

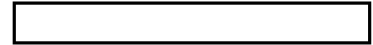
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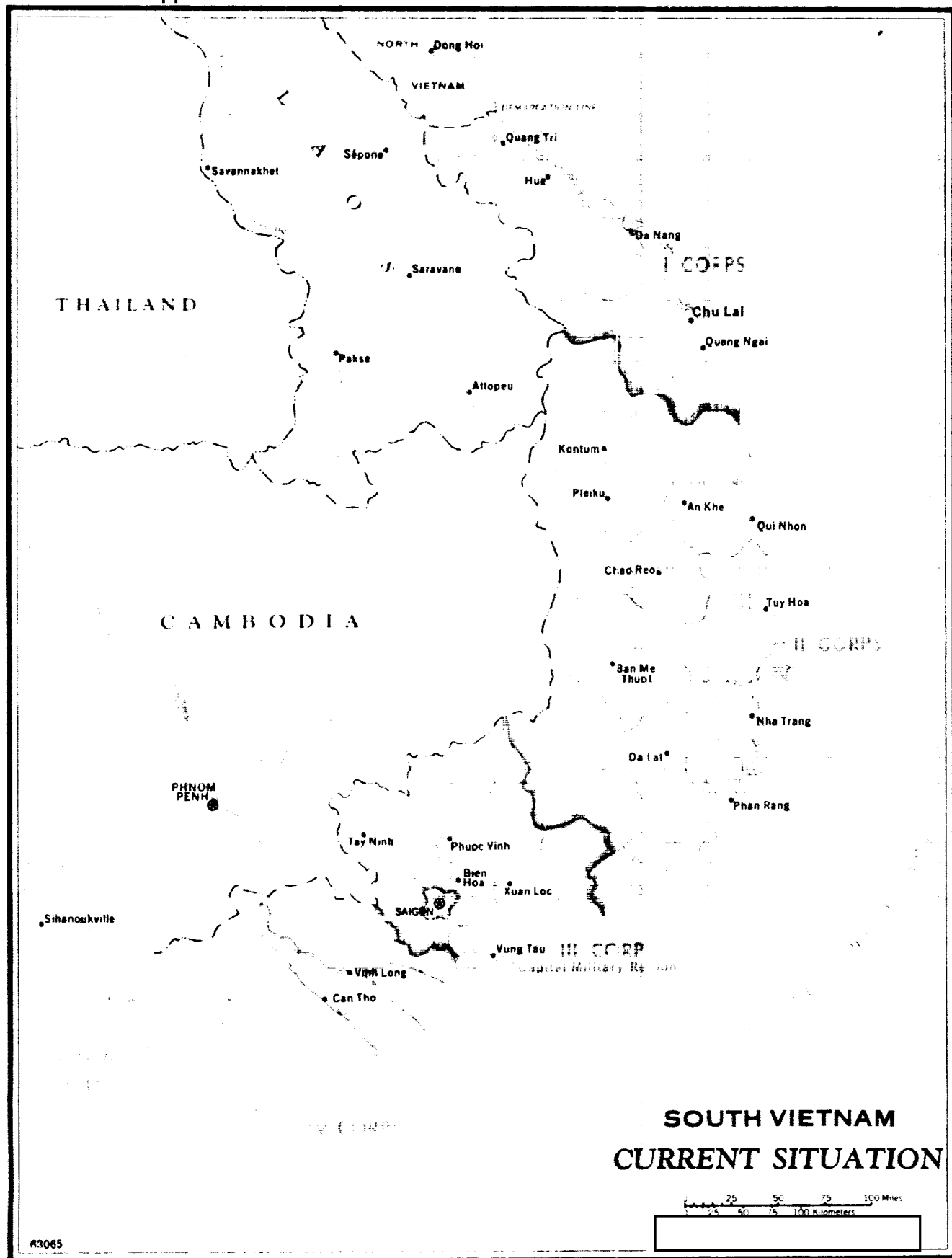
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*Vietnam: (Information as of 4:30 AM EDT)

The Military Situation in South Vietnam: There have been no reports during the past 24 hours of any significant action resulting from large-scale allied operations in progress.

Early yesterday, some 75 Viet Cong attacked a US Marine outpost 15 miles south of Chu Lai. US reinforcements were flown in by helicopter, and the enemy withdrew after a two-hour battle. US casualties were five killed and 15 wounded; Viet Cong losses were 18 killed, and miscellaneous weapons and ammunition.

North Vietnamese Political Developments: Hanoi has restated its determination to press on with the war in some of the bluntest language of recent months.

A Nhan Dan editorial of 14 July echoes the defiant note sounded by Ho Chi Minh on 27 June, declaring that "so long as the US imperialists have not accepted all our terms, there can be only one course left to us: to fight and fight until the acceptance of these terms."

The editorial acclaimed the "success" scored by the Communist forces during the last six months and asserted that even if the US sends 500,000 or 600,000 troops to South Vietnam "they will not be able to turn the tide." [REDACTED]

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Communist China: Indications are appearing that a new unity, possibly fragile, has been achieved among top party leaders in Peking.

The evidence for this is circumstantial, but accumulative. Since 1 July, Mao Tse-tung, in only his second appearance since last November, has received a foreign visitor; Liu Shao-chi is again being represented in major party journals as Mao's deputy; important changes have been made in the powerful party secretariat; and five officials who dropped from public view before or about the time of politburo member Peng Chen's downfall in April have again been identified in open media.

Shake-ups in the secretariat--the executive arm of the party--are rare. There have been only two others as great in the past decade. Though further disclosures of dismissals of persons below the top level can still be expected, party leaders may well not have undertaken the latest secretariat changes unless the air had been cleared of political uncertainty.

These various signs could mean that the leadership in Peking has been stabilized, at least for the time being. If so, party leaders may now feel they can move to consideration of domestic and foreign policy decisions held in abeyance for the last few months.

This apparent stability may well prove transitory. Considering all that has happened, especially Mao's seeming inability to exercise sure, sustained control, it is doubtful that the situation will fully stabilize until Mao finally departs and a successor consolidates his position.

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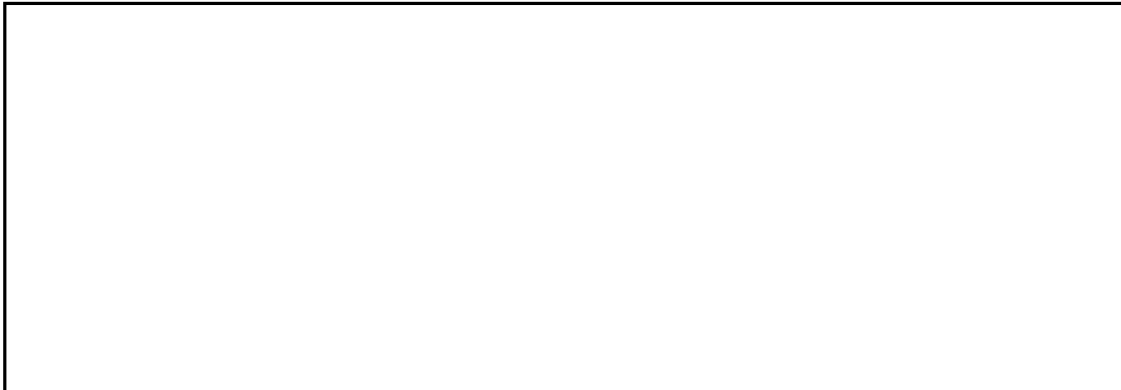
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USSR-Mali: The five Soviet AN-12 Cub transports which arrived in Bamako on 12 and 13 July carried crated MIG jet fighters, [redacted]

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[redacted] This shipment, possibly of the MIG-15 Fagots believed ordered under the October 1965 Soviet-Malian arms agreement, would represent the first time Soviet transports have been used to deliver MIG aircraft. Recent deliveries of Soviet arms to Mali have been trucked over a 1,400-mile route across the Sahara.

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Guatemala: [The new Mendez regime has appointed an extreme leftist who has been in exile in Mexico as ambassador to that country, and a Communist living in Paris as ambassador to France. These appointments, which were announced in the press on 13 July, are likely to arouse the concern of rightist civilian and military elements in Guatemala who are still suspicious of Mendez' political orientation.

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE

The United States Intelligence Board on 14 July 1966 approved the following national intelligence estimate:

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