

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

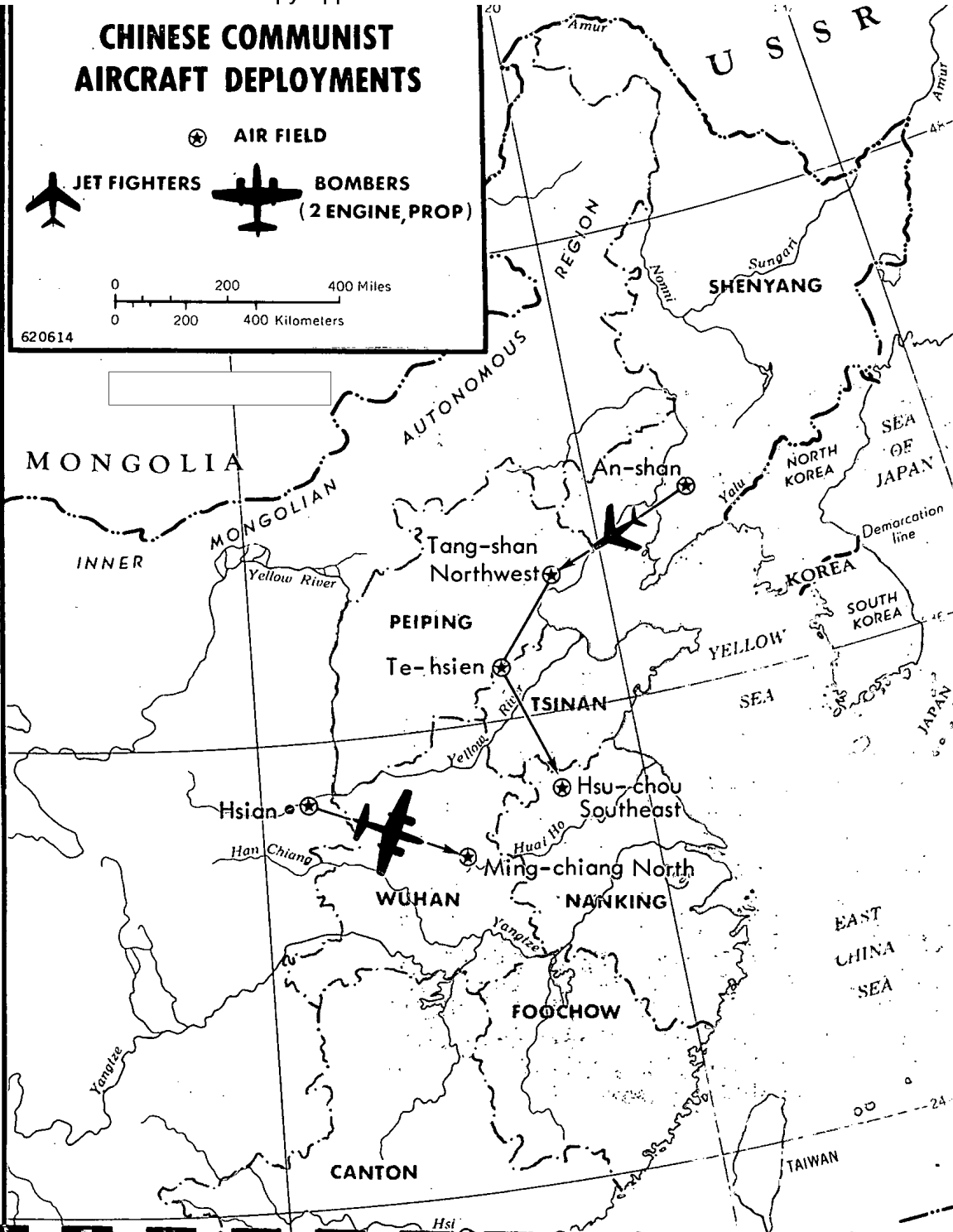


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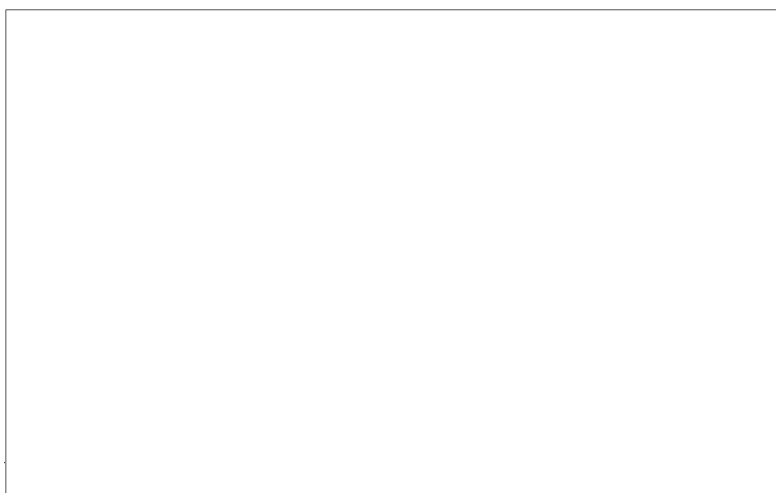
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1. Communist China



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b. [redacted] Communist China's Ambassador Wang in Warsaw has taken the unusual step of asking Ambassador Cabot to meet with him today in an unscheduled private talk. It is just possible that this meeting will shed some light on Peiping's present military intentions.

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c. Chinese Communist propaganda has recently shown concern over the possibility of a Nationalist move against the mainland. [redacted]

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2. Laos

a. Souvanna has confirmed to Ambassador Brown that he will head the Lao delegation to Geneva. Souvanna said he thought it would be a good thing for Phoumi to remain in Laos while he is away.

b. In response to Brown's remark that the use of Lao territory by North Vietnam for transit of men and supplies to South Vietnam was bad, Souvanna declared, "I will not permit it." He said he wants to go to Hanoi to ascertain the real intention of North Vietnam toward the South.

c. Quinim, the foreign minister designate, assured Brown yesterday, that he would always hew to a strictly neutral line.

3. Thailand-Cambodia

The Thais began reinforcing their Cambodian border patrols Wednesday. We believe this move to be related to the decision expected today by the International Court on the longstanding dispute with Cambodia over the Kao Phra Wiharn Temple. The Thais feel that the only just decision possible is to confirm their possession of the temple. Ambassador Young has warned that we are in for a violent Thai reaction and crisis if the court decides against Thailand. Sihanouk has told us Cambodia will abide by whatever decision is made.

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NOTES

A. The Peruvian election issue will probably remain inconclusive for several more days. The count so far covers no more than 15 to 20 percent of the total vote.

B. The two Soviet space event support ships have left their stations in the Atlantic and are now proceeding on extended resupply missions. The circumstances suggest either a temporary postponement or a major change in scheduling for the next Soviet space event. [redacted]

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C. Pravda yesterday attacked Western plans for what it calls "suspicious visits" to West Berlin next week by Secretary Rusk, Adenauer, and 40 British Labor Party MPs. It repeated verbatim the warning contained in the 7 June Soviet note to the effect that the USSR will have to take "appropriate steps" to fulfill its commitment to East Germany.

D. The Adoula-Tshombé talks are at a virtual impasse and are now producing nothing but acrimony. [redacted]

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E. [redacted] anti-regime sentiment has now built up among the East German people to the point where serious civil disturbances have become a real possibility.

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G. A Sudanese military delegation leaves shortly for Moscow on what we suspect is a shopping trip for military equipment. [redacted]

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DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

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