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## THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF



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1. South Vietnam

US military officials in Saigon report some decline in the intensity of Viet Cong attacks during the week ending 10 July. Incidents were more numerous, but personnel and weapons losses on both sides were down.

The trend suggests that some Communist units may be resting briefly and resupplying in preparation for large-scale attacks later this month. An exception may be in the Quang Ngai-Quang Tin border area, where enemy forces in more than regimental strength appeared poised for action. (Map)

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2. Vietnam

Photography of 10 July shows that construction of the fifth surface-to-air missile site--detected earlier this month--is nearing completion. Construction on three and possibly four of the five is now virtually finished. Nothing that can be firmly identified as missile-associated equipment has yet shown up in photography, however, and there is no sign of construction of the support facility essential for sustained operation of a missile complex.

The slow pace of construction had appeared to reflect Soviet foot dragging.

[redacted] the delay is related to the training of North Vietnamese operating personnel. [redacted]

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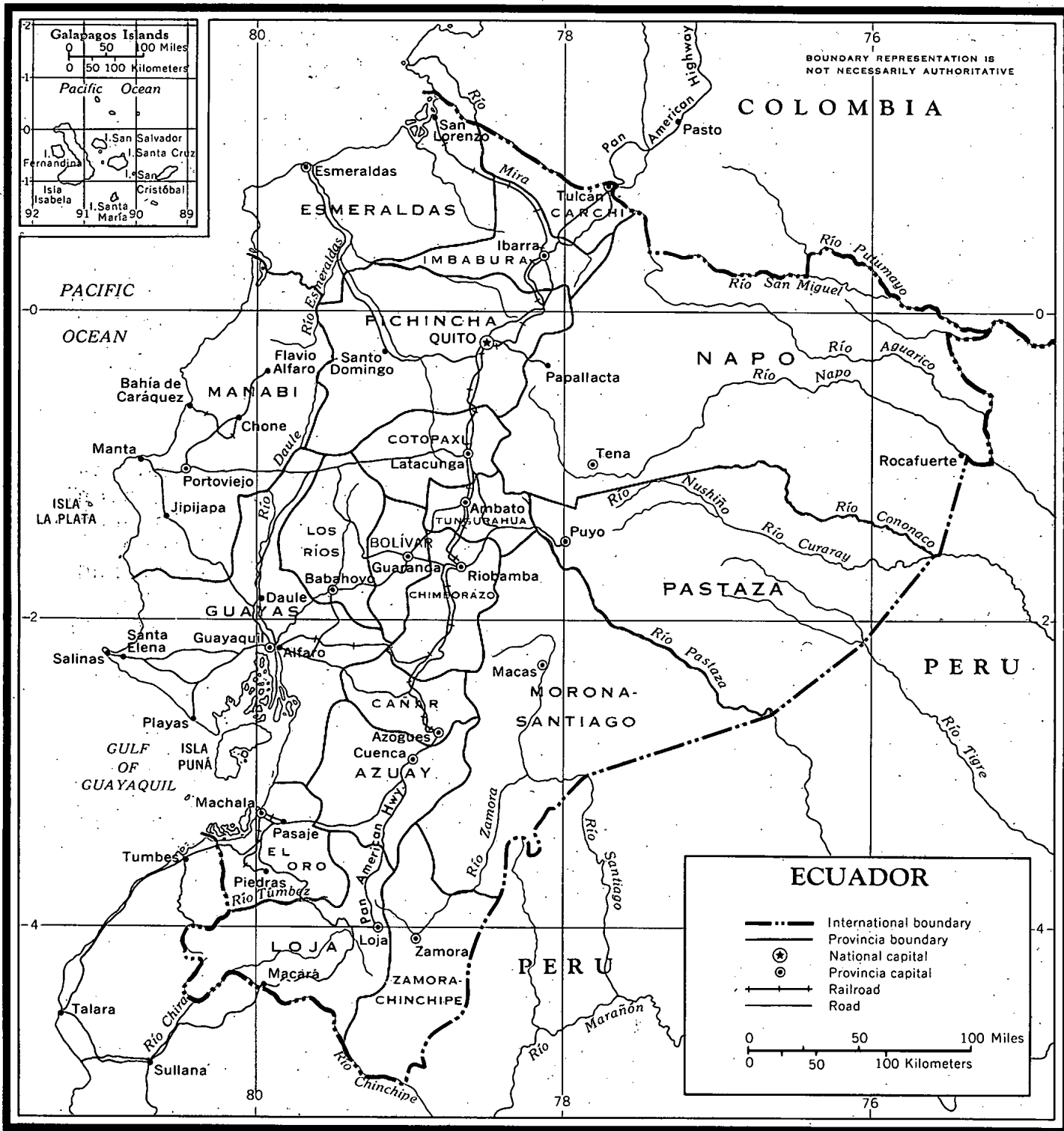
[redacted] this training would last until the winter of 1965. [redacted] Hanoi had refused to let Russians operate the sites so as "to avoid further aggravation of Sino-Soviet tensions."

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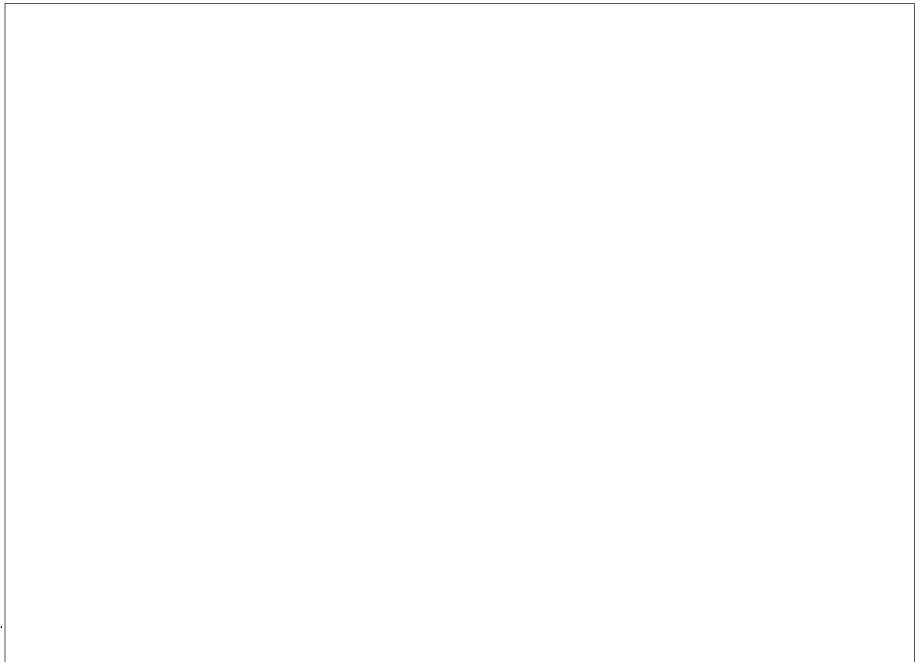
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3. USSR



4. Ecuador

So far today there have been no reports of a renewal of yesterday's violent demonstrations against the junta in Guayaquil, Ecuador's largest city. However, some opposition leaders in Guayaquil and Quito have vowed to continue with the demonstrations until the junta is toppled.


Given the pressures on the junta and the increasing unrest, the junta may soon be faced with the choice of imposing a military dictatorship, speeding up drastically its plan for a return to a civilian government, or bowing out.

Yesterday, ex-president Galo Plaza, recently UN mediator on Cyprus, offered his services to the junta, and there appears to be some sentiment for his temporary assumption of executive power.

5. Dominican Republic

The Organization of American States team is preparing for its return to Washington to render a status report, and the negotiations have paused.

Garcia Godoy may get a lift in his effort to form a provisional government.

 Read Barreras has now agreed to serve in such a government as vice president and plans to return to Santo Domingo from Rome this week.

6. Yemen

The press has reported that a settlement for the government crisis has been agreed upon in Cairo, where the principal contenders for power have been vying for Nasir's blessing. [redacted]

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it is not yet clear who may have come out on top.

Meanwhile, in the Yemen itself, Egyptian forces are still engaged in consolidating their hold on key towns and lines of communications while at the same time pulling in isolated garrisons and detachments overly vulnerable to royalist attack.

7. Israel

Israeli and Jordanian forces clashed today in the most serious border incident in several months.

The incident apparently began with an exchange of fire between small units, but [redacted]

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[redacted] the Israeli force had grown to battalion strength. The area was calm at last report, but the affair is indicative of the explosive potential of the situation along the border [redacted]

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8. Venezuela

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President Leoni on 13 July approved a plan for a 2,000 man security raid into the grounds of the Central University in Caracas early tomorrow.

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Security officials want evidence to bolster an effort to get legislative authority for government restrictions on the traditional sanctuary the university provides for subversive elements among students. Students took advantage of a taxi strike Monday and Tuesday to create a wave of violence around the university grounds, killing one police officer. This apparently impelled Leoni to overcome his long reluctance to sanction government interference with the university, although he may still change his mind.

Security officials are braced for prolonged violent reverberations from the right as well as the left, particularly in Caracas.

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9. Greece

Serious differences may remain between the King and Premier Papandreou and a full-blown government crisis may still be at hand. [redacted]

[redacted] the King is still opposed to Papandreou as minister of defense and may refuse to sign a decree removing the present minister until a replacement satisfactory to him is named.

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