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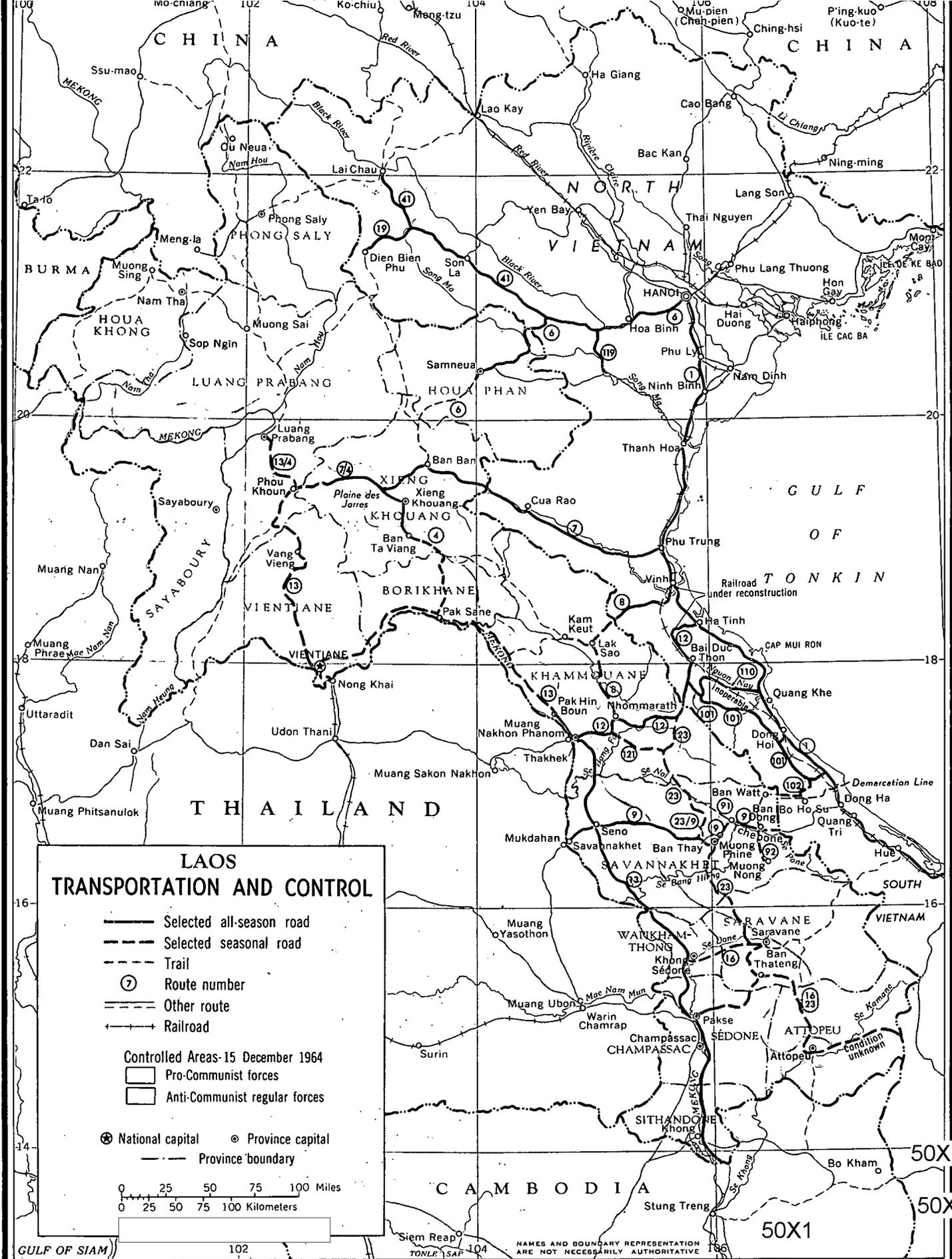
## THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF

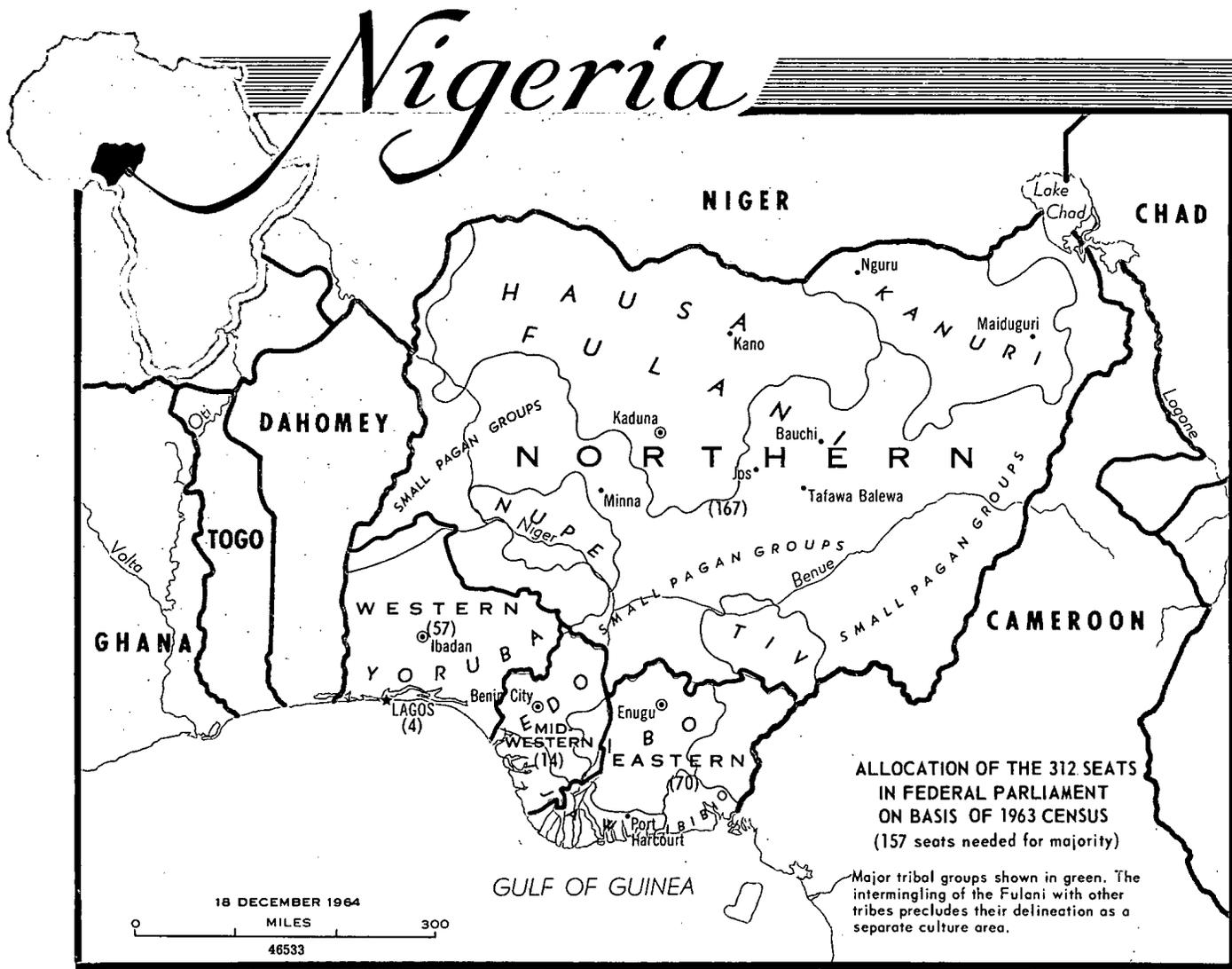
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1. South Vietnam

Khanh and his generals are still deliberating at a resort near Saigon

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Dis-  
cussions between civil government and the generals have not yet begun.

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while the generals back Khanh in refusing to restore the High Council, many of them oppose his anti-American tactics.

2. Laos

Souvanna Phouma has been calming down the contentious rightist generals, and Ambassador Sullivan says that the two leading rightist figures both look for a long period of political jockeying rather than a showdown. Road watch teams in south-central Laos, which have been noting considerable southward movement by the Communists, now report trucks moving south along a section of Route 23 just north of Tchepone which has been closed since the rains last spring. (See map.)

3. Nigeria

The boycott of today's election by disgruntled southerners has been broadly effective. This action has sharpened rivalries between regional and tribal interests buffeting Nigeria's fragile federation (see map) and could over the long run lead to its breakup. While few political figures really want this, the country is in for a period of instability which will muffle its moderate voice in African councils.

4. France

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5. UAR

Nasir has been seeking a scapegoat for Egypt's sorry economic situation and may now have fastened on Premier Ali Sabri.

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Although the situation is muddy, we see no sign that Nasir is losing control of the instruments of power in Egypt. Nasir, meantime, has taken a step back from his challenge to the US with the publication of a conciliatory article in a leading Cairo paper.

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