesmen asserted on television that the current arms build-up was "merely the exercise of a fundamental right" of every country to defend itself, and denied that Havana harbored aggressive designs on anyone. We have so far seen no Soviet comment.

b. Otherwise, Havana's propaganda about an imminent US invasion has momentarily faded into the background with top billing going to the latest accords worked out in Moscow. At last report, however, the military alert was being maintained.

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c. Moscow radio has come out in support of Castro's charges that the US is planning intervention and hints at a move to raise the issue in the UN.

d. Meanwhile, Guatemala's campaign for an OAS foreign ministers' meeting to consider ways and means of countering the Soviet pressure in Cuba is having a hard time getting off the ground. So far, only Haiti, Uruguay, Nicaragua, and the Dominican Republic have shown interest in the idea; the rest appear to be waiting for an indication of our attitude.

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e. A pair of Cubans flew a Czech jet trainer into Key West yesterday. The pilot said he was defecting, but his companion, a trainee, expressed a desire to go back. We are awaiting a fuller account.

2. South Vietnam -
Cambodia

a. Saigon is getting ready to send Sihanouk a brusque note turning down his invitation to attend an international conference to guarantee Cambodia's neutrality. As now contemplated, the note will argue that his premises for calling such a conference are all wrong, ridicule him for denying that the Communists have made free and easy use of his country's territory to infiltrate South Vietnam, and advance counter-charges of Cambodian aggression.

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b. There is a good chance that if the note is sent Sihanouk will make good his threat to break relations with the Diem government.

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3. USSR

Soviet propagandists are giving the U-2 incident heavy treatment, including threats to take their case to the United Nations. The first reaction to our reply to Moscow's protest is a TASS report taking the line that the US has been "compelled to admit with reservations" that one of its planes had violated Soviet air space.

4. Algeria

The ceasefire negotiated last night is not yet completely effective, but Ben Bella seems to be once again back in the driver's seat. He can be expected to move quickly to consolidate his political position through the elections he has promised to hold some time in the next week to ten days.

NOTES

A. Panama The Chiari government is getting deeper into hot water through its inability to cope with the Communist-led student strike at the University of Panama, now well into its second week.

B. United Nations The Soviets last week promised the Ceylonese they would make an all-out effort to get G. P. Malalasekera (Colombo's [redacted] chief representative to the United Nations) elected president of the General Assembly. We have reviewed the prospects for the voting and are confident that our candidate, Zafrulla Khan of Pakistan, will win handily. [redacted]

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D. USSR The four Soviet ships which have been monitoring our nuclear tests in the Pacific are headed for home ports. [redacted]

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E. Burundi With the first flush of independence wearing off, the government's none too steady underpinnings are already showing signs of giving way under the pressure of traditional tribal hatreds.

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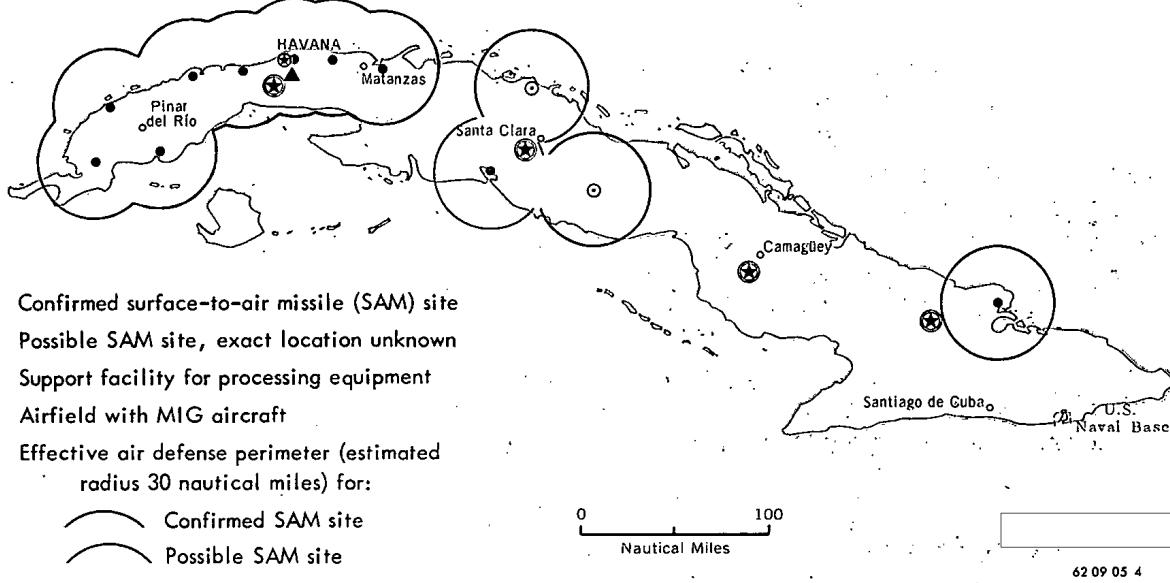
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SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE ACTIVITY IN CUBA, 1 SEPTEMBER 1962



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1. Cuba

a. Nine SA-2 sites have now been firmly identified in the western one third of the island and it is highly probable that work on a similar installation is under way at least one site in Oriente Province.

b. [redacted] the military forces have begun to relax their alert. [redacted]

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c. A number of the NATO delegates--the Belgian, German, UK, Norwegian, Italian and French--have expressed understanding of the US position on the chartering of ships by their nationals for the delivery of Bloc goods to Cuba, but the consensus is that we will face difficulties in trying to persuade their governments to take preventive action.

2. Berlin

a. The East Germans may be leading up to formal action affirming their sovereignty over East Berlin and the right to regulate Western access.

b. Since returning from the USSR late last week, Ulbricht has made some of the moves which could be expected as a prelude to such action. His party politburo met on Tuesday, and there are indications that the parent central committee will be convened late this week. [redacted]

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c. After this it would remain for the Peoples' Chamber to meet to pass the necessary legislation.

3. Laos

- a. The Laotian cabinet decision on Tuesday to recognize Communist China, East Germany and North Vietnam, is bound to stir up a diplomatic tempest.
- b. With a Chinese Nationalist ambassador already accredited in Vientiane, the next move should be up to Peiping, which has never before agreed to dual representation, but Taipei could solve the Communists' dilemma by withdrawing on its own.
- c. Through this action Laos is on the way to becoming the first non-Communist country to recognize East Germany and is inviting both diplomatic and economic retaliation from Bonn, which has been contemplating an aid offer.

NOTES

- A. Brazil Both Goulart and his parliamentary foes are preparing for another test of strength over the issue of presidential powers when the Congress reconvenes next Monday. With an atmosphere of crisis building again, the government's single-minded concentration on the issue is preventing constructive action on other domestic affairs.
- B. Cambodia The official Thai reply to Sihanouk's proposal for an international conference, though acrimonious in tone, is less so than past Thai outbursts and seems to point toward a more constructive Thai stand on the maintenance of Cambodian neutrality.
- C. USSR Secretary Udall is scheduled to meet with Khrushchev today at Sochi on the Black Sea.
- D. Algeria As fighting continues to flare, Ben Bella and the leader of the rebellious guerrilla forces are joining in an effort to persuade their followers to abide by their ceasefire agreement.

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1. Argentina

a. Civilian and military cabinet members have agreed to name a "Chief of Cabinet" in the next few days. According to the plan, a military man will take this post and will run the government by decree. President Guido will merely countersign.

b. A first step in the new scheme was taken last night when congress was dissolved. New elections for president, congress, and provincial posts, were set for October next year.

c. The thought is that this arrangement will forestall those who are pushing for a full military takeover, but Ambassador McClintock suggests that it may further whet appetites hungering for full military control.

2. Laos

a. Vientiane announced this morning the establishment of formal relations with Peiping and Hanoi.

b. Peiping appears to be pressing ahead without its usual concern for the "two Chinas" question, perhaps hoping that the Chinese Nationalists will withdraw from the scene. At present the Nationalists seem disposed to do just that.

USIB WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--6 September 1962

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

The 30 August Soviet threat to US access to West Berlin is part of a Soviet effort to equate Western and Soviet access rights to West Berlin and is a further step toward creating de facto the conditions which a peace treaty with East Germany would formalize. We have not, however, noted any indications that the Soviets are preparing for hostilities over Berlin in the immediate future.

Evidence of increased Soviet activities in Cuba includes the construction of SAM sites and the recent delivery of additional land armaments and boats equipped with short-range missiles. These activities represent a significant Soviet effort to improve Cuban military capabilities, primarily defensive, and reflect a Soviet willingness to become more deeply involved in support of the Castro regime.

NOTES

- A. USSR The latest word we have regarding Khrushchev's rumored attendance at the UN this month is that he told U Thant he had no intention of attending the opening sessions but might come later if his presence seemed warranted.
- B. USSR A debate in the Soviet Union over civil defense policy evidently has ended with a decision to forego construction of deep-level bomb shelters. Emphasis is instead placed on urban evacuation, improving existing shelters, constructing homemade fallout shelters and adapting caves, underpasses, interior rooms and cellars. 50X1
- C. Cuba [redacted] 50X1
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Soviets have provided Cuba with "rockets of the same kind that shot down the U-2" and that preparations have been made for the "complete destruction" of the US Naval Base at Guantánamo in the event of a US attack on Cuba.
- D. Congo The only constructive effort toward stability is still being made by the UN team while Tshombé and Adoula continue to bicker, fret, and drag their feet.

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1. CUBA:

A. WE ARE SEEING EVIDENCE THAT THE CUBAN NAVY MAY SOON BE
GETTING ADDITIONAL SMALL CRAFT FROM THE USSR. [REDACTED] 50X1

B. [REDACTED] THE ALPHA-66 50X1
GROUP MAY ATTEMPT SOME SORT OF ACTION AGAINST CUBA THIS WEEK-END, POSSIBLY A SMALL BOAT RAID OUT OF MIAMI LIKE THE ONE PULLED OFF BY EXILED STUDENTS LAST MONTH.

C. MEXICO AND BRAZIL ARE SHOWING FURTHER SIGNS OF ALARM OVER WHAT IS GOING ON IN CUBA [REDACTED] 50X1
[REDACTED] 50X1

2. LAOS

A. AN ICC SUPERVISORY TEAM ARRIVED AT THE NHOMMARATH CHECKPOINT IN SOUTHERN LAOS YESTERDAY. THE NEXT STEP IS FOR VIENTIANE TO NOTIFY ALL INTERESTED PARTIES THAT THE ICC IS ON THE SCENE AT ALL CHECKPOINTS, AND THEREBY START THE CLOCK RUNNING ON THE 30-DAY PERIOD FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES.

B. IN THE HINTERLAND, NEUTRALIST FORCES ARE STILL BEING KEPT OUT OF COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED TERRITORY. [REDACTED] 50X1
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C. THE SOUVANNA GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO HOLD UP RECOGNITION OF THE EAST GERMAN REGIME, AND IS THINKING OF WORKING OUT 50X1 SOME SORT OF COMMERCIAL OR CONSULAR ARRANGEMENT WHICH WOULD NOT BE OBJECTIONABLE TO WEST GERMANY.

IT APPEARS

THAT NATIONALIST CHINA YESTERDAY BROKE RELATIONS WITH LAOS AS A RESULT OF VIENTIANE'S RECOGNITION OF PEIPING. SOUTH VIETNAM'S DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO GO ALONG WITH A "TWO VIETNAMS" SITUATION IS HANGING IN THE BALANCE.

3. VIETNAM:

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4. COMMUNIST CHINA/INDIA:

PEIPING'S LATEST REJECTION OF NEW DELHI'S PROPOSAL FOR PRELIMINARY TALKS ON THE SINO-INDIAN BORDER DISPUTE PRETTY CLEARLY REFLECTS ITS CONVICTION THAT A HARD-NOSED ATTITUDE PAYS. THE CHINESE MAY BE MISREADING INDIA'S DETERMINATION TO STICK TO ITS CLAIMS, BUT PROBABLY FEEL CONFIDENT THAT, WITH MILITARY SKIRMISHING

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SOON TO BE CURTAILED BY THE APPROACH OF WINTER, THERE IS NOTHING TO LOSE BY WAITING TO SEE WHETHER THE INDIANS WILL BE MORE FORTH-COMING THE NEXT TIME THEY COME AROUND.

5. NOTES

A. HONG KONG:

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B. FRANCE-ALGERIA: PROSPECTS FOR FRENCH-ALGERIAN COOPERATION HAVE IMPROVED RECENTLY AS THE QUAI D'ORSAY IS TAKING A MORE RELAXED VIEW OF BENI BELLA PERSONALLY, AND ASSERTING THERE SHOULD BE NO GREAT PROBLEM IN DEALING WITH A GOVERNMENT UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP.

C. UAR: NASIR APPEARS SHAKEN BY LAST MONTH'S DEFECTION OF ONE OF HIS TOP INTELLIGENCE MEN AND APPREHENSIVE ABOUT THE SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES OF SAUDI-FINANCED EGYPTIAN EXILES.

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D.E. IRAN: THERE IS A GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT AGRARIAN DIS-
CONTENT WILL SPILL OVER INTO WIDESPREAD VIOLENCE BEFORE THE
SHAH'S MEN IN TEHRAN END THEIR BICKERING OVER HOW TO GO ABOUT
LAND REFORM. SPORADIC CLASHES BETWEEN PEASANTS AND SECURITY
FORCES ARE ALREADY OCCURRING IN THE IMPOVERISHED NORTHWEST,
WHERE LANDLORDS AND LOCAL POLICE SEEM TO BE COLLABORATING TO
BLOCK THE SHAH'S PROGRAM.

E.W. USSR-AFRICA:

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THE SOVIET AIRLINE WILL COMMENCE WEEKLY SERVICE
TO MOROCCO, GUINEA AND GHANA.

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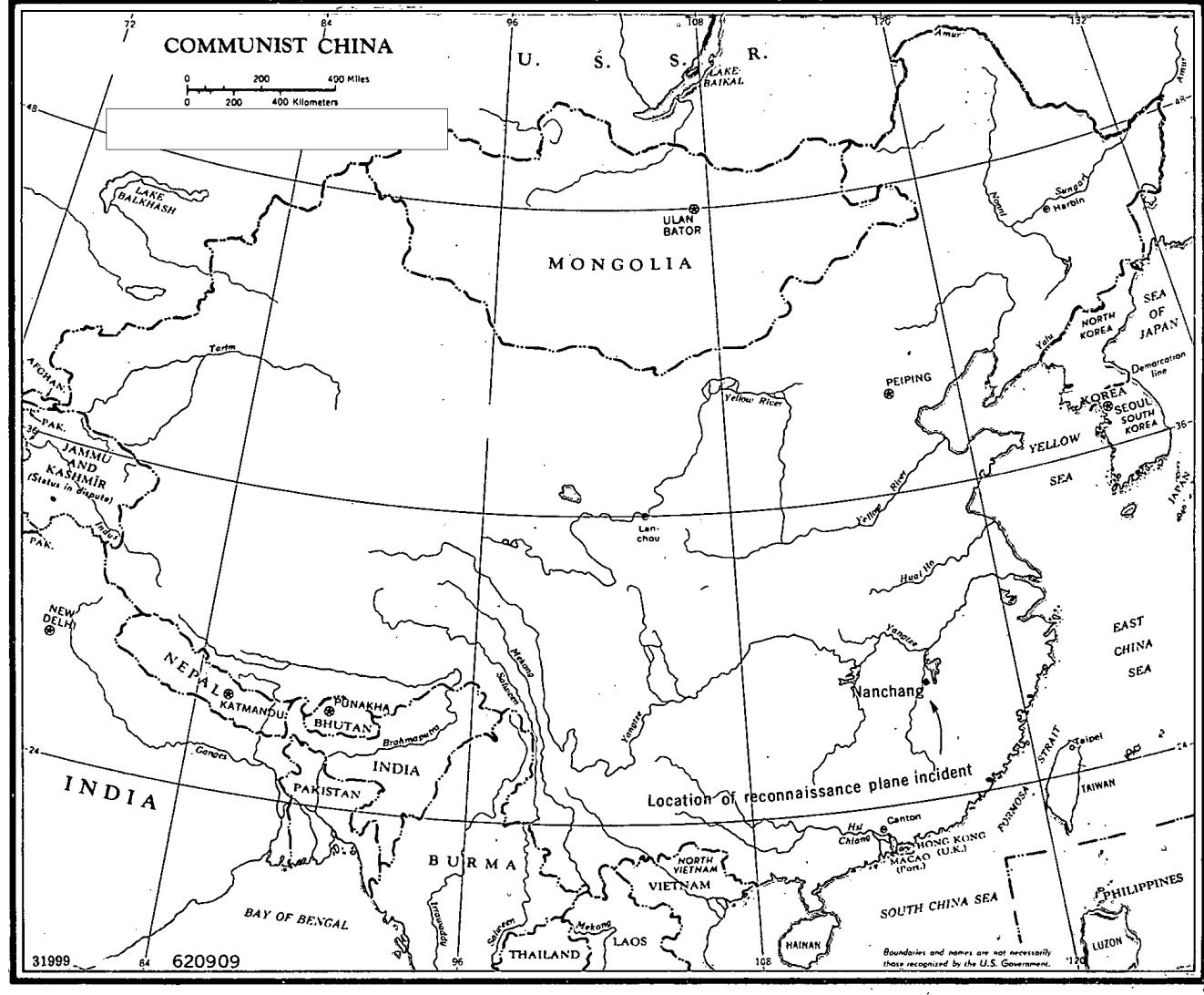
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1. U-2 Inci-
dent

a. The Chinese Communist reaction to yesterday's shoot-down of a ChiNat U-2 over east China has so far been limited to a routine press story asserting that the US is responsible.

b. A high-level investigation party apparently flew to the scene of the incident yesterday. [REDACTED]

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c. Moscow, for the moment, is also holding itself in. This morning's issue of Pravda carried only an eight-line report of the affair. We anticipate a more intensive propaganda exploitation of the subject from both Moscow and Peiping.

2. USSR-
Nuclear
Tests

We estimate that Saturday's shot over Novaya Zemlya had an explosive force in the neighborhood of three megatons, and are pretty sure it was delivered by a missile. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] we are seeing a new phase of Moscow's test program in the Arctic region in which the use of missile delivery vehicles will be a regular feature. [REDACTED]

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3. Cuba

a. On Saturday, a jet fighter that looked like a MIG-17 made several passes at two of our naval aircraft patrolling over international waters north of Havana.

b. The more jittery Central American countries are agitating for a full-dress OAS foreign ministers' meeting at an early date. [redacted]

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4. Vietnam

a. We see new signs that Hanoi is in the process of assuming a more conciliatory attitude toward the south.

b. The Indian ICC chairman in Saigon is saying that Ho Chi Minh last week had some kind words for Diem and expressed a desire to extend the hand of friendship. Ho is also said to have requested that air attacks on "resistance elements" be stopped.

c. The initial South Vietnamese reaction to Ho's approach is a mixture of satisfaction (because they see it as proof of their success against the Viet Cong) and apprehension (because they fear the struggle will be prematurely transferred from the battlefield to the conference table).

NOTES

- A. Thailand Sarit and other ranking officials, still irritated by the Laos settlement and upset by reports that the US is about to give more military aid to Cambodia, are once again talking of swinging to a more "independent" foreign policy. They are as fuzzy as ever when it comes to spelling out what they have in mind, but the outlook is for a period during which we will find the Thais increasingly difficult to do business with.
- B. Laos The government is due to issue a policy statement on domestic affairs tomorrow.
- C. France - West Germany The idea that Franco-German cooperation in the development of nuclear weapons would be a good thing was an underlying theme running through De Gaulle's statements in Germany last week.
- D. France - Arab States Paris' relations with the Arab world continued on the mend over the weekend with the reestablishment of diplomatic relations with Syria yesterday, and Jordan today.

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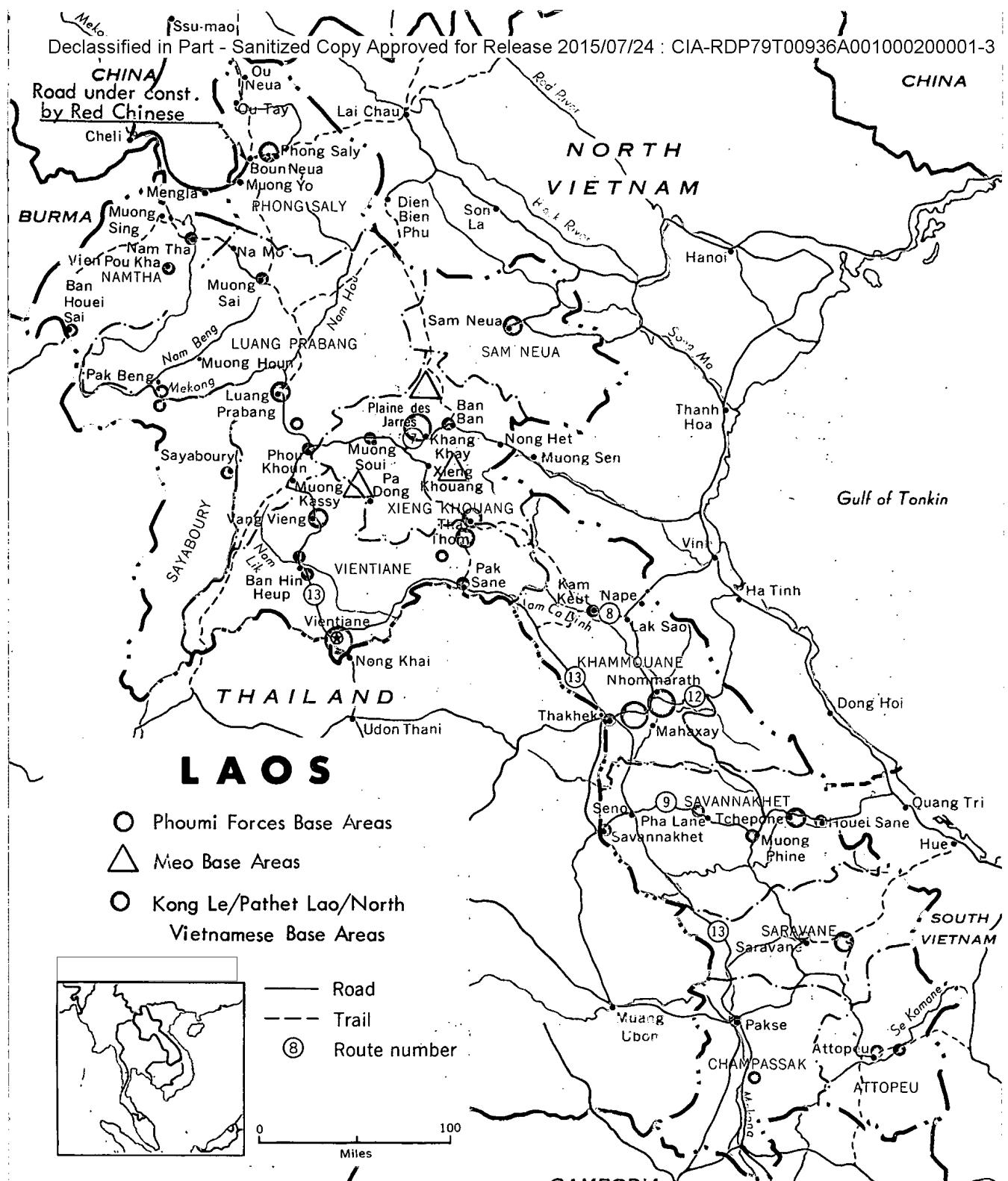
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LATE ITEM

In its strongest display of verbal support for Cuba to date, the Soviet government declared in Moscow this morning that a US attack on Cuba could lead to a global nuclear war. The declaration said that the Defense Ministry has been ordered "to take all measures to ensure that our armed forces are brought to the highest state of military preparedness," adding the caveat that "however, these are exclusively precautionary measures."

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1. Laos

a. The Soviet airlift, after coming to a near standstill late last month, has become active again during the last three days. We are not sure why flights are being resumed--or for that matter why they were reduced in August--but Communist and neutralist forces may well be running low on supplies, particularly in the Plaine des Jarres. Some of the flights could be engaged in the withdrawal of North Vietnamese elements.

b. There had been no flights into northern or southern Laos since 26 August. On Saturday, two flights were scheduled to Tchepone. They did not fly, but two flew there yesterday and two were scheduled for today. There were three flights to the Muong Sai - Nam Tha area yesterday and two more scheduled for today.

c. As for central Laos, where there had been only seven flights since the 26 August curtailment, there were five airlift flights into the Plaine des Jarres on Saturday, six yesterday, and six scheduled for today. [redacted]

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2. Cuba

a. Havana radio is charging this morning that two cargo ships outward bound from Cuba, one Cuban and the other British, have been attacked off the northern coast by a "pirate ship." The broadcast does not say when the incident took place.

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b. Our Embassy in Mexico City has been informed by a reliable source claiming to speak for President Lopez Mateos that the Mexican and Brazilian governments are consulting on whether to break relations with Cuba. Ambassador Mann points out that Mexico's concern over the Communist threat from Cuba has not increased, nor has Mexico retreated from its opposition to collective OAS action against Cuba. Rather, Mexico's cardinal concern is to avoid isolation in its position toward Cuba.

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3. Soviet
nuclear sub-
marines

a. Our latest information brings to at least nine, and probably ten, the number of nuclear submarine hulls known to be under construction at Komsomolsk in the Soviet Far East.

b. Although we cannot be sure of numbers, we believe that as many or more are now being built on the White Sea.

c. The current estimate credits the Soviets with 18 nuclear submarines completed, seven of them equipped for ballistic missiles.

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4. European
Union

a. Belgium's Spaak sees his suspicions buttressed by De Gaulle's comments on European union during his West German visit. As Spaak sees it, De Gaulle is offering not a unified Europe but a Franco-German alliance which he will "generously permit" the Benelux countries to join as satellites.

b. Canada's Diefenbaker, Australia's Menzies, and India's Nehru are scheduled to take the floor today at the Commonwealth prime ministers' meeting in London. They are expected to present their rebuttals to the case for British entry into the Common Market presented by Macmillan yesterday, but going into the session British officials were still optimistic about obtaining Commonwealth approval this week.

NOTES

- A. Syria A bid for political power by a group of old-line politicians, who are distasteful to key army officers, is threatening to end Syria's brief internal respite.
- B. Cambodia Phnom Penh has issued a communiqué alleging a new border intrusion by South Vietnamese forces yesterday.

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LATE ITEM

Another Venus probe was launched last night and put into orbit around the earth. There are preliminary and still very tentative indications that an attempt to put the vehicle into trajectory toward Venus may once again have failed.

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1. Cuba

a. Castro has ordered strict censorship on correspondents in Cuba, and our press and radio services are out of touch with their correspondents there. Reuters' correspondent has been arrested and others are missing and may also have been picked up.



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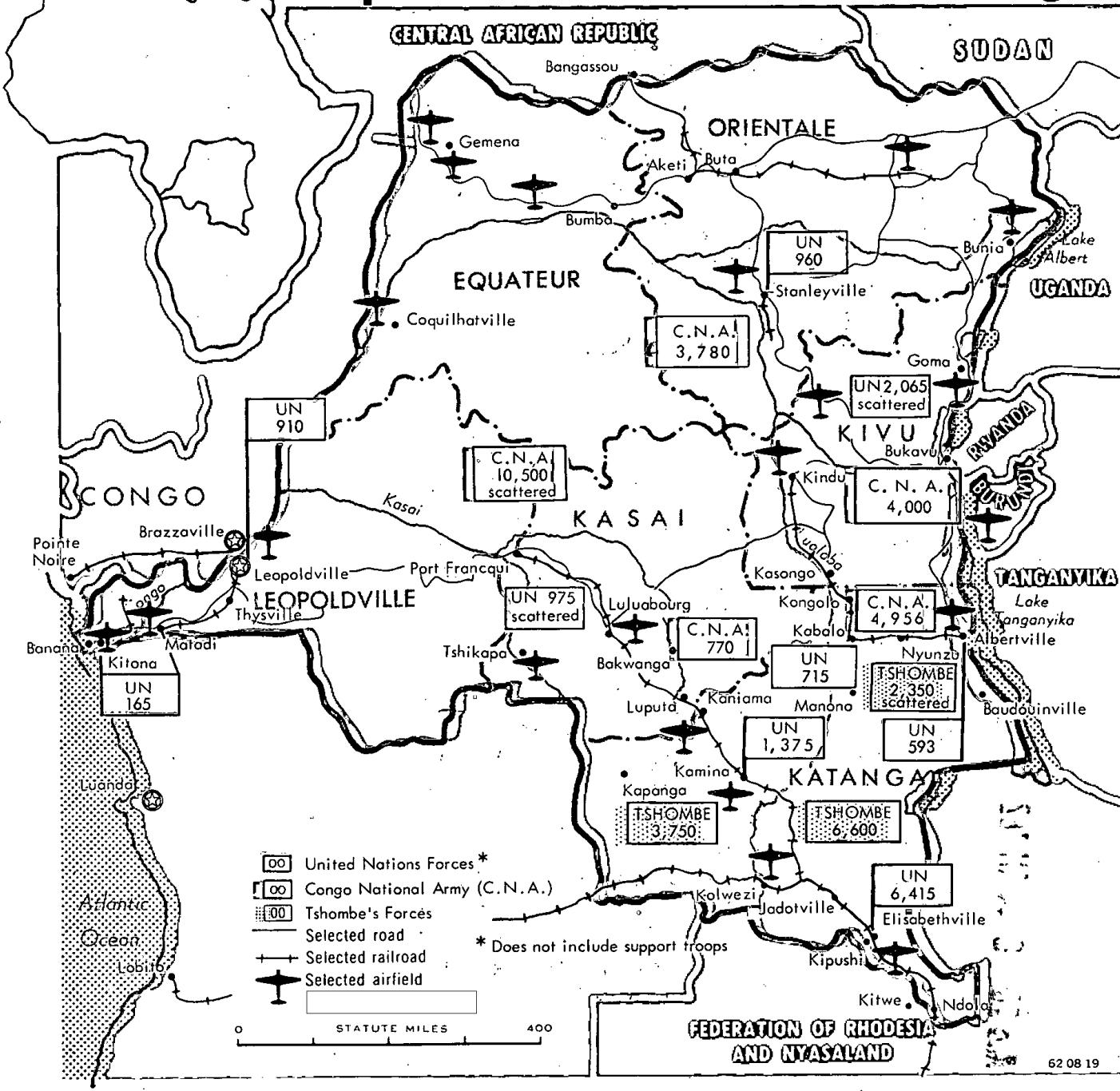
c. President Betancourt insists that any meeting of OAS foreign ministers must discuss the problem of military coups as well as the Cuban problem "or it would not be worthwhile for Venezuela to attend."

2. Congo



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Republic of the Congo



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b. Mobutu has told us he plans to attack Katangan positions at Kongolo [redacted] and we suspect the aircraft have been hired in support of these operations. However, the troops may initially be placed in neighboring Kasai with a secondary aim of discouraging South Kasai separatist leader Kalonji, who escaped from Leopoldville last week, from making common cause with Tshombé.

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c. Gardiner has now delivered to both Adoula and Tshombé his plan for implementation of the UN unification scheme. We have no reactions yet, but an attack on Kongolo would of course make Tshombé even more difficult.

3. Berlin

a. Berlin officials, including Mayor Brandt, claim to be worried about contingency plans for Berlin because they feel the plans lack "automaticity"; i.e., at almost every critical stage, they call for consultations rather than prompt counteraction. They are particularly afraid that we will resort to an airlift, though it could no longer sustain Berlin, rather than use force to preserve ground access.

b. Brandt, who is already maneuvering in preparation for Berlin elections next year, is due in Washington early next month and will probably press these views at that time.

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4. Cambodia

a. Reacting to continued border intrusions by South Vietnamese, Cambodia has placed its air force on alert, and [redacted] its pilots (Cambodia has some good ones) are spoiling for a fight.

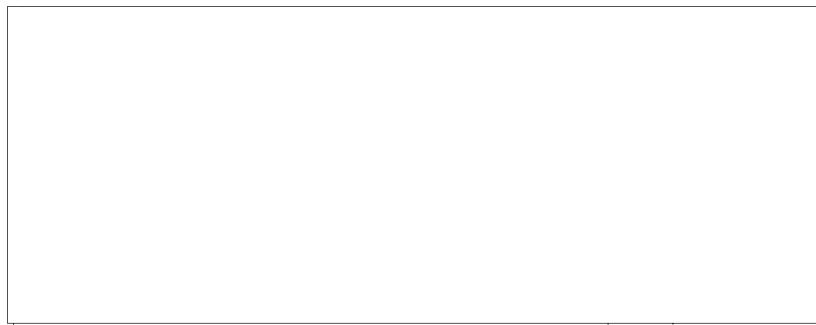
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b. Sihanouk yesterday issued an ultimatum of sorts: two more violations from the South Vietnamese side and he will recognize Hanoi.

5. Japan-China trade talks

a. A five-man delegation from Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party is on its way to Peiping at the invitation of Chinese leaders to explore possibilities for expanding trade and placing it on a normal commercial basis (including credit terms comparable to those granted other trading partners).

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Given
Japan's [redacted] prospects for
expanding trade with the West and
China's desperate need for help,
there is a chance that something
may come out of this. [redacted]

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- A. Laos Souvanna has formally asked us to provide his government with military supplies and equipment in amounts approximating 1100 tons monthly. Presumably the same request has been made of the USSR, which could explain resumption of the airlift. [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] 50X1
- B. Algeria Ben Bella says he has come to terms with the military on the knotty question of the electoral lists to be used in next week's balloting. This settled, the campaign is getting into full swing with main attention being given to agrarian reform and relief of unemployment.
- C. Thailand The Thai cabinet is said to be considering signing a trade treaty with the USSR as a first step toward reducing reliance on US support. The Soviets sought such a treaty last year, but were put off by the Thais. Trade between the two is negligible.
- D. West Germany - USSR Ambassador Kroll is said to be at Khrushchev's vacation retreat for a farewell visit at the Soviet leader's invitation.
- E. USSR A large-scale military exercise is getting underway in the Soviet Far East, and, judging from the number of air and naval units involved [redacted]
it looks like something more than a routine affair. [redacted]

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1. Venus Probe

We are still not certain whether or not the Soviets succeeded in injecting the probe vehicle they launched yesterday into a trajectory toward Venus.

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2. Cuba

a. There has been no abatement in the Soviet buildup. Our tally of the number of voyages by Russian dry cargo vessels to Cuba since the end of July has reached the 80 mark, and is rising steadily.

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c. Spokesmen for the Alpha-66 exile group in Miami and Puerto Rico announced yesterday that plans for more raids against Cuba are well advanced. They have christened the next one "Operation Miami," allegedly in honor of local supporters.

3. USSR-Satellites

[REDACTED] East German [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] division is scheduled to receive "Honest John"-type surface-to-surface missiles before the end of 1962. We are fairly certain that the other satellites have not been equipped with such missiles.

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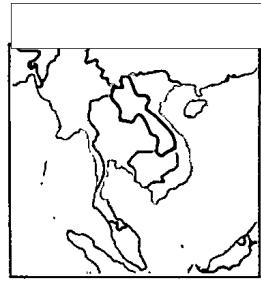
4. Macao - Hong Kong - Taipei

a. Portuguese authorities in Macao expect a formal Chinese Communist protest to follow another bomb explosion on the Chinese side of the border on Tuesday.

b. In Taipei the same day, Ambassador Kirk took up the bombing matter with foreign minister Shen for the second time in less than a fortnight. Shen assured him he would refer it to "appropriate authorities."

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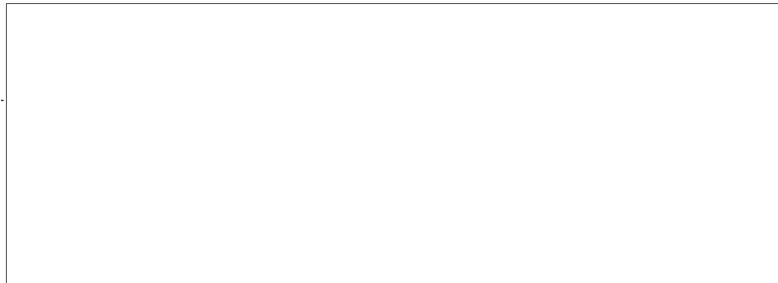
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5. Laos

a. Vientiane on Tuesday agreed to establish diplomatic relations with Hungary and Outer Mongolia, raising to six the number of Communist countries recognized in a week's time.

b. Meanwhile, the South Vietnamese ambassador has been recalled to Saigon for "consultations" pending clarification of Laos' relations with Hanoi.



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- A. Congo All we have so far about yesterday's skirmish between UN troops and Katangan gendarmes outside Elisabethville are the protests of each side blaming the other for the affair.
- B. Communist China - Pakistan The Chinese Communists are letting it be known in Karachi that they will be reasonable in border negotiations only to the extent that the Pakistanis see things their way on the issue of Chinese representation at the UN.
- C. USSR [redacted] 50X11
- D. Ghana-USSR Nkrumah is said to have authorized the early recall of most of the 71 cadets sent to the USSR for training last year. [redacted] 50X11
Those to remain, however, appear to be the best qualified ones. 50X11
- E. Thailand The Thai press is running highly exaggerated stories about increased US military aid to Cambodia, and is emotionally editorializing that the Cambodians might use their newly acquired weapons against Thailand.

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1. Berlin

- a. The Russians have bowed to Western demands and have reverted to a bus for their War Memorial contingent.
- b. Before this word came we were seeing indications that the Soviets were worried over the matter.

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2. Congo

- a. Tshombé is fulminating against what he charges is a combined UN-Congolese plan to attack his positions in Northern Katanga.
- b. He seems, however, to have cooled down considerably over the clash between a UN patrol and his gendarmerie on Wednesday. He called in the US, UK and Belgian consuls yesterday to say he regretted the previous day's outburst during which, besides lambasting the UN, he poured invective on the consuls personally.

c. The local UN authorities, and the Katangans too, show some readiness to agree to a freeze of positions on both sides in order to prevent a new incident, which Western representatives in Elisabethville agree could be fatal to the UN's reintegration plan.

d. Belgium's Spaak has made what is in effect a strong plea that the US close out the Katanga Information Office under the Belgian Streulens, arguing that its survival nourishes the belief that the cause of Katangan secession still has political support here.

3. Soviet nuclear tests

There are clear indications that the USSR has run into technical difficulties during the current nuclear test series in the Arctic and has been unable to hold to its test schedule.

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4. Brazil

a. President Goulart's contest with the Brazilian congress over presidential powers is nearing a climax.

b. The congress, in session since Monday, is holding out against Goulart's demand for an October plebiscite on the parliamentary system.

c. Goulart partisans among the military and in the labor movement are making ominous sounds about what will happen unless congress gives in. Some of these seem to be for psychological effect, but Goulart himself seems anxious to head off a general strike called for Saturday, evidently fearing that he may be sowing a wild wind.

5. Soviet-Iranian relations

a. It looks very much as though Moscow is adopting a more amiable approach toward Iran.

b. The Soviets have been pressing Tehran on and off since 1957 to sign a joint statement under which Iran would foreswear foreign missile bases on its soil. Now, however, Moscow has agreed to accept a unilateral Iranian declaration to that effect which would have none of the connotations of a treaty.

c. This is no more than the Iranians have been ready to give all along. As matters now stand, the declaration is due to be issued in Tehran tomorrow and will be sealed by an acknowledgement of receipt by the Soviet Embassy.

6. Cambodia

a. Cambodia's acceptance of U Thant's plan to establish a special UN mission in the Thai-Cambodian area could bring some lifting of the storm clouds hanging over relations between the two countries. Having already suggested such a step, Thailand can probably be counted on to go along.

b. Up to this point, however, there is no indication whether Sihanouk sees a UN presence as a substitute for, or merely a supplement to, the international guarantees of Cambodian neutrality he has been seeking.

c. [redacted] Cambodian [redacted]
[redacted] government is
working on a deal to obtain anti-aircraft weapons, and [redacted]
[redacted] the Czechs would be
the suppliers.

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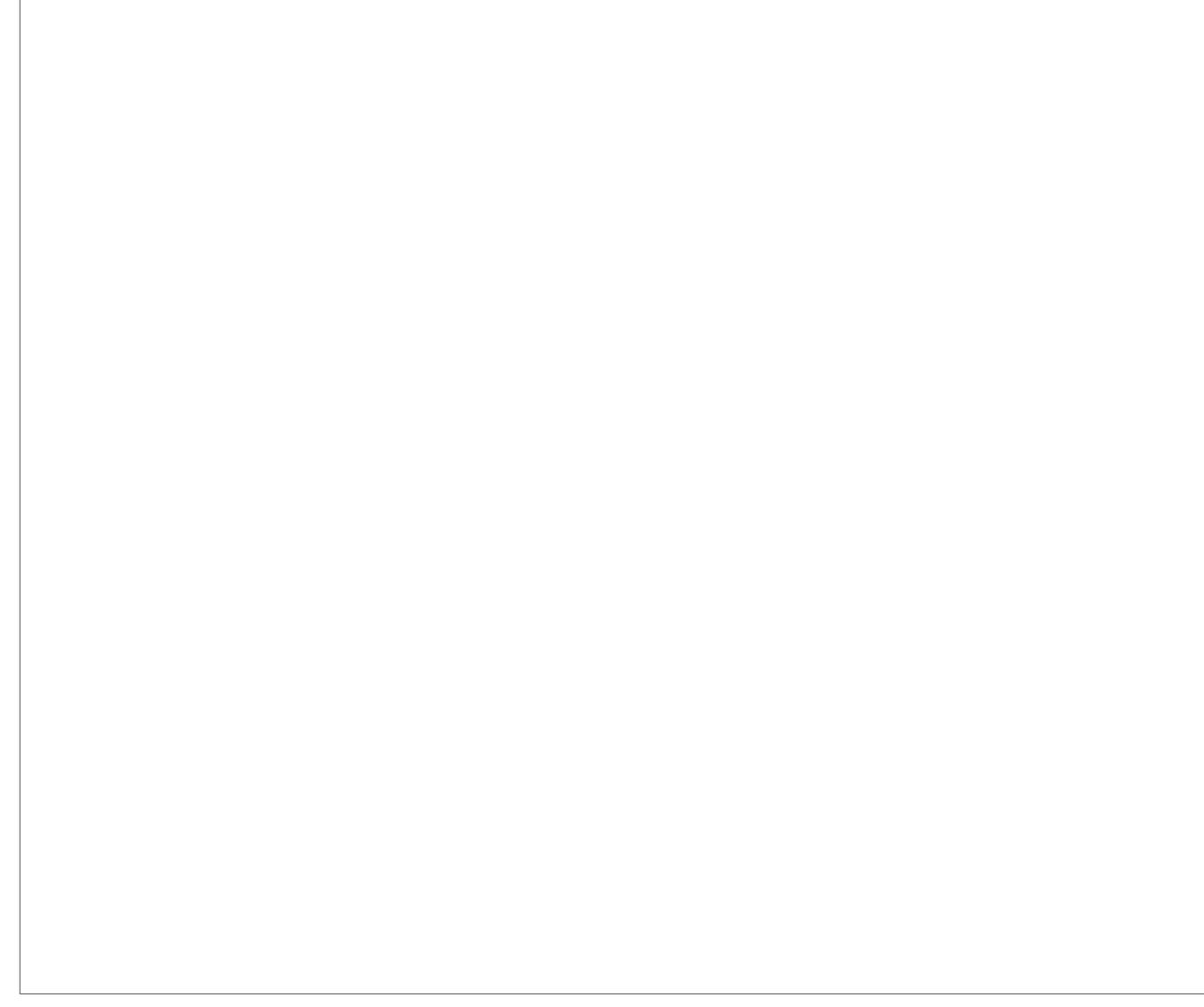
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NOTES

- A. Soviet Venus Probe There is no firm indication yet as to whether or not the satellite launched Tuesday night has been put into a trajectory toward Venus.

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- B. USSR The first TASS comment on yesterday's press conference features an allegation that the President "actually admitted that preparations are under way in the United States for overthrowing the Cuban government."

- C. Cuba The number of confirmed SAM sites [redacted] under construction grows, [redacted]

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- D. Morocco-Algeria Morocco, which may see a chance to benefit from Algeria's preoccupation with other problems, is again moving troops toward the Saharan area in dispute between the two countries. The Moroccans tried to take control of the region just after Algerian independence but pulled out when the Algerians fought back.

- E. Communist China What seems to be a [redacted] Communist missile site--probably for surface-to-surface coastal defense missiles--has been located at Dairen at the tip of the Liaotung Peninsula. [redacted]

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- F. West Germany In its scrutiny of the Soviet declaration on Cuba, the press gazes hard at the implied link between Cuba and Berlin but concludes in unison that the US has no intention of striking any kind of bargain.
- G. Netherlands Both chambers of the Dutch parliament have now approved the West New Guinea agreement. The Senate vote took place yesterday.
- H. France-Arab States Saudi Arabia has joined Syria and Jordan in reopening relations with Paris.

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1. LAOS:

A. SOUVANNA WAS INFORMED BY HIS MILITARY [REDACTED] 50X1

[REDACTED] YESTERDAY THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE TO SEND TO LAOS FIVE CONVOYS OF 50 TRUCKS EACH. THE CARGO, NOT SPECIFIED, WILL PROBABLY BE SHARED BY PATHET LAO AND KONG LE FORCES, AS IN THE PAST. [REDACTED] 50X1

B. [REDACTED] SOUPHANNOUVONG HAD 50X1 SAID THERE WERE "MASSIVE SUPPLIES" FOR THE PATHET LAO STILL IN HANOI AND THAT HE PLANNED TO MOVE THEM ALL INTO LAOS.

C. REGULAR SOVIET AIRLIFT OPERATIONS TO SEVERAL POINTS IN LAOS HAVE CONTINUED SINCE THEIR RESUMPTION A WEEK AGO. EARLIER THIS WEEK, THE SOVIETS WERE INSISTING THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE SERVICE PERSONNEL BE STATIONED AT VANG VIENG AND PHONG SALY BEFORE THEY WOULD "RESTORE SERVICE." [REDACTED] 50X1

D. THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR IS RETURNING TO VIENTIANE TODAY. SIGNS ARE THAT HIS PURPOSE WILL BE TO TELL SOUVANNA OFF FOR RECOGNIZING HANOI AND THEN FOLD UP THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE MISSION PERMANENTLY. [REDACTED] 50X1

2. COMMUNIST CHINA:

A. AFTER A SLOW START, THE MAINLAND PROPAGANDA MACHINE IS BUILDING UP MASS PROTEST RALLIES ON THE U-2 INCIDENT. THE REGIME PROBABLY HOPES TO SNAP THE DISAFFECTED POPULATION OUT OF ITS LETHARGY.

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B. WE WOULD EXPECT A MAJOR EFFORT FROM PEIPING TO KEEP UP THE FRENZY. BY WAY OF ANOTHER LOG FOR THE FIRE, THE CHINESE MIGHT PROVOKE AN INCIDENT WHEN THE US DESTROYER SHELTON, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO PATROL THE EAST CHINA COAST FROM 16 TO 21 SEPTEMBER, NEARS THE TSINGTAO NAVAL BASE. PEIPING HAS RECENTLY DISPLAYED EXTRAORDINARY SENSITIVITY TO THESE PATROLS, AND OUR CONSUL IN HONG KONG HAS RECOMMENDED THAT UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, THE SHELTON'S MISSION BE CALLED OFF.

3. CONGO:

A. AMBASSADOR GULLION YESTERDAY FOUND ADOULA VAGUE AND PROBABLY UNINFORMED ABOUT GOVERNMENT TROOP MOVEMENTS IN AND TOWARD KATANGA AND DELIBERATELY EVASIVE ABOUT THOSE TOWARD KASAI. GULLION IS HOPEFUL THAT, IN SO FAR AS ADOULA CAN CONTROL MOVEMENT OF HIS TROOPS AT ALL, OUR REPRESENTATIONS HAD THE DESIRED EFFECT.

B. SPAAK IS FURIOUS AT NOT HAVING BEEN CONSULTED ON THE UN'S SCHEDULE FOR CARRYING OUT THE RECONCILIATION PLAN. HE FEELS THE UN IS TRYING TO GO TOO FAST AND IS AFRAID HASTY AND "TOO FORCEFUL" ACTION AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE MAY PRECIPITATE HOSTILITIES.

4. KROLL - KHRUSHCHEV TALKS:

A. GERMAN AMBASSADOR KROLL CAME AWAY FROM A [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] TALK WITH KHRUSHCHEV CONVINCED THAT THE SOVIET LEADER

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PLANS TO PROCEED WITH A PEACE TREATY SHORTLY AFTER THE US ELECTIONS.

KHRUSHCHEV REPEATED HIS STANDARD LINE THAT THE TREATY WILL MAKE

WESTERN OCCUPATION OF BERLIN IMPOSSIBLE AND SAID HE WOULD GO TO

THE SECURITY COUNCIL SHOULD THE WEST TAKE ACTION WHICH RUNS THE

RISK OF WAR. [REDACTED] A DEFINITE SEQUENCE OF

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SOVIET ACTIONS LEADING TO SIGNATURE OF THE TREATY IS ALREADY WELL

PLANNED OUT AND WILL BE SET IN MOTION SHORTLY AFTER OUR ELECTIONS

ON A TIMETABLE WHICH WOULD PERMIT RECOURSE TO THE UN WHILE THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS STILL IN SESSION (IT RECESSES JUST BEFORE THE

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, BUT WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY HAVE TO RECONVENE FOR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS IN JANUARY).

B. KHRUSHCHEV REPEATED HIS BELIEF THAT WESTERN LEADERS AND
PUBLIC OPINION ARE SO ANXIOUS TO AVOID WAR THAT THEY WILL FIND A
WAY TO LIVE WITH THE SITUATION. [REDACTED]

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5. ADENAUER - DE GAULLE TALKS:

A. WE ARE GETTING CONFLICTING INFORMATION FROM LOWER LEVELS
OF THE FRENCH AND GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICES ABOUT WHAT WENT ON BE-
TWEEN ADENAUER AND DE GAULLE. THEY QUITE OBVIOUSLY DO NOT KNOW
YET. A COMMON THEME IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH GERMAN OFFICIALS

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IS THAT ADENAUER IS "PRETTY MUCH ALONE" IN HIS MISGIVINGS ABOUT BRITISH POLITICAL ASSOCIATION WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

B. ONE UPSHOT OF THE TALKS IS THAT SPAAK AND LUNS ARE NOW MORE DETERMINED THAN EVER TO GAIN BRITISH ACCESSION TO THE COMMON MARKET. SPAAK TOLD AMBASSADOR MACARTHUR YESTERDAY THAT BELGIUM IS TOTALLY UNINTERESTED IN JOINING A FRANCO-GERMAN ALLIANCE AND HE FEELS THERE CAN BE NO FURTHER PROGRESS UNTIL THE BRITISH ROLE IS DECIDED.

6. NOTES:

A. BRAZIL: WITH ARMY UNITS ON THE ALERT AND A GENERAL STRIKE NOW UNDER WAY, CONTENDING FACTIONS IN BRAZIL ARE GATHERING FORCES FOR A SHOWDOWN. MOST DISTURBING IS THE FACT THAT A DISPOSITION TO COMPROMISE, EVER PRESENT IN PREVIOUS CRISES, IS NOT SO FAR IN EVIDENCE.

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C. SOVIET WEAPON TEST: ALTHOUGH THE EVIDENCE IS STILL INCOMPLETE, WE HAVE INDICATIONS, SIMILAR TO SOME WHICH PRECEDED THE

SHOT LAST YEAR, THAT PREPARATIONS MAY BE AFOOT FOR ANOTHER HIGH-YIELD DROP OVER NOVAYA ZEMLYA.

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D. USSR: FIVE OF THE SIX SOVIET SPACE SUPPORT SHIPS ARE
NOW ON THEIR WAY HOME, IMPLYING A PAUSE IN SOVIET SPACE OPERA-
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1. LAOS:

A. WE HAVE STRONG EVIDENCE [REDACTED] OF THE CONTINUING 50X1
 PRESENCE OF NORTH VIETNAMESE IN CENTRAL LAOS. LAST SATURDAY, A
 NEUTRALIST HEADQUARTERS IN NHOMMARATH REPORTED TO KHANG KHAY THAT
 ONLY A SMALL PORTION OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE HAD LEFT SAVANNAKHET
 PROVINCE, THAT NONE HAD LEFT KHAMMOUANE PROVINCE, AND THAT THE
 REST ARE "STILL WITH THE PATHET LAO AND STAYING CONCEALED."

[REDACTED] 50X1

B. APPARENTLY DIEM PLANS TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH VIENTIANE
 AS SOON AS HANOI'S AMBASSADOR IS OFFICIALLY RECEIVED, WHICH MAY
 BE SEVERAL DAYS YET. [REDACTED]

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2. COMMUNIST CHINA - US:

A. COMMUNIST CHINA'S AMBASSADOR WANG IN WARSAW HAS ASKED FOR
 AN EMERGENCY MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR CABOT. WE ASSUME IT WILL BE
 THE OCCASION FOR A BLAST AT US FOR THE U-2 INCIDENT AND ALSO FOR
 OUR NAVAL PATROL ACTIVITIES WHICH YESTERDAY BROUGHT FORTH
 PEIPING'S LATEST "SERIOUS WARNING."

B. AMBASSADOR CABOT WILL NOT BE IN WARSAW UNTIL WEDNESDAY.

3. BRAZIL:

A. WITH MOST OF THE MILITARY SHOWING LITTLE DISPOSITION TO
 BACK HIM IN A SHOWDOWN, PRESIDENT GOULART DECIDED ON SATURDAY
 THAT THE BETTER PART OF VALOR WOULD BE TO BOW TO THE WILL OF
 CONGRESS AND ACCEPT 6 JANUARY AS THE DATE FOR HIS PLEBISCITE ON
 THE FUTURE OF BRAZIL'S PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM. THIS DONE, AND

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WITH CONGRESS ADJOURNED AND THE STRIKE CALLED OFF, THE SOUND AND FURY OF THE PAST WEEK HAVE RECEDED.

B. THE CONGRESSMEN ARE NOW BACK HOME FOR A FEW WEEKS OF POLITICKING BEFORE ELECTIONS EARLY NEXT MONTH. GOULART IS BUSYING HIMSELF WITH ASSEMBLING A GOVERNMENT FOR THE INTERIM.

4. SPAIN:

A. MADRID, [REDACTED] IS ABOUT TO RELINQUISH CONTROL OVER LABOR SYNDICATES AND TURN THEM OVER TO THE WORKERS.

B. A FORMER BOSS OF THE STATE-CONTROLLED SYNDICATES IS CURRENTLY IN THE US WITH AUTHORIZATION FROM FRANCO TO SEEK OUT ADVICE AND SUPPORT FROM AFL/CIO LEADERS.

5. SYRIA:

A. SYRIA'S LATEST GOVERNMENT CRISIS HAS PASSED WITH THE PARLIAMENT GIVING NEUTRALIST PREMIER AL-AZM A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE AND POWER TO RULE BY DECREE FOR ONE YEAR. AT THE END OF THIS TIME, SYRIA IS SUPPOSED TO HOLD GENERAL ELECTIONS AND RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT.

B. THE ARMY, WHICH DOES NOT LIKE THIS MUCH AND DISLIKES AL-AZM EVEN MORE, HAS APPARENTLY DECIDED TO SWALLOW ITS RESERVATIONS.

C. IF AL-AZM IS TRUE TO FORM HE WILL COZY UP TO THE SOVIETS AND TRY AT THE SAME TIME TO EXTRACT AS MUCH AS HE CAN FROM US. A SYRIAN MILITARY MISSION HAS ALREADY ARRIVED IN MOSCOW.

6. NOTES:

A. USSR: IT NOW APPEARS ALL BUT CERTAIN THAT THE LATEST
VENUS PROBE FAILED.

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B. IRAQ: IRAQ IS ABOUT TO RECEIVE SOME PRETTY ADVANCED
EQUIPMENT FROM THE SOVIETS UNDER THE AID AGREEMENT SIGNED LAST
YEAR. THIS INCLUDES AIR-TO-AIR MISSILES FOR MIG-21S, ANTI-
TANK GUIDED MISSILES (FIRST APPEARANCE OUTSIDE THE BLOC), AND
FIVE SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE SITES--ONE FOR TRAINING AND FOUR TO
DEFEND BAGHDAD. SOVIET MISSILE EXPERTS HAVE BEEN ON THE SCENE
SINCE EARLY SUMMER.

C. AMBASSADOR BATTLE IN CANBERRA WAS TOLD BY THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY THERE ON SATURDAY THAT PRIME MINISTER MENZIES AND
MACMILLAN HAVE REACHED A BEHIND THE SCENES AGREEMENT ON BRITISH
ACCESSION TO THE COMMON MARKET. WE DO NOT KNOW THE FORMULA YET.

D. REPORTS FROM THE KATANGAN GOVERNMENT THAT ADOULA'S
TROOPS LAUNCHED AN "OFFENSIVE" LAST NIGHT AGAINST KONGOLO FOLLOW
CLOSELY ON THE HEELS OF ASSURANCES TO US BY ADOULA THAT HE
PLANNED NO FURTHER TROOP MOVEMENTS. WE HAVE NO ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION ON THE KATANGAN CHARGE.

E. NATIONALIST CHINA - CAMBODIA:

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1. CUBA:

A. WE HAVE SPOTTED TWO MORE SOVIET PASSENGER VESSELS EN ROUTE TO CUBA. THEIR ARRIVAL WILL RAISE OUR ESTIMATE OF TECHNICIANS ON THE SCENE TO ABOUT 4,200. [REDACTED]

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B. WE ARE BEGINNING TO SEE SOME TENUOUS EVIDENCE FORESHADOWING THE APPEARANCE OF SAM SITES IN CAMAGUEY PROVINCE.

C. [REDACTED] SCATTERED BANDS OF 50X1 INSURGENTS ARE STILL CAUSING ENOUGH TROUBLE IN THE MOUNTAINS OF SOUTH CENTRAL CUBA TO START THE ARMY CRANKING UP FOR ANOTHER DRIVE TO CLEAN UP THE AREA. [REDACTED]

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2. LAOS:

A. [REDACTED]

HANOI RETAINS

CONTACT WITH ONLY FOUR MAJOR RADIO STATIONS.

B. WE VIEW THIS TREND AS INDICATING SOME REDUCTIONS OF NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES AND REGROUPING OF THE REST IN FOUR BASE AREAS. THESE ARE NAM THA AND SAM NEUA IN THE NORTH, KHANG KHAY IN THE CENTER, AND TCHEPONE IN THE SOUTH. [REDACTED]

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C. SOUPHANNOUVONG YESTERDAY TOOK OFF FOR PEIPING, AND POSSIBLY MOSCOW, [REDACTED]

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D. THE WEST GERMAN IDEA OF ECONOMIC AID TO LAOS SETS AN EASY MARK FOR EAST GERMANY TO IMPROVE ON AND THEREBY PERHAPS GO ONE-UP IN THE STRUGGLE FOR DIPLOMATIC FAVOR IN VIENTIANE

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E. IN SAIGON YESTERDAY, DIEM GAVE AMBASSADOR NOLTING THE IMPRESSION THAT THE DECISION TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH LAOS THE MOMENT VIENTIANE ACCEPTS AN AMBASSADOR FROM HANOI IS IRREVOCABLE.

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3. TAIWAN - HONG KONG - MACAO:

4. USSR - COMMUNIST CHINA:

A. THE CHINESE, FURIOUS OVER THE NOTABLE IMPROVEMENT IN SOVIET-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS AND YUGOSLAV ASSOCIATION WITH THE COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC MUTUAL ASSISTANCE, THE BLOC ECONOMIC COORDINATING BODY, HAVE REOPENED THEIR POLEMICAL BATTLE WITH THE SOVIETS.

B. APPARENTLY THE LAST STRAW WAS A RECENT KHRUSHCHEV PRONOUNCEMENT HINTING THAT THE/ MIGHT ULTIMATELY DO MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS BUSINESS WITH THE COMMON MARKET.

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C. A CHINESE STATEMENT YESTERDAY WAS FULL OF BITTER INVECTIVE, OSTENSIBLY AIMED AT THE YUGOSLAVS BUT ACTUALLY AT KHRUSHCHEV, SIMILAR TO THAT WE SAW AT THE HEIGHT OF THE SINO-SOVIET CONTROVERSY.

D. PRESSURE IS ALREADY BUILDING UP IN THE COMMUNIST WORLD FOR ANOTHER WORLD CONFERENCE OF COMMUNIST PARTIES AIMED AT BRINGING IN THE DIRTY LINEN. BOTH PARTIES SEEM TO BE MANEUVERING WITH THIS IN MIND.

5. NOTES:

A. IN SYRIA, PREMIER KHALID AL-AZM YESTERDAY SUCCEEDED IN PULLING TOGETHER A CABINET AFTER NEARLY A WEEK OF HARD BARGAINING. HE IS LIKELY TO HAVE A HARD TIME KEEPING THINGS ON AN EVEN KEEL, HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE WIDE DISPARITY IN THE POLITICAL VIEWPOINTS OF HIS COLLEAGUES.

B. [REDACTED] A COMMUNIST PARTY 50X1
CONGRESS WILL BE CONVENED IN LATE NOVEMBER TO HEAR ULRICH REPORT ON HIS RECENT CONSULTATIONS WITH KHRUSHCHEV.

C. SOVIET DIPLOMATS IN PARIS, AMIABLY EXPLAINING THAT THE RUPTURE IN FRANCO-SOVIET COMMERCIAL NEGOTIATIONS LAST JUNE WAS DUE TO A REGRETTABLE MISUNDERSTANDING (THE RUSSIANS WALKED OUT WHEN PARIS REFUSED TO GRANT THEM THE SAME TARIFF PRIVILEGES ACCORDED ITS COMMON MARKET PARTNERS), SEEM JUST ABOUT TO HAVE TALKED THE FRENCH INTO RETURNING TO THE CONFERENCE TABLE.

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D. NEPALESE FOREIGN MINISTER SHAHA TOLD OUR AMBASSADOR YESTERDAY THAT PRESS STORIES INTIMATING NEPAL WOULD TAKE THE LEAD IN SPONSORING THIS YEAR'S DRIVE TO GET COMMUNIST CHINA INTO THE UN ARE UNFOUNDED. HE WOBBLED, HOWEVER, ON WHAT HIS REACTION WOULD BE IF THE SOVIETS ASKED HIM TO DO THE JOB.

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THE SOVIET NAVY HAS SETTLED ON A PROGRAM OF CONVERTING W-CLASS SUBMARINES TO CARRY CRUISE MISSILES. THE "W'S" ARE CONVENTIONAL, MEDIUM RANGE BOATS, BUILT IN THE EARLY '50S [redacted]

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LATE ITEM

ARGENTINA:

A. THERE WAS A NEW OUTBREAK OF OPEN FEUDING BY MILITARY FACTIONS LAST NIGHT, RESULTING IN MUTINY BY THE COMMANDERS OF SEVERAL MAJOR ARMY UNITS [REDACTED] 50X1
[REDACTED] BUT THERE HAS APPARENTLY BEEN NO FIGHTING SO FAR.

B. AS BEST WE CAN RECONSTRUCT THIS MORNING, PRESIDENT GUIDO'S DECISION TO DELAY ELECTIONS UNTIL OCTOBER 1963-- TAKEN TO PLACATE THE AUTHORITARIAN MILITARY FACTION--ENCOURAGED THAT GROUP TO ATTEMPT THE OUSTER OF KEY OFFICERS IN THE OPPOSING "LEGALIST" FACTION. YESTERDAY, WAR MINISTER CORNEJO SARAVIA RELIEVED THREE COMMANDERS OF GARRISONS NEAR BUENOS AIRES.

C. THESE COMMANDERS, LED BY GENERAL ONGANIA, REFUSED TO ACCEPT THEIR DISMISSAL. THEY APPARENTLY HAVE THE BACKING OF THEIR TROOPS AND CLAIM THE SUPPORT OF SEVERAL GARRISONS IN THE INTERIOR. ONGANIA HAS ESTABLISHED HEADQUARTERS IN THE LARGE CAMPO DE MAYO GARRISON OUTSIDE BUENOS AIRES AND DECLARED HIMSELF COMMANDER OF THE ARMY.

D. ONGANIA HAS CHALLENGED GUIDO TO "CHOOSE BETWEEN DICTATORSHIP AND DEMOCRACY." MEANWHILE, THE AUTHORITARIAN GROUP HAS STATED THAT IT WILL TAKE CAMPO DE MAYO BY FORCE.

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1. CUBA:

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2. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. WE ARE NOW CARRYING THE STRENGTH OF VIET CONG REGULAR UNITS WITHIN SOUTH VIETNAM AT 20 - 22,000, INCLUDING 25 BATTALIONS, AN INCREASE OF 3,000 TROOPS AND FOUR BATTALIONS THIS YEAR.

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B. [Redacted] A "SLOW BUT PERCEPTIBLE TIPPING OF THE BALANCE" OF PRESENT OPINION IN FAVOR OF THE DIEM GOVERNMENT.

3. USSR:

A. SOVIET MILITARY EXERCISES IN THE FAR EAST CONTINUE.

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B. FOR MORE THAN A WEEK, LONG RANGE AIR FORCES IN THE WEST HAVE BEEN MUCH LESS ACTIVE THAN USUAL. THIS NORMALLY MEANS THAT A MAJOR EXERCISE IS UPCOMING, BUT THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF IT AS YET.

C. SO MANY EAST GERMAN, POLISH, AND SOVIET TROOPS ARE INVOLVED IN HELPING TO GET THE HARVEST IN THAT WE DOUBT IF MAJOR WARSAW PACT MANEUVERS CAN GET UNDER WAY UNTIL LATER IN THE MONTH. [REDACTED]

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4. COMMUNIST CHINA:

A. THE CHINESE MASS INDIGNATION CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE US CONTINUES TO BUILD UP.

B. AMBASSADOR CABOT MEETS WANG TOMORROW.

C. THE CHINESE ARE CLOSELY WATCHING THE PATROL OF USS SHELTON ALONG THE COAST NORTH TO TSINGTAO, BUT NO AGGRESSIVE ACTIONS HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

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5. NOTES:

A. USSR: [REDACTED]

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LAST NIGHT

B. BERLIN: AN EXPLOSION/ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE WALL NEAR BRANDENBURG GATE BROUGHT SOVIET TROOPS OUT. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION YET AS TO WHY THEY, NOT THE EAST GERMANS, APPEARED.

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C. ECUADOR: PRESIDENT AROSEMENA HAS MADE A PITCH FOR FORMAL ACCEPTANCE BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY OF AN INVITATION TO VISIT ECUADOR. AMBASSADOR BERNBAUM THINKS AROSEMENA IS AFTER A REAFFIRMATION OF US CONFIDENCE IN ORDER TO SILENCE RIGHTIST CRITICS.

D. CONGO: THERE IS CONFIRMATION THAT FIGHTING IS GOING ON IN NORTH KATANGA, BUT IT MAY BE NO MORE THAN THE SPORADIC SKIRMISHING THAT HAS NEVER REALLY STOPPED.

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E. SYRIA: A GROUP OF SYRIAN PILOTS AND TECHNICIANS HAS GONE TO THE USSR FOR TRAINING ON THE MIG-21. THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN REPORTS THAT THE SYRIANS WILL GET SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES.

F. FINLAND: PRESIDENT KEKKONEN'S VISIT TO THE USSR HAS BEEN MOVED UP A WEEK, NOW 3 OCTOBER. THE FINNS ARE STRESSING THAT THE TRIP IS UNOFFICIAL.

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1. USSR-Berlin

a. Khrushchev has again used talks with West European visitors to convey the impression that he has decided on a series of actions leading to a separate treaty with East Germany--these to begin shortly after our elections in November.

b. In separate talks with Austrian Vice Chancellor Pittermann and former Belgian Economics Minister Scheyven, he implied that the next two months might be the last chance to negotiate a Berlin settlement.

c. He said Gromyko, now in New York, has instructions to resume Berlin talks with Secretary Rusk.

d. There was nothing in Khrushchev's remarks to indicate any give in the Soviet position on Berlin.

e. One gathers from these talks, from Khrushchev's talk with Kroll [redacted]

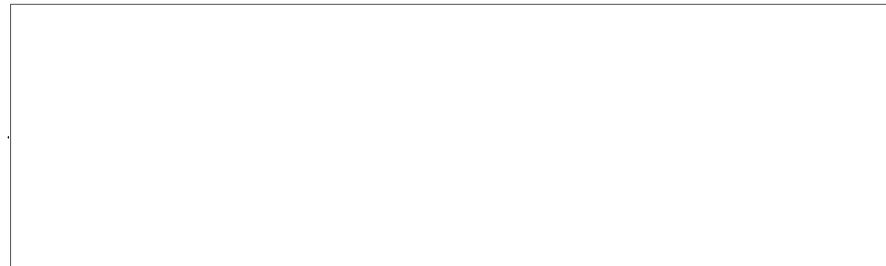
[redacted] that Khrushchev expects little from the Rusk-Gromyko talks and that he will thereupon come to New York himself, first to see President Kennedy and ultimately, if nothing can be worked out, to present the Soviet case to the UN. His intention there would be to place responsibility on us for undesirable consequences before proceeding with the separate peace treaty.

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2. Cuba

a. Khrushchev, in his talk with Pittermann, took a tough line on Cuba; he contended that a US blockade of the island would be an act of war and that the USSR would use submarines and rockets to enforce its right of passage.

b. A Soviet international law expert spelled out the legal support for this position in yesterday's Pravda.



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d. The West German Foreign Office has told us that Bonn is taking steps to bar Cuba as a destination for West German vessels under charter to the Bloc. The Germans hope other NATO countries will take similar action and thus forestall complaints from West German shippers. Three West German vessels are now under charter to the Bloc for trade with Cuba.

3. Argentina

a. General Onganía, leader of rebellious "legalist" faction, returned last night to his supporters in the powerful Campo de Mayo garrison, having rejected President Guido's ultimatum to surrender.

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b. So far, both sides have shown customary reluctance to fight, but this crisis seems to be building up more steam than similar ones in the past. The odds would appear to be against the Campo de Mayo forces, particularly if this morning's press reports prove true--that garrisons in the hinterland who hold the balance of power side with government forces.

c. So far there has been no significant reaction from the civilian population.

4. Laos

a. Souvanna, still confident that North Vietnamese troops will withdraw, has told Ambassador Unger that he will call for an immediate investigation by the International Control Commission should any North Vietnamese troops remain in Laos after the 7 October deadline. We do not think he will press very hard to overcome Pathet Lao objections to such an investigation.

b.

[redacted] Souvanna is worried and has asked his military headquarters in Khang Khay to keep close tabs on the Vietnamese as the deadline nears.

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c. France, it appears, is determined not to change the method of its aid to Laos, which it will limit to cultural and technical assistance. Paris will not join us in providing direct budgetary aid.

5. Brazil

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b. Former President Kubitschek (a Goulart booster) took occasion [redacted] to urge on Ambassador [redacted] Gordon his view that it was of "utmost importance" that the visit be kept on schedule. It is needed, he said, to win Goulart back to the center and to provide occasion for the mass of Brazilian opinion to express itself in favor of the US.

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6. Yemen

a. We foresee a struggle for power in Yemen following the death yesterday (from natural causes) of 71-year-old Imam Ahmad and the accession of Crown Prince Badr.

b. Powerful tribal chiefs in the north have long resented the Imam's arbitrary designation of Badr as crown prince; they favor Imam Ahmad's brother, Prince Hasan, who is in New York heading the Yemeni delegation.

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USIB WATCH COMMITTEE MEETING--19 SEPTEMBER 1962

The United States Intelligence Board yesterday approved the report of its Watch Committee which addressed itself to Bloc military activities and recent developments in Berlin, Cuba, Southeast Asia, and the Sino-Indian border dispute.

The Committee did not see anything in these situations which would justify a change in the conclusion that the Communists do not intend in the immediate future to initiate direct military action. The Committee noted, however, that current and pending military exercises by Soviet and satellite forces in Eastern Europe will probably bring those forces up to peak combat readiness by 1 November.

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NOTES

- A. Algeria Algerians are going to the polls this morning with bloodshed and chaos in the background as Ben Bella's forces try to bring Wilaya IV (Algiers Region) troops to heel for "sabotaging" the elections.
- B. West Germany - Latin America [redacted] Bonn's Economics Minister Erhard made a poor impression at Sunday's meeting with Latin American representatives in Washington both because he sidestepped specific commitments and because he held forth at length on economic problems in the area which the Latin Americans are already all too familiar with. [redacted] 50X1
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- C. Venezuela Communist-inspired terrorism is on the rise again in Venezuela accompanied by resumed rumblings of coup plotting [redacted] President Betancourt is taking it all in stride and officialdom in Caracas seems unperturbed. [redacted] 50X1

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1. ARGENTINA:

A. EARLY THIS MORNING, THE POLITICAL CRISIS IN BUENOS AIRES ~~had reportedly~~ TURNED IN FAVOR OF GENERAL ONGANIA AND HIS "LEGALIST" FOLLOWERS AT CAMPO DE MAYO.

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2. CUBA:

A. YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, A US TUG REPORTED SIGHTING A CUBA-BOUND RUSSIAN CONVOY, ESCORTED BY TWO SUBMARINES, AT A POINT ABOUT 700 MILES EAST OF HAVANA. A CHECK BY ONE OF OUR NAVY AIRCRAFT VERIFIED THE PRESENCE OF FIVE SOVIET MERCHANTMEN IN THE AREA, BUT SAW NO SUBMARINES. THE NAVY HAS LAID ON A SURFACE SEARCH FOR TODAY.

B.

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ITS MILITARY FORCES FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE IN CUBA. THIS ACTIVITY IS PUZZLING; WE HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT BEFORE.

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C. THE MOVE MAY BE PURELY ADMINISTRATIVE: TO REPLACE PERSONNEL WHO HAD BEEN SUDDENLY ORDERED THERE WITH OTHERS PREPARED TO STAY FOR SOME TIME. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT COULD MEAN ANOTHER SIZEABLE INCREMENT TO SOVIET PERSONNEL IN CUBA OR A BELIEF IN MOSCOW THAT ITS PEOPLE ARE LIKELY TO BE ENGAGED IN COMBAT. WE ARE TRYING TO GET A BETTER ANSWER.

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D. RED STAR THIS MORNING CARRIES AN ARTICLE ATTACKING THE SENATE RESOLUTION ON CUBA. SOVIET MISSILE SUBMARINES, IT SAID, ARE READY TO PUT TO SEA IF TENSION IN THE CARIBBEAN CONTINUES TO RISE.

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F. IN CONAKRY, OUR AMBASSADOR WAS TOLD ON MONDAY THAT GUINEAN OFFICIALS, SOMEWHAT DISENCHANTED WITH THEIR CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT WITH THE USSR, ARE PRESENTLY DISINCLINED TO GRANT MOSCOW LANDING RIGHTS FOR AIRCRAFT HEADED FOR HAVANA.

3. CONGO:

A. THE UN PLAN FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION HAS BOGGED DOWN IN A MORASS OF LEGALISTIC ARGUMENT OVER HOW MUCH PROVINCIAL AUTONOMY OUGHT TO BE WRITTEN INTO THE CONSTITUTION.

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B. WE DO NOT HAVE A ~~CLEAR~~ ^{full} PICTURE OF WHAT IS GOING ON
IN SOUTH KASAI AND NORTHERN KATANGA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] LEOPOLDVILLE IS GETTING READY TO MAKE
A MOVE AGAINST TSHOMBE'S FORCES IN THOSE PROVINCES IF IT
HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO.

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C. A UNITED NATIONS C-47 WAS SHOT DOWN OVER NORTHERN
KATANGA YESTERDAY. NO ONE IS QUITE SURE WHO IS RESPONSIBLE,
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4. THAILAND:

A. SARIT TOLD THE PRESS YESTERDAY THAT THE TIME HAD COME FOR THAILAND TO BEGIN WORKING OUT FORMAL TRADE AND CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH THE USSR.

B. WE TAKE THIS AS THE FIRST MOVE TO GIVE BODY TO RECENT THAI THREATS TO ADOPT A MORE INDEPENDENT POLICY BECAUSE OF THEIR PIQUE OVER US POLICY TOWARDS LAOS AND CAMBODIA. HOWEVER, WE NOTE THAT SARIT WAS CAREFUL TO LEAVE HIMSELF AN ESCAPE HATCH BY SAYING THAT NOTHING DEFINITE WOULD BE DONE UNTIL FOREIGN MINISTER THANAT RETURNS FROM HIS CURRENT CHORES AT THE UN.

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D. [REDACTED] THANAT TOLD AMBASSADOR YOUNG ON TUESDAY IN BLUNT LANGUAGE THAT THE US NEED NOT EXPECT THE SAME THAI SUPPORT IN THE UN AS IT HAS RECEIVED IN THE PAST.

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5. SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS:

A. WE CANNOT CONFIRM PRESS REPORTS THAT PEIPING HAS ASKED THE USSR TO CLOSE ALL OF ITS CONSULATES IN CHINA. THERE IS, NONETHELESS, TENUOUS EVIDENCE SUGGESTING THAT MOSCOW'S POSTS AT HARBIN IN MANCHURIA AND URUMCHI IN SINKIANG MAY IN FACT HAVE BEEN CLOSED.

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B. NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE COMING TO BELIEVE THAT A NEW PERIOD OF OPEN HOSTILITY BETWEEN THE TWO POWERS HAS ARRIVED. ALBANIA HAS CHIMED IN BY ENDORSING EVERYTHING THE CHINESE HAVE HAD TO SAY ABOUT SOVIET-YUGOSLAV RAPPROCHEMENT, AND BY ATTACKING KHRUSHCHEV PERSONALLY AS WELL.

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6. COMMUNIST CHINA-JAPAN:

A. [REDACTED] A JAPANESE FIRM IS NEGOTIATING WITH COMMUNIST CHINA FOR THE IMPORTATION OF 50,000 TONS OF IRON ORE FROM HAINAN ISLAND NEXT YEAR.

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B. [REDACTED]
WE CAN SEE HOW PEIPING MIGHT BE ATTRACTED TO THE DEAL. FOR ONE THING, IT WOULD EARN BADLY NEEDED FOREIGN EXCHANGE. FOR ANOTHER, IT COULD LEAD TO THE REFURBISHING OF HAINAN'S ANTIQUATED MINING COMPLEX WITH JAPANESE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, THUS MAKING AVAILABLE TO CHINA SUBSTANTIALLY LARGER QUANTITIES OF THE RICHEST IRON ORE IN THE WORLD (OVER 70% METAL CONTENT).

C. THERE DO NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY POLITICAL OBSTACLES TO AN AGREEMENT. AS RECENTLY AS WEDNESDAY, CHEN YI WAS TELLING VISITING JAPANESE NEWSMEN THAT A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT TRADE AGREEMENT IS STILL OUT OF THE QUESTION, BUT THAT PRIVATE DEALS WERE QUITE IN ORDER.

7. SINO-INDIAN BORDER:

PEIPING IS CLAIMING THIS MORNING THAT A FIRE FIGHT IS IN PROGRESS AT THE EASTERN END OF THE SINO-INDIAN BORDER IN WHICH CHINESE FORCES HAVE SUFFERED CASUALTIES. THE SITUATION, IT SAYS,

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HAS REACHED THE CRITICAL POINT AT WHICH THE "FLAMES OF WAR
MAY FLARE UP." ALL THE FACTS ARE NOT YET IN HAND, BUT THE
TONE OF THE CHINESE BLAST IS SHRILLER THAN USUAL.

8. NOTES:

A. SOUTH VIETNAM: [redacted]

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B. INDONESIA: A CABINET SHAKE-UP SEEMS TO BE IN THE MAKING, THE HIGHLIGHT OF WHICH IS LIKELY TO BE SUBANDRIO'S ELEVATION TO THE POSITION OF FIRST MINISTER IN REWARD FOR HIS ROLE IN THE WEST NEW GUINEA SETTLEMENT.

C. AFGHANISTAN: THE AFGHANS HAVE ASKED US TO MAKE AVAILABLE TRAINING SLOTS DURING THE NEXT ACADEMIC PERIOD FOR TEN OF THEIR ARMY OFFICERS. THIS REQUEST, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN NEARLY THREE YEARS, COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MADE WITHOUT THE PERSONAL APPROVAL OF PRIME MINISTER DAUD.

D. SOMALI-ETHIOPIA: RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, NEVER VERY GOOD, HAVE BEEN BROUGHT CLOSE TO THE BREAKING POINT BY SOMALI SUSPICIONS THAT THE ETHIOPIANS ARE PLOTTING THEIR TO ASSASSINATE / PRESIDENT. [redacted]

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USSR:
E. /THERE WAS APPARENTLY ANOTHER NUCLEAR TEST AT NOVAYA ZEMLYA THIS MORNING. [redacted]

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1. CUBA:

A. OUR EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT EIGHT MORE MISSILE-EQUIPPED PATROL BOATS HAVE BEEN DELIVERED, AND CUBA NOW HAS 14 OF THESE CRAFT (EACH BOAT HAS TWO SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILES OF 15-MILE RANGE). WE BELIEVE ANOTHER SHIPMENT IS EN ROUTE. A SMALL GUN-BOAT AND A MINESWEEPER WILL ALSO ARRIVE SHORTLY. IN ADDITION TO THESE, THE SOVIETS HAVE TO DATE DELIVERED AT LEAST SIX SUBCHASERS, 16 MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS AND SOME 10 SMALL PATROL OR SERVICE CRAFT.

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B. WE HAVE NO NEW MESSAGES CONCERNING VOLUNTEERS. THE FOUR REPORTS WE DO HAVE CALLED FOR VOLUNTEERS FROM TACTICAL AIR OR AIR DEFENSE UNITS. THIS SUGGESTS THESE PERSONNEL WILL BE USED TO HELP TRAIN CUBANS IN THE USE OF THE FAIRLY ADVANCED AIR AND AIR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT THEY ARE NOW GETTING.

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C. THE OLD-TIME CUBAN COMMUNISTS, WHOM CASTRO TRIED TO CUT DOWN TO SIZE LAST APRIL, ARE SAID TO BE MAKING A COMEBACK. WE BELIEVE THAT CASTRO'S INCREASING DEPENDENCE ON MOSCOW HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THIS. IN THE FUTURE CASTRO MAY BE A GOOD DEAL LESS FREE TO RUN THINGS HIS OWN WAY THAN HE WAS EARLIER THIS YEAR.

2. ARGENTINA:

A. ARGENTINA MAY YET BE SAVED FROM A MILITARY DICTATORSHIP BY THE CONTINUING ARGUMENT OVER WHICH MILITARY FACTION IS TO TAKE CHARGE.

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[REDACTED] THE NAVY LAST NIGHT TRIED TO RESOLVE MATTERS, PLACING ITS SUPPORT BEHIND THE MILITANT ANTI-PERONIST "LOYALISTS" AND PROPOSING A THREE-MAN MILITARY JUNTA TO REPLACE GUIDO WHO, THE NAVY CLAIMED, HAD RESIGNED.

C. BUT THE CAMPO DE MAYO "REBEL" GROUP WOULD HAVE NONE OF THIS. THE GROUP DENIED GUIDO HAD RESIGNED, FOLLOWING WHICH GUIDO HIMSELF ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS STILL IN BUSINESS. THUS IT WOULD SEEM, YESTERDAY'S REBELS HAVE BECOME TODAY'S LOYALISTS.

D. MEANWHILE, SCATTERED CLASHES ARE OCCURRING BETWEEN FORCES OF BOTH SIDES DEPLOYED THROUGHOUT THE CAPITAL. THUS FAR, THE CIVILIANS ARE GETTING THE WORST OF IT.

3. LAOS:

A. RUMORS ARE CIRCULATING IN VIENTIANE THAT PHOUMI PLANS A COUP ON 9 OCTOBER AFTER OUR PERSONNEL HAVE COMPLETED THEIR WITHDRAWAL.

B. WE HAVE NO FIRM EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THIS BUT PHOUMI TOLD A GROUP OF HIS MILITARY SUPPORTERS LAST WEEK THAT IF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARE NOT OUT OF LAOS BY 7 OCTOBER, THERE WOULD BE A RESUMPTION OF HOSTILITIES.

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4. CONGO:

A. NINE OF THE TEN PERSONS (ALL SWEDISH) ON THE UN PLANE SHOT DOWN OVER KATANGA THURSDAY SURVIVED; TWO ARE SERIOUSLY HURT, HOWEVER. WE HAVE NOT YET DETERMINED WHO FIRED THE SHOTS, BUT STILL THINK IT PROBABLY WAS THE KATANGESE.

B. [REDACTED] 50X1
LEOPOLDVILLE IS READYING A BATTALION FOR MOVEMENT TO NORTH KATANGA. THIS WOULD BE CONTRARY TO U THANT'S CALL FOR A HALT TO ALL TROOP MOVEMENTS IN KATANGA AND WOULD GIVE TSHOMBE AN EXCUSE TO STOP EVEN HIS NOMINAL COOPERATION WITH THE UN INTEGRATION PLAN.

C. THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IS ALSO STILL PREPARING TO MOVE SOME TROOPS TO KASAI, BUT THEY HAVE NOT STARTED YET. THE PROJECT MAY STILL RUN OUT OF GAS BEFORE IT TAKES OFF.

D. FIGHTING CONTINUES IN NORTH KATANGA, IN A DESULTORY WAY, MOSTLY AS A RESULT OF PROBING BY KATANGESE TRYING TO GET OUT OF THE BOX THEY ARE IN AT KONGOLO.

5. NOTES:

A. GHANA: NKRUMAH HAS DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE ACCRA AREA.

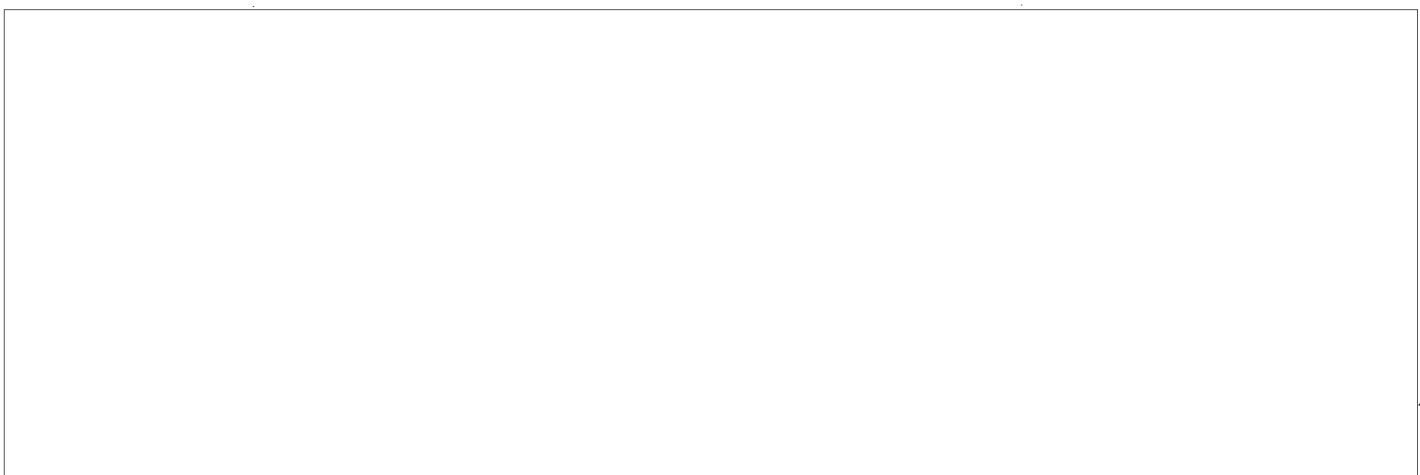
B. TURKEY: A GROUP OF SENIOR MILITARY COMMANDERS HAS READIED PLANS TO TAKE OVER AS SOON AS INONU INDICATES HIS GOVERNMENT CAN NO LONGER BE EFFECTIVE.

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1. LAOS:

A. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AND PATHET LAO HAVE PULLED THEIR JOINT HEADQUARTERS OUT OF KHANG KHAY.

B. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM AN ANALYSIS [redacted]

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[redacted] THAT PART OF IT WAS MOVED IN EARLY AUGUST TO THE SAM NEUA AREA (A CENTER OF PATHET LAO STRENGTH) PRESUMABLY AS PART OF THE REGROUPMENT OF COMMUNIST ELEMENTS INTO THE MORE INACCESSIBLE AREAS OF NORTHEAST LAOS. THE OTHER HEADQUARTERS ELEMENT HAS BEEN SET UP IN NORTH VIETNAM NEAR HANOI. [redacted]

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C. [redacted] SOUVANNA LAID IT ON THE LINE TO SOU- 50X1 PHANNOUVONG LAST WEEK JUST BEFORE THE LATTER LEFT FOR PEIPING [redacted] AND MOSCOW TO GET HIS "BARACHE" FIXED. NOT ONLY DOES HE WANT THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS AND NORTH VIETNAMESE OUT [redacted]

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[redacted] BY 8 OCTOBER, BUT HE WANTS THE SAME 50X1 FREEDOM OF ACCESS TO AREAS CONTROLLED BY SOUPHANNOUVONG AS 50X1 PHOUMI HAS GIVEN HIM. OTHERWISE, SOUVANNA [redacted]
[redacted] WILL RESIGN ON THAT DATE AND LEAVE LAOS PERMANENTLY. 50X1

D. SOUVANNA MAY HAVE MEANT THIS, AND CERTAINLY MEANT IT AS A THREAT, BUT WE ARE NOT CONFIDENT THAT SOUPHANNOUVONG WILL THINK IT MUCH OF A THREAT. 50X1

E. [redacted] RUMORS
[redacted] THAT PHOUMI IS PLANNING A COUP. [redacted] 50X1
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2. ARGENTINA:

A. ARGENTINA'S LATEST MILITARY-INDUCED CRISIS HAS
ENDED LIKE THE MANY BEFORE IT IN RECENT MONTHS--WITH THE BASIC
ISSUES STILL TO BE SETTLED IN THE POLITICAL ARENA.

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B. GUIDO, STILL THE PAWN IN THE MIDDLE, WILL HAVE TO
BALANCE THINGS CAREFULLY, AND ANY SCISSORS AND PASTE ARRANGE-
MENT HE COMES UP WITH IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS CAN EASILY COME UN-
STUCK. IN A SHORT STATEMENT YESTERDAY, HE PROMISED EARLY ELEC-
TIONS, ADDING, ENIGMATICALLY, THAT ALL SECTORS WILL BE ALLOWED
TO PARTICIPATE "IF THEY ADHERE TO DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES."

3. CONGO:

A. AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE CONFIRMS THE PRESENCE OF FIVE
HARVARD (T-6) AIRCRAFT IN KATANGA. THIS US-MADE, CONVENTIONAL,
SINGLE-ENGINE, TWO-PLACE TRAINER, WHICH IS USED BY THE SOUTH
VIETNAMESE FOR GROUND ATTACK, GIVES THE KATANGESE THEIR FIRST
REAL, ALBEIT LIMITED, COMBAT SUPPORT CAPABILITY. AT THE MO-
MENT THEY ARE BEING PAINTED IN CAMOUFLAGE.

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B. NO NEW MOVES YET BY GOVERNMENT TROOPS INTO NORTH
KATANGA.

C. TSHOMBE

HAS HAD A QUARREL WITH HIS IN-

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TERIOR MINISTER MUNONGO WHO OBJECTS VIOLENTLY TO RECONCILIATION
TALKS. MUNONGO IS SAID TO HAVE TAKEN TO THE BUSH TO ROUND UP
SUPPORT. HE IS NOT LIKELY TO GET IT RIGHT AWAY FROM MERCE-
ARIES, BUT THERE ARE TRIBAL CHIEFS WHO WILL GO ALONG WITH HIM.
IF HE SUCCEEDS, TSHOMBE MAY HAVE TO RETRENCH.

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D. THE UN PLANE, IT TURNS OUT, WAS SHOT DOWN BY CENTRAL
GOVERNMENT TROOPS, NOT KATANGESE.

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4. UK/COMMON MARKET:

A. WITH THE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE BEHIND IT, MACMILLAN'S
GOVERNMENT IS NOW MORE COMMITTED THAN EVER TO BRINGING BRITAIN
INTO THE COMMON MARKET, AND THE NEXT HURDLE IS TO BRING BRITISH
PUBLIC OPINION AROUND. A MASSIVE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN
LAUNCHED TO STEM THE DRIFT OF OPINION WHICH HAS BEEN GOING THE
OTHER WAY. A TEST OF ITS SUCCESS WILL COME IN NOVEMBER'S BY-
ELECTIONS.

B. SPAAK, MEANWHILE, TELLS US THE ITALIANS WERE STUNG BY
THE IMPLICATION IN DE GAULLE'S STATEMENTS IN GERMANY THAT EU-
ROPE MUST BE BUILT AROUND A BONN-PARIS AXIS TO WHICH THEY AND
BENELUX ARE EXPECTED TO RALLY. THE RESULT IS THAT THEY WILL
JOIN WITH BENELUX IN TRYING TO EASE BRITAIN'S ENTRY AND WILL
DO NOTHING TOWARD A POLITICAL TREATY WHICH EXCLUDES BRITAIN.

5. NEPAL:

KING MAHENDRA HAS ABRUPTLY DUMPED HIS MODERATE FOREIGN MINISTER, THE ONLY REALLY KNOWLEDGEABLE FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL HE HAS, AND REPLACED HIM WITH HIS INDIA-BAITING, PEKING-LEANING BITTER RIVAL AND PREDECESSOR. THE REASON GIVEN, "TO BRING STILL MORE UNIFORMITY AND SOLIDARITY TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS," IS CORRECT. THE COUNCIL NOW WILL BE [REDACTED] 50X1
[REDACTED] 50X6
[REDACTED] 50X6

6. NOTES:

A. BERLIN: TWO EAST BERLINERS ESCAPED TO WEST BERLIN THIS WEEK END IN FAKE US ARMY UNIFORMS MADE IN EAST BERLIN. [REDACTED] 50X1

B. CUBA: ONE OF THE MISSILE INSTALLATIONS WHICH WE HAD THOUGHT TO BE A SA-2 SITE TURNS OUT TO BE A SECOND CRUISE-TYPE COASTAL DEFENSE MISSILE SITE. [REDACTED] 50X1K1
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C. ECUADOR: AROSEMENA, BREATHING 100-PROOF FIRE FROM HIS STRONGHOLD IN GUAYAQUIL LAST WEEK END, MAY HAVE RALLIED SOME POPULAR SUPPORT WITH HIS HARANGUE BUT PANNED REGIONAL ANTAGONISMS IN THE PROCESS AND MADE CONGRESS MORE DETERMINED TO OUST HIM. [REDACTED] 50X1

D. YUGOSLAVIA/USSR: SOVIET PRESIDENT BREZHNEV ARRIVED IN BELGRADE THIS MORNING FOR A 10-DAY ROUND OF TALKS AND CEREMONY TO SHOW THAT THE OFF-AGAIN-ON- AGAIN FRIENDSHIP IS OFFICIALLY ON AGAIN. IT IS A RETURN VISIT FOR TITO'S TRIP TO THE USSR IN 1956. THE CHINESE, WITH ALBANIAN ACCOMPANIMENT, ARE PLAYING IT PORTISSIMO. [REDACTED]

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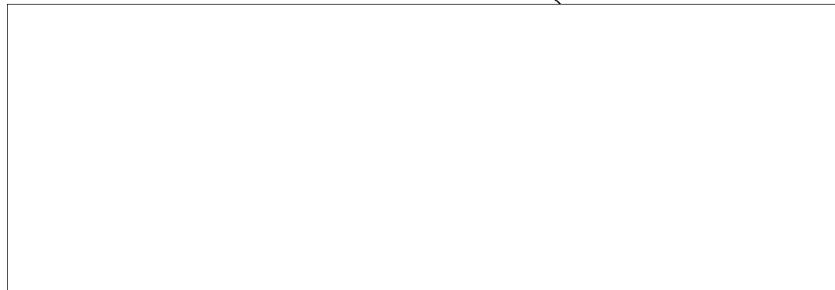


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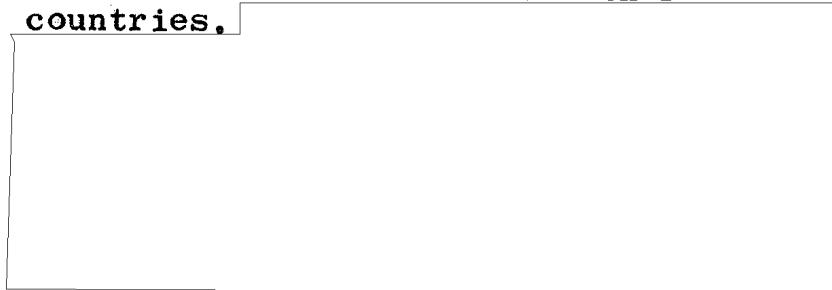
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1. Cuba



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b. The Soviet build-up is apparently being accomplished at some cost to Moscow's commitments to other countries.



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c. In Paris, NATO countries are split three ways on whether to bar the chartering of their ships to the bloc for the Cuba run. The count is five in favor, four on the fence, and five against. These opposed (UK, Greece, Netherlands, Norway and Denmark) provide the bulk of the shipping involved. They argue lack of authority to prevent trade in non-strategic goods.



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e. The Alpha-66 exile group announced in Miami yesterday that the organization had budgeted more than \$12,000 for another foray against Cuba.

2. Cabot-Wang talks

a. As expected, the U-2 incident over east China earlier this month was the reason the Chinese asked for last Thursday's special meeting with Ambassador Cabot.

b. Wang talked toughly, saying such incidents, if not stopped forthwith, could bring on a war, but did not try to deliver a formal note.

c. Cabot does not rule out the possibility that the Chinese are thinking of using the incident as a pretext to launch some sort of retaliatory operation. He feels, however, that the protest is more probably a reflection of Peiping's gall over what it considers a public demonstration that the US does not show the same prudence toward China that it does toward the USSR.

3. Southern Rhodesia

a. Salisbury's crackdown last week on the local African nationalist movement may bring on more serious violence than the nationalist activities which caused it.

b. Joshua Nkomo, the nationalists' leader who set himself up as head of a government in exile in neighboring Tanganyika on Sunday, plans to use Tanganyika as a base for terrorist activities.

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4. Laos

a. The reactivated Soviet air-lift has maintained regular operations to all parts of Laos for the second week running. Our tabulation of 39 flights is down from last week's 59, probably because of bad weather.

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b. The Pathet Lao are again charging that Phoumi's forces are violating the cease-fire. This outburst, we suspect, is meant for the record to provide justification for operations against the Meos and other rightist outposts in Pathet Lao - controlled territory.

c. Playing tit-for-tat, Vientiane yesterday recalled its ambassador from South Vietnam for "consultations."

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d. Souphanouvong today took off from Peiping for Moscow after four days of consultations with top Chinese Communist leaders.

5. Argentina

a. Guido and Onganía may not be altogether out of the woods, although the prevailing sentiment on all sides is against a renewal of violence.

b. The Navy's unhappiness over the recent turn of events was underscored last night when 25 members of the powerful Council of Admirals turned in their resignations.

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SUMMARY: BERLIN SITUATION

1. Since the closing of the Soviet Kommandatura on 22 August, there has been no major change on the local scene.
2. We think, however, that the trend of events during the past three weeks, as set forth below, strongly suggests that the Soviets will heat up the Berlin problem again in November and at least initiate steps leading to a separate peace treaty. We note that November is the fourth anniversary of Khrushchev's reopening of the Berlin question, and that Soviet military forces normally reach their annual peak of readiness at about this time.
3. Chronology:

28 August: Khrushchev categorically tells U Thant that a treaty will be signed some day soon. Expressed a conviction the West would not fight.

3 September: Ulbricht returns from month-long visit to USSR; [redacted]

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8 September: [redacted] East German forces may be getting ready to blockade Berlin in November.

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11 September: TASS notes the pause in Berlin negotiations pending US elections, but emphasizes this is not a retreat from Communist demands.

11-17 September: Khrushchev takes same line with various European VIP's that he did with U Thant, saying treaty can be delayed until November. He laid out a timetable calling for meetings between Secretary Rusk and Gromyko in New York, followed by his own visit to the UN, during which he hoped to see President Kennedy. He also hinted at an intention to put the Soviet case before the UN in November if a satisfactory settlement had not been worked out.

18 September: TASS calls for abolition of "NATO Kommandaturas" in Berlin and conclusion of a peace treaty.

NOTES

A. Sino-Indian border There has been no letup in the battle of communiqus between New Delhi and Peiping. The only thing that seems to be certain is that skirmishing continues.

B. East Germany With the harvest in, Warsaw Pact exercises are about to get under way. We have identified some Polish troops in East Germany.

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C. Communist China First guesses on China's 1962 grain production, now coming in from all sides, are somewhat divergent. Our preliminary estimate lines us up with those who say the harvest will be only slightly better than last year's.

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E. Yugoslavia-USSR: The Yugoslav reception for Soviet President Brezhnev, yesterday was almost painfully elaborate. Ambassador Kennan comments that the only people who seemed really to enjoy the show were the school children turned out for the occasion. We note that although Brezhnev is making a government-to-government visit, he has the Soviet party official in charge of relations with non-bloc communist parties buried in his entourage.

F. Ethiopia - Somali Republic: Relations between the two countries, already near the breaking point, may not be able to stand the strain of an Ethiopian attempt on Sunday to arrest a Somali diplomat on charges of spying.

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1. Cuba

- a. The port facility in Cuba, which the Soviets contracted for yesterday, will be the first base for their fishing fleets outside the bloc.
- b. The Soviet North Atlantic fishing fleet of some 500 trawlers has operated primarily around the Grand Banks, but has been extending its operations southward. Some of the trawlers are converted for oceanographic research and communications intelligence operations.
- c. We do not know where the base is planned, but would expect some port to be chosen which already has some facilities (and could be expanded later) to permit early use by Soviet vessels.
- d. Meanwhile, Panama is following up Senator Smathers' idea of a Caribbean region military alliance against Cuba.
- e. Panamanian delegates in New York are promoting a meeting of the ten countries concerned to consider the idea and to work out an agreed position to present at the forthcoming Washington meetings.

2. Berlin

a. U Thant told Ambassador Stevenson yesterday, in connection with Khrushchev's idea of posting a UN observer in Berlin, that he did not feel the UN should undertake heavy responsibilities in Berlin at present.

b. As a beginning, however, U Thant thought that as a humanitarian measure an observer might be useful, perhaps assisting divided families on both sides of the wall and carrying out some degree of liaison between the two sides. In any case, he did not want to take the initiative in the matter.

c. The subject of Berlin did not come up during Secretary Rusk's luncheon meeting with Gromyko yesterday.

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4. France-Algeria

a.

over 3,000 Europeans who have disappeared in Algeria since early July as victims of Algerian reprisals.

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b. Paris is trying to hush up the matter, both to encourage refugees to return (there are some 650,000 of them) and to reduce the political impact of the refugee issue on the October referendum and the later assembly elections.

c. Ben Bella is still putting his government together.

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5. Congo

a.

more Katangan planes have been spotted at the same airfield where UN reconnaissance earlier showed Harvards [redacted].

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b. The new planes, also thought to be Harvards, are [redacted] adjacent to the field at Kolwezi. Word is that the Katangans have arranged to obtain an unknown number of P-51 Mustangs, but we have no confirmation.

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c. Reports that the Katangan gendarmerie has been expanded [redacted]

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also show that Tshombé has in mind the possibility of an eventual military showdown.

REVIEW OF THE SITUATION IN YEMEN

1. Seventy-one-year-old Imam Ahmad [redacted] died of pulmonary illness on 19 September.

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[redacted]
He was one of the more colorful monarchs of the area.

2. He had ruled Yemen's 5 million citizens since 1948 by buying off powerful tribal chiefs, taking "custody" (i.e., hostage) of their sons and ruthlessly suppressing all dissidence. During his reign he survived two coup attempts (one, in 1955, was led by his brother whom the Imam later publicly executed in a mass beheading), a tribal revolt, and an assassination attempt.

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4. Mohammed Badr, the late Imam's 35-year-old son and "Crown Prince," has moved quickly to consolidate his position as the new Imam. In a bid for support, he has announced a general amnesty for political prisoners and abolished the system of hostages. There has as yet been no overt opposition to him, but his accession is known to be resented by Yemen's powerful northern tribes.

5. The Imamate, which is in fact a religious office from which the holder derives political authority as well, has by custom been filled by tribal agreement. The northern tribal chiefs object to the arbitrary designation of Badr by the late Imam. They would prefer Prince Hasan, Imam Ahmad's brother, who is presently in New York as head of the Yemeni UN delegation.
6. Hasan is adopting a wait-and-see attitude toward Badr and has denied that he plans to return to Yemen to lead the opposition.

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7. Badr has relatively progressive ideas, by Yemeni standards (i.e., he wants to drag the Yemeni out of the eleventh century but certainly not into the twentieth). But he has not shown himself to have his father's strength of purpose.
8. In attempting to placate the conservative tribal elements, Badr runs the risk of exposing himself to overthrow by pro-Nasir republican elements
The Egyptian government's overt relationship might become reasonably cordial
9. Badr, as Crown Prince, was instrumental in obtaining economic and military aid from the Soviet bloc. This represents economic opportunism rather than political conviction.

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NOTES

A. French Tests The French plan several atomic tests in the Sahara between late next month and early December. These [redacted] will be the last in the Sahara. Thereafter, testing (not before the middle of next year) will be done [redacted] in the Pacific, [redacted]

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B. China-USSR The Reuters correspondent in Peiping claims that Russian officials there have acknowledged the two remaining Soviet consulates at Shanghai and Harbin will be closed next month "as an economy move." Rumors to this effect had earlier been denied by Soviet officials in Shanghai and Peiping, but we had thought it a distinct possibility and are now inclined to accept it as a fact.

C. China [redacted]

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D. USSR Extensive Far Eastern military exercises of the past three weeks have ended. They featured live firing to Kamchatka of three medium-range missiles.

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E. [redacted]

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1. Cuba

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[redacted] at least two Soviet ships delivering [redacted] MIG-21s. We now estimate there are 25-30 aircraft of this type in Cuba.

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b. Our running account of the number of Soviet dry cargo vessels making the voyage to Cuba since mid-July is now over 100. About 85 of these probably were carrying military hardware.

c. The Cuban Foreign Office on Tuesday ordered Western correspondents to put in for new credentials by today, telling them that all of Cuba beyond Havana's city limits is out of bounds except by special permission.

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2. Soviet Fishing Port in Cuba

a. It now appears that the port will be located in Havana Bay. The fact that it will be under continual observation by ships of many nations strengthens our belief that under present circumstances its primary function will be economic rather than military.

b. The Cuban fishing fleet--now very small but in process of expansion--will use the port along with the Soviets. The Soviets will also assist in developing the Cuban fishing industry. Under the agreement, they are to provide Cuba with additional food shipments, which amounts to a continuing commitment to shoulder Cuba's food problem.

c. Soviet fishing fleet support vessels (tankers and mother ships) based at the port could, of course, service Soviet naval and electronic surveillance vessels at sea.

d. The timing of the agreements, along with Gromyko's denunciation at the UN of US policy toward Cuba, reflects Moscow's desire to avoid any appearance of retreating in the face of US pronouncements.

3. USSR-Indonesia-Afghanistan

a. Moscow seems intent on extracting a full pound of flesh from both Djakarta and Kabul in settlement of past favors.

b. In the case of Indonesia, the Soviets are said to want their loans fully repaid on schedule in shipments of tin, oil, and copra. For Afghanistan, the price of a new trade agreement is to be a three-year monopoly on its exports of karakul skins and rugs.

c. We note that these goods provide the bulk of hard currency earnings for the two countries. Neither can afford to give them away in any substantial quantities and expect to keep its economy on an even keel.

4. Congo

a. Judging by his mood on Tuesday, U Thant is sorely tempted to throw in the towel.

b. On that day, he approved a plan to end the Union Miniere's payments to Katanga. He indicated, however, that he would seek Security Council authority to close down the UN's Congo operations if the plan failed.

c. Tshombé's attitude, in contrast, is one of burgeoning confidence. His contemptuous rejection yesterday of the UN's protest over the booby trapping of one of its patrols is only the latest, and a comparatively minor, symptom. He has virtually suspended negotiations for ending Katanga's secession, and is demanding that the UN evacuate the Elisabethville airfield.

d. Adoula, fed to the gills with the vagaries of Congolese parliamentarians, is once again talking of throwing them out and governing by decree. Mobutu will back him and, presumably, the army will back Mobutu.

5. Laos

a. We have so far been unable to turn up any clues as to what Souphanouvong, who has now been in Moscow for three days, is up to.

b. It is evident, however, that the main purpose of his trip is neither to obtain treatment for an earache nor a pleasure junket.

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c. In Laos, Souvanna's people sat down with the Pathet Lao last Friday to thrash out some of their differences. Both sides went through the ritual of reaffirming their adherence to the principles of mutual trust and understanding, but neither showed much give when it came to working out arrangements for access into each other's territory. They plan to wrestle some more on this one.

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6. Yemen

a. All we have so far on the coup in Sana are the rebel radio broadcasts saying that Mohammed Badr, the Imam of eight days, has been "got rid of" and that a "Free Yemeni Republic" has been established. It is clear, however, that the anti-monarchical group

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has made its move earlier than we had anticipated in our piece yesterday.

b. We do not know whether the rebellion extends beyond Sana. It is improbable that the northern tribes supporting Badr's uncle Hasan (who is still in New York) will go along, and a countermove by them or, by Badr if he is still alive is quite possible.

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USIB WATCH COMMITTEE MEETING--26 SEPTEMBER 1962

1. The United States Intelligence Board yesterday approved the weekly report of its Watch Committee. The report focused attention on the reopening of the Sino-Soviet dispute, bloc military exercises, the Sino-Indian border, and on recent events in Cuba, Berlin, and Southeast Asia.
2. The Committee reaffirmed its conclusion that the Communist side does not intend in the immediate future to initiate direct military action.

NOTES

A. USSR-Space The Soviets this morning launched from Tyuratam what appears to be an unmanned, recoverable earth satellite. [redacted]

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B. USSR The annual movement of naval vessels to join the Soviet Pacific Fleet via the Northern Sea Route has been completed. This year's convoy, composed of eight submarines and several small surface craft, was one of the smallest in recent years. [redacted]

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C. USSR-Bloc Another meeting of the Bloc's Economic Coordinating Council, at the deputy premier level, is under way in Moscow. This one looks like a nuts-and-bolts session on how to go about economic integration.

D. North Korea Pyongyang, on Tuesday, put in its two-cents worth on the Sino-Soviet ideological dispute with a blast at "Tito revisionism" which must have been well received in Peiping.

E. Angola The recent appearance of armed Africans in Luanda and the use of more sophisticated weapons by the rebels in the countryside indicates that Portugal's Angolan headache is getting worse. [redacted]

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F. UN - West New Guinea Indonesia and the Netherlands are agreeable to the appointment of James Barrington, former Burmese Ambassador to the US, as the UN administrator in West New Guinea during the transfer of power period. All that is needed is for Barrington to agree. [redacted]

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G. Ecuador Rightist congressmen have been unable to go forward with impeachment of Arosemena. Arosemena is still skating on thin ice, but seems to be winning grudging admiration, and support, from the military.

H. India [redacted]

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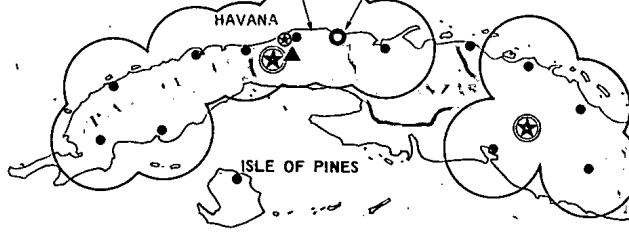
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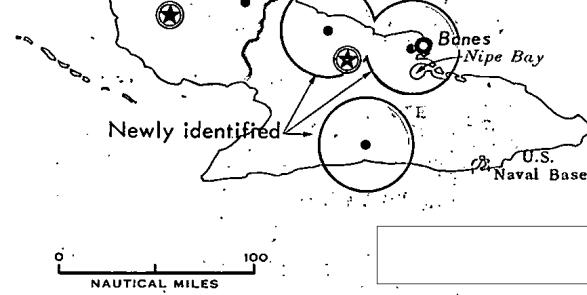
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Site of unidentified activity, Santa Cruz
possibly missile related.



MISSILE ACTIVITY IN CUBA, SEPTEMBER 62

- Confirmed surface-to-air missile (SAM) site
- Possible SAM site, exact location unknown
- ▲ Support facility for processing equipment
- ★ Airfield with MIG aircraft
- Probable coastal defense cruise-missile site
- Effective air defense perimeter (estimated radius 20 - 25 nautical miles)



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1. Cuba

a. Latest photographic reconnaissance confirms two more surface-to-air missile sites in Cuba and possibly a third still in the early stages of construction. This makes a total of 13 confirmed sites. The new sites are in Oriente Province, but none are within range of normal aircraft lanes serving Guantanamo.

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b. [redacted] coastal defense cruise-missile site near Banes is now operational, with a missile observed on one of the two launchers.

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c. [redacted]

[redacted] there has been a new wave of arrests and executions

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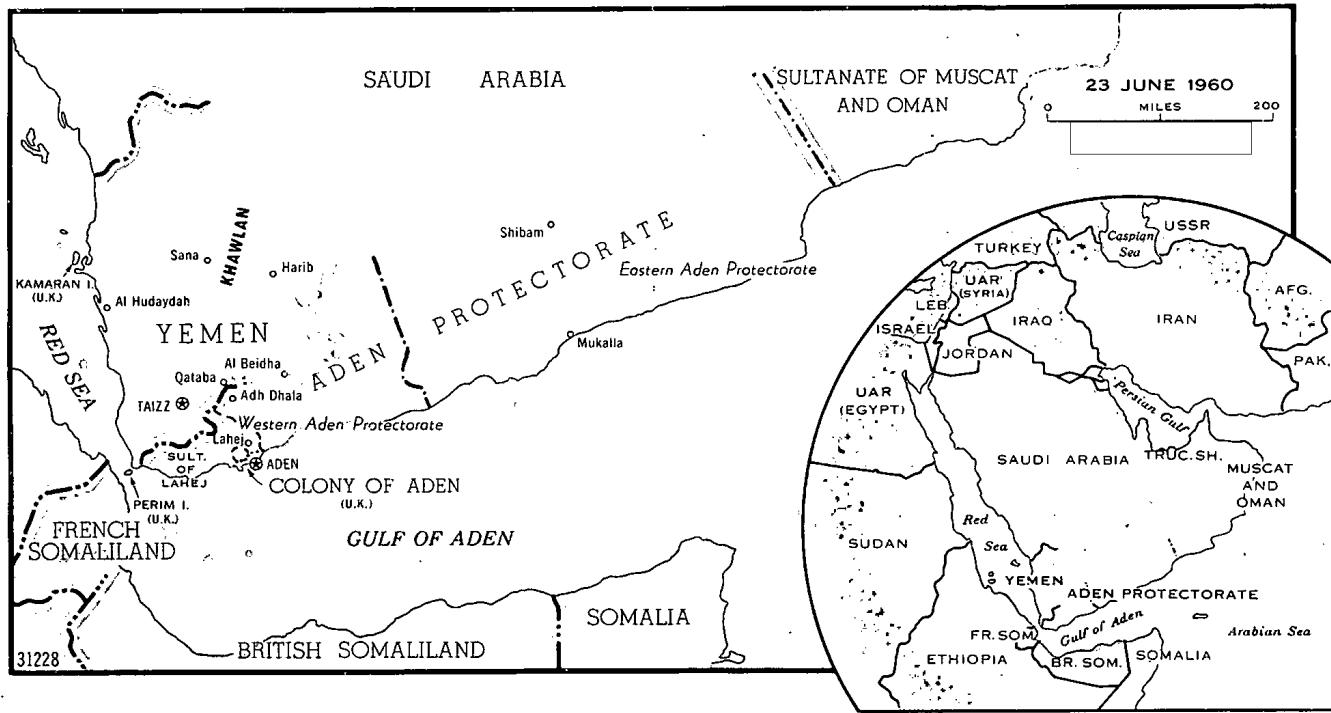
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2. Warsaw Pact

a. Warsaw Pact exercises began, unannounced, on Tuesday with maneuvers by Soviet and Satellite forces in Czechoslovakia and East Germany.

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b. Last year's exercises were announced in advance, presumably to give weight to Soviet pressures at the time on Berlin. The absence of any announcement this year suggests there will be no attempt this time to relate the exercises to the Berlin problem.

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3. Yemen

a. Prince Hasan is heading home to marshal loyal tribes in the north and have it out with the rebels.

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b. Meanwhile, the rebel army command has acted swiftly to consolidate its gains. It controls the major centers of Sana, Taiz, and Hudaydah and other towns, but progress in the tribal countryside, particularly in the north, will be a harder, longer task. Yemen's two strongest tribes in the north have not declared their loyalty to the rebels.

c. We have identified a key officer in the rebel group, Brigadier Abdullah al-Sallal. He was commander of Imam Badr's bodyguard at the time of the coup--which makes it a virtual certainty that Badr, as the rebels claim, has been killed. The rebels say that Badr was buried in the debris when the castle was demolished.

d. [redacted]

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Cairo's transparent delight with the turn of events betrays a complicity in them which we do not doubt. However, the key men in the UAR-sponsored Free Yemeni Movement have yet to show.

e. If the rebels can make it stick, they may, like Qasim, prove more independent than Cairo would like. [redacted]

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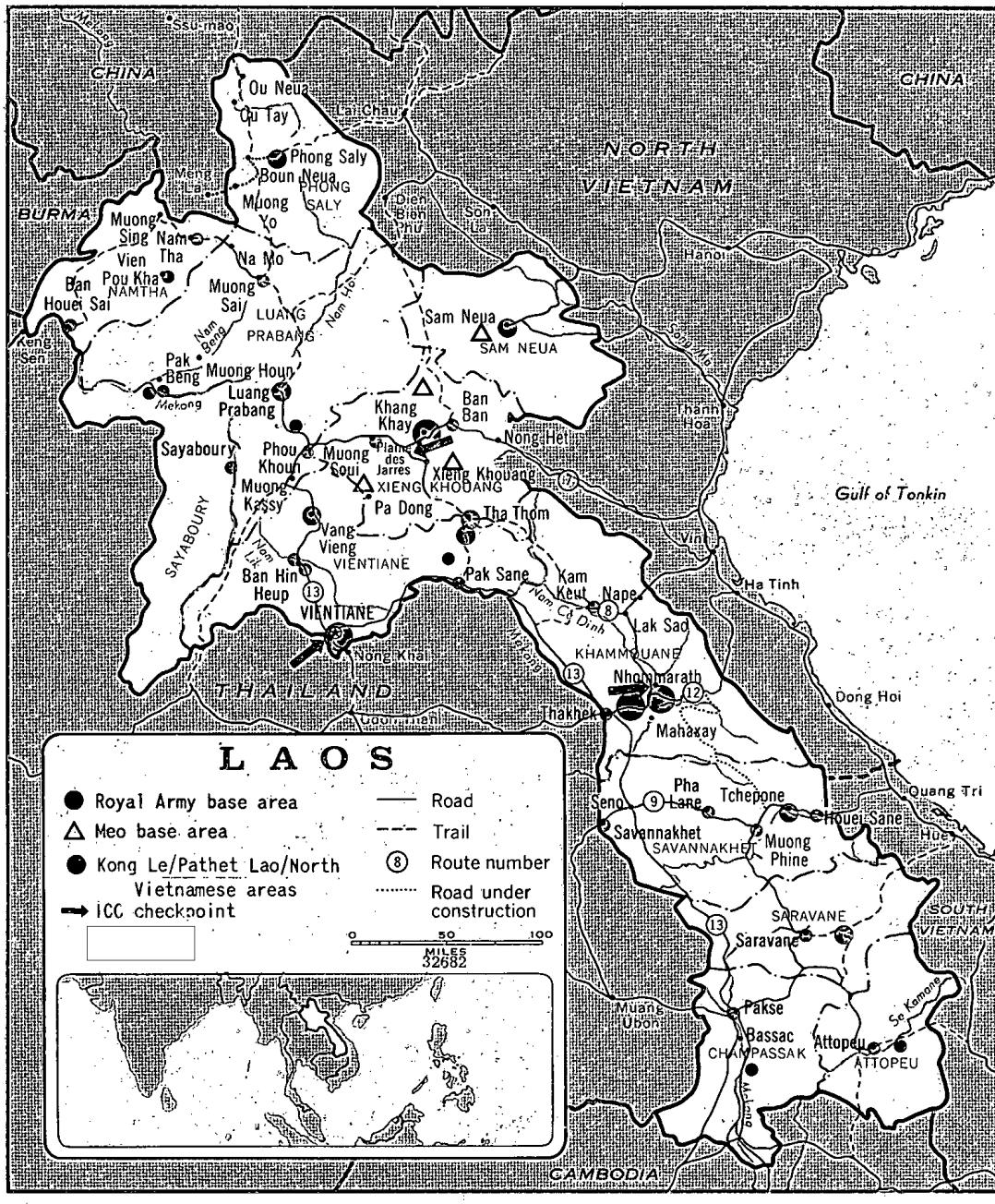
f. We have had no direct word from our legation in Taiz; Ambassador Hart in Jidda will try today to make contact with them.

4. Spaak on EEC

a. With pressure mounting on the EEC members to reach a decision soon on the application of the smaller European countries, Spaak--who has long been cool to admitting Sweden, Switzerland, and Austria--is now having second thoughts about Denmark, Norway, and Ireland as well.

b. Spaak thinks that these countries want to join purely for commercial reasons, and that their presence in the EEC would obstruct progress toward political union [redacted]
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North Vietnamese Withdrawal from Laos

A Summary Review

1. Souvanna has made virtually no progress toward effective government in Laos.
2. Phoumi is cooperating with Souvanna, up to a point, hoping to woo him to the conservative side. This strategy is having some effect as Souvanna is increasingly critical of Souphanouvong's intransigence. Neither Phoumi nor Souphanouvong, however, have given up control of any territory, nor have they shown a willingness to integrate their forces. The Pathet Lao have not even permitted Souvanna to enter most of their territory.
3. There has been no major fighting. However, the Communists continue trying to mop up the Meo guerrillas, and there have been some skirmishes in the south.
4. The most immediate issue, and the key to any progress by Souvanna, is the withdrawal of North Vietnamese forces. Our most recent estimate concludes that:

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The Communists will almost certainly seek to retain as many North Vietnamese forces and military advisers in Laos as they can do with safety. Souvanna will almost certainly be unable to prevent Communist use of southern Laos as a corridor for assisting the Viet Cong effort in South Vietnam.

5. Designation of checkpoints where the International Control Commission would observe foreign troop withdrawal was delayed until 23 August as a result of Pathet Lao refusal to concede the presence of North Vietnamese forces. Although Souvanna had indicated a preference for several checkpoints in Pathet Lao territory, he-- and Phoumi--compromised on Nhommarath, which, in fact, belongs to Kong Le rather than the Pathet Lao. The Plaine des Jarres and Vientiane were the other two checkpoints established (Pakse and Savannakhet were established later).

6. So far, the only overt North Vietnamese withdrawal has been the 15 "technicians" who left through the Plaine des Jarres checkpoint on 27 August. Five additional North Vietnamese are scheduled to leave from Nhommarath shortly.

7. We are reasonably convinced, however, that some North Vietnamese troops have withdrawn [redacted]

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[redacted] to more inaccessible regions along the eastern border. The following is a boiled-down summary of evidence upon which our conclusions are based:

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- 25-31 July: Twenty-two Soviet airlift shuttle flights were noted between North Vietnam and Nam Tha, possibly carrying out North Vietnamese personnel and equipment.

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-early August: A North Vietnamese battalion, composed of troops from Vang Vieng, the Plaine des Jarres, and Tha Thom, moved through Ban Ban and into North Vietnam over Route 7.

-early August: The joint North Vietnamese - Pathet Lao headquarters at Khang Khay was split up, part withdrawn to North Vietnam and part regrouped in the Pathet Lao stronghold in Sam Neua province.

-mid-August: Some 200 North Vietnamese at Tchepone airfield reportedly were changing into Lao uniforms.

-20 August: North Vietnamese troop withdrawal from Nhommarath was completed. Twenty-five trucks carrying North Vietnamese troops were seen going east on Route 12.

-23 August: Agreement reached on Nhommarath as a check-point.

-25 August: Soviet airlift suspends resupply flights.

-late August: Several reports were received that North Vietnamese were concealed along Route 7 between Ban Ban and the North Vietnamese border.

-3 September: North Vietnamese forces reportedly were moving east from Kham Keut to new positions between Ban Nape and the North Vietnamese border.

-10 September: Soviet airlift resumes resupply flights.

-14 September: Souphanouvong admitted that "some" North Vietnamese were still in Laos but said they would be withdrawn by the end of the month.

-15 September:

[redacted] the North Vietnamese had not moved out of Savannakhet and Khammouane provinces but rather were "still with the Pathet Lao and, under Pathet Lao cover, are staying concealed from the local inhabitants."

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-23 September: Souvanna expressed



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determination to
press for complete North Vietnamese withdrawal.

-26 September: North Vietnamese military communications facilities continue to operate in the Nam Tha - Muong Sai area, east of Tha Thom, and at Tchepone.



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NOTES

- A. USSR We are puzzling over the comparatively near miss which occurred yesterday when an ICBM vehicle launched from Tyuratam at about 10 in the morning our time came within 500 miles of Cosmos IX which the Soviets had launched earlier in the day, also from Tyuratam. 50X1
[Redacted]
- B. [Redacted]
- C. Ecuador The move to impeach Arosemena fell flat in Congress yesterday, largely because most legislators dislike Vice President Varea even more. The rightists will now try to do what some had recommended be done in the first place, replace Varea before trying to get Arosemena.

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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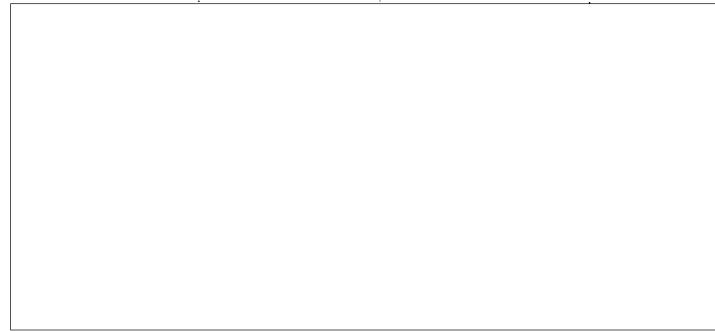
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1. Laos

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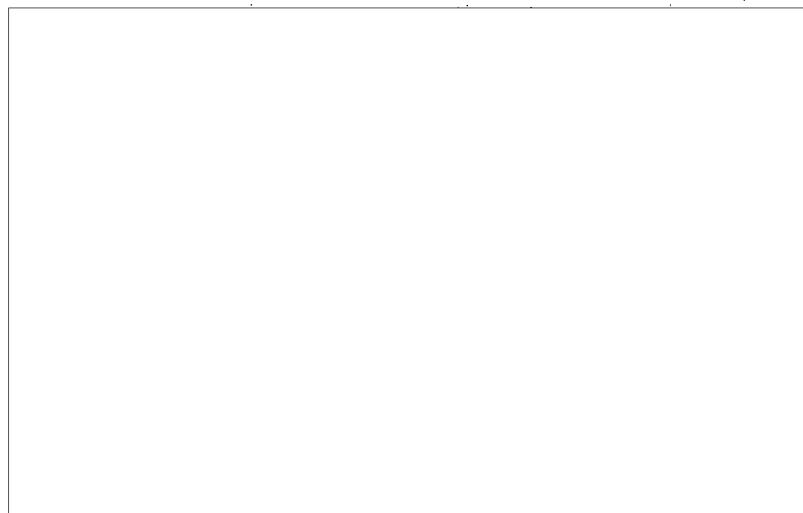


b. The latest word we have on the withdrawal of Vietnamese forces is negative. Five "military technicians," who were supposed to have checked out of Nhommarath under the eyes of the ICC on Tuesday, failed to turn up and have not been heard from since.

c. In Vientiane, meanwhile, the Pathet Lao minister of information has taken a hard line on the Meos. His side, he declared, intends to put an end to supply flights to these people after 7 October, using force if necessary, and without regard to whether Souvanna likes it or not.

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2. USSR



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3. Warsaw Pact
Exercise

a. The preliminary phase ended on Thursday and large-scale movements commenced yesterday in Czechoslovakia and East Germany. Polish, Czech, and East German, as well as Soviet elements, are taking part. [redacted]

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b. As best as we can make out, the exercise consists of a holding action against an imaginary NATO penetration toward Leipzig in southern East Germany, together with an all-out defense against an attack across the plains of north Germany. [redacted]

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4. USSR-Iraq

Moscow, moving to make good on a deal negotiated a year ago, is set to deliver [] TU-16 jet medium bombers to Iraq next week. It is also committed to turn over [] missile-equipped MIG-21's, [] MIG-15 trainers, and [] IL-28 jet light bombers before the end of the year. When this is done, the value of military assistance rendered to Baghdad since 1958 will total about \$350 million.

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5. Yemen

a. The new regime now calls itself the "Yemeni Arab Republic" and has established an administrative structure headed by a revolutionary council. Abdullah al-Sallal, the Imam's erstwhile bodyguard who led Wednesday's revolt, has assumed the positions of prime minister and commander-in-chief.

b. As expected, the figures now emerging from the shadows to take responsible positions in the government are turning out to be members of the UAR-sponsored Free Yemeni Movement. So far, Sallal's deputy, the foreign minister, and the education minister have been so identified.

c. Sana radio this morning claimed the regime has been recognized by the USSR. We have heard nothing from Moscow. Cairo definitely has made the move.

d. Sallal's authority, however, is likely to be put to the test before very long. Late press reports suggest that tribal elements loyal to the monarchy have begun moving toward Sana. Prince Hasan, on his way home to lead the movement, has gotten as far as Beirut from whence we expect him to make his way next to Saudi Arabia.

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e. King Saud, meanwhile, has acted to promote a counterstroke.

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the situation in Taiz is relatively calm and [] the foreign community there does not seem to be in any immediate danger.

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6. Congo

[] there were more planes on the Kolwezi airfield in Katanga []

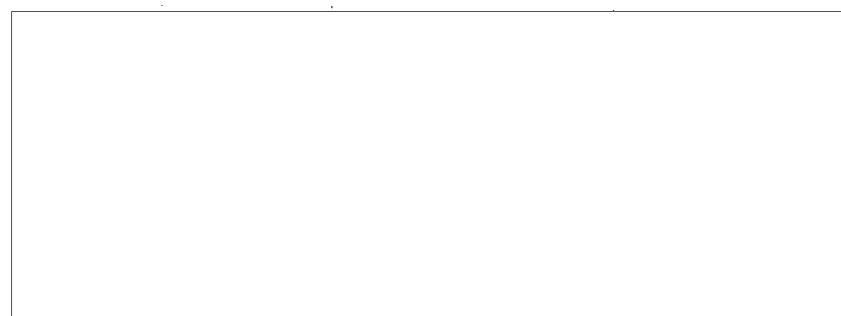
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d. This accretion of air power probably has a lot to do with Tshombé's growing truculence on the reintegration issue.



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opposition elements are trying to work up demonstrations against Western embassies, using the city's unemployed as their pawns.

NOTES

- A. Portugal We understand that Salazar is thinking of making former defense minister Santos Costa governor-general in Angola. Santos Costa, a hard-nosed character, has never seen much percentage in being easy on Africans.
- B. Finland-UK The Finns have once again asked London to sell them guided missiles. This time it looks as though they may get them.
- D. South Vietnam The Diem government, anxious lest neutralist sentiment take hold in its own back yard, has been quietly rounding up people suspected of harboring the idea that neutrality holds the best promise of bringing an end to the fighting in South Vietnam.

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