

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Congo

a. With the government advance on Stanleyville about to begin, the rebels are making last-ditch efforts to get assistance from sympathetic states.

b. They have apparently been promised limited amounts of military hardware but are aware they are in deep trouble. [REDACTED]

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c. There are more indications of disarray within the rebel leadership. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Gbenye and the military are at odds and that Soumialot may assume the "presidency."

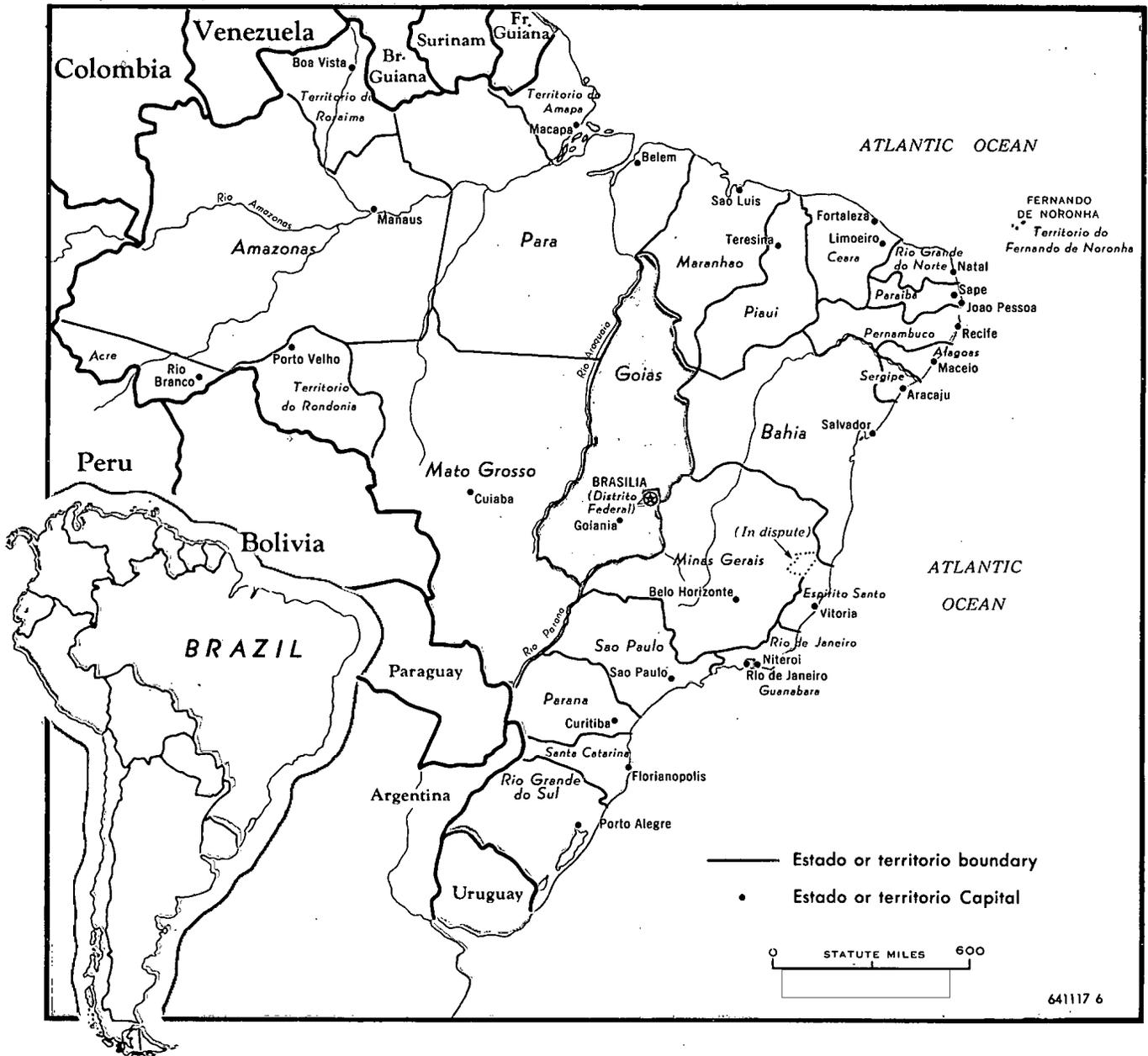
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d. We think the rebel position could be salvaged only by outside military intervention, which at this time appears highly unlikely.

e. The fate of Dr. Paul Carlson is still unclear. [REDACTED]

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BRAZIL



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f. The airlift of the Belgian paratroopers to Ascension Island is under way. Despite elaborate government precautions to conceal the purpose of the move, a Brussels paper yesterday leaked the story. Thus far we have seen no reaction to the leak from any quarter.



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2. Brazil

a. Federal intervention in the state of Goias is a growing possibility.

b. Brasilia's threat to arrest state governor Borges on subversion charges is keeping tensions high. Federal troops have moved into Goias, and Borges appears to have mobilized local police. He is also reported to have issued arms to civilian supporters.

c. A Brazilian Supreme Court ruling is expected soon on Borges' petition for legal protection against arrest. If granted, "hard-line" military elements might press the government to intervene. If rejected, Borges might resort to force in self-defense.

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d. Serious bloodshed seems unlikely, but scattered violence could occur in Goias. Intervention would exacerbate political strains in the federal government already aggravated over the Borges case.

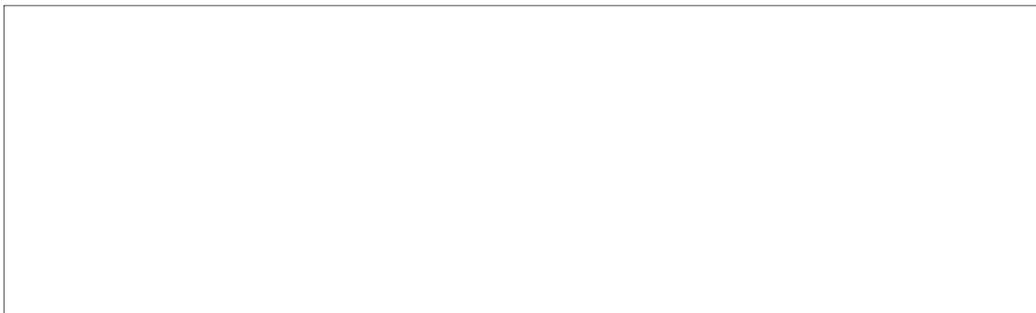
3. Italy

a. Considering the hurdles the year-old center-left government faces in the next two months, it is problematic whether the coalition can get over them all.

b. Nationwide municipal elections early next week pose a critical test for the coalition. If the Socialist Party loses considerable electoral support, pressures will mount in the party to pull out.

c. Even if the coalition parties do fairly well in the elections, other problems coming up in December and January may lead to a cabinet crisis. A split could come over the matter of a successor to President Segni, over Christian Democrat and Socialist party reorganizations, over economic issues, or over the MLF question.

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B. Turkey General Staff Chief Sunay has openly warned that the high command "cannot remain indifferent to abuses and belittling remarks" against the army. He may have done this to serve notice on the opposition Justice Party that its choice of a new leader next week must be acceptable to the army. The new leader could become the next prime minister.

C. Yemen The 8 November cease-fire is still not wholly effective. Yemeni republican forces along the northern border have been besieged by royalist tribesmen for the past two weeks.



Preparations are under way for the next royalist-republican armistice meeting on Monday.

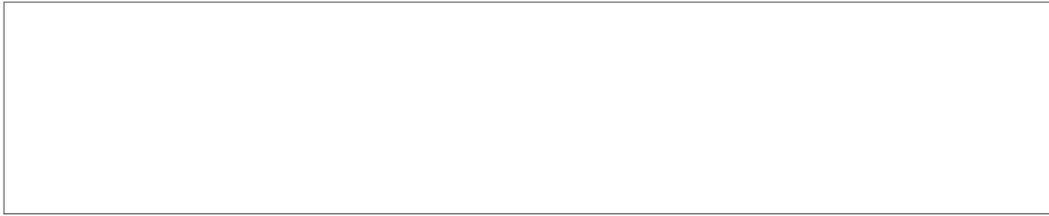
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