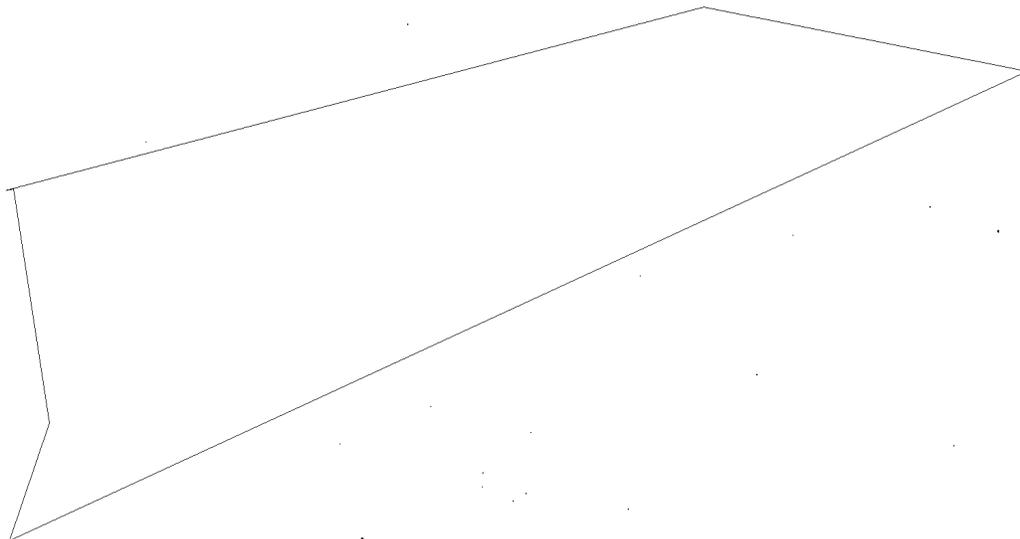


THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST



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1. Cyprus

a. Our ambassador in Nicosia thinks Cyprus will continue its evolution into a "Mediterranean Cuba" unless a basically pro-Greek political solution can be worked out soon.

b. Greek Cypriot hysteria over the threat of Turkish invasion has been exploited to the hilt by the local Communists. So thoroughly have they moved in on the nationalist movement that even Grivas--as anti-Communist as he is--has had to make at least temporary peace with them.

c. Athens, now convinced that Makarios wants complete independence, thinks he may take his case to the UN General Assembly where he can get support from Communist bloc members.

d. Papandreou has now come down on immediate enosis as the only way to get the situation out of Makarios' hands.

e. Various military preparations and gestures by both sides continue.



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2. Congo

a. Government troops have been sent back to Kamina and apparently are holding the city. One town in the area north of Leopoldville has been retaken from the rebels.

b. There has been a new outbreak of fighting in Kwilu Province, however, and agitators in Stanleyville are planning to stir up trouble in the city.

c. Tshombé, who told our ambassador that the National Army was "worthless," said he could put down the rebellions in two months if he could get immediate US money, arms, and vehicles for his Katangan gendarmes. He said he would use the gendarmes to "back up" the army.

d. Tshombé, who has not yet committed his white mercenaries, has indicated he might not have to use them if he gets enough help from us.

3. South Vietnam

a. Our suggestion that the current Viet Cong drive might be tapering off seems to have been premature.

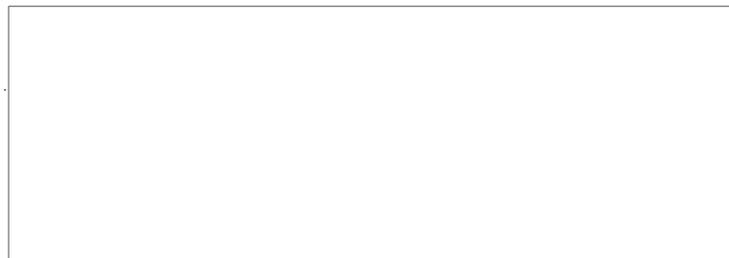
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b. Since last Thursday they have made four attacks in battalion and company strength, in addition to the two ambushes of government forces near Saigon during the week.



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d. Khanh has "clarified" his "march north" speech of 31 July. The government press says that the policy is to "stop the invasion by Red China...and end the war" but that this does not mean a military strike at North Vietnam.



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4. Laos

a. The success of Operation Triangle has put Laotian military and political leaders in a state of euphoria.

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b. Souvanna, however, told Ambassador Unger it was still necessary to "find and destroy" the enemy. Unger thinks that Souvanna will stay cool in the face of military "cockiness."



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d. The new Soviet chargé in Vientiane told Unger that perhaps nothing could be resolved on the Laotian question until after the US elections.

NOTES

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A. North Vietnam Yesterday's attack on USS Maddox was planned and directed by naval authorities ashore. In recent weeks intercepts have shown Hanoi's navy reacting with greater touchiness to US and South Vietnamese activities in the Tonkin Gulf. Maddox and the accompanying Turner Joy are still under intense Vietnamese surveillance. [redacted]

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B. Cambodia - South Vietnam [redacted]

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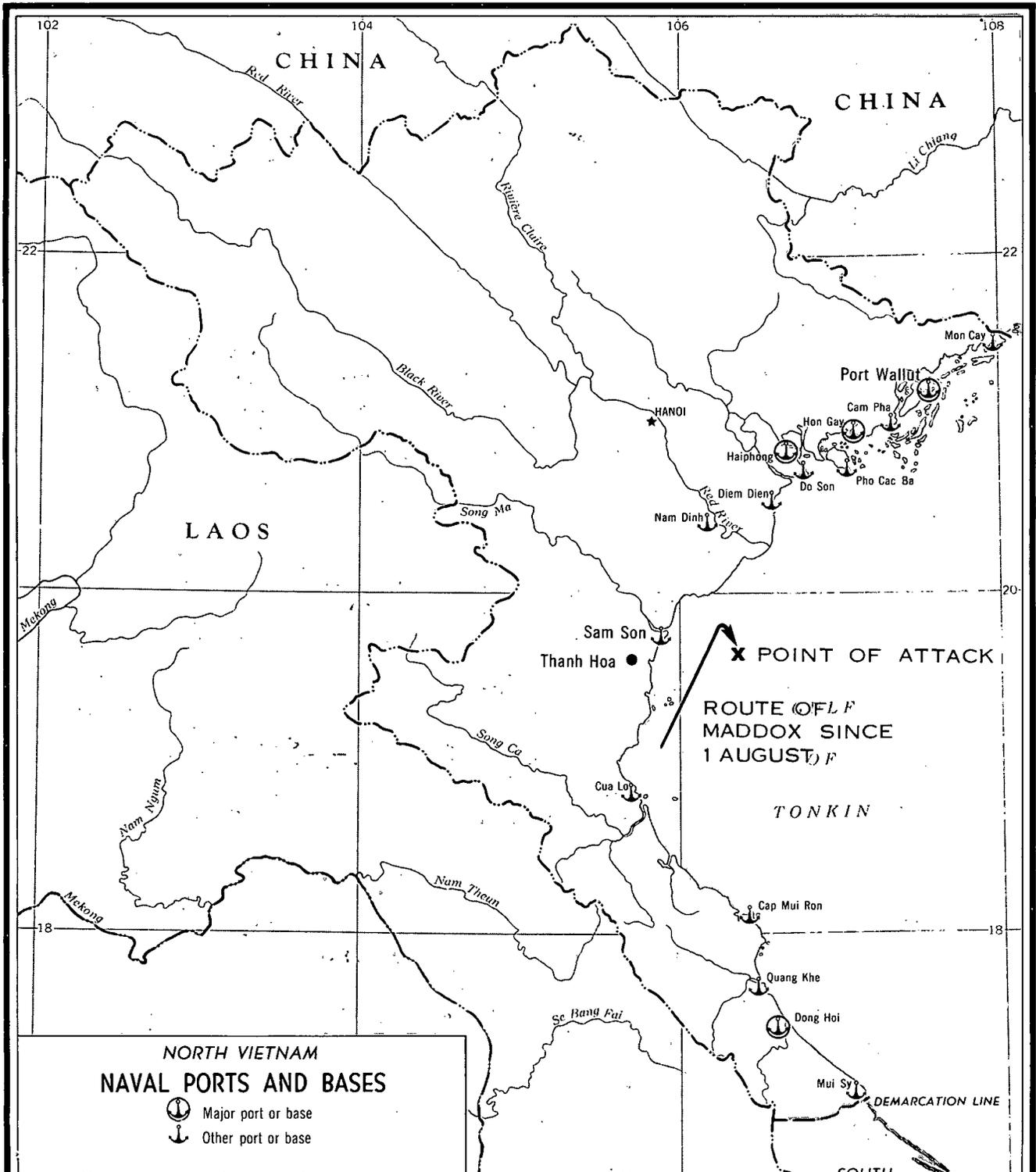
[redacted] The Soviet UN representative said he was "against" observers but had not been instructed on what form his opposition is to take. Sihanouk is still hammering away on the "poison powder" issue. [redacted]

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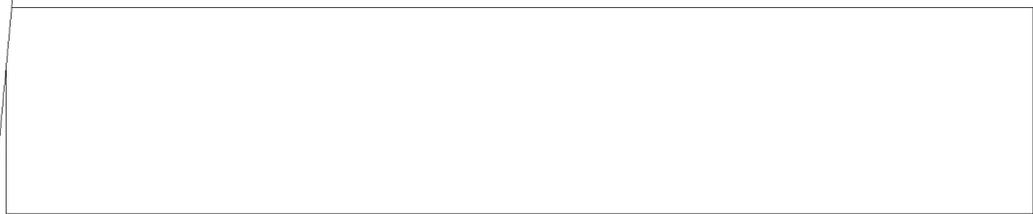
Communist China - Portugal The Chinese Communists have loudly denied they have been in touch with Lisbon about diplomatic relations. Peiping must have concluded that this game was not worth the candle, since it would not sit at all well with newly independent African states.

Tanganyika-Zanzibar An economic mission will visit Dar-es-Salaam in mid-September to work out the disposition of China's credit and grant aid (\$31 million in all) to Tanganyika. Already agreed in principle are a state farm, a farm implement factory, a textile mill, and some light industrial installations.

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F. Bolivia A police detachment, which included two USAID advisors, was ambushed by guerrillas yesterday in a remote area about 500 miles east of La Paz. One Bolivian was killed and an American was among the five wounded. Police reinforcements and US medical personnel are being sent to the area.

G. British Guiana: East Indians could be beginning to lose faith in Cheddi Jagan and his party. The governor has been receiving petitions and letters from East Indians protesting chaotic conditions and calling for partition or return to direct British rule.

H. Cuba-US The 75 or so US students now touring Cuba may return to the US next Saturday.



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