

# THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST



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1. Laos

a. The three princes are scheduled to put their signatures on a formal coalition agreement today. Souvanna,

[redacted] will then begin the moves leading up to submission of the new government for the King's approval, probably early next week.

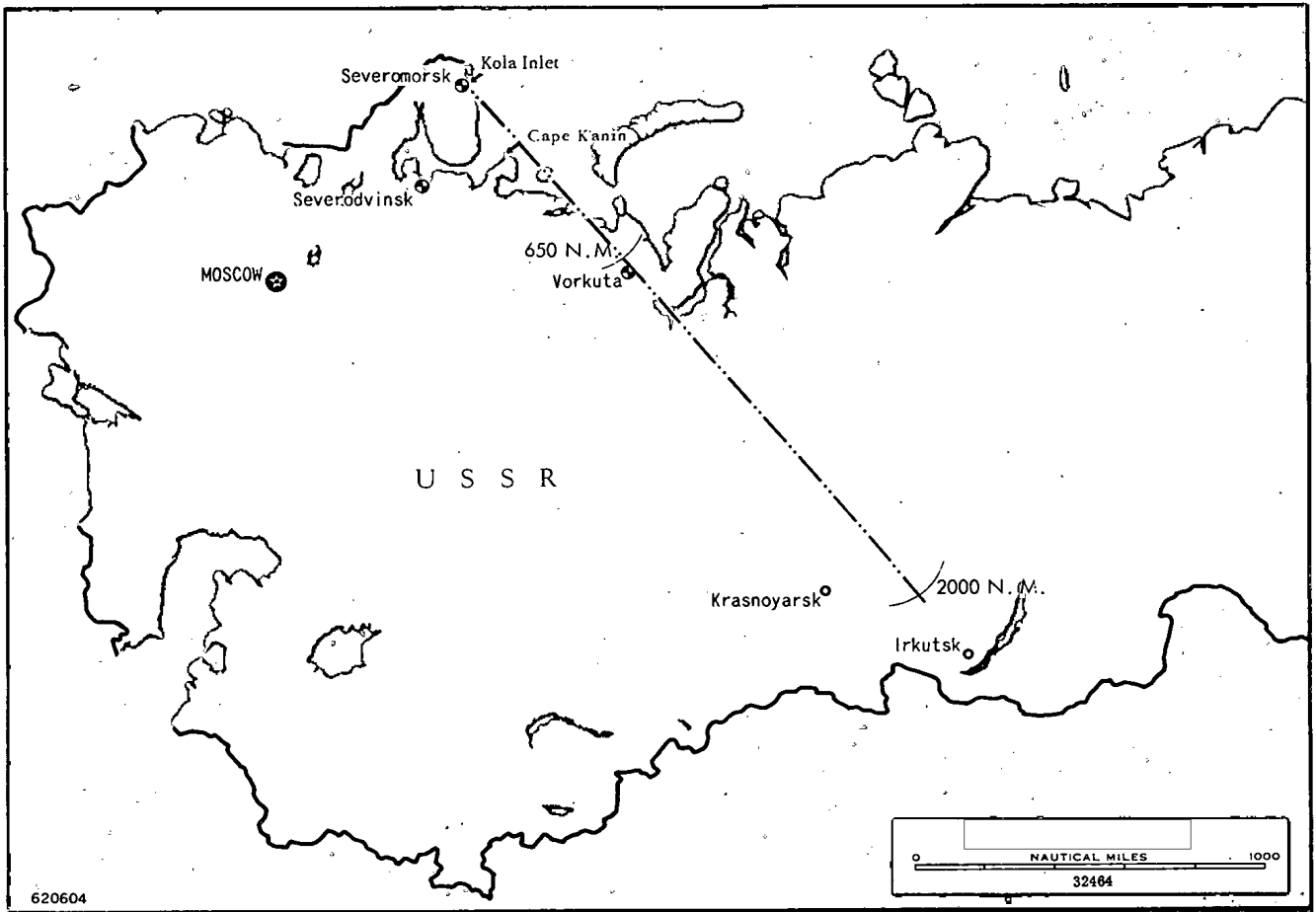
b. As recounted to Brown by Phoumi, Souvanna is due the credit for taking the negotiations over the last hurdle. The meeting came close to foundering over how many places were to go to "neutralists" based in Vientiane. Phoumi says that Souvanna's insistence that Souphannouvong give ground on this issue produced a table-pounding and furniture-kicking exchange between the two princes before Souphannouvong yielded.

c. This display of firmness by Souvanna seems to have had its effect in giving Phoumi a somewhat more hopeful view of the future than before. Brown quotes him as saying "I think this will work out."

d. Pathet Lao broadcasts yesterday were listing Souphannouvong as first deputy premier and Phoumi as second deputy, but the agreement in fact gives them equal footing.

e. The Thais are showing alarm over the cabinet slate, particularly over the appointment of Quinim as foreign minister.

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2. Soviet submarine missile system

There is virtually conclusive evidence of the launching of another ballistic missile by a nuclear-powered Soviet submarine last Friday on the Northern Fleet test range. We cannot say positively that the missile reached the range's 2,000-nautical-mile limit but there are some indications that it did.

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[redacted] this weapons system has passed out of the research stage into its operational-development phase.

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3. Peruvian election

With 25% of the votes still uncounted, none of the three major candidates has a clear hold on the necessary 34%. Amidst a stream of partisan claims and counterclaims, however, there are some signs that Belaunde has pulled ahead. Furthermore, Embassy Lima sees a good chance that, if the election goes to the Peruvian congress, Belaunde will come out on top, although it seems doubtful that any of the three candidates could form a viable government without making a deal with one of the other two.

#### 4. West New Guinea

Van Roijen told Ambassador Rice in The Hague yesterday that the Dutch cabinet is ready to negotiate on the basis of the Bunker plan, that the Dutch want a quick solution to the New Guinea question, and that they are willing to transfer administration to Indonesia prior to a plebiscite.

NOTE

- A. Moscow has named a second-ranker as its new ambassador in Havana. The new man had been the Embassy Counselor before Ambassador Kudryavtsev was recalled last week.

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