

The President's Daily Brief

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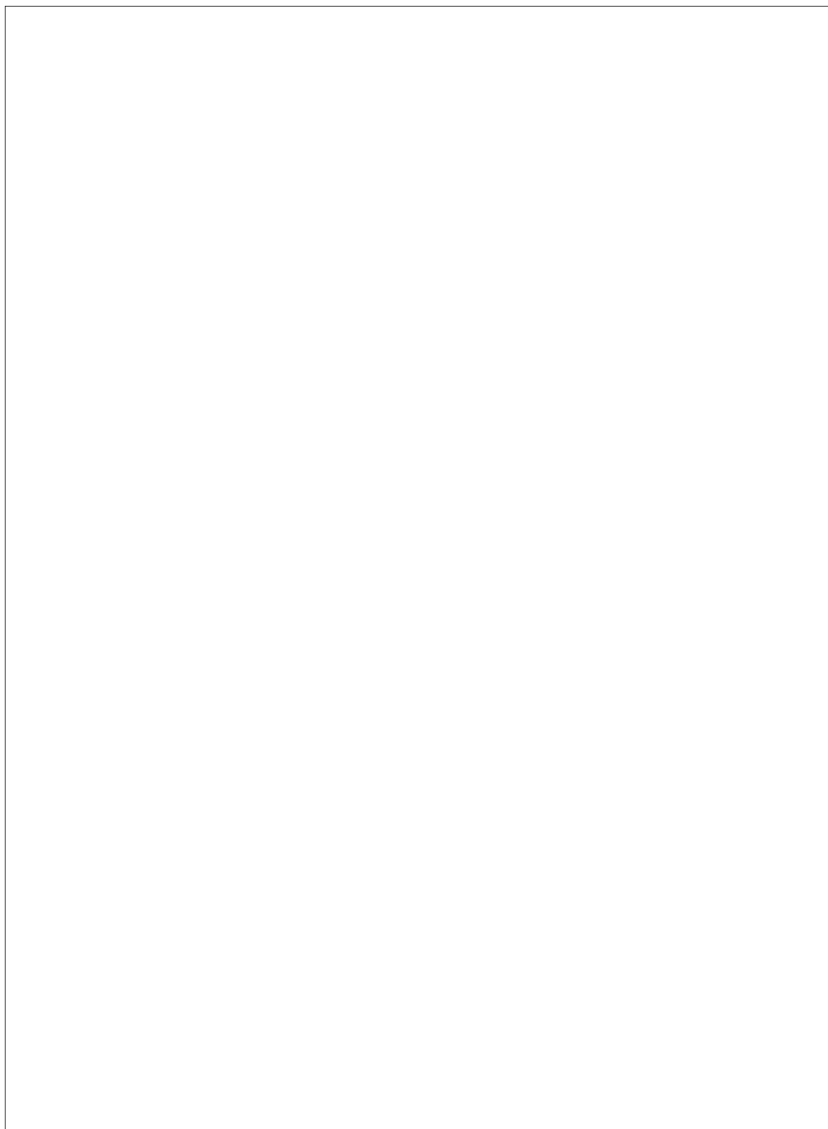


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1. Vietnam

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2. Greece

There has been a parade of political leaders to the palace, but so far no one has been named to form a new government.

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3. Argentina

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4. Panama

Aware that his time for private discussion with President Johnson will be limited at Punta del Este, President Robles is thinking seriously of suggesting a follow-up meeting in Washington to continue canal talks.

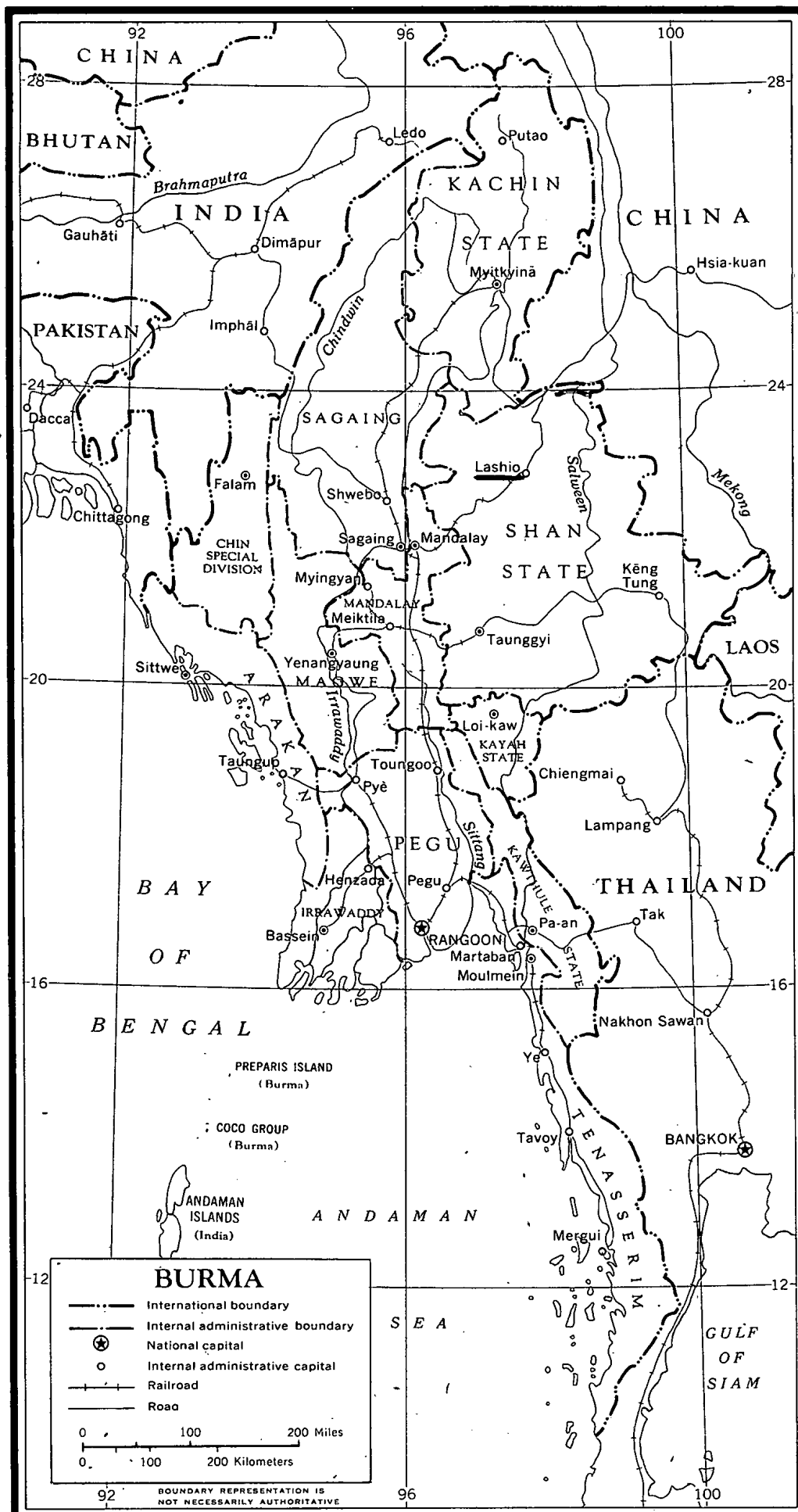
5. Egypt

Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko ends his three-day visit with Nasir today. Even the tight-lipped Gromyko has been unusually secretive about this trip, but we suspect Nasir's economic practices figured prominently in the talks. For one thing, the Soviets are not anxious to be left holding the bag for Cairo's wheat needs. Gromyko may very well have warned Nasir not to throw away his access to PL 480.

6. Netherlands

After a six-week search, the Queen may soon have a new prime minister--Petrus De Jong, defense minister in the outgoing cabinet. If De Jong is successful in forming a government, and his chances look good, the new defense minister is likely to be a Liberal. In that case, the net effect would be pressure for reducing Dutch commitments to NATO.

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7. Communist China

The Chinese are conniving with Japanese firms to buy scientific equipment useful in advanced weapons work.

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8. Burma

Refugees from the turmoil of Communist China's Cultural Revolution have been crossing into Burma in gradually increasing numbers since the first of the year.

Between 1,500 and 3,000 are estimated to have entered Burma along one 40-mile stretch of the border north of Lashio. Some Chinese Communist soldiers also have fled to Burma. The Burmese are rounding up all the refugees they can catch and sending them back to China, but it is almost impossible to police the entire mountainous border.

Many of the refugees will join the various insurgent bands that have operated in this rugged area for years.

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