



# CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF

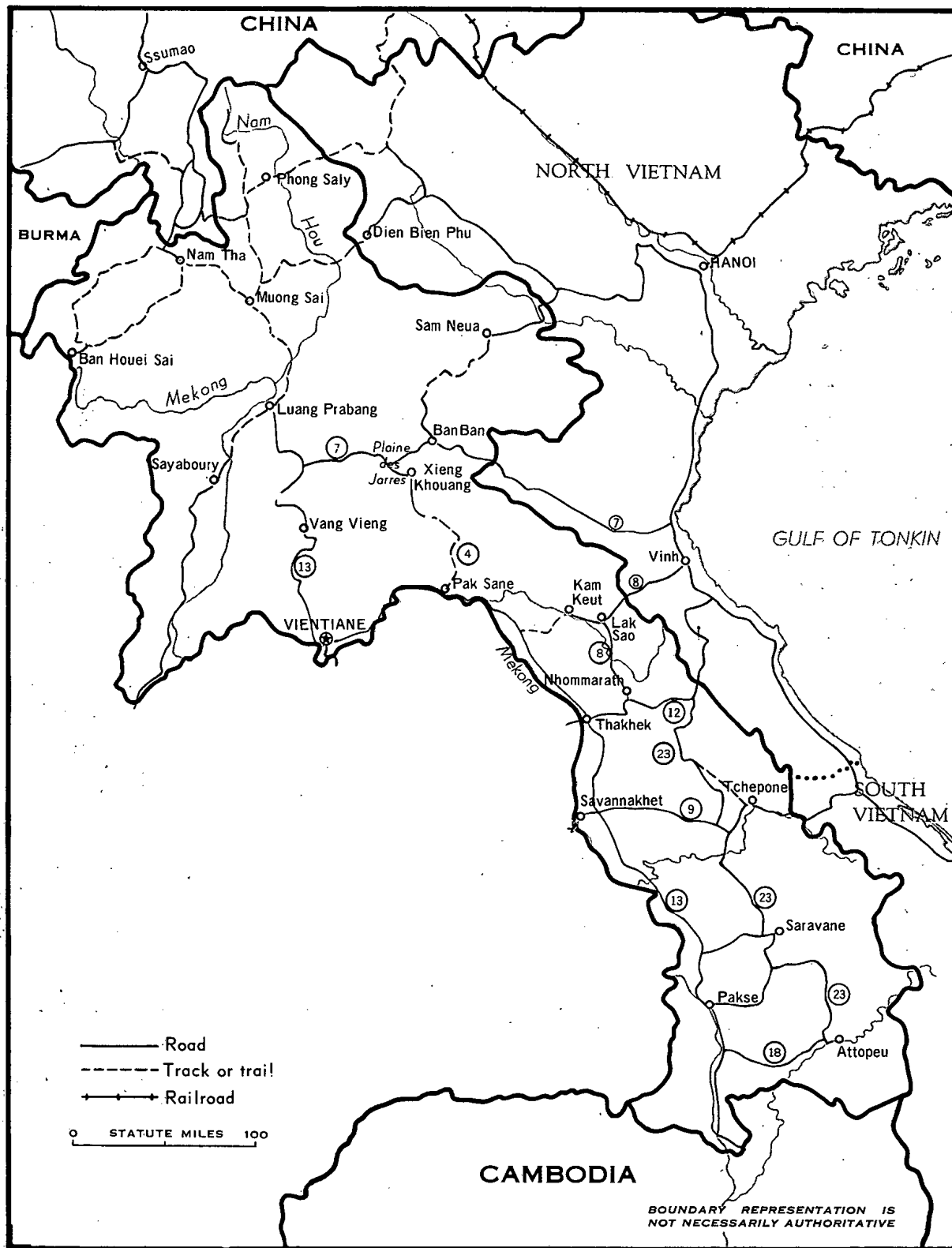
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1. South Vietnam

[redacted] there is still much bickering among the generals, but that the civil government's relations with them are improving. [redacted] the generals and Khanh have accepted Ambassador Taylor's suggestion of talks on the situation. This seems promising, but on the other hand the generals are still detaining several members of the High Council. [redacted]

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2. North Vietnam

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3. Congo

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4. Panama

The extreme left, knocked off balance by the recent US declaration on the Canal question, is seeking to regain the initiative by supporting a rising ultra-nationalist demand for "neutralization." By this they mean withdrawal of US military forces from Panama. The Robles government, although pleased by the US stand, apparently thinks it politically unwise to publicly repudiate this demand.

5. Laos

Tension is running high between rival rightist factions in Vientiane, and an attempt to take over the government could be triggered. The presence of the King may, however, help calm matters. Along routes 12 and 23 in the south-central part of the country, there are further indications of sizable Communist troop reinforcements. (See map.)

6. UAR

Nasir is apparently the source of a rumor in Cairo that the Soviets have promised to increase their economic aid to the UAR if US aid diminishes. If this is more than talk intended for US ears, Nasir may still find the Soviets readier with promises than with food grains and hard currency.

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