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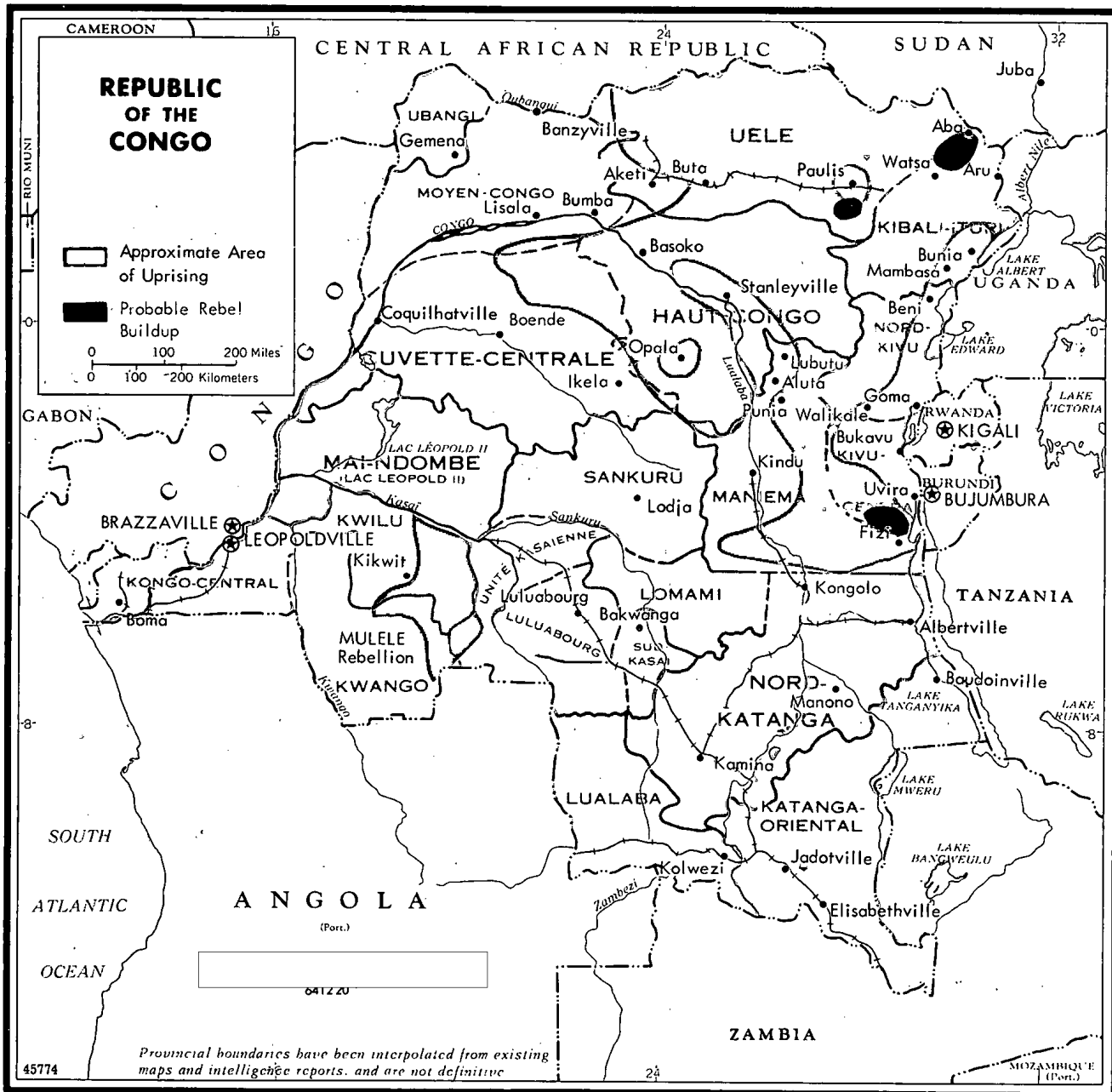
THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF

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1. Congo

Arms assistance to the rebels is already making itself felt. [redacted]

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2. South Vietnam

Huong is trying to bring the generals back in line, but so far they refuse to retract their decree dissolving the High Council. He feels he may lose their support against the Buddhists, whom he fears more than the military, if he presses them too hard. Buddhist leader Tri Quang says, however, that he has at least temporarily suspended his anti-Huong campaign. [redacted]

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3. Indonesia

Sukarno loosed another public attack on the Congo rescue mission today, ending with the remark, "To hell with your humanitarianism." [redacted]

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[redacted] USIS operations outside the capital city will probably be prohibited soon.

4. Panama

First favorable Panamanian reactions to the US canal announcement are being tempered by a "wait-and-see" attitude. There is apparently some concern about the problems a new canal might create for Panama. Anti-US groups, including the Communists, have been knocked off balance, however, and have not yet reacted.

5. Communist China

MIG fighters at Phuc Yen airfield near Hanoi have increased from 36 to 53, according to recent [redacted] photographs.

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6. Ghana

Nkrumah is threatening to expropriate British banks in Ghana. They have been resisting his desperate efforts to squeeze exchange out of them to pay Ghana's creditors. Virtually all commodity shipments to Ghana have been halted, and serious shortages loom.

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7. UAR

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