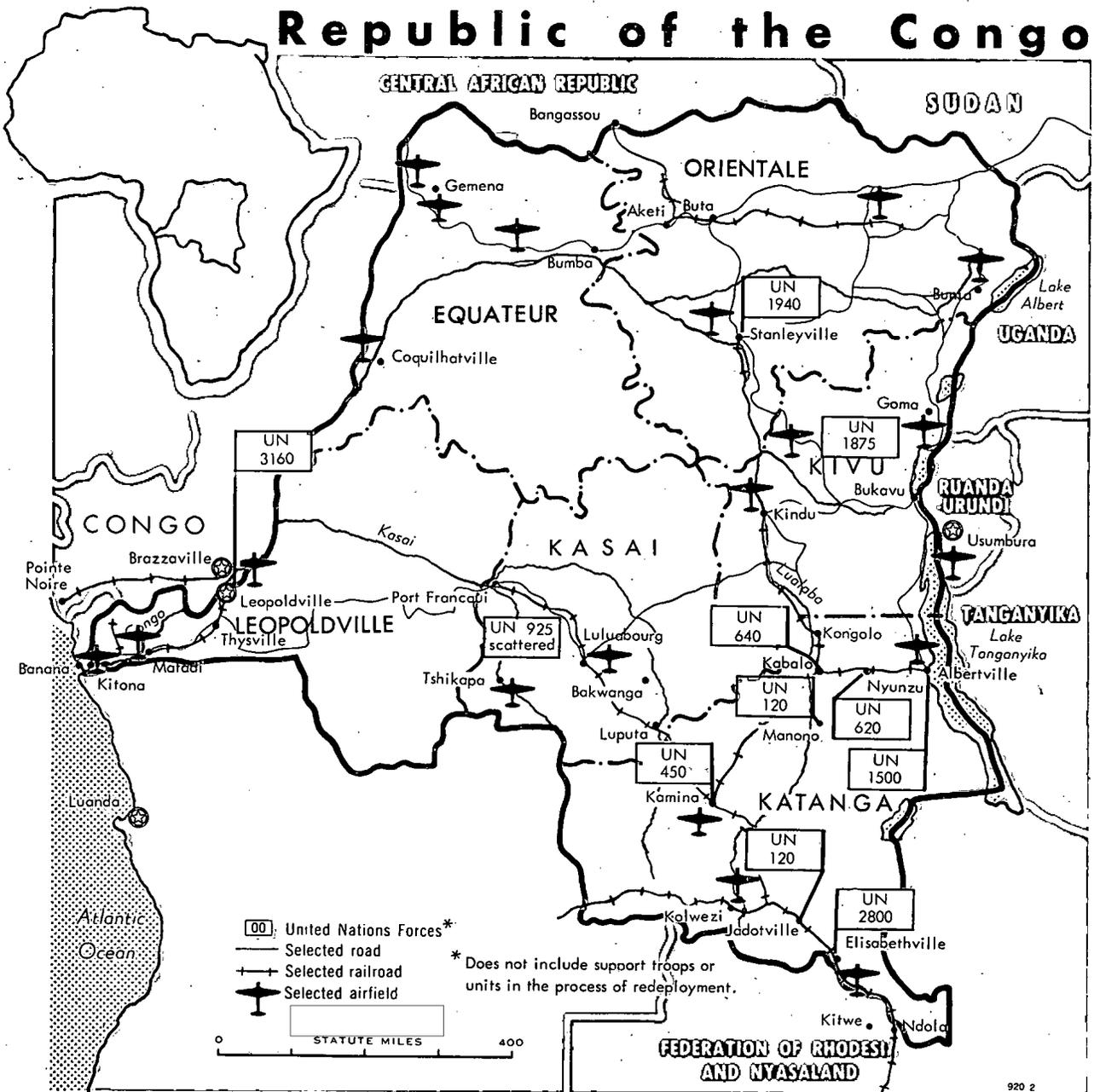


THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Congo developments



A. The cease-fire negotiated yesterday seems to be in effect. Since it forbids movement of units or munitions, it freezes the military situation with Tshombe's troops in the stronger position, an advantage he will certainly exploit in subsequent negotiations on reintegration of Katanga with the Congo.

B. Prior to the cease-fire there had been no change in the military situation in Katanga. Preparations were going forward, however, for the employment of Ethiopian jet fighters, and Sweden has announced that it will also supply a fighter unit.

C. Adoula, under heavy pressure from elements of his government who want strong action against Katanga. Adoula's government, has stated it does not recognize the cease-fire agreement, and has ordered "general mobilization" of the Leopoldville and Thysville garrisons. This is virtually meaningless, however, as these troops do not have the transport or supplies necessary for operations, and Adoula claims he does not want civil war with Katanga.



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2. [Nasir's difficulties in Syria



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A struggle for power that could endanger Nasir's control of Syria is possible. Police leaves in Syria were cancelled yesterday.]

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3. Conservatives in Ghanaian cabinet want showdown with Nkrumah



They are worried by his tendency to the left both in foreign and domestic policy, and want him to modify the new economic measures which have caused the present wave of strikes. So far they have had little success. 

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4. Nkrumah's ideas on secretary general question



He has proposed to Tito that the non-aligned powers jointly sponsor a candidate before the "great powers take up mutually irreconcilable positions." He personally recommends a candidate from Burma with a "troika" of deputies.

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NOTES

A. There have been two more Soviet nuclear tests, [redacted]

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C. Both the French and Algerians now want to resume negotiations [redacted]

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De Gaulle

is on a four-day trip through Southern France; [redacted]

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D. The present South Korean government is working more vigorously than its predecessors toward normalizing relations with Japan, and wants to reopen negotiations next month.

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E. An agreement under which Rumania will extend Indonesia a \$50,000,000 credit, mostly for rehabilitation of the latter's oil industry, will probably be used by Djakarta to improve its bargaining position vis-a-vis the three Western oil companies operating in the country.

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WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--20 SEPTEMBER

No Sino-Soviet bloc country intends to initiate direct military action in the immediate future.

Berlin - East Germany: The East German regime appears to be entering a period of consolidation, intensifying sector and zonal border security and reinforcing its control of the population. While minor resistance may continue, the regime has ample means to suppress any serious outbreaks.

South Vietnam: Communist guerrilla forces constitute an increasing military threat and appear to intend to develop a major base of operations in the plateau area of central South Vietnam bordering Laos.

Congo: Although a cease-fire has been achieved in Katanga, the Katangan forces retain their superiority. Thus the position of the UN forces, lacking reinforcements, remains serious. Bloc propaganda has been urging effective UN action against Katanga, and Moscow doubtless will seize any opportunities to exploit the situation.