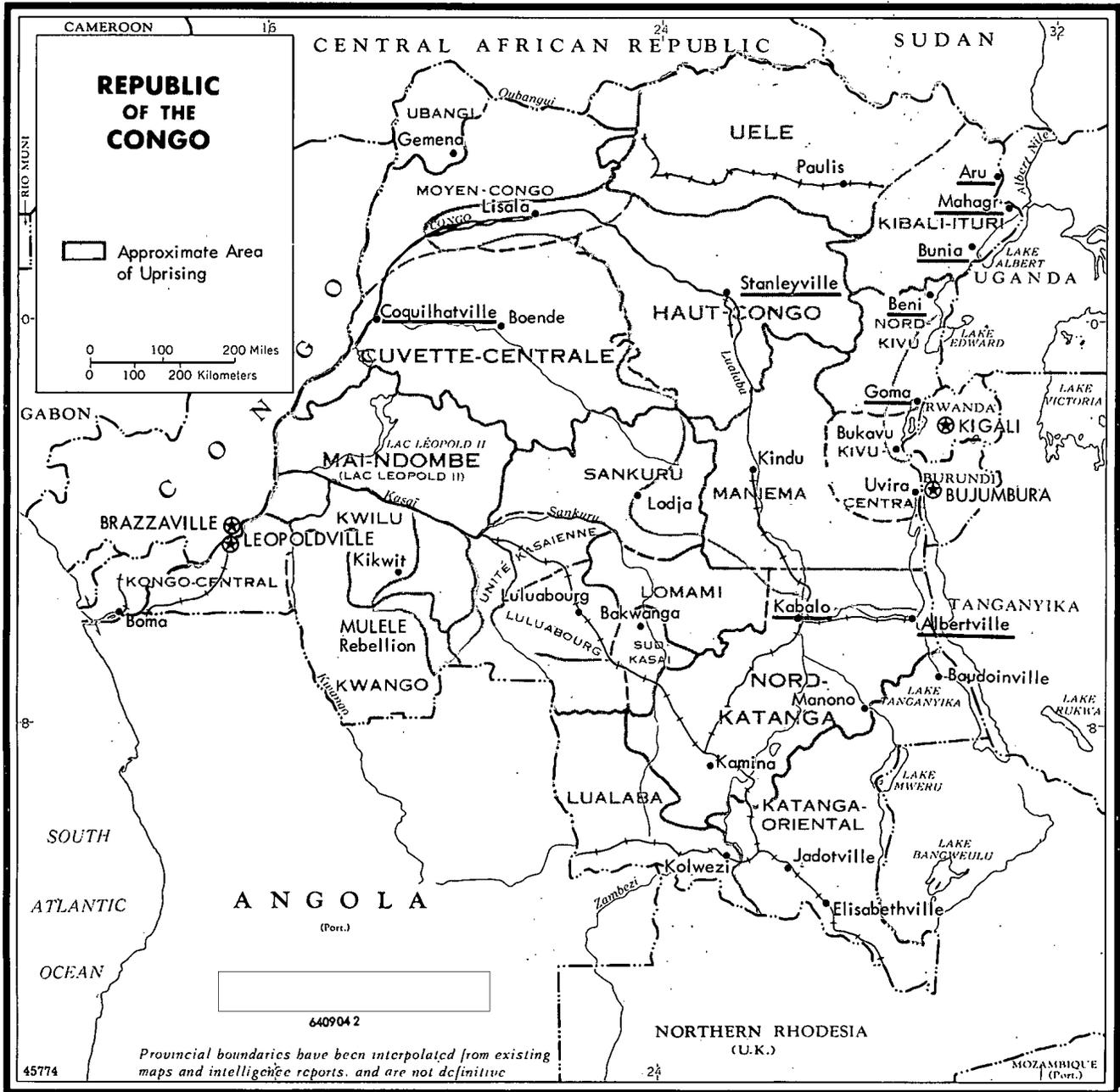


# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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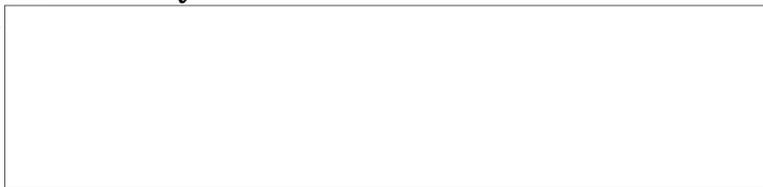


1. Congo

a. As expected, the rebels yesterday announced the formation of a "Congo peoples' republic."

b. We see this more as a bid for attention from the current OAU session than as a sign that the disjointed rebels have finally found unity.

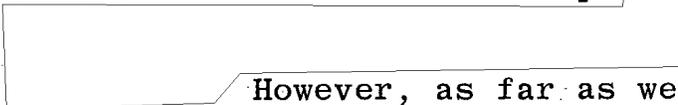
c. As a matter of fact the omission of key left wing figures like Gizenga and "General" Olenga is likely to cause new friction.



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d. Nevertheless, Olenga's rebel groups continue their virtually unopposed move across the northern provinces. They have taken Boende and now menace Coquilhatville, the last major settlement between the rebels and Leopoldville.

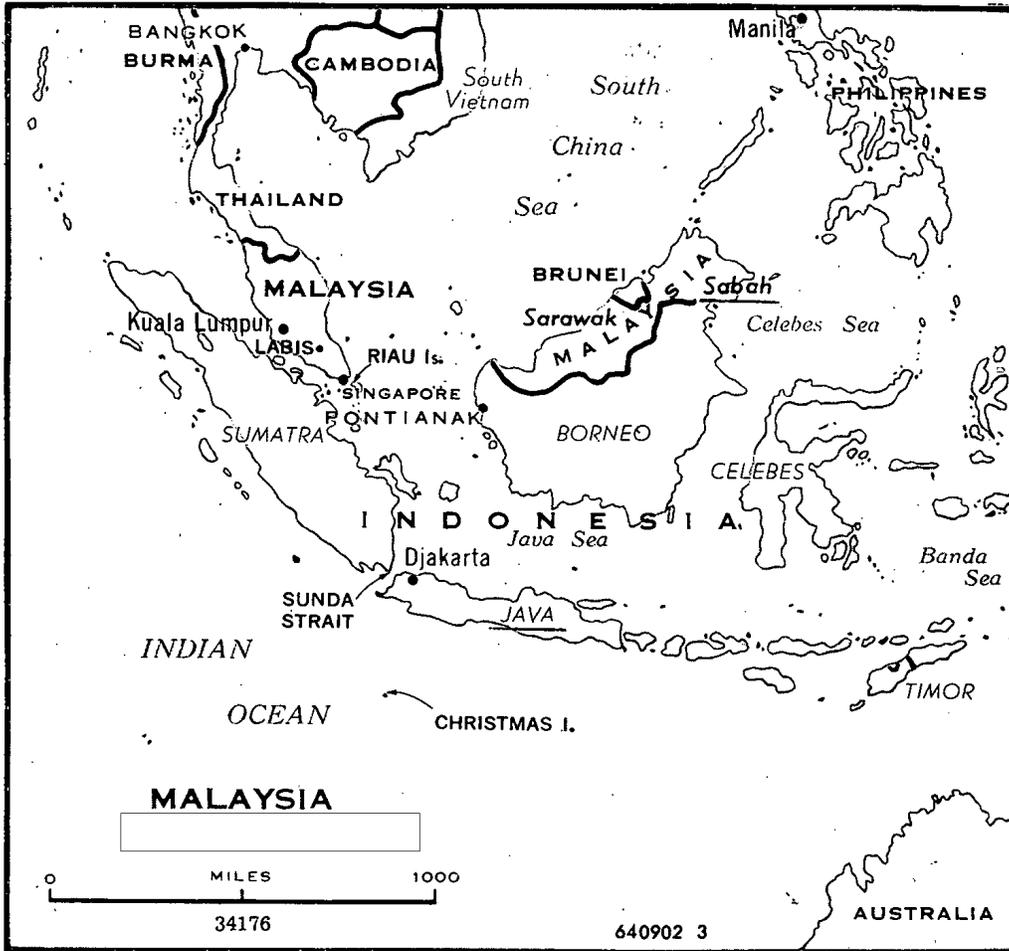
e. The government's counter efforts are slow to take shape



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However, as far as we know, no reinforcements have been sent despite the report that members of the Coquilhatville garrison are already shedding uniforms.

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f. So far Tshombé has performed well at the OAU meeting, especially on the inflammatory mercenary issue.

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2. Indonesia-Malaysia

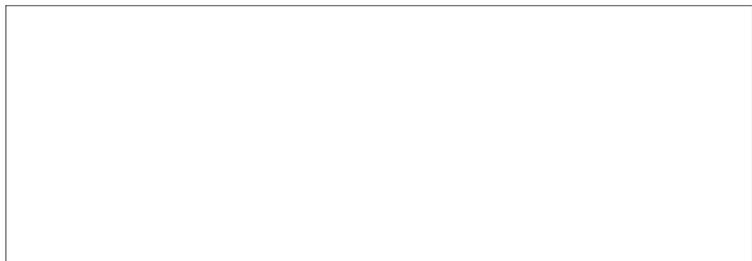
a. Still smarting from the passage of a British naval task force through the Sunda Strait, the Indonesians charge that a US naval group went through on Friday, thus flaunting the Indonesian orders which seek to control passage through the strait.

b. We have told them that no US naval vessels were in the vicinity.

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d. Malaysia's complaint about the airdropping of Indonesian guerrillas goes to the Security Council this week.

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f. Meanwhile, the riots in Singapore continued over the weekend. Unlike the July outbursts, the present riots are not a completely communal affair. Also the rioters are better organized and using more sophisticated tactics.

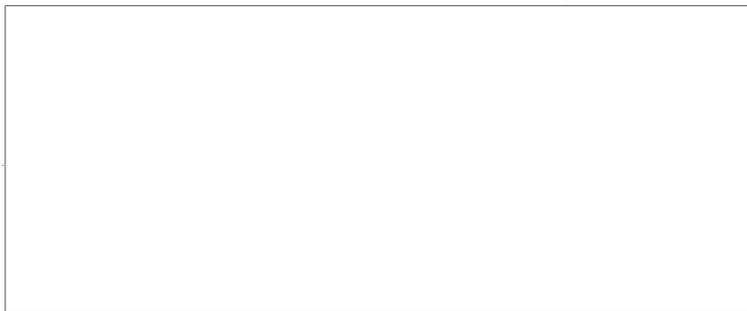
g. All of this seems to bear out charges from Kuala Lumpur and Singapore that the riots are being fomented by the Indonesians.



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### 3. South Vietnam

a. Events over the weekend have done little to clarify the muddy situation.



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d. He still has not acted on the resignations of key military figures [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

e. Khanh says he has decided to butter up "Big" Minh by making him chief of the now largely meaningless triumvirate. Khanh is also trying to butter up the Buddhists, whose support he believes is indispensable.

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f. He has gone so far as to halt the arrest of Viet Cong suspects at the request of the Buddhists. [REDACTED]

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g. So far the Viet Cong has made no visible moves to take advantage of the confusion in government ranks.

4. Cyprus

a.

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it does look like Papandreou, who sees his reputation slipping as a result of Makarios' rebuffs, may be finally beginning to take a stronger line with the archbishop.

b. The Greek premier has spoken sharply of the way the Cypriot leader has handled the Turkish troop rotation issue. The Greeks now feel they have his beatitude's assent for the rotation under UN supervision.

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d. All of this will probably give the wily archbishop pause, but it remains to be seen how it will affect his actions.

e. The most immediate threat to the general quiet on the island itself is still the economic harassment of the Turkish Cypriots. There seems to be general agreement that this should end, but there is the usual difficulty of making orders stick with hotheads in the local Greek Cypriot forces.

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f. In addition, there does seem to be some reluctance on the Turkish side to drop this particular hair shirt.

g. In Turkey, Inonu is insisting on a vote of confidence from the National Assembly. It could come later in the week.

## 5. Laos

a. The talks in Paris between Souvanna Phouma and Pathet Lao chief Souphannouvong are getting nowhere. Both sides are already thinking about how to break them off most advantageously.

b. An early end would dismay the French, who promoted the meeting.

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c. To this end the French have been putting the pressure on Souvanna. They even brought up their big gun, De Gaulle, who tried unsuccessfully to get the Laotian premier to moderate his stand.

d. The military situation back in Laos is quiet.

6. Sino-Soviet  
Dispute

a. The USSR, which has lately been charging the Chinese Communists with designs on Soviet territory, last month moved a tank division up to the border in the Far East.

b. Several Soviet military exercises in this part of the USSR have in the past emphasized defense against Chinese attack.

c. We doubt that the Soviets are really worried, but the move does serve as a caution to the Chinese that the formidable Soviet military power is at the ready.



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NOTES

- A. Yugoslavia Tito's schedule is getting crowded. It now calls for talks before the month is out with Kadar, Gheorgiu-Dej, Ulbricht and Novotny. We incline to connect this flurry of activity with Khrushchev's call for a December meeting of 26 Communist parties and presume that Tito will be urging caution in dealing with the thorny China issue.
- B. India The Kerala state government faces a vote of confidence today. If it falls, as seems likely from the split in Congress Party ranks, Shastri will probably follow Nehru's example and declare "president's rule" to keep the state machinery out of the Communists' clutches.
- C. Haiti Duvalier's armed forces, already inhibited by poor leadership and low morale, are being hampered by a lack of ammunition. We hear that supplies are so low that old lots, some dating back to 1942, are now being issued.
- D. Chile With all but a few isolated precincts reported, Frei has a smashing 56.1% of the vote. The country has been quiet in the aftermath with no disorders reported.