

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

9 FEB. 1962
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1. Laos

a. The French Ambassador presents our offer of direct negotiation to Souvanna today. British Ambassador Addis is wary of his reaction since Souvanna is still suspicious of us. Ambassador Young anticipates a sharp reaction from Sarit when he learns of our offer.

b. The Communist threat to Nam Tha continues in the absence of a cease-fire.

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c. Phoumi's UN delegate has squelched Vientiane's proposal to seek UN intervention.

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2. Indonesia

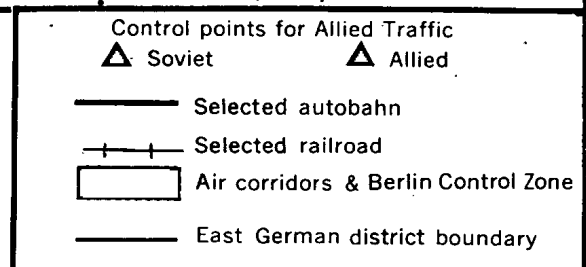
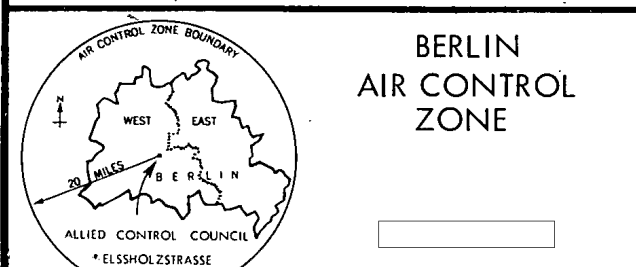
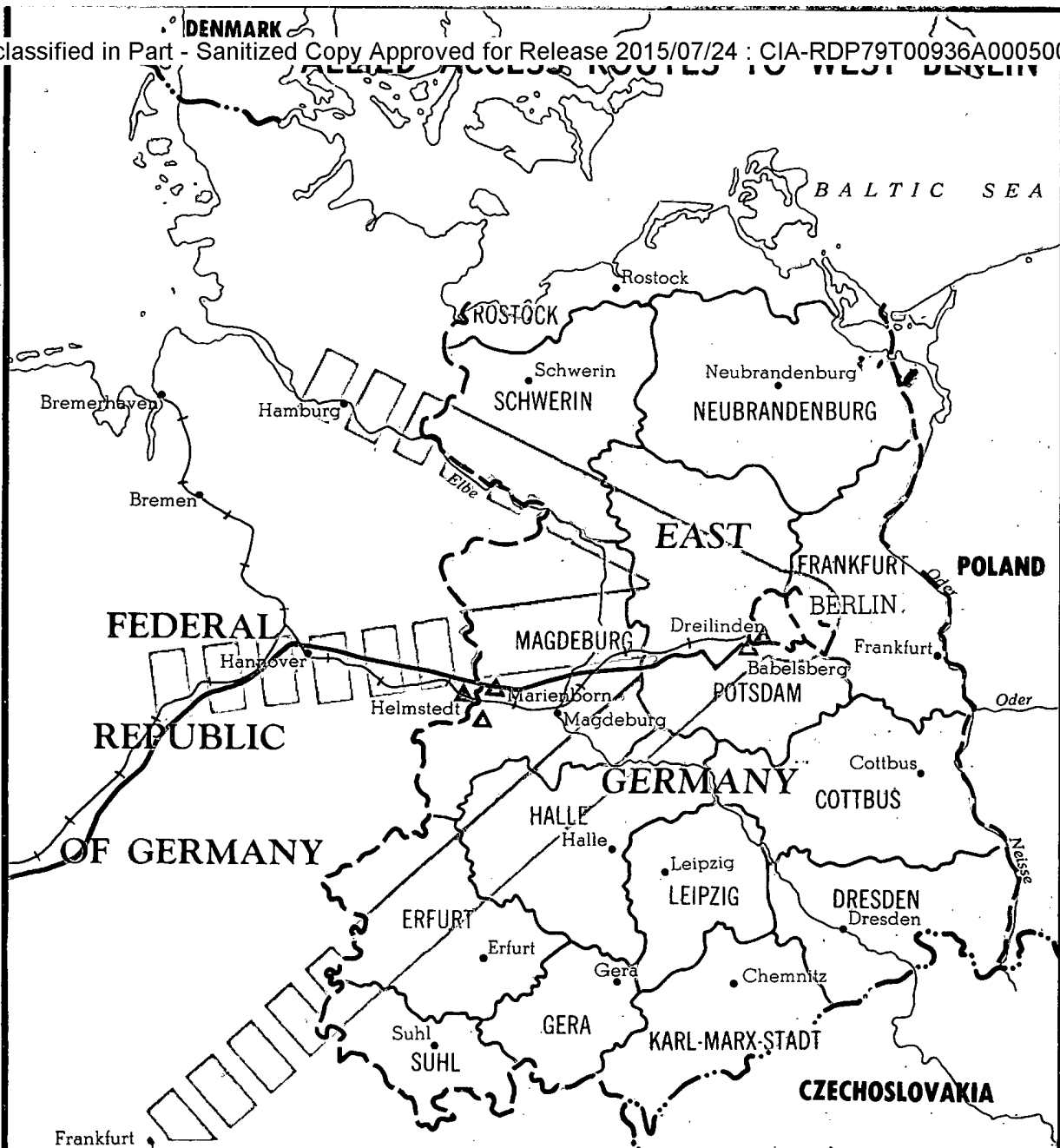
a. Sukarno sees "little or no hope for any positive results through diplomatic efforts in seeking settlement of the West Irian problem." Our Ambassador reports the government views the Attorney General's visit as the "final hope."

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b. The Dutch, reacting to our ban on troop flights, hint that Foreign Minister Luns should visit here for a general review of Netherlands-US relations and West New Guinea policy coordination.

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c. The Indonesian Communist Party, still trying to discourage the Attorney General's visit, is passing the word we can expect more anti-American demonstrations upon his arrival.

d. Djakarta is shifting to Japan for the purchase of military equipment denied by Britain.

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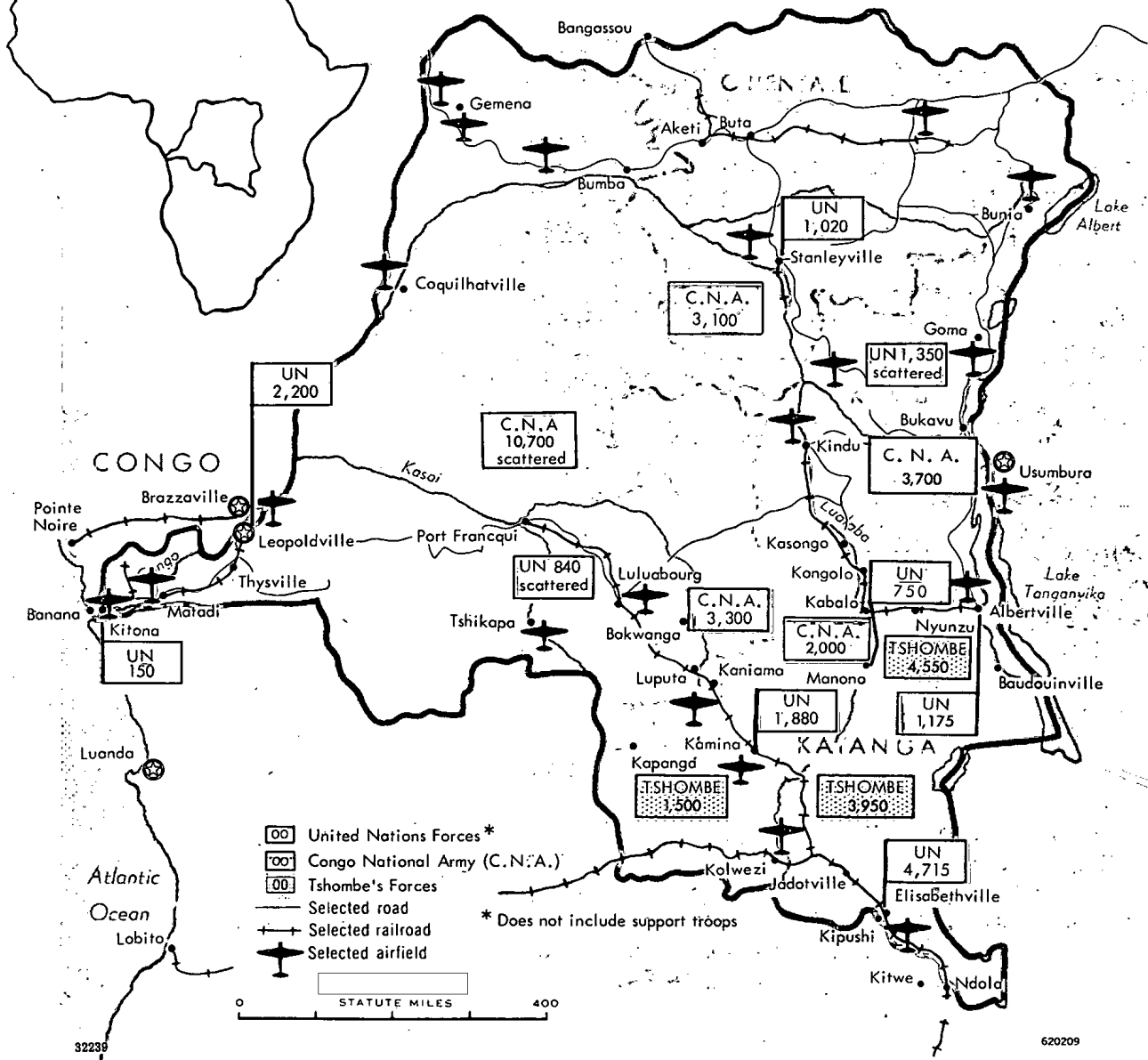
3. Berlin

a. The USSR this morning "engaged" the central and northern Berlin air corridors below 7,500 feet. As of 0800 we have no reports of any incidents. Yesterday in the southern air corridor we noted no abnormal Soviet transport activity or deliberate harassment of Western flights, including our directed air "probes."

b. We believe we are seeing a limited and carefully controlled Soviet test of our reaction to temporary interference with Berlin air access. We believe the move is a politically-motivated reminder of the corridors' vulnerability rather than a prelude to an attempted closure.

c. The Soviet Berlin commandant was refused entry at the Friedrichstrasse crossing into our sector this morning. The British formally offered him access at their Sandkrug Bridge crossing point but he insisted on hitting us.

Republic of the Congo



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4. Argentina

Argentina's break with Cuba yesterday does not end Frondizi's problems with his military - described by Chargé Hoyt as united and in an ugly mood. He is under attack for his Parana speech and they still demand ouster of his radical advisor - Frigerio and his key followers.

5. Congo

Tshombé is being urged to meet Aoula enroute home. He may be otherwise preoccupied, however, since the UN has suddenly stepped up its demands he disband his mercenaries. The UN command says Tshombé has "agreed in principle" to their demand to station troops at his strongholds outside Elizabethville-Jadotville, Kolwezi and Kipushi - while joint inspection teams - to which Tshombé has fully agreed - ferret out mercenaries. We suspect he will have second thoughts on this one. Our Elizabethville Consulate had considered the UN proposal a "dangerous" emphasis on UN military initiative and feared it could lead to incidents disrupting progress on the Kitona accords. The British are drafting a protest to U Thant on that move.

UN contingency planning to resume, if necessary, attacks against the Katangan strong points, appears well along.

NOTES

- A. More deliveries are underway in the Soviet aid program to strengthen the Cuban Navy's coastal patrol and defense capabilities. At least two and possibly all of the five Soviet vessels now enroute are towing patrol ships and some are probably also carrying motor torpedo boats. [redacted] 50X1
- B. The next move on Albania's Warsaw Pact status is up to Moscow. Tirana has served notice it still considers itself an active member by formally protesting exclusion from last week's Prague session.
- C. Adenauer's position on responding to the 27 December Soviet memorandum is to reject bilateral talks and avoid interfering with Thompson's Moscow discussions. [redacted] 50X1
- D. Franco has decided to try for Spain's participation in the European Economic Council. We suspect his decision is due in part to recent German encouragement.

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DOCUMENT OF INTEREST

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