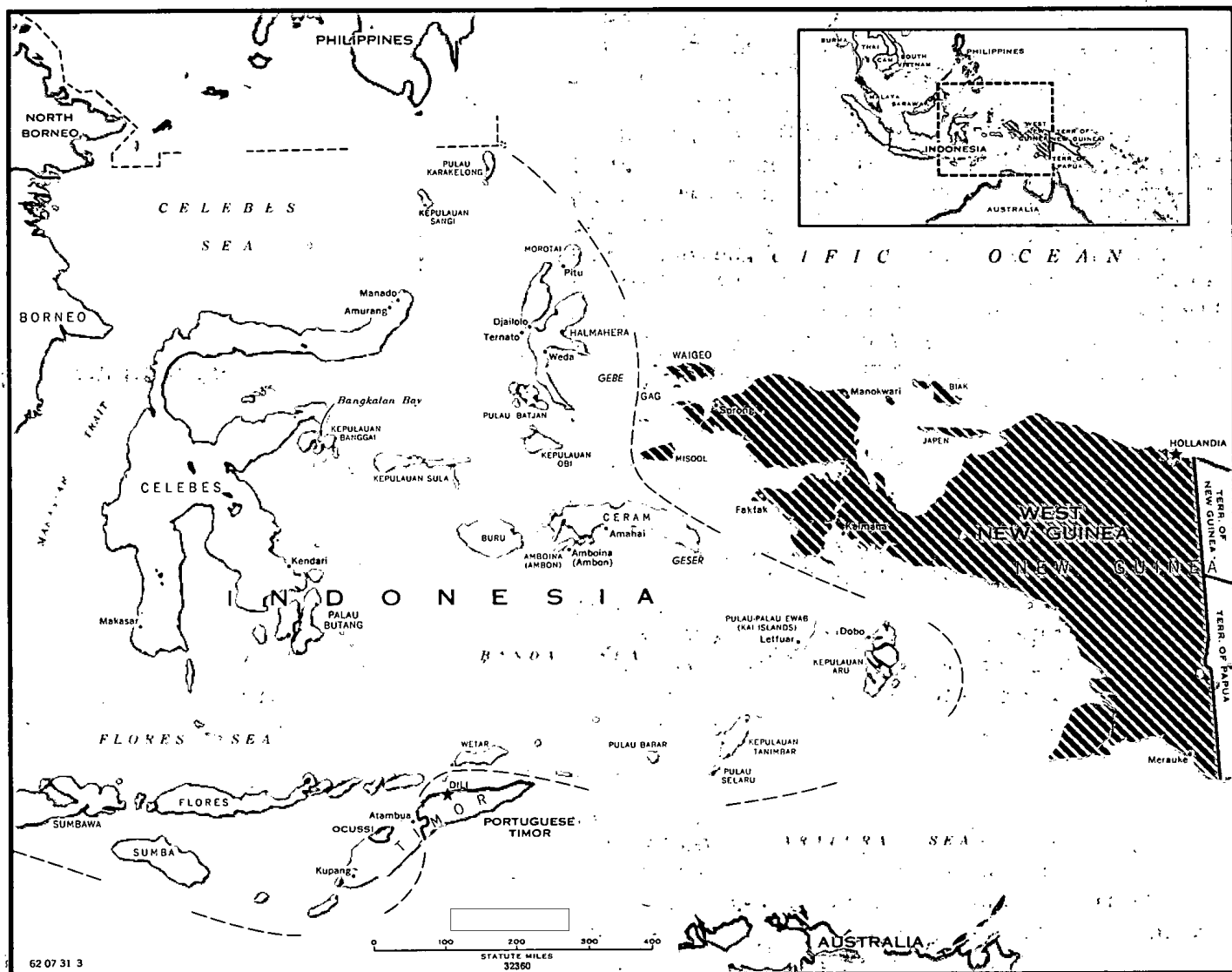


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1 AUGUST 1962

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1. USSR-Berlin

A few new Soviet army recruits have been seen in East Germany. We are watching this situation closely to see whether rotation-as-usual occurs, or whether--possibly portending more severe pressure on Berlin--a buildup of Soviet strength is under way.

2. USSR-Berlin-
West Germany

a. Ulbricht and his number two man, Willi Stoph, departed for Moscow this morning, most likely for further talks with Khrushchev on the Berlin problem.

b. Our people in Moscow feel that the important trip which Khrushchev is said to be planning may well be to the UN to present his case on Berlin to the General Assembly--probably in September.

3. Indonesia

Indonesian military preparations to attack West New Guinea continue without regard to developments on the diplomat50X1 front. While talks here were nearing a satisfactory conclusion, [redacted]

[redacted] a paratroop attack50X1 to be mounted against Fak Fak between 1 and 5 August with supporting attacks to be made against Sorong to the north and Kaimana to the south. Meanwhile, a large naval convoy is on its way to a rendezvous point off northeast Celebes.

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4. Finland

President Kekkonen has decided not to buy Soviet missiles after all. His hope is that by showing that Finland is free to withdraw its request, he can disabuse those in the West who believe Finland did not make the request freely in the first place. Our people in Helsinki feel that the military will not accept an indefinite postponement of modernization and will again press for treaty revision as soon as the opportunity presents itself.

5. West Germany - USSR

By again trying to stipulate that the Soviet - West German trade agreement is not applicable to West Berlin, Moscow has reopened a very delicate subject.

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6. Algeria

Talks continue among members of the contending factions with everybody and his uncle getting in the act. Inspired by the sudden realization that they are looking more like the Congolese every day and that no one but the communists will profit by prolongation of the crisis, all involved exhibit renewed determination to come up with something. This should not take long as the main outlines of a settlement are already well established, but we cannot vouch for the durability of whatever arrangement emerges.

7. Congo

Tshombé quickly accepted Adoula's proposal that a new federal constitution be drafted. It gives him an opportunity to reinforce a carefully cultivated pose of tractability and to play for time in hopes the UN will lose resolve and Adoula will fall. Convinced that France and Britain will block effective UN action against him, he does not yet feel compelled to give much.

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8. Cambodia - South Vietnam

Prince Sihanouk still hopes for a neutralist South Vietnam, but is not responding to Bloc pressure on him to promote an international conference on the matter. He feels this would be pointless so long as Diem is around. Should there be an army coup against Diem, however, he believes such a conference would be urgently needed.

NOTES

- A. Sputnik XIX was deorbited and apparently successfully recovered by the Soviets this morning. [redacted] 50X1
- B. Britain and Malaya have reached agreement on the formation of the new state of Malaysia to be founded within the year.
- C. The North Vietnamese are taking everything they can get their hands on with them--weapons, lumber, cattle, buffalo, pigs, etc.--as they leave Laos for home. The Kong Le unit reporting this has urged headquarters to set up border control posts to prevent such looting. [redacted] 50X1
- D. Moscow has declared Rostov-on-Don is "quarantined" to all visitors until 1 September for "health reasons." Our embassy comments that the closure might arise out of unrest in the area.
- E. The chances of an assassination attempt against Nasir seem to be increasing [redacted] 50X1
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2 AUGUST 1962

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1. Soviet Space Program



a) Sputnik XIX, whose recovery after four days in orbit we reported yesterday, landed in the same general area used in 1961 for the recovery of Gagarin and Titov and two dogs. 50X1

b) We expect one or more operations soon, either manned or a deep space probe, or both. 50X1

2. Soviet Nuclear Tests



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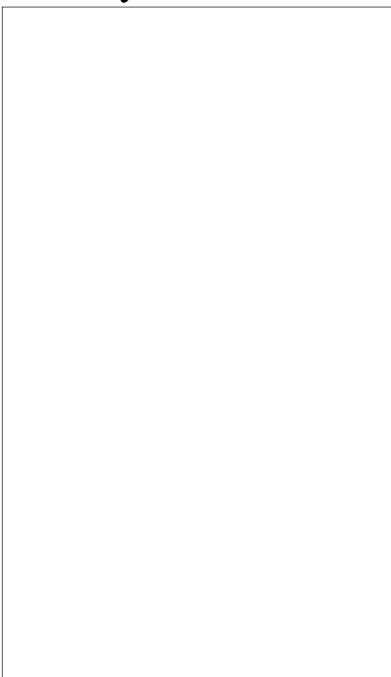


a) 50X1
the atmospheric test near Semipalatinsk at midnight (EDT) Tuesday 50X1



The surrounding area 50X1
to be sealed off Sunday, 5 August. 50X1
We expect high yield tests beginning then. 50X1

3. Germany



a) Berlin and Bonn are alive with rumors of impending Soviet action regarding Berlin. Soviet diplomats in Bonn are suggesting to newspapermen that should they take August vacations they would miss an "historical event," and they hint this might be a peace conference prior to the UN General Assembly session. 50X1

b) In its weekly review of the situation, our Watch Committee noted several measures in East Germany consistent with preparations for more East German participation in Berlin access controls or for a period of increased tension. Although the committee could derive no clear sense of timing for the completion of such preparations 50X1

c) Although not necessarily related to the Berlin situation, Radio Sofia announced that the Bulgarian defense minister led a delegation to the USSR today. Ulbricht went yesterday.

4. Vietnam



We have little light to throw on the case of jitters Saigon suffered last night over the possibility of a coup. 50X1

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a coup by some military elements was scheduled, possibly even with Viet Cong connivance. 50X1

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extra guards posted and troops were confined to their barracks, but so far nothing untoward has been reported. We do not now know whether an attempt was actually planned and called off or whether poor information snowballed. 50X1

USIB WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--1 AUGUST 1962

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

There are indications that the Soviets and East Germans are preparing for increased tensions over Berlin, and renewed harassments of Western access may occur.

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- A. We have nothing to report regarding official Dutch or Indonesian reactions to the Bunker talks and no new information regarding the continuing Indonesian military activity.

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- C. The Soviet attitude toward the duration of a recess of the Geneva talks has suddenly switched. Now they are hinting that if a recess begins on 1 September it ought to end in early November, not 1 January.

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3 AUGUST 1962
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1. Algeria

Algerian leaders have papered over their quarrel with an agreement which enables Ben Bella and his politburo to govern the country while Ben Khedda and the Provisional government "supervise matters of state"-- i.e., foreign affairs. This arrangement is supposed to survive until elections for a national assembly are held in "about a month." The round thus goes to Ben Bella, but his adversaries are bitter and unreconciled, and the coming month will see some of the roughest sort of political infighting (Arab style).

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2. Afghan-Pakistan

[redacted] concerning the Shah's efforts to mediate between the Pakistani and the Afghans, he now appears to have made little real headway. The Shah [redacted]

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[redacted] appears determined to try again, however, and has invited missions from the two countries to come to Tehran and have a try at direct negotiations.

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3. Communist China

A major campaign to revitalize the Chinese Communist party may be heralded by the reprinting of a Liu Shao-chi hortatory tract of 1939, titled "How to Be a Good Communist."

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[redacted] this piece was required reading during the 1942 "rectification" campaign, directed against deviations. The present campaign appears likely to center on sagging party discipline rather than doctrinal deviation.

NOTES

- A. In the opinion of some [redacted] 50X1
Moscow will ensure that Soviet control over Allied access to Berlin will be retained in any treaty with East Germany in order to avoid the risk of war.
- B. Cambodia and Communist China are said (by the Cambodian press) to have concluded an agreement for a civil air route between Phnom Penh and Canton via Vientiane and Hanoi. Air France, hoping to get a foot in China, is tied in closely with the Cambodian airline in the deal.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--4 AUGUST 1962

1. NETHERLANDS-INDONESIA

A. SUKARNO HAS PUT HIS OK ON THE MIDDLEBURG AGREEMENT. IN PASSING THE WORD TO JONES IN DJAKARTA YESTERDAY, SUBANDRIO WAS SPILLING OVER WITH ELATION AND HIGH PRAISE FOR EVERYONE CONCERNED. HE LABELED THE OUTCOME AN OUTSTANDING DIPLOMATIC VICTORY FOR THE US AS WELL AS FOR INDONESIA, WITH MUCH CREDIT ALSO DUE BUNKER AND THE UN FOR THEIR ROLES. WHEN EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S SUPPORT, HE OBSERVED JOCULARLY THAT IN ALL HIS CAREER HE HAD ONLY BEEN "THREATENED" TWICE, ONCE BY MAO AND CHOU EN LAI IN PEIPING, ONCE BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY IN WASHINGTON.

B. DUTCH ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGREEMENT IS ALL BUT ASSURED. VAN ROIJEN WAS SCHEDULED TO REPORT TO THE CABINET IN THE HAGUE YESTERDAY, AND CABINET MEMBERS WERE IN TURN TO GO BEFORE THE RELEVANT COMMITTEES OF THE DUTCH PARLIAMENT TODAY. A MEETING OF THE FULL PARLIAMENT WOULD THEN PROBABLY FOLLOW.

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2. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

THE BRITISH AT GENEVA YESTERDAY REGISTERED DEEP CHAGRIN AT WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED ABOUT THE NEW US POSITION ON A TEST BAN, AND DELEGATE GODBER WAS GETTING READY TO FLY TO LONDON FOR A TRY AT PERSUADING MACMILLAN TO INTERCEDE WITH PRESIDENT KENNEDY. THEY UNDERSTAND FROM WHAT THE BRITISH EMBASSY HERE HAS TOLD THEM THAT THE US WANTS A MINIMUM OF ONE FOREIGNER PER 8-HOUR SHIFT AT CONTROL POSTS IN THE USSR, WHICH WOULD, THEY CONTEND, VITIATE THE POLITICAL VALUE OF THE WEST'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE "NATIONAL STATIONS" CONCEPT.

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3. VIETNAM

THERE IS GATHERING EVIDENCE THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE ELEMENTS ARE MOVING INTO SOUTH VIETNAM BY WAY OF LAOS AND CAMBODIA AT AN INCREASING RATE. WE HAVE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF REPORTS ON THE SIGHTING OF WELL-EQUIPPED COMMUNIST UNITS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM - LAOS BORDER--REPORTS WHICH LOOK FAIRLY GOOD AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF SIMILAR INDICATIONS [REDACTED] 50X1

[REDACTED] IN ADDITION, THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE 50X1
HAVE A VIET CONG CAPTIVE, TAKEN LAST MONTH, WHO SAYS HE ENTERED VIA LAOS AND EASTERN CAMBODIA. [REDACTED] 50X1

4. LAOS

A. THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS TOUCHED OFF AN HOUR-~~LONG~~ DIPLOMATIC FRACAS IN VIENTIANE YESTERDAY BY TRYING TO OUTFACE THE NATIONALIST AMBASSADOR AT AIRPORT CEREMONIES FOR THE RETURNING SOUVANNA PHOUMA. JUST AS SOUVANNA REACHED THE ALREADY-ACCREDITED NATIONALIST ENVOY IN THE RECEIVING LINE, TWO CHINESE COMMUNIST REPRESENTATIVES BROKE THROUGH THE LINE, GRABBED SOUVANNA'S HAND, AND DECLARED THAT THEY STOOD FOR BOTH THE LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA AND THE THOUSANDS OF CHINESE IN LAOS. BOTH SOUVANNA AND THE NATIONALIST STAYED UNRUFFLED AND PICKED UP THE PROTOCOL THREAD FROM THERE. THERE WAS MORE FUSS AFTER THE CEREMONY WHEN A ROYAL GOVERNMENT GENERAL HELD UP THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS FOR TWO HOURS ARGUING OVER WHETHER THEY HAD A RIGHT TO HAVE NATIONAL FLAGS ON THEIR AUTOMOBILES.

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B. THE SOUVANNA GOVERNMENT STILL INTENDS TO SERVE THE PRINCIPLE OF NEUTRALITY BY RECOGNIZING THE COMMUNISTS AS WELL AS THE NATIONALISTS, AND THERE IS NO TELLING NOW WHETHER EITHER WILL BE ABLE TO SWALLOW THE "TWO-CHINA'S" PILL.

5. WEST GERMANY

DEFENSE MINISTER STRAUSS HAS TOLD OUR CHARGE IN BONN (AND ADENAUER HAS ECHOED MUCH THE SAME SENTIMENTS TO GENERAL EISENHOWER) THAT HE IS SATISFIED THAT WHAT GENERAL TAYLOR WROTE IN HIS BOOK DOES NOT IMPLY ANY UNWILLINGNESS ON THE PART OF THE US TO USE THE NATO DETERRENT IN CASE OF ATTACK AGAINST ITS EUROPEAN ALLIES. HE IS CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT MOSCOW MAY GET THE IDEA THAT THE US IS REDUCING ITS RELIANCE ON THE NUCLEAR DETERRENT, THUS WEAKENING ITS CREDIBILITY.

6. NOTES

A. THERE ARE FURTHER HINTS FROM MOSCOW THAT KHRUSHCHEV INTENDS TO BE ON HAND FOR THIS FALL'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION.

[REDACTED] A RUMOR THAT HE MAY AGAIN TRY TO MANEUVER OTHER HEADS OF STATE INTO FOLLOWING SUIT.

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B. HELSINKI HAS ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT KEKKONEN WILL VISIT THE SOVIET UNION THIS COMING OCTOBER. THE FINNS ARE GIVING THE NEWS A MATTER-OF-FACT TREATMENT BY WAY OF CONTRAST WITH THE CRISIS ATMOSPHERE WHICH SURROUNDED KEKKONEN'S JOURNEY LAST NOVEMBER.

C. REPORTS HAVE BEEN REACHING US OFFICIALS IN HAITI THAT A MILITARY COUP AGAINST PRESIDENT DUVALIER IS CLOSE AT HAND.

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OUR EMBASSY, WITHOUT NECESSARILY GIVING THESE PARTICULAR REPORTS FULL VALUE, THINKS THAT SUCH A MOVE COULD COME "WITH LITTLE OR NO NOTICE" WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

D. ELEVEN SOVIET MERCHANT SHIPS ARE ON THEIR WAY TO HAVANA AND WE STRONGLY SUSPECT THEY ARE CARRYING ARMS. SUCH A DELIVERY WOULD NOT BE FAR SHORT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ARMS DELIVERED IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1962.

E. ALL COLOMBIAN ARMY UNITS HAVE BEEN PLACED ON ALERT BECAUSE OF APPREHENSION THAT EXTREMISTS ARE AIMING TO USHER IN THE NEW ADMINISTRATION (THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION TAKES PLACE NEXT TUESDAY) WITH AN OUTBURST OF TERROR.

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F. BRUSSELS SAYS THAT IT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO GET RWANDA'S AGREEMENT FOR A PIECEMEAL WITHDRAWAL OF BELGIAN TROOPS. WITHDRAWAL HAS BEGUN AND WILL BE COMPLETED BY 31 AUGUST. IF BELGIAN CIVILIANS FOLLOW CLOSE BEHIND, AS MOST HAVE SAID THEY WILL, RWANDA WILL FACE ANYTHING FROM ADMINISTRATIVE CONFUSION TO CHAOS.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

6 AUGUST 1962
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1. Berlin

The East Germans are continuing to behave as though they are expecting rising tension in Berlin. Since last Friday there has been a marked increase in their construction activities along the sector and zonal borders of the city. Aerial reconnaissance reveals that they have stockpiled construction materials along the length of the borders. Over the weekend, the armed workers' militia went through an exercise close by the Wall, where they have not been seen since last August.

2. Congo

a. Tshombé is trying to pressure Union Minière into advancing from \$80 to \$120 million in foreign exchange against future mineral shipments. Tshombé wants such a nest-egg in order to be able to ride out any economic embargo. He is now in Geneva and intends to go on to Brussels to put further pressure on company officials. 50X1

3. Disarmament Conference

Ambassador Dean is having heavy going with the British on the new US proposal. The British argue that we will not be able to get off the ground at all unless we give figures--single-digit ones-- for the number of control posts and on-site inspections we want. Barring this, they say, we should go for a treaty which covers atmospheric, underwater and outer-space, but not underground, testing. Dean thinks that the British are working from a scientific assessment different from ours and that he will have to close that gap before he can bring them around.

NOTES

- A. Another test of strength between President Goulart and the conservative Brazilian congress should occur later this week. Goulart plans to ask the congress to remove many of the checks it has placed on the executive power and is giving some thought to closing down the congress if he is refused.
- B. Sukarno has told Ambassador Jones that his decision on accepting the West New Guinea agreement is solid and that Subandrio will leave for New York next Thursday for the formal signing.
- C. A top TASS official visiting India has told [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] that the Chinese Communists are "raising 50X1
hell" about the projected MIG deal. Ambassador Galbraith comments that this is exactly what the Soviets would want the Indians to believe, but he is more inclined than not to believe it.

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7 AUGUST 1962

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1. Congo

a. Union Minière has acceded with unseemly haste to Tshombé's pitch for advance payment on account. We are not sure how much foreign exchange he has suddenly got his hands on, but he will be in a stronger position to withstand pressure to come to terms with Adoula.

b. We note, meanwhile, [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] Tshombé may shortly call 50X1
for further meetings with Adoula, this time outside the Congo. He is also thinking of asking for outside mediation. Either move would be intended to demonstrate his reasonableness and forestall any action by the UN or others to bring him to heel. [redacted] 50X1

c. Conservative groups in Belgium are up in arms over reports of the government's association with our plan for national reconciliation; we expect them to exert telling pressure on the government.

2. West Germany

Our embassy in Bonn feels it would be bad business on our part to press too hard for payment for the disaster relief we provided during the Hamburg flood last spring. No one, it seems, was expecting a bill for what had been widely advertised at the time as a great humanitarian gesture; further, we will shortly be engaging the same West German officials in talks on financing future military costs where the stakes are much higher.

NOTES

- A. U Thant wants Ambassador Bunker to be UN administrator in West New Guinea, but has not been able to talk him into it even by promising an able Asian assistant to do the footwork. Former Malayan representative at the UN, Dato Nik Kamil, is Thant's second choice.
- B. A dangerous crowd is milling about in front of government buildings in Algiers, making plain its disappointment with the promised dole. The greenhorn government is trying desperately to get the economy started again, but things will probably get worse before they get better.
- C. Soviet Ambassador Smirnov returned to Bonn yesterday amid speculation he will seek an early appointment with Adenauer in hopes of renewing bilateral talks.
- D. Ambassador McCloskey has succeeded in persuading Ireland to shelve the idea of granting rights at Shannon to Czech aircraft en route to Cuba.

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- F. Jordan's forbearance is being worn thin by continued Israeli probes into sensitive areas in Jerusalem; we would not be surprised to see a repetition of the shooting events of last June and early July.

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8 AUGUST 1962
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1. Soviet space activity

The launching of another Soviet earth satellite appears to be close at hand and there are signs that it will be manned. We infer this from a pattern of activity on the part of research/recovery aircraft and ships which is very similar to that which preceded the Titov flight a year ago. There are, in addition, indications of an upcoming Venus probe. [REDACTED]

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NOTES

- A. Moscow continues to frown on Peiping's attempts to promote an international conference on South Vietnam. The Soviet press, in reporting on some recent remarks by the Chinese Communist Foreign Minister, edited out his demands for such a conference, a tell-tale sign that Moscow is not enthusiastic about either the idea itself or Peiping's upstaging tactics.
- B. [REDACTED] 50X6
Defense Minister Thorneycroft intends to start off in his new office with a sweeping review of British defense outlays. [REDACTED] this goal underlies Thorneycroft's invitation to General Norstad, who is due in London today for defense consultations. 50X1
- C. The Belgian government, apparently in no doubt that Tshombé would be bound to roil its political waters, has refused him a visa for a visit to Brussels.
- D. The West Berlin government is making plans for the observance of next Monday's anniversary of the Wall but with every intention of keeping it in the lowest possible key.

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- G. Laotian Foreign Minister Quinim sat up and took notice when Ambassador Unger broached the Peace Corps idea to him. Quinim evidently did not know that such a thing existed before this.
- H. Ambassador Galbraith says that Nehru seemed well but somewhat out of touch on current foreign policy questions when they met on Monday. Nehru told him that he expects negotiations on the border issue with the Chinese sometime in the fall, which could calm the atmosphere but are not likely to produce concrete results.

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9 AUGUST 1962

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1. Congo

a. Leopoldville's efforts to restrict air service and communications to Katanga have enraged Katangan officials and have precipitated some alarm among the European community there. The UN representative in Elisabethville, who says he was caught flat-footed by the restrictions, fears that the Katangans will retaliate violently against UN personnel or will cut off UN provisions and services.

b. The prospects are not good that West European governments will be able to persuade business to comply with economic sanctions against Katanga. The Germans have told us they won't even try.

2. Algeria

Ben Bella's move to dissolve Algeria's six military districts and merge them with civil administrations is designed to expand his political control and to hobble those in the military who hope they can constitute an independent force. Meanwhile, Abdurrahman Fares, President of the Provisional Executive, has been in France looking for ready cash but apparently has failed. He has urgently asked to talk with Porter on his return today; very likely he will make a pitch to us for funds.

3. Argentina

The situation is touch and go at the moment and there is a real possibility that certain groups (both military and civilian) who favor a military takeover, will see their chance to move.

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4. Laos

During a tour d'horizon of the problems confronting his government, Souvanna assured Ambassador Unger that the question of Viet Minh withdrawal will be "satisfactorily solved." Souvanna, who says he is concerning himself directly with the matter, has indicated he may go to Hanoi and Peiping himself to request the withdrawals. Nothing Souvanna has said, however, enhances our confidence regarding our ability to verify such withdrawals when and if they take place.

USIB WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--8 August 1962

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

During the past week we have noted an increase in the tempo of internal security preparations in East Germany. There are indications that the Soviets may be preparing East Germans for some active participation in the control of Allied surface access to West Berlin. Renewed harassments of Western access may occur at any time. We have no firm evidence that Moscow has moved toward signing a separate peace treaty.

NOTES

- A. Trouble is again brewing for President Arosemena: the government has been unable to stop a wave of strikes and the internal security situation has deteriorated. A hostile Congress convenes at the end of this week and a conservative-led move against him will probably ensue.
- B. Kurdish guerrillas retain the initiative in northern Iraq and continue to register local successes against government forces despite reinforcements sent in from central Iraq. These successes have the Iranians worried.
- C. 50X1
- D. Soviet shipments to Cuba have been arriving on an unprecedented scale since mid-July. Some 32 vessels are involved; at least half of these we believe to be carrying arms. Five passenger ships with a total capacity of about 3,000 persons have already arrived. Some of the personnel are said to be Soviet technicians, and we have no reason to doubt this. We do not believe there are any combat troops among them. 50X1
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10 AUGUST 1962

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1. Berlin

a. The Communists may be planning an affair in Berlin for Monday--the anniversary of the Wall.

b. We have noted that activities of East German military and para-military elements in and around Berlin late last week bore some of the earmarks of a rehearsal--for precisely what we haven't been able to tell. It may, of course, have been only to ensure a quick reaction to any demonstrations.

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d. While we still doubt that Khrushchev has yet decided to proceed unilaterally to a treaty, he may use the 13 August anniversary as an occasion for a major gesture, possibly even some call for a conference on a treaty.

e. The West German press is extremely suspicious of General Yakubovsky's visit to Heidelberg and warns that he may have been softening up the US for some new move such as barring the Western Allies from East Berlin.

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2. Indonesia

b. Djakarta hopes to bring in as many people as possible before signing with the Dutch, with the idea they would be used by the UN in administering the area.

c. We have no word on any success Jones may have had in warning Subandrio against such actions.

d. Six Soviet-manned submarines were among a group of ten recalled from 50X1 an operation in the West New Guinea area on 4 August.

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3. Haiti

a. We have no word yet on an eruption of violence, although it is looming.

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c. Duvalier, who holds the army's main ammunition stores in his palace, has reportedly ordered his strong-arm squads to concentrate in Port-au-Prince, presumably for a showdown with the regulars.

NOTES

- A. The Argentine Army crisis appears to have simmered down, with the naming of a new Secretary of the Army satisfactory to the generals expected soon. Ambassador McClintock is not sure, however, that what seems to have been a coup restricted to Army circles might not yet broaden into one directed against President Guido himself.
- B. Ambassador Mann in Mexico City is sounding the alarm over his continued belief that Mexico is preparing a legal case over the Colorado River salinity problem. He feels the US must come up promptly with a solution to this "Number One problem in US-Mexican relations."

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- D. Souvanna Phouma has proceeded far enough in learning the financial facts of Laotian life to tell Ambassador Unger that an August cash grant from the US will probably be required as an "emergency stopgap."
- E. A Warsaw Pact conference or planning session could be brewing. On Wednesday the Czech Defense Minister flew to Moscow in a Soviet Air Force plane. The Bulgarian Defense Minister has been in the USSR for a week.

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immediate Soviet space intentions are to orbit a cosmonaut for up to seven days and to launch a Venus probe.

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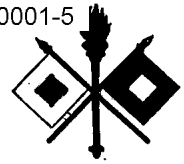
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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--11 AUGUST 1962

1. ARGENTINA:

A BLOODLESS COUP IS UNDERWAY. REBEL GENERAL FEDERICO TORANZO

MONTERO WAS CLOSETED WITH GUIDO ~~FOR AN HOUR~~ EARLY THIS MORNING,
no Agreement was reached, and negotiations are continuing.
~~BUT WE HAVE NO WORD YET OF THE OUTCOME.~~ *Montero's* CANDIDATE FOR CHIEF
OF STAFF, ANTI-PERONIST LT. GEN OSSORIO ARANA, ACCOMPANIED HIM,
AND IT WOULD APPEAR THAT HE WILL BECOME THE THIRD CHIEF OF STAFF
IN AS MANY DAYS TO TAKE OFFICE. WE DOUBT THE REBELS WILL STOP AT
THIS. THEY HAVE STRONG ARMY AND NAVY BACKING (BUT APPARENTLY NOT
AIRFORCE) AND THEY APPEAR INCLINED TO GO ALL THE WAY. THE POPULA-
TION IS TAKING IT ALL IN STRIDE. 50X1

2. HAITI:

A. THE HAITIAN CRISIS REMAINS IN SUSPENSE.

WE HAVE TWO DES-
TROYERS PATROLLING 10 MILES OFF SHORE AND A COMPANY OF MARINES
AT GUANTANAMO HAS BEEN READIED FOR IMMEDIATE MOVEMENT TO HAITI IF
REQUIRED TO ASSIST IN EVACUATION OPERATIONS *of US nationals*

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C. AMBASSADOR THURSTON, MEANWHILE, ADVISES WE ANNOUNCE SUSPENSION OF US MILITARY ASSISTANCE, JUSTIFYING THIS ON THE GROUNDS OF DISARRAY IN THE HAITIAN MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT. HE FEELS THIS WOULD HAVE THE VIRTUE OF ANTICIPATING RATHER THAN REACTING TO ANY ANTI-US MOVE DUVALIER MAY MAKE.

3. GERMANY/BERLIN:

AS MONDAY'S ANNIVERSARY OF THE BERLIN WALL NEARS, COMMUNIST MEDIA ARE MAKING MUCH OF ALLEGED "PROVOCATIONS" IN WEST BERLIN. A SOVIET NOTE DELIVERED ^{to us in Moscow} (YESTERDAY CHARGES US WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS. THROUGHOUT, THE TONE SUGGESTS STAGE SETTING FOR A DEFENSIVE SHOW OF FORCE ALONG THE WALL ON MONDAY.

4. USSR SPACE EVENT:

THE SOVIETS LAUNCHED THEIR THIRD MANNED SPACE VEHICLE FROM TYURATAM AT 0430 EDT THIS MORNING. WE CANNOT BE SURE AS YET BUT EARLY INDICATIONS ARE THAT IF ALL GOES WELL DURING THE FIRST FEW ORBITS, THE VEHICLE WILL STAY IN ORBIT FOR SEVERAL DAYS. RECOVERY WILL MOST LIKELY TAKE PLACE AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME OF DAY AS LAUNCH TIME. [REDACTED]

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5. INDIA/CHINA:

NEHRU [REDACTED] HAS DECIDED NOT TO PUSH FURTHER 50X1 ON THE CHINESE BORDER PROBLEM AND WILL NOW SEEK A DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES IN THE LADAKH AREA. HE HOPES THEN TO ENGAGE THE CHINESE IN PROLONGED TALKS OVER THE BORDER ISSUE. MENON, WHO SEES OBVIOUS POLITICAL DANGER TO HIMSELF IN ANY MILITARY SETBACK, TOLD NEHRU THAT THE INDIAN POSITION IN LADAKH IS UNTENABLE. NEHRU HAS INDICATED TO AMBASSADOR GALBRAITH THAT HE EXPECTS TALKS WITH THE CHINESE THIS FALL.

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6. BRITISH GUIANA:

JAGAN IN BRITISH GUIANA IS TRYING TO ROUND UP FOREIGN HELP TO CREATE A "NATIONAL" (I.E., PRIVATE) ARMY MADE UP OUT OF THE EAST INDIAN POPULATION TO OFFSET THE PREDOMINANTLY NEGRO POLICE FORCE WHICH HE MISTRUSTS. SO FAR HE HAS GOT A FIRM OFFER OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM ISRAEL, BUT THE BRITISH ARE DENYING VISAS TO ISRAELI SPECIALISTS.

7. NOTES:

A. [REDACTED] THERE IS NO BASIS FOR SAYING THAT ANY VIETNAMESE HAVE PULLED OUT OF LAOS AND HAVE REVISED THEIR ESTIMATE ACCORDINGLY. 50X1

B. THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT PLANS TO SEND SOME 50 PILOTS AND MECHANICS TO THE USSR FOR TRAINING, CONFIDENT THAT THEY WILL RETURN IN TWO YEARS WITHOUT POLITICAL INDOCTRINATION. THE USSR, VERY SOLICITOUS IN ITS ATTENTION TO SOMALIA, IS ENGAGED IN A VARIETY OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROJECTS THERE TO THE TUNE OF \$52 MILLION.

C. PORTUGUESE TROOPS ARE GETTING NOWHERE IN THE ANGOLAN HINTERLAND AND CONTINUED HARASSMENT BY REBELS IS TAKING ITS TOLL ON THEIR MORALE. IN LUANDA, RUMORS ABOUND AND TENSION BETWEEN WHITES AND AFRICANS THERE IS NEAR THE BREAKING POINT.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

13 AUGUST 1962
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1. Berlin

a. At latest report all remains quiet but tense in Berlin.

b. Aerial reconnaissance over the weekend revealed no major increase in Communist military forces along the Berlin wall.

c. General Yakubovsky, commander of Soviet forces in Germany, brought up nothing of significance during his strictly protocol visit to General Freeman's headquarters.

d. Ambassador Dobrynin, at his request, sees Secretary Rusk this morning at 1030"to discuss Germany." 50X1

2. Soviet Space Ships

a. We now give less credence to the possibility that physical contact was made by the two Soviet space ships. Late tracking data places them a considerable distance (over 300 miles) apart and there has been no further reference to a "joining together" in Soviet broadcasts. [REDACTED] 50X1
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3. Laos

a. Phoumi tells us he is finding it easy to work with Souvanna but that Souvanna is having serious trouble with Souphannouvong. Neither Souvanna nor other members of his government are allowed into areas controlled by the Communists. According to Phoumi's account, Souphannouvong is blocking the departure of North Vietnamese and Chinese troops in order, as he told Souvanna, to keep the Meos from seizing control.

b. The Indian member of the Control Commission has assured us that even if the Polish member dissents, he and the Canadian member would insist on the right to inspect Communist-controlled areas.

c. We note a gradual decline^{50X1} in the number of North Vietnamese operating in Laos

Also, the Soviet airlift into Laos is operating at reduced levels, but remains intact.^{50X1} These would indicate some regroupment and redistribution

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4. Indonesia-West New Guinea

We have advised Djakarta in the strongest terms to desist from military action in West New Guinea. [redacted]

[redacted] the Indonesians 50X1 are continuing their effort to infiltrate as many troops as possible before the agreement is signed. Naval units have orders to fight only if the Dutch attempt to prevent the landings. [redacted] 50X1

5. Haiti

Port-au-Prince remains quiet, but the army continues on the alert and the militia are still concentrated at the palace. [redacted] 50X1 anti-US demonstrations are scheduled [redacted]. 50X1

6. Argentina

Rebellious General Montero seems to have lost the initiative during a course of events yesterday which is not entirely clear. The bloodless coup which appeared to be under way this weekend has stalled, [redacted] 50X1

[redacted] Despite agreement on a new secretary of war, retired General Jose Conejo Saravia, the military factions are still sharply divided, and the crisis is far from over. We may see some resignations from Guido's cabinet.

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- B. The Brazilian Congress will begin this morning to consider Goulart's request for extraordinary powers. It is in no mood to be forthcoming, and a showdown is in the offing.
- C. The Portuguese press has nothing but praise for our vote against immediate independence for Mozambique in the UN committee of 17. It even quoted our call for self-determination in Portuguese African territories, which we would ordinarily expect to be omitted.
- D. Moscow has been exuding good will toward Iran lately, evidently trying to butter up the new Alam government. Prime Minister Alam plans to put the smiles to the test by trying for more favorable trade and payments arrangements with the USSR.

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LATE NOTE

Late Press reports at 0845 EDT reveal that the calm has been broken at the Berlin wall as East German border guards used tear gas and water hoses against West Berliners demonstrating at the border.

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Soviet Space Vehicles

Both vehicles, Vostok III and IV, appear to be still in orbit and the likelihood now is that there will be no attempt to recover either before tomorrow morning, at the earliest. There were, however, indications (e.g., a flight ban in the probable recovery area) that the Soviets were ready, if necessary, to de-orbit Vostok III at the end of its 49th orbit at about 0500 this morning, Washington time.

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2. Haiti

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their best judgment is that the immediate crisis has subsided and that they can breathe somewhat more easily.

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3. Congo

Adoula says that he regrets having to break step with the West in his moves against Katanga but that he had to face his own political imperatives at home. There are indications that the central government may next try to oust Tshombé's forces from the pocket that they have been maintaining at Kongolo in northern Katanga.

4. East Germany

The East German regime has added meat to the list of foodstuffs on which it has established purchase controls. The system in effect, which was earlier applied to butter and potatoes, is not full-scale rationing, but the party and security apparatuses are keeping a watchful eye on the reaction of a population which seems to be expecting even tighter restrictions. The public's uncertainty is making it easy prey to rumors of strikes and threats of strikes at East German industrial installations, which

are getting a lively circulation.

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A. The Dutch, in a communique issued in Hollandia last night, allege that several hundred Indonesian paratroops were dropped into West New Guinea yesterday. We cannot testify to the accuracy of the figure, but there are reflections [redacted] that a number of transports, which may have been used in the operation, were on the move yesterday. [redacted]

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B. The Argentine military seem to be settling down but the reverberations of the crisis are now hitting President Guido's cabinet. The Defense and Interior ministers have offered their resignations and there are press reports that others will follow.

C. Ecuador's rightist parties, who won control of the Chamber of Deputies when it convened late last week, have set out to engineer the removal of Vice President Varea. With their own man in Varea's seat, the stage would be set for a move to oust President Arosemena.

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E. [redacted]
Brazilian Foreign Minister Arinos tried to enlist U Thant's support for the idea that political strings could be eliminated from US aid programs, such as the Alliance for Progress, if they were funneled through the UN's multi-lateral channels. U Thant [redacted] said [redacted] that aid had been linked to political aims since the time of the Greeks and he thought it would remain that way indefinitely.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

15 AUGUST 1962

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1. Soviet Spacecraft Return

The two Soviet spacecraft were successfully deorbited and returned early this morning (about 0300 EDT) to the prescribed recovery area just north of Lake Balkhash. They landed six minutes (and ten kilometers) apart. Khrushchev has returned to Moscow from his vacation retreat for the celebration. Vostok III, up since Saturday, was in its 64th orbit 50X1 and Vostok IV, launched on Sunday, was in its 48th.

2. Laos

a. Souphannouvong, once again back in Vientiane from his trip to Plaine des Jarres, has announced he will release the American prisoners on Friday.

b. International Control Commission chief Singh has formally asked us for four helicopters (to buy or rent) by the end of the month. (He got the reluctant approval of the 50X1 Polish ICC member for four, having originally argued that six were needed.)

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3. Argentina

a. Argentina's slow-motion coup is on again as the General Montero faction of the Army continues to place its partisans in strategic command positions.

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c. As expected, Guido's cabinet is falling apart with Defense Minister Cantilo the first (but probably not the last) to quit.

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- A. Ben Bella is getting some static from his army chiefs who are asking for an equal voice in naming candidates for next month's elections to the assembly. At least one military district is trying to block moves to convert it to civil administration. 50X1

- C. The Thais and Cambodians are still scuffling daily in the area of the Wiharn Temple. Each charges the other with invading his territory. There have been several casualties so far and one border police killed. 50X1

- D. [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] in the Dominican Republic [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] plotting 50X1
to overthrow it. Rumors of an impending coup are circulating
once again [redacted]. 50X1

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Indonesia

We have no reports of incidents or infiltrations since the agreement with the Dutch was signed yesterday, but would be far from surprised if more occurred.

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2. Ghana-Togo

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the recent attempt on Nkrumah was undertaken by two Ghanaians who had been provided with rifles and grenades by Togo's Interior Minister, apparently with the blessing of President Olympio.

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3. USSR

a. Today Pravda announced the firing of the party secretary of Rostov oblast in southern Russia. This would seem to put the clincher on a series of reports and rumors which have circulated for several weeks concerning disturbances in one of the principal towns of this oblast in early June.

b. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a demonstration protesting food prices was suppressed with heavy casualties. The Soviets have kept foreigners out of the area ever since on one pretext or another.

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4. Argentina

a. The final coup d'etat still hangs in the balance. There appears to be some faint hope of a constitutional solution, but the downward trend continues.

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5. Iraq-Turkey

On several recent occasions Iraqi fighters, apparently having difficulty locating Kurdish rebel targets, have attacked Turkish border villages. Initially the Turks registered protests, but after another incident early today patrolling Turkish fighters either forced or shot down one of the Iraqi planes. Tempers and relations will undoubtedly be strained.

USIB WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS -- 15 August 1962

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

The Soviets have continued in recent statements to convey a tone of greater urgency regarding Berlin, but there has been no change in their basic line or any real evidence of an early peace treaty. Recent Soviet and East German security precautions, including some measures at border installations taken just prior to the 13 August anniversary, would also be consistent with preparations for further harassments; however, we have noted no military or security activity during the past week indicating that the Communists intend to precipitate a major crisis in the immediate future.

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- B. A series of minor harassments of US marine sentries at Guantanamo last week suggests a possible Cuban effort to provoke an incident. Stones have been thrown; there have been several minor intrusions at night, and there was one episode in which a Cuban sentry pointed his rifle at a marine while shouting at him.

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On Tuesday a number of naval vessels were ordered to get steam up and be ready to get under way--presumably to avoid trouble in port.

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- D. Sihanouk, in a press conference Tuesday on the recent Thai-Cambodian border clashes, threatened to seek protection from the Bloc and appeared to be putting some of the blame on the US for Thai "aggression." The Cambodians are taking the matter most seriously, and at the least they clearly desire that we put pressure on the Thais.

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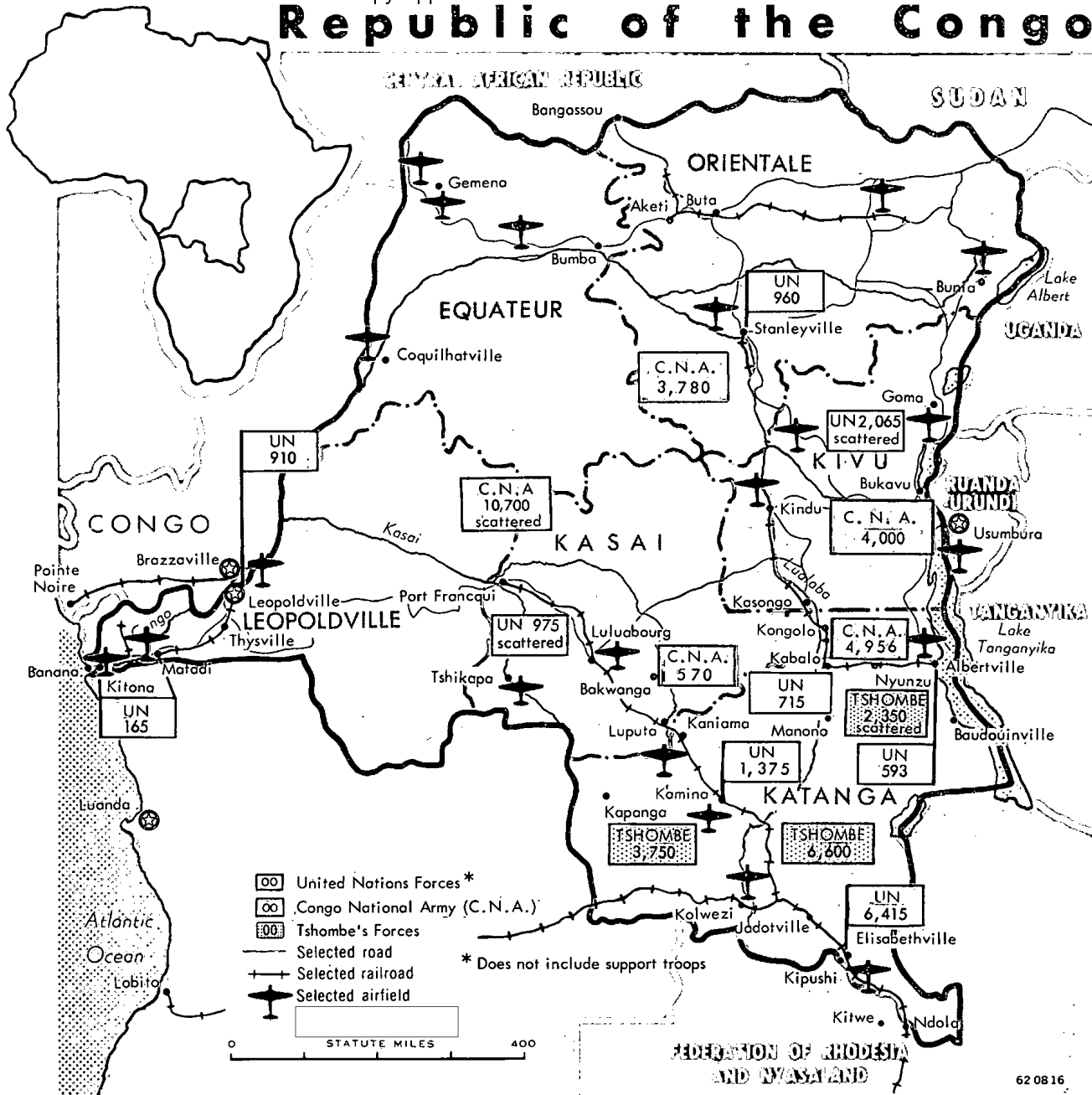
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17 AUGUST 1962

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Republic of the Congo



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1. Congo

a. Fighting has broken out between Congolese and Katangan troops south and west of Albertville, headquarters of the government forces in northern Katanga. Apparently the government troops have been getting the worst of it so far. Fears that the Katangans may advance on Albertville do not appear well founded, but the UN is moving reinforcements into the city just in case.

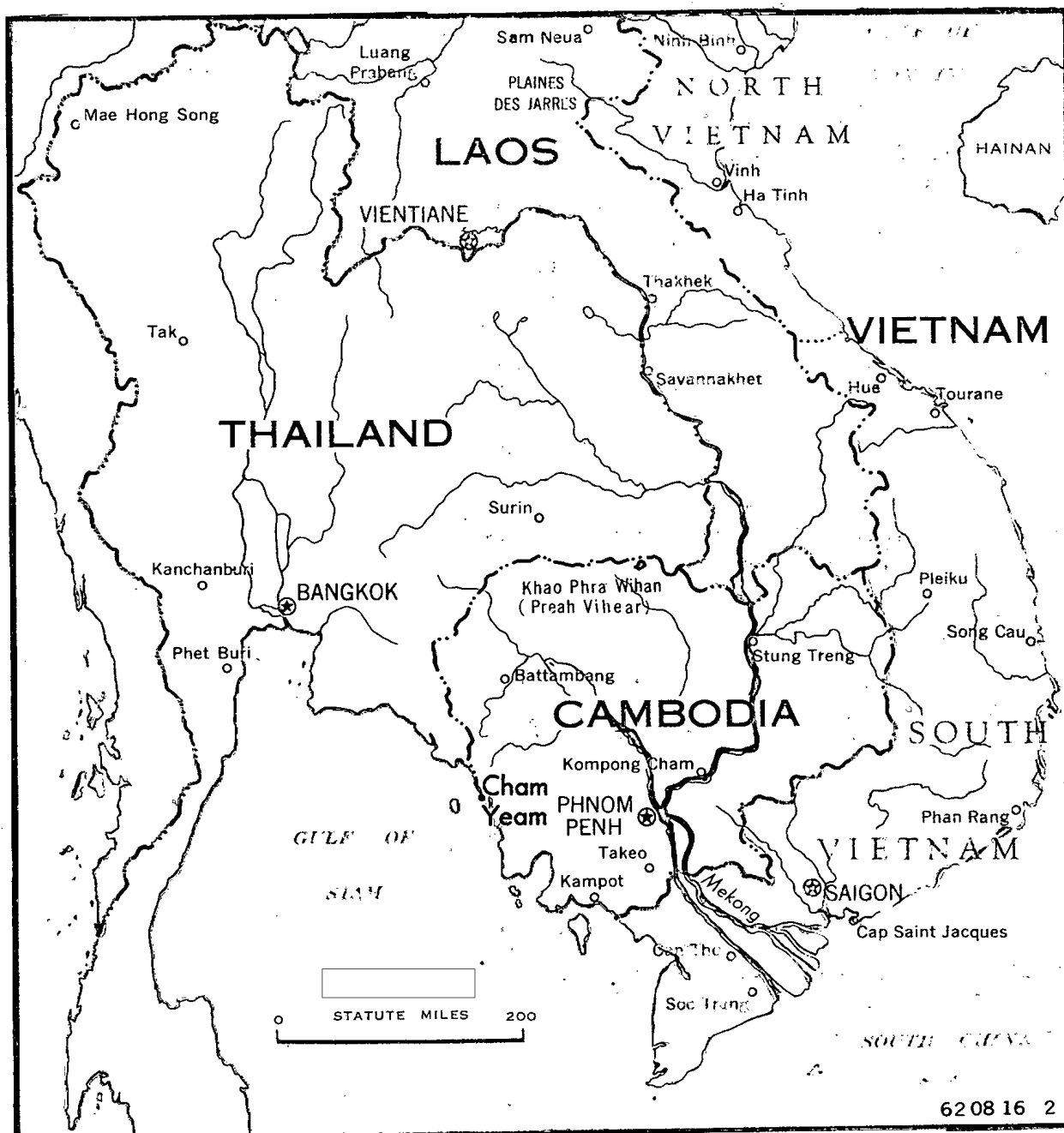
b. The government has some 4,800 troops, such as they are, in the area; the Katangans have little more than half that number, but they are better led.

c. The UN command has ordered the Katangans to cease all further movement. New York has authorized the command to interdict supply lines and troop columns if necessary to back this up.

d. The UN chief in the Congo has asked us to provide transport aircraft immediately. Apparently he envisages a token movement of US transports to intimidate the Katangans, not a full airlift into the province itself. Ambassador Gullion endorses his request.

e. U Thant intends to submit a report to the Security Council on his plans for the Congo. He feels he must attach to his report a copy of our reconciliation plan, plus a paper setting forth Britain's many reservations to it. During a luncheon meeting today, Secretary Rusk will try to dissuade U Thant from making such a report.

f. Tshombé is due in Rhodesia today on his way home from Geneva.



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2. Thailand-Cambodia

In the latest and most serious of recent border incidents, [redacted] Thai marines yesterday took over a town (Cham Yeam, smuggling center) which lies astride the border at the Gulf of Siam. The Cambodians are moving in reinforcements, but have orders not to try to evict the Thais. [redacted]

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3. USSR-Berlin

[redacted] top East German, Czech, Polish, and Bulgarian officials have been in the USSR since early this month. [redacted] we suspect that discussions by this particular group are centering on a German treaty and the future status of Berlin. [redacted]

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4. Spaak's Views of Europe

[redacted] Spaak told the Spanish ambassador in Brussels that, because of "President Kennedy's lack of interest in Europe and NATO," European ideas must be revived. [redacted] Spaak's dream of a supernational Europe is not now possible and that, under the circumstances, the best answer is to be found in his proposal for a political commission similar to the EEC. [redacted]

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- B. Italy's 71-year-old Pietro Nenni is in critical condition following a fall yesterday into a mountain ravine. We think that his successor as leader of the Socialists is most likely to come from his faction of the party which favors continued estrangement from Communism and closer cooperation with Italy's governing Christian Democrats.
- C. As promised by Souphannouvong, five Americans, one Filipino and two Thai prisoners have arrived in Vientiane. All are said to be well except Major Bailey who is in a "weakened condition."
- D. The Cambodian Foreign Ministry last night formally rejected our request for release of US AID officer Chu.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--18 AUGUST 1962**1. CUBA**

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THERE ARE GROUNDS FOR THINKING THAT THE LARGE INFLUX OF SOVIET MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND TECHNICIANS INTO CUBA LATELY COULD BE CONNECTED WITH THE BEGINNING OF CONSTRUCTION OF SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE SITES. [REDACTED]

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SHIPMENTS HAVE INCLUDED QUANTITIES OF ELECTRONIC, TRANSPORTATION AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT [REDACTED]

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2. ARGENTINA

ARGENTINA'S NAVY CHIEFS, WHO HOLD SOMETHING LIKE A SWING VOTE AMONG THE MILITARY, HAD, AT LAST REPORT, COME DOWN ON THE SIDE OF KEEPING GUIDO AS PRESIDENT AND PRESERVING THE FRAGMENTS OF CONSTITUTIONALITY. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE US EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES FELT YESTERDAY THAT IT COULD SAY THAT "THE CLOUDS SEEM TO BE LIFTING." THERE ARE NO DETAILS YET ON WHAT KIND OF A DEAL WAS STRUCK BEHIND THE SCENES, BUT IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE GUIDO GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO RESTRICT FREE POLITICAL ACTIVITY FOR A FIXED PERIOD OF TIME.

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3. LAOS

EVIDENCE ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS
FROM LAOS CONTINUES TO COME IN. YESTERDAY, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE NORTH VIETNAMESE
FORCES IN THE NHOMMARATH AREA IN CENTRAL LAOS "ARE TO MOVE
BACK TO THEIR COUNTRY ON 19, 20 AND 21 AUGUST." NO MATTER
HOW MANY INDICATIONS OF THIS KIND SHOW UP, HOWEVER, WE DO
NOT EXPECT TO KNOW FOR CERTAIN WHAT PORTION OF THE NORTH
VIETNAMESE HAVE BEEN PULLED OUT. SOME PART OF THE FORCE, WE
FEEL SURE, WILL REMAIN BEHIND BOTH TO SUPPORT THE PATHET LAO
AND TO PROTECT THE INFILTRATION ROUTE INTO SOUTH VIETNAM.

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4. CONGO

THE SITUATION IN NORTHERN KATANGA SEEMS TO BE ESSENTIALLY
UNCHANGED FROM YESTERDAY. PRESS DISPATCHES ARE REPORTING CON-
TINUING CLASHES BETWEEN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND KATANGAN FORCES
BUT THERE IS NO HARD INFORMATION AS TO THEIR EXTENT OR OUT-
COME.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

20 AUGUST 1962
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1. Laos

It looks very much as though the Geneva Agreement is coming up to its first hurdle over the problem of insuring the withdrawal of foreign troops.

a. At a cabinet meeting in Vientiane last Friday, Souvanna joined Souphannouvong in contending that there are no foreign troops in areas under their control and therefore no need for ICC inspection teams there.

b. Ambassador Unger has registered his concern over this development with Souvanna. He fears, however, that the most that Souvanna will concede is one post to check on each of the three factions.

c. There had been no question about the attitude of the Pathet Lao, who want to shield the infiltration routes into South Vietnam, but Souvanna has done some backtracking. Besides indicating that he had no illusions about the presence of North Vietnamese forces, he had said as recently as last Monday that he favored having several inspection posts in Pathet Lao territory.

d. There is some embryonic evidence that Chinese Communist combat forces have moved into Phong Saly province, in northern Laos, alongside the Chinese road-building crews who have been there for several months.

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2. Berlin

a. West Berlin demonstrators, still venting their anger over the killing at the Wall on Friday, blocked a Soviet bus carrying a guard unit from the Soviet war memorial back to East Berlin for nearly 12 hours, from last night until early this morning.

b. General Watson has proposed a meeting of the four Berlin commandants to deal with the situation, offering to lift his ban on the Soviet Commandant's entry into the US sector of Berlin. The Soviet reply has not yet been received.

3. Congo

a. The fighting in northern Katanga has stopped.

b. Information on what touched off the flurry is sparse and tendentious, and a clear picture is hard to come by. Some of the clues suggest that jumpiness or overeagerness on the part of local military leaders, who are at best under only wispy control from either Leopoldville or Elisabethville, was to blame.

c. The UN command seems to think, however, that the Tshombé government was testing its reaction, and is trying to improve its ability to act if further trouble comes. A redeployment of UN forces in northern Katanga has begun. The UN in New York is expected to ask for some US airlift support for additional movements.

4. Brazil

President Goulart and the Brazilian parliament have agreed to temporize on their differences, and the edge has been taken off the conflict between them.

a. Under a formula worked out on Friday, of which we have only an outline, the Congress will grant the executive some, but not all, of the special powers it asked for.

b. Goulart and his prime minister do not, however, get immediately the plebiscite they want to determine whether the country should revert to a presidential system. The Congress agrees merely to take the matter up when it reconvenes in September.

c. At last report, the bargain had not yet been cleared with all party leaders, but the chances seemed good that it would go through, thereby at least postponing a head-on collision between Goulart and parliament.

NOTES

A. West New Guinea

Indonesia's General Nasution has made a strong plea for US help in bringing about the direct transfer of security responsibility from the Dutch to the Indonesian Army. Such a move in the early stages of a new administration would, he argues, curb the role of Indonesian civilians among whom there is likely to be a good admixture of Communists.

B. Pakistan-Afghanistan

The Shah of Iran, who wants to continue his efforts to bridge the differences between Pakistan and Afghanistan, has invited their foreign ministers to meet in Tehran for one or two days en route to the General Assembly session next month. The Pakistanis have indicated they will accept; there is no word yet from Kabul.

C. France

The Secret Army Organization is beginning to stir again in metropolitan France. The French police, on the strength of captured OAS documents, think that the terrorists are leading up to a new outburst, featuring assassination attempts, commencing next month.

D. Cambodia

The Cambodian government on Saturday released the US AID officer whom it had been holding incommunicado for nearly two weeks, and he has left the country.

E. East Germany

The VIP plane customarily used by Ulbricht returned to East Berlin from Moscow on Friday, probably signifying that he has completed the business which took him to the Soviet Union on the first of this month.

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21 AUGUST 1962
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1. Laos

a. The military commander of the northern province of Phong Saly, who is loyal to Souvanna and is now on duty with him in Vientiane, has sent home word to his followers that trouble may be ahead. In an obvious reference to the ICC inspection issue, he wired yesterday that "the three factions have run into the greatest difficulty" and are on the verge of a "falling-out." He ordered increased vigilance in Phong Saly, since if the coalition comes apart, "the Reds will doubtless take over all of the province."

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b. The coalition members have gone through another cabinet session without breaking the impasse over checkpoints, and chances are fading fast that the August 22 deadline for agreement fixed at Geneva will be met.

2. Congo

a. The reunification proposals have been presented to Adoula by the UN representatives in Leopoldville and go next to the Congolese cabinet. Adoula's first reaction was described as "reserved," but the UN people are confident of his eventual acceptance.

b. The Belgian government is, however, far less optimistic, fearing that Adoula and his colleagues will want to make significant changes which will go beyond what Brussels can agree to.

3. Berlin

a. There is no word yet on the scope of today's demonstrations in West Berlin, but the West Berlin police were taking up positions this morning with no reason to expect that the disorders would taper off.

b. An apprehensive Mayor Brandt has asked for a meeting with the Western Commandants today to discuss ways of checking the riots.

c. The Western Commandants yesterday worked out a proposal-- approval for which they are now seeking from their governments--for stationing an ambulance and a medical unit in full view at Checkpoint Charlie, ready to give aid to any East German casualties near the Wall.

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- A. Japan-USSR Japanese and Soviet negotiations on a deal for building twelve tankers and five freighters in Japanese shipyards are settled except for the financing arrangements--but these have upset trade negotiations on past occasions. The Soviet ocean-going tanker fleet is being increased by six ships this year, and if this new deal is completed the fleet will double its tonnage by 1965.
- B. Indonesia With Sukarno's voice added, the top layer of the Indonesian government is now just about unanimous in urging that Ambassador Bunker be selected as the UN administrator for West New Guinea.
- C. France [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] France will have no part of a test-ban treaty 50X1
until it has detonated its own hydrogen bomb or
until the US has relaxed restrictions on the disclosure of nuclear secrets. [redacted] 50X1
- D. Pakistan-Afghanistan The Afghans have joined the Pakistanis in agreeing to a meeting of foreign ministers under the Shah's aegis in Tehran. The scheduling has not yet been ironed out.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

22 AUGUST 1962
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1. Laos

a. Today's deadline for an agreement on the evacuation of foreign forces has not been met, but the situation may still be retrievable.

b. Souphannouvong says he reads the Geneva Agreement as giving the Laotians until midnight tomorrow to arrange for the establishment of checkpoints and withdrawal routes, and there are signs that the Pathet Lao side may be prepared to concede a minor point or two.

c. In Moscow yesterday, Pushkin took a casual view of the whole affair, saying that the current squabbling was only the natural aftermath of armed conflict and that if agreement was not reached on the appointed day, it would be shortly thereafter.

d. Meanwhile, an indication that all is not well between Communist and neutralist field forces

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complained that Hanoi is supplying only the Pathet Lao and the neutralists' need is dire.

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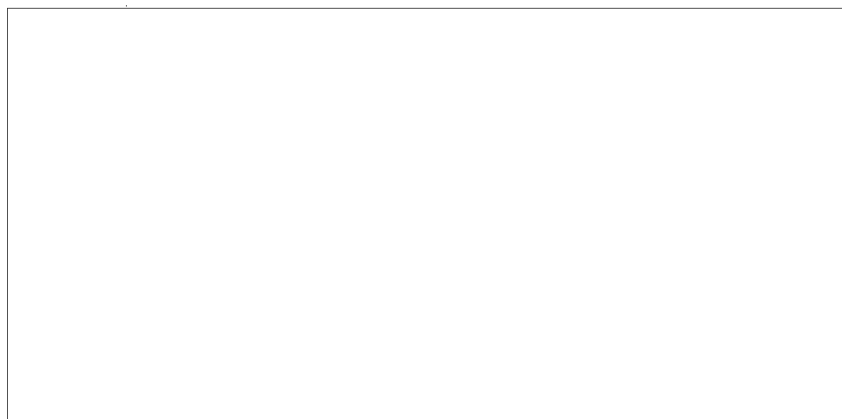
2. Berlin

a. There has been no violence in West Berlin since early yesterday morning.

b. The Soviets are still balking at the convening of a meeting of the four commandants to consider the situation. They have, however, twice sought a bilateral meeting with General Watson.

c. The chief of the US Military Liaison Mission in Potsdam is to meet at noon today with General Yakubovsky, the commander of the Soviet forces in Germany, who presumably will demand that the US "restore order" in West Berlin and guarantee the safety of Soviet personnel.

3. USSR-India-
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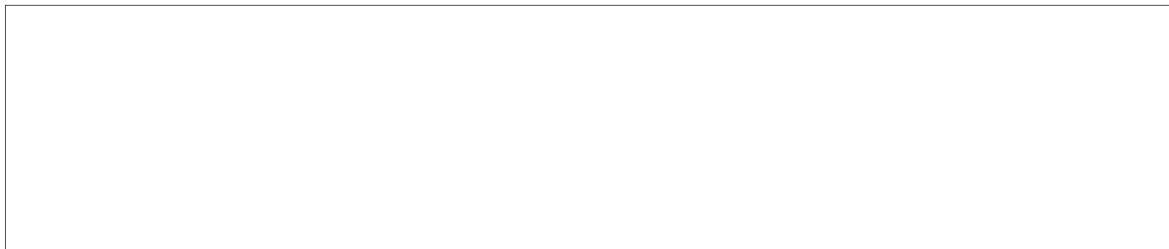


c. Nehru's latest declaration on the border problem, [redacted] was that the Chinese must withdraw from Ladakh before negotiations can begin.

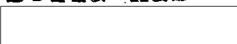
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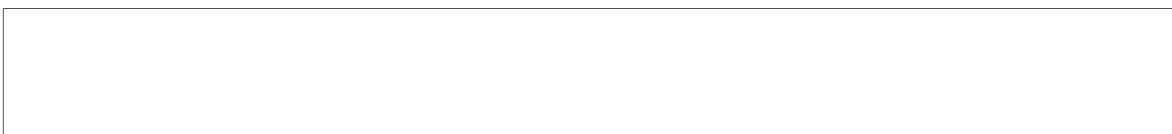
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B. Algeria The delivery to Ben Bella of MIG aircraft now in Cairo is hung up by the failure of Libya and Tunisia to provide transit rights. Ben Bella has been told to do what he can on his end. 

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24 AUGUST 1962
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1. Berlin

a. A US convoy outbound from Berlin encountered a procedural delay at the Soviet checkpoint this morning, but two others on their way in had no problems.

b. The Soviets yesterday threatened to put an armed escort on US vehicles touring East Berlin in retaliation against our putting an armed escort on the armored carriers bearing the Soviet War Memorial contingent. However, the US vehicles made their rounds in East Berlin without escort or interference from the East Germans this morning.

2. Laos

At yesterday's cabinet meeting in Vientiane, Souphannouvong did what Souvanna had foretold to Ambassador Unger and agreed to three sites to check on the withdrawal of foreign troops: Vientiane, Nhommarath, and the Plaine des Jarres.

3. Algeria

Ben Bella and his political bureau are drawing a defiant response to their attempts to impose their authority on unruly military leaders. The heads of the Fourth Military District, centered in Algiers, yesterday succeeded in promoting a mass demonstration in the capital to make the point that they expect to have a say in political affairs. Many of the demonstrators were evidently more intent on registering their discontent with the economic situation than in following a direct lead from the military, but the turn-out should, nevertheless, bring home to Ben Bella how tenuous his rule is.

NOTES

- A. Soviet Missile Test There are strong indications that an air-to-surface missile--one which is believed to have a range of 100 nautical miles--delivered the nuclear weapon which was detonated in the Novaya Zemlya test area on Wednesday. We think the Soviets may have tried this before, both in 1961 and earlier in the current test series, [REDACTED]

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- B. France [REDACTED] De Gaulle is just as grandly indifferent about personal security after Wednesday's assassination attempt as he was before. [REDACTED] little hope of bringing him around on the need for stricter precautions, even though another try by the OAS is a question of when, not whether.

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- C. Iraq Iraq is due to begin receiving Soviet surface-to-air missiles before year's end. [REDACTED]

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--25 AUGUST 1962

1. USSR-SPACE:

A SPACE VEHICLE WAS LAUNCHED FROM TYURATAM LATE LAST NIGHT WITH ALL THE RESEMBLANCES OF A VENUS PROBE. THE VEHICLE HAS BEEN PLACED IN AN EARTH ORBIT FAVORABLE FOR AN INJECTION INTO A TRAJECTORY TOWARD VENUS, [REDACTED]

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2. ECUADOR:

THE LONG-SIMMERING POLITICAL POT FINALLY BOILED OVER YESTERDAY WHEN THE CABINET RESIGNED AS A BODY. THE CONGRESS IS GIVING SOME SIGNS OF WANTING TO GO AFTER PRESIDENT AROSEMENA'S SCALP ALSO. WE CANNOT AS YET PREDICT JUST HOW THIS WILL WORK OUT BUT IN ANY SHOWDOWN BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE AND THE LEGISLATIVE WE EXPECT THE ROLE OF THE MILITARY TO BE DECISIVE. THE NEXT TWO OR THREE DAYS OUGHT TO TELL THE TALE.

3. US/COMMUNIST CHINA:

IN WARSAW ON THURSDAY, AMBASSADOR CABOT SAT THROUGH A SESSION WITH WANG PING-NAN WHICH DEPARTED FROM THE USUAL BY INCLUDING A TOUGHLY-WORDED COMPLAINT ABOUT US NAVAL PATROL ACTIVITY IN WATERS OFF THE NORTH CHINA COAST. THE SITUATION, WANG SAID, HAD GONE "TOO FAR TO BE TOLERATED," BUT HE DID NOT SAY SPECIFICALLY WHAT PEIPING INTENDS TO DO ABOUT IT.

4. LAOS:

A. [REDACTED] INSTRUCTING THE KONG LE -50X1
PATHET LAO COMMANDERS AT THE NHOMMARATH CHECKPOINT JUST HOW TO

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PROCEED WITH A DUMMY WITHDRAWAL FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ICC. WHILE THE COMMANDERS LAY LOW, CAREFULLY PICKED LIAISON PERSONNEL WILL PRODUCE FIVE VIETNAMESE "INSTRUCTORS" WHO WILL BE DESCRIBED AS THE LAST SUCH GROUP TO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR MISSION. THE "INSTRUCTORS" WILL BE FLOWN OUT BY HELICOPTER TO NORTH VIETNAM.

B. MEANWHILE, THE KONG LE- PATHET LAO SIDE CONTINUES TO SHOW LITTLE RESPECT FOR THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT. AT LAST REPORT, KONG LE TROOPS WERE SET TO LAUNCH AN ATTACK IN THE VANG VIANG AREA (60 MILES NORTH OF VIENTIANE) TODAY, PRESUMABLY TO DISLODGE PHOUMI TROOPS FROM ADVANCE POSITIONS ALONG THE NAM LIK RIVER. [REDACTED]

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5. NOTES:

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B. BONN, FEELING A BUDGET PINCH AS A RESULT OF WAGE INCREASES RECENTLY GRANTED TO GOVERNMENT-OWNED INDUSTRIES, IS PLANNING FAIRLY SUBSTANTIAL CUTS IN 1963 DEFENSE EXPENDITURES, THEREBY LOWERING THE DEFENSE BUDGET BELOW THE LEVEL REQUIRED FOR CONTINUATION OF THE PLANNED BUILD-UP.

C. [REDACTED] A SECRET

AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH MOSCOW IS TO SUPPLY THE YUGOSLAVS WITH

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SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES. YUGOSLAVIA THIS YEAR HAS ALREADY RECEIVED TANKS, ARTILLERY AND RADAR FROM THE USSR, AND WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE [REDACTED]

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D. PERU: JUNTA LEADERS HAVE BEGUN TO PUT THE PRESSURE ON OUR EMBASSY TO GET US MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS GOING AGAIN.

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F. BEN BELLA'S POLITICAL BUREAU, CLEARLY IN NEED OF MORE TIME TO PUT ITS POLITICAL HOUSE IN ORDER, ANNOUNCED THIS MORNING THAT IT WAS POSTPONING THE PLANNED 2 SEPTEMBER NATIONAL ELECTIONS UNTIL "REAL PEACE" IS ASSURED.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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27 AUGUST 1962
~~TOP SECRET~~

1. USSR-Space

We now have every reason to believe that the Venus probe launched from Tyuratam on Friday has failed to eject from its earth orbit. It looks, however, as though the Soviets are getting ready to give it another try sometime in the next few days.

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2. Laos

The withdrawal of North Vietnamese personnel is scheduled to begin today. As far as we can tell, the only people involved are those five instructors in Nhommarath plus 40 technicians who are to be flown to Hanoi from the Plaine des Jarres checkpoint in two Soviet aircraft.

[REDACTED]

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3. Germany

a. West Berlin passed a quiet weekend during which US military vehicles moved in and out of East Berlin without incident, and the Russians made no more fuss about Allied escorts for their guards going to and from the Soviet war memorial. Operations at the Berlin Air Safety Center were normal.

b. Things may pick up soon, at least on the political side. Ulbricht's airplane has gone to Moscow, apparently to pick him up after a month of visiting and consulting. A central committee plenum meeting is planned upon Ulbricht's return, and new moves may be announced then. We suspect that the formal incorporation of East Berlin into East Germany may be the next maneuver. [REDACTED]

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4. Cambodia

a. Sihanouk's proposal for an international conference to guarantee Cambodian neutrality is getting a reception ranging from indifference to distaste. India, Canada, Thailand, and South Vietnam have expressed sentiments in this spectrum, but we have not yet heard how the Communist side is responding.

b. Meanwhile, Sihanouk has returned to his charges that the Thai and South Vietnamese are committing aggressions against his country and are putting US arms to use in the process. Our embassy in Phnom Penh was handed a note on this theme on Saturday.

NOTES

- A. Algeria With the fragmentation of Algeria a growing possibility, Ben Bella is reportedly returning to Algiers today to try to talk the local military leaders into giving him their backing.
- B. South Vietnam Our embassy in Saigon has seen enough evidence to be convinced that the "clear-and-hold" and strategic hamlet programs against the Viet Cong in the highland areas northwest of Saigon are beginning to have some effect on Viet Cong operational effectiveness.
- C. Panama Panama student and labor unrest, coupled with the action yesterday of a small group of National Guardsmen who took to the hills with their arms, is giving the Chiari government a bad case of jitters.

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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29 AUGUST 1962
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1. USSR - Nuclear Tests

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the Russians are preparing to conduct high-altitude nuclear tests over Novaya Zemlya sometime in the next few days. The best guess at present is that the delivery vehicle will be a missile fired from Tyuratam or possibly one of the operational ICBM sites, such as Plesetsk.
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2. USSR - East Germany

a. The Soviet air army in East Germany is being beefed up with the latest modification of the MIG-21, [redacted]

[redacted] At least 25 of these aircraft have appeared on the scene during the past three months, and more are on the way.
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b. Ulbricht did not return to East Berlin as expected when his airplane came back yesterday. At last report, he was in conference with Khrushchev at Sochi.
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3. Cuba

a. There is no sign of a let-up in the movement of Soviet equipment and personnel into Cuba.

b. By latest count, there have during the past six weeks been some 80 voyages to Cuban ports by Cuban vessels and 20 to 35 by ships under Communist charter.

c. We note that deliveries of industrial equipment, foodstuffs, and other nonmilitary items are being made largely on chartered Western ships, probably because so many Soviet ships are involved in hauling military gear. [REDACTED]

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d. We now estimate the Cuban air force to have an inventory of 58 MIG aircraft. [REDACTED]

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e. On Monday, the Communist-operated Liberation Front for South Vietnam opened offices in Havana, thereby establishing its first permanent mission abroad.

4. Laos

a. The Viet Minh "withdrawal" act continues.

b. Fifteen khaki-uniformed men showed up at the Plaine des Jarres checkpoint on Monday for air evacuation to Hanoi. An ICC team was on hand, but had no opportunity to talk with the evacuees and was denied a request to examine their papers. The Indian chairman of the team got a look at the flight manifest, which listed five officers and ten NCO's.

c. The stand-down in Soviet flight activity into Laos is continuing. It now seems pretty clear that the airlift has been terminated as a regular air supply activity.

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5. Congo

a. Tshombé yesterday listened to a joint presentation by the US, British, and Belgian Consuls supporting the UN's national reconciliation plan. He implied he would accept the plan, but made no commitments.

b. It looks as though he will delay his final answer until Monday, the end of the 10-day limit the UN set. Questions of finance and control of the Katanga gendarmerie loom as the chief sticking points.

c. In Leopoldville, Adoula seems to be wobbling under pressure from local Stanleyvillers and the Casablanca powers to release Gizenga.

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6. UAR - Arab League -
Syria

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b. There is no question [redacted]
[redacted] that Nasir has been badly em-
barrassed by the defection to Syria
of one of his top intelligence offi-
cers, and outraged by Syria's ex-
ploitation of the case.

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c. As a precautionary measure,
the Syrians last night closed their
borders with Lebanon and Jordan.

NOTES

- A. Algeria: For the moment, the struggle for power remains a shouting match, but we see some signs that Ben Bella's forces may be gathering themselves for a push on Algiers.
- B. Netherlands-Indonesia: The finishing touches are about to be put on the West New Guinea agreement as both Djakarta and The Hague have moved to obtain legislative stamps of approval.

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