

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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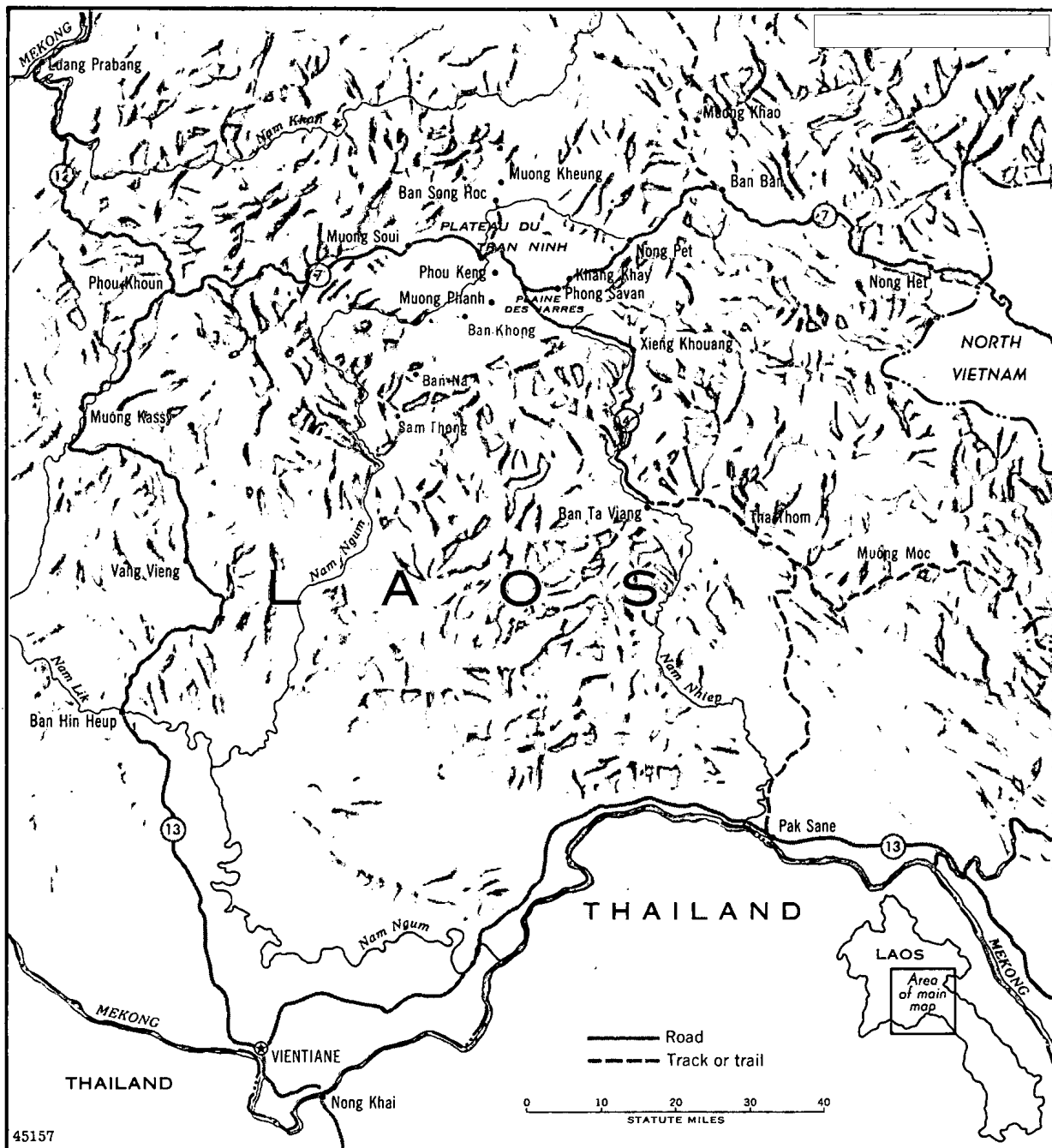


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1. Laos

a. Souvanna has just about given up any hope of working out a satisfactory compromise with the Communists.

b. [redacted]

[redacted] he roasted both the North Vietnamese and the Chinese, and the Soviets and Poles as well, for putting him in such desperate straits. He was convinced that "force alone" would make them come around.

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d. For their part, the Communists are beginning to make conciliatory noises now that their bargaining position has been strengthened. Both Souphannouvong and a Pathet Lao spokesman broadcasting from Peiping yesterday expressed interest in peaceful negotiations.

e. The military situation is not as clear as it might be. Kong Le seems to be moving his forces farther back into the hills surrounding the Plaine des Jarres.

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f. The exposed outposts of Muong Kheung and Muong Soui are coming under increased Communist pressure. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Muong Soui is the last major obstacle to a linkup of Pathet Lao forces on the Plaine and others in the region farther west.
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2. Cyprus

a. Big talk from Greek Cypriot leaders about building up their military force is not helping to lower the tension.

b. They have announced they are going to merge the police and gendarmerie and enact a conscription law.

c. They also say they are working on arms deals with "various countries." Their shopping list includes bombers, fighters, torpedo boats, and heavy arms. The Greek Cypriots have been claiming since January that the bloc would be willing to help.

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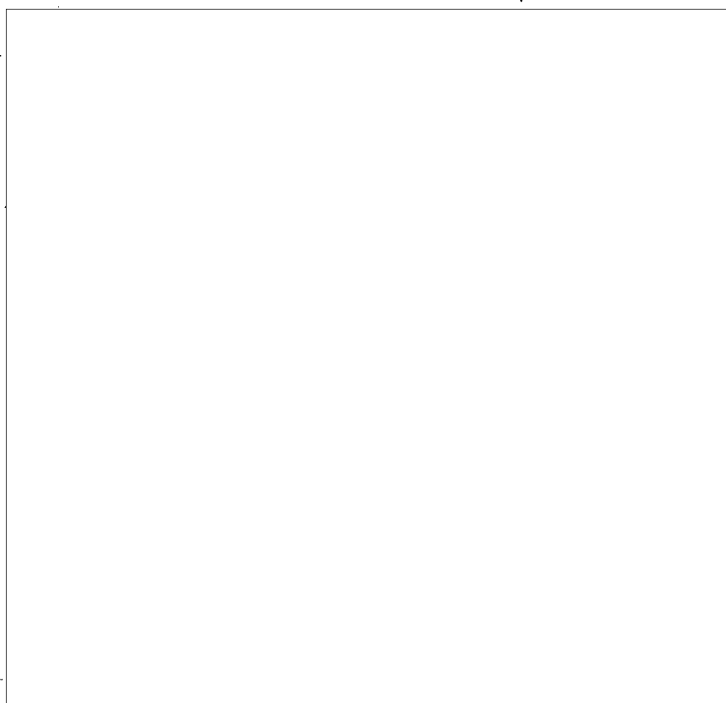
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e. The word is out of-
ficially now that only 17 of 91
Turkish hostages taken since late
March are in government hands.
This news from UN officials could
be all that is needed to set off
a new vendetta.

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5. Cuba-USSR

a. A new shipload of Soviet arms is due to arrive in Cuba

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b. While we cannot be sure what the large-hatch ship is carrying, it looks like a routine military delivery, probably including equipment needed for maintenance and modernization.

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NOTES

A. Congo Security in several provinces has deteriorated badly as a result of more intensive rebel operations. Leopoldville's army lacks both the leadership and logistical support needed to put down the uprisings. General Mobutu's extended absence on tour in Europe and his disinclination to return home do not help.

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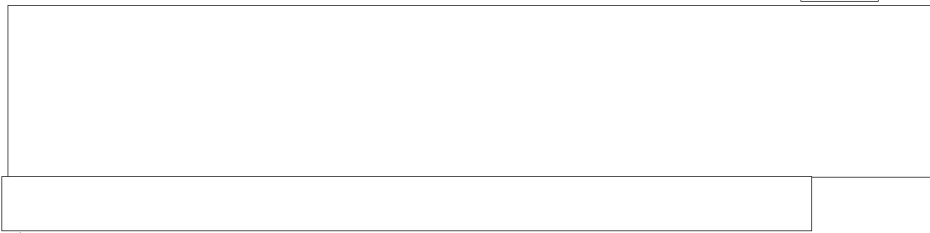
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E. USSR-Iraq Iraqi defense officials expect soon to close an arms deal with Moscow



F. British Guiana - Trinidad Prime Minister Williams' attempt at mediating the differences between Guiana's politicians has fizzled, to no one's great surprise. His coalition proposal held little appeal for Jagan's opponents, who have high hopes of winning Sandys' proportional elections. Jagan now must come up with some new tactic, possibly stepped-up terrorism, to delay the voting.

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