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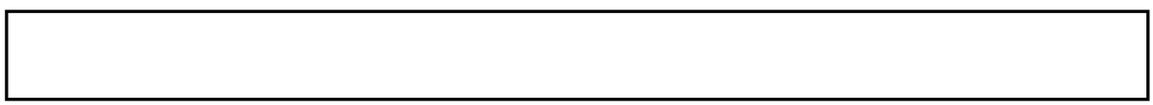
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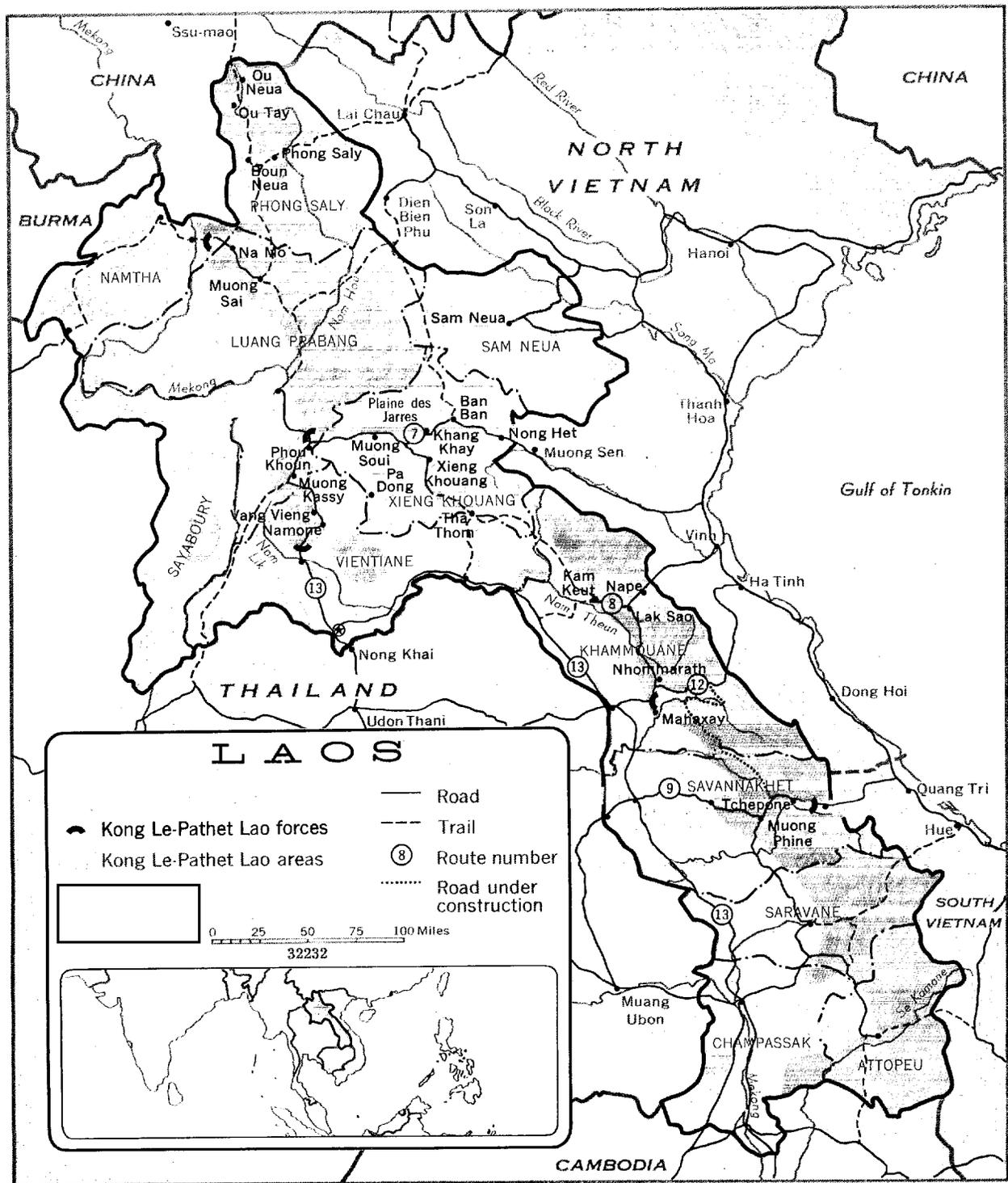
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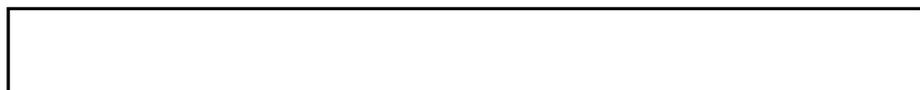


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***USSR-Berlin:** The Soviet controller at the Berlin Air Safety Center has announced the USSR's intention to use the northern and central Berlin air corridors at altitudes up to 7,500 feet on 14 February from 0915 to 1130Z (0415 to 0630 EST) for military air transport activity. Similar corridor reservations announced for 12 February were twice postponed and then canceled. [redacted]

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***At 0840Z,** the Soviet element at the Berlin Air Safety Center advised Western representative that "if your aircraft fly at altitudes planned for our aircraft, we shall consider them as trespassing, with resultant consequences."

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[redacted]

***Thailand-Laos:** The movement of Thai army units to the Laotian frontier, ordered by Prime Minister Sarit on 13 February, underscores Bangkok's anxiety over developments in Laos. A communique issued on the subject stated that increased Communist military activity in Laos, particularly against "strategic towns," has reached a point where Thai security is jeopardized. [redacted]

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[redacted] While Sarit's action is largely a gesture for domestic consumption, it could have a significant impact on the situation in Laos. Phoumi may be further encouraged to pursue his preferred military solution rather than agree to a coalition arrangement.

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Souvanna Phouma has finally received King Savang's permission for an audience in Luang Prabang, but a date has not yet been set. [redacted]

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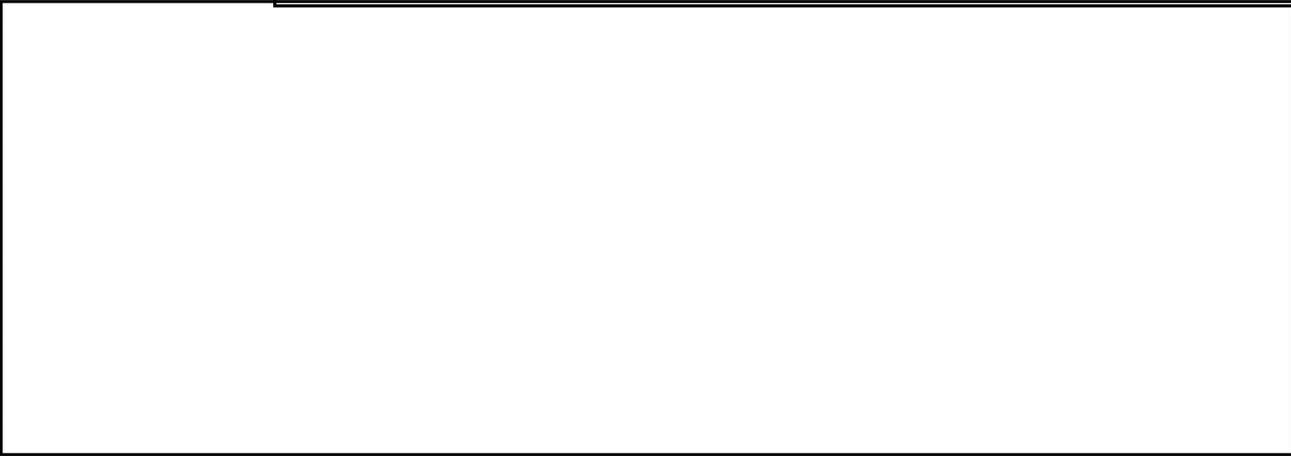
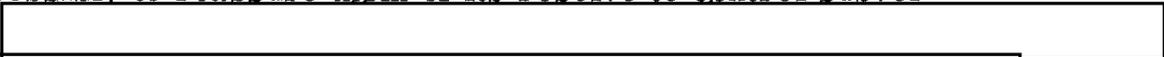


Dominican Republic: The US Embassy at Santo Domingo has for several days noted signs of factionalism and unrest in the Dominican Air Force and rumors of plotting at San Isidro air force base, a few miles outside the capital, to overthrow the Council of State on or before the week end of 17-18 February. There are no comparable indications of unrest in the other military services, and the embassy doubts a coup could succeed without full military backing.

There is general concern among officers in all the services that the council is too soft in dealing with the bloc of small pro-Castro political parties. The council appears to be overcoming its hesitancy to deal firmly with leftist elements and reportedly met with a group of high military leaders on 12 February, possibly to reassure them of its resolve to control subversion.

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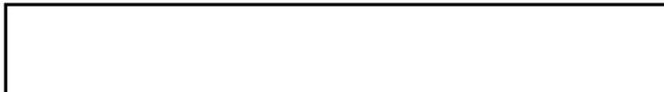
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