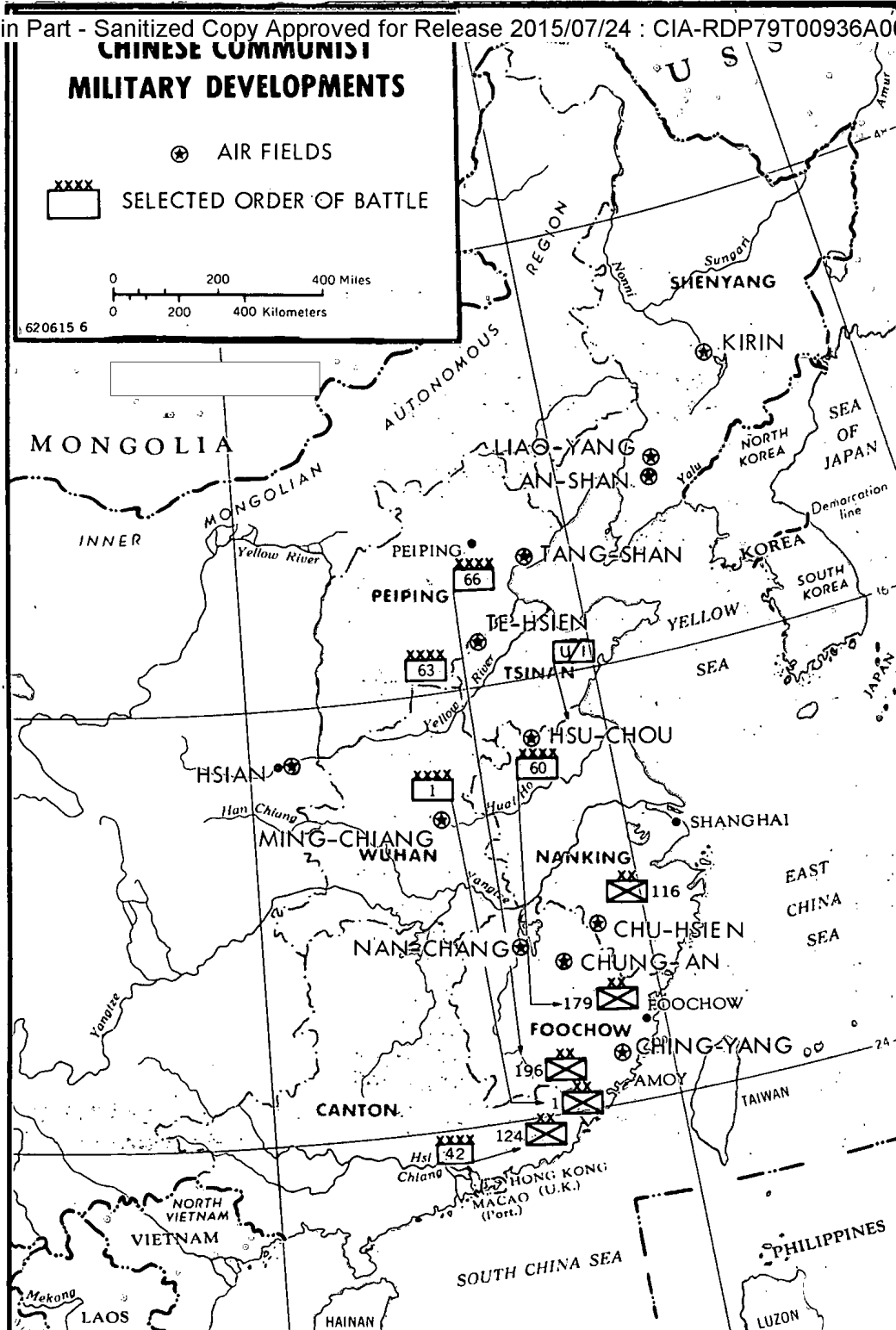


THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

16 JUNE 1962
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1. **Communist Chinese** [redacted]

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b. These jets are still well north of the Foochow Military Region opposite Taiwan. [redacted]

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[redacted] an airfield at Chiangyang on the coast has been newly activated and is prepared to receive jet fighters. [redacted]

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c. On the other hand, the TU-2 light bombers which we reported moving closer to the area seem to have returned to their point of departure. [redacted]

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d. There are also additional indications of the deployment of ground elements into or toward the area. We see some evidence, not yet conclusive, [redacted]

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e. In Warsaw, the Chinese Communist Ambassador, pleading illness, cancelled out of yesterday's meeting with Ambassador Cabot, and there is, therefore, no clue as to what he had on his mind.

2. Laos

a. Moscow's propaganda line on Laos has now begun to show signs of leading up to a demand for US withdrawal from Thailand as a precondition for a settlement at Geneva.

b. The first step toward formal investiture of the coalition government came yesterday when the National Assembly in Vientiane gave its approval.

c. [redacted] Pathet Lao and Kong Le elements [redacted] are preparing for a "clearing" action against Meo elements in an area north of the Plaine des Jarres, possibly beginning on Sunday. ([redacted]

3. India

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[redacted] Defense Minister Krishna Menon will soon establish uncontested control over the three military services.

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[redacted] he will have established a major base of power in the event that Nehru leaves the scene.

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4. Berlin

The Soviets and East Germans, with a wary eye on the possibility of incidents arising out of week-end ceremonies in West Berlin marking the 1953 uprising, are shoring up their security arrangements along the Berlin borders.

5. Syria

Syria closed its border with Lebanon yesterday. There are a number of antiregime plotters in Lebanon, although we have no concrete reasons for believing this move is connected with an imminent crisis in Syria's still shaky government.

6. South Korea

General Pak has accepted the resignation of his moderate Prime Minister Song Yo Chan, thus bringing the split in government ranks out into the open. Indications are that the move came from Pak, rather than Song, who had expressed to US officials his willingness to stay on in order to avert a crisis. Song's cabinet resigned en masse with him but their resignations have not yet been accepted.

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7. Yugoslavia-USSR

a. The Yugoslav leadership is preoccupied over how to cope with the serious problems it foresees in adjusting to the loss of US aid and the impact of the Common Market at a time when it is still excluded from CEMA, the Bloc economic organization. Although still fearful of breaking all ties with the West, Tito is continuing his moves to improve relations with the USSR.

b. One of the most high-powered Yugoslav delegations in years is off to Moscow on Tuesday for about two weeks. Judging from the delegation's make-up--it includes a politburo member, a member of the central committee and Tito's top man on Albanian affairs--the visit should be slanted more to real business than protocol.

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B. The International Court of Justice has ruled in favor of Cambodia's claim to the Kao Phra Wikarn Temple on the Thai-Cambodian border. [Redacted] the Thais are ready to use force to remain in possession of the site, which both countries view as a symbol of national prestige.

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C. Kosygin, one of the first deputy premiers under Khrushchev (Mikoyan is the other), begins a 10-day visit to Italy on Monday.

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D. A substantial number of Venezuelan Navy officers have joined in an ultimatum to the Minister of Defense demanding the removal of Communists and suspected Communists, including the CNO, from the navy. They are threatening to take matters into their own hands unless they get their way.

E. Chile is thinking seriously of resuming diplomatic relations with Moscow (broken in 1947) before year's end.

F. In British Guiana, Chedda Jagan is about to move for the dismissal of Home Minister Rai, the only bona fide anti-Communist in his cabinet and a persistent critic. If Rai decides to make a fight of it, it is just possible that he could break Jagan's very precarious grip in the Guiana parliament.

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