

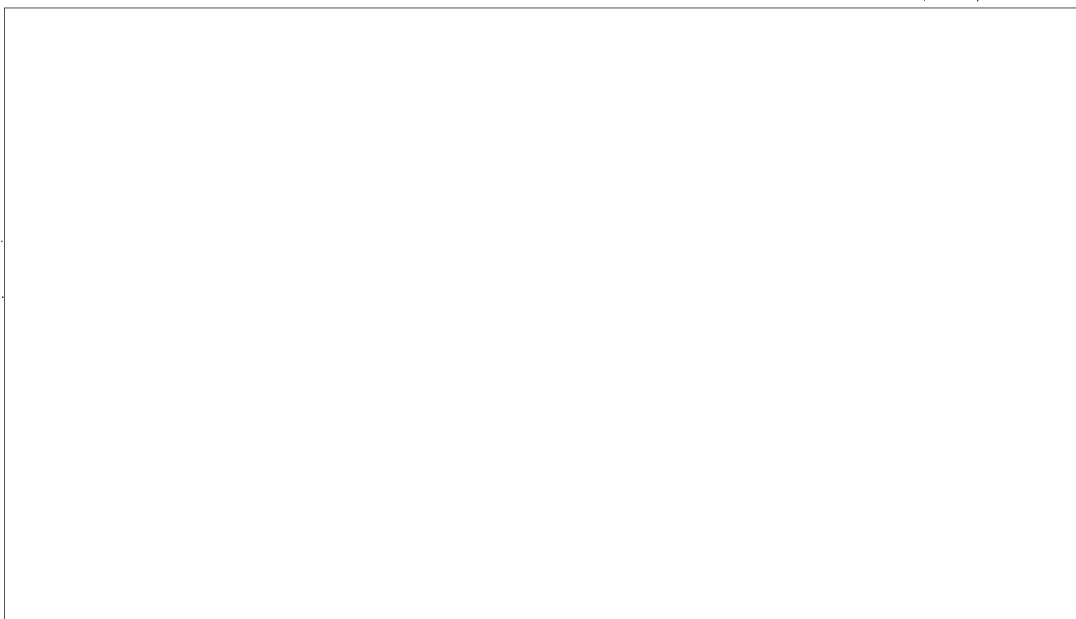
THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cyprus

a. The Cypriot Government will let us know, probably today, how it feels about the interallied force idea.

b. We expect the reply will be largely if not wholly negative.

c. Makarios wants UN assistance and is under strong pressure from both the Cypriot left and right to reject the interallied force idea.

d. In the UN, Cyprus would get substantial Afro-Asian as well as Communist support, and the temptation to seek it may prove too great.

e. For their part, Greek Government leaders have become bitterly disillusioned with Makarios. They feel he is heading for disaster.

f. Foreign Minister Palamas calls him another Castro and those around him lunatics.

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2. South Vietnam

a. General Khanh is working hard to build up a good public image. He spent much of Sunday visiting troops and villagers outside of Saigon, taking General Minh along in his new role of "adviser."

b. He is retaining ex-Prime Minister Tho's cabinet on a caretaker basis and has told both General Harkins and Ambassador Lodge that he intends to keep to a minimum the number of personnel changes.

c. Khanh says that, had he not moved when he did, he would have been arrested the next day at a scheduled meeting of Corps commanders.

d. His information is that Minh would have been arrested, too, and that General Kim would then have gone on the air to proclaim a policy of neutralism.

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e. He intends to put Generals Don, Kim and some others on trial and then exile them.

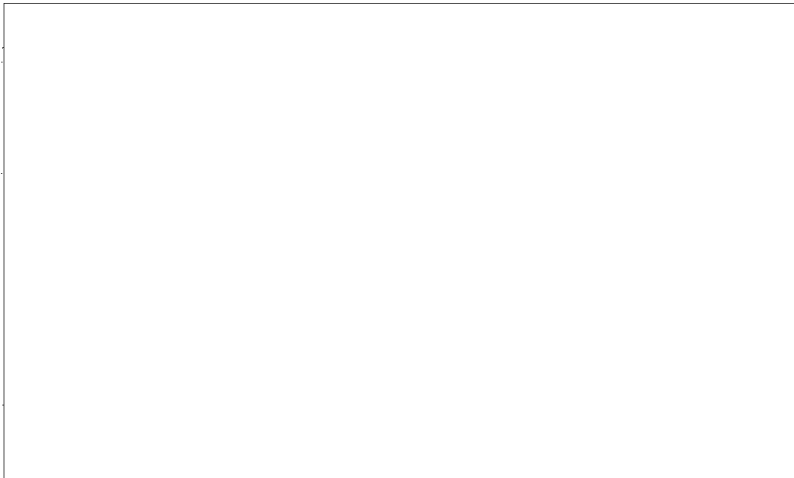
f. Whatever he does, Khanh seems determined not to allow the French to expand their influence. Though he says he will not break relations, he apparently feels some strong anti-French measures will have to be taken soon. We are urging him to be very careful about this.

g. Both Harkins and Lodge are coming around to the view that maybe General Khanh's advent was a blessing in disguise.

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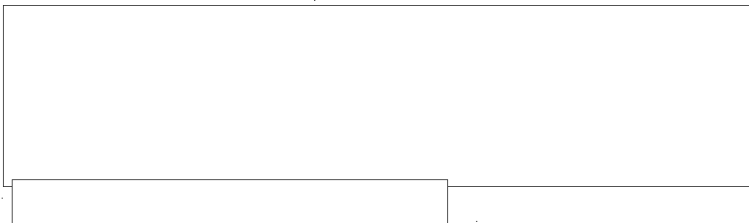
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4. Cuba-US

a. The four Cuban fishing vessels rounded up yesterday while fishing in our territorial waters off Florida have been taken into Key West.

b. The captain of one said he knew he was inside the 3-mile limit.

c. The Coast Guard reports nothing extraordinary about the craft, their catch, or the crew.



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5. Panama

a. Leftist agitators are now trying to organize a giant student-worker demonstration for next Monday in Panama City. Attempts to intimidate Canal workers have so far not amounted to much.

b. Former President Arnulfo Arias is busy drumming up support for himself as the Panamanian leader most likely to succeed.

c. He would prefer to be voted into office in May's elections, but probably will try a coup if it becomes clear that he cannot make it otherwise.

d. Arnulfo Arias already has the support of the masses who twice before voted him into office only to have him ousted--the last time by the National Guard.

e. The Panamanian elite resent him, but some [redacted] seem sufficiently impressed with his chances for winning a third election that they are discussing deals with him.

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f. Several Communist leaders were reported in recent months to have solicited Arias' help with their plans, but they appear to distrust him now.

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g. His apparently moderate stand on the Canal issue does not seem to have hurt him politically, probably because of his strongly nationalistic record.

6. Honduras

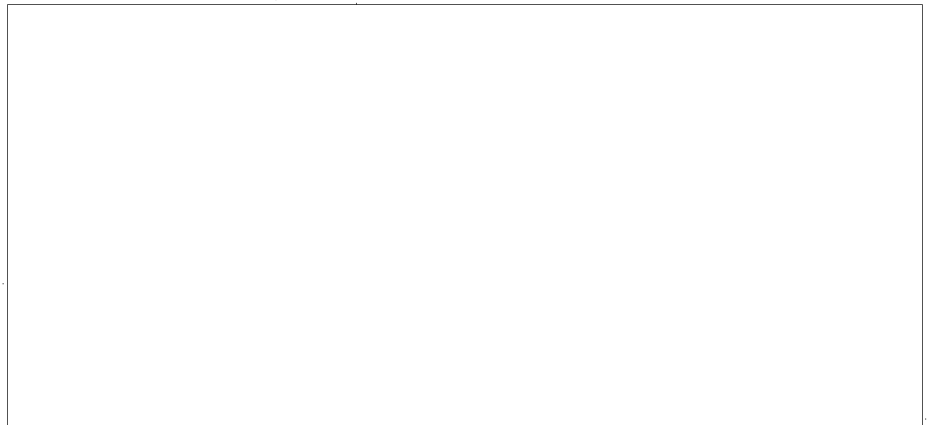
a. [redacted]

[redacted] a group of Liberal Party diehards now has everything in readiness to overthrow the Lopez military regime. [redacted]

b. This is not the same group as the military officers [redacted] [redacted] also planning a coup.

c. Neither group has Communist inspiration, but the country is so ripe for the Communists, that any further coup will help hasten the day of their move to take over.

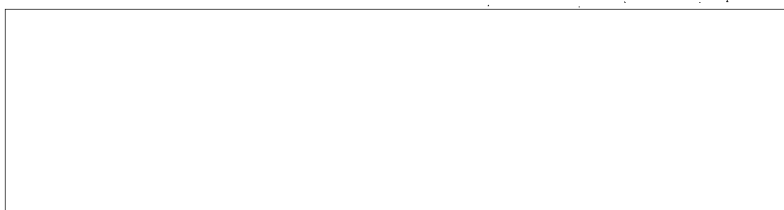
7. SEATO-China-France



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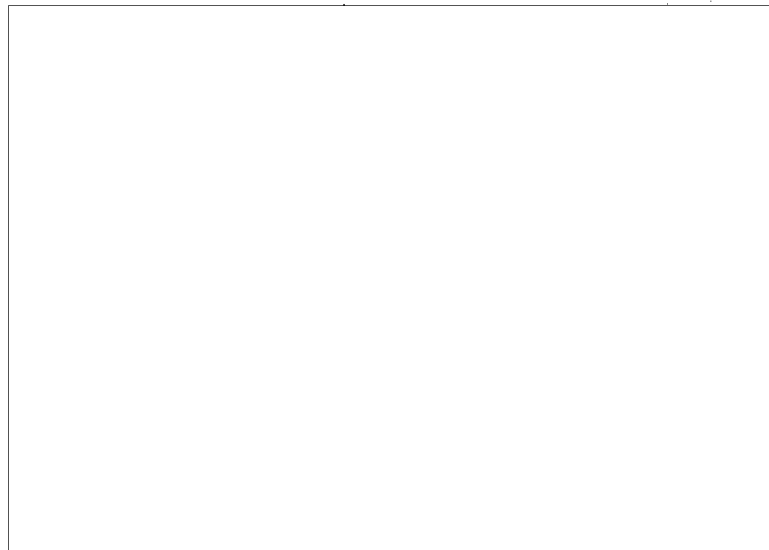
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8. Algeria-Morocco

a. Although the border dispute remains unresolved, there are signs of a slackening in the military posture of both Morocco and Algeria.



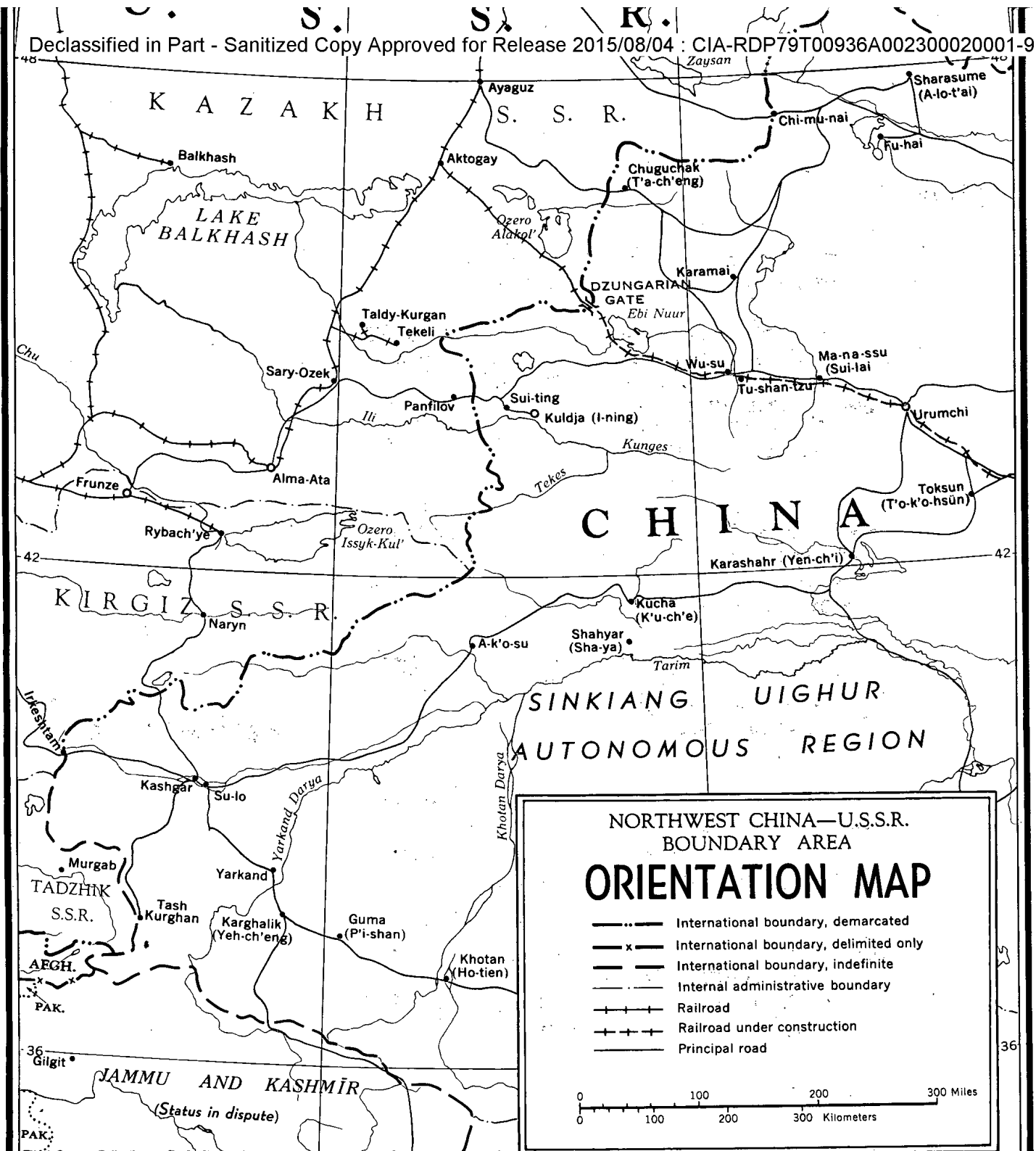
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9. Kenya

a. Prime Minister Kenyatta's position is being seriously eroded by his wily, ambitious Minister of Home Affairs, Oginga Odinga, who has long had financial ties with Moscow and Peiping.

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b. Odinga has already made alarming inroads into Kenyatta's Kikuyu tribe, into the Kamba tribe, among ex-Mau Mau fighters, and among youth groups.

c. If he is to preserve his leadership, Kenyatta will have to move soon even at the risk of causing a split in his party.

10. USSR-China

a. We have further evidence that Soviet military units were transferred to the Sinkiang border area late last year.

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e. [redacted]
[redacted] **KGB Border**
Guard troop reinforcements in the
Sinkiang area. [redacted]

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f. For their part, the Chinese have been showing some nervousness about frontier security in Sinkiang where they have been constructing additional border control facilities.

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A. Egypt-Yemen [] Egypt [] brought [] troops
into Yemen []

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B. Venezuela The Venezuelans say they have caught a Cuban national carrying supplies to pro-Castro guerrillas. They are probably saving the details to help bolster their campaign for stronger OAS action against Castro.

C. Tanganyika []
[] evidence of connivance between
trade union leaders and the army mutineers. []

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D. Chou En-lai trip Chou En-lai has interrupted his trip, apparently to return to Peiping for some unexplained reason. He is in Somalia at the moment, but with the cancellation of visits in East Africa, some slack has been introduced into his schedule. His next scheduled state visit is Pakistan on 17 February, and he probably feels the intervening time better be spent in Peiping.

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