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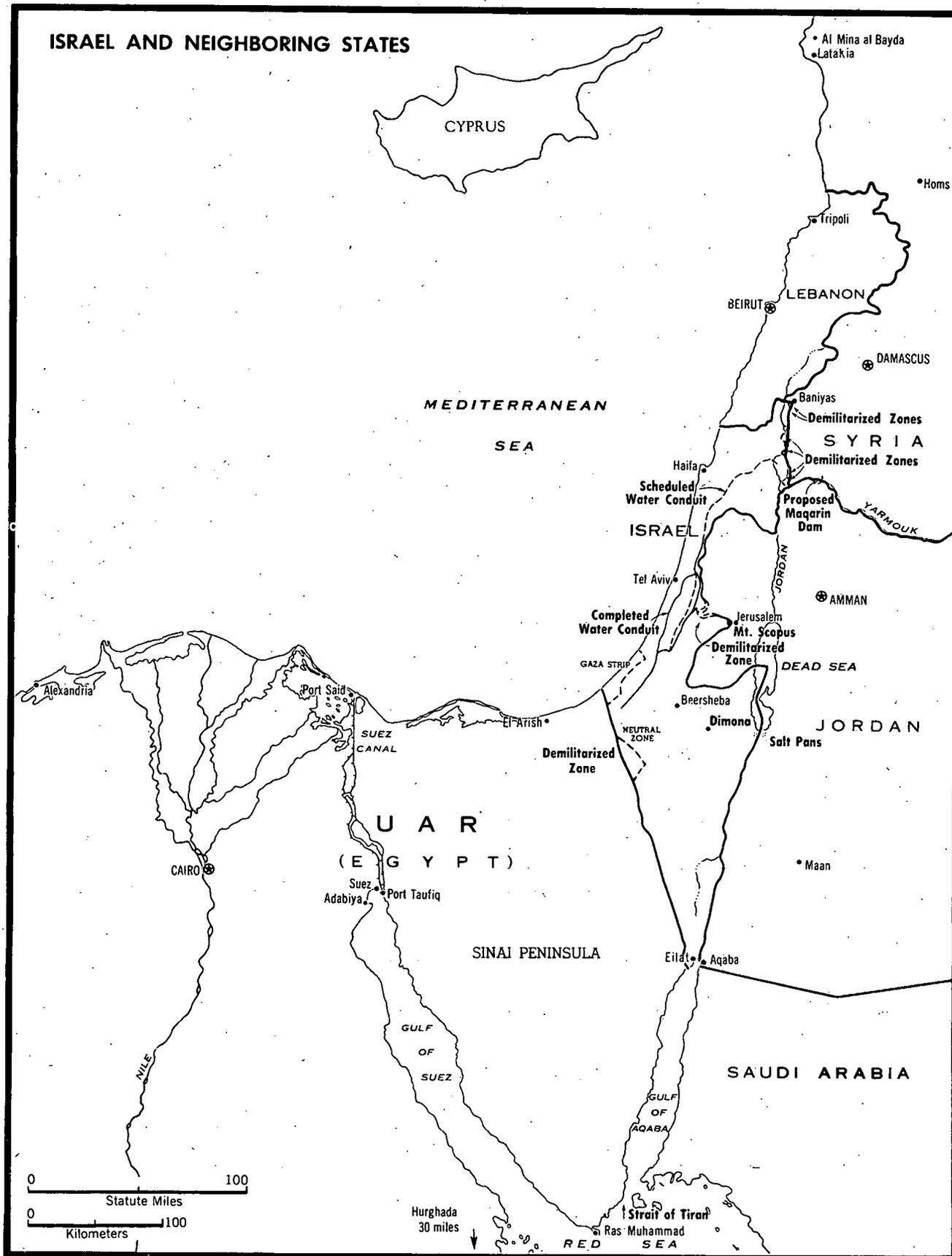
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1. Cyprus

Neither the Greeks nor the Greek Cypriots appear to have any clear idea of what steps should be taken next and seem to assume that the US will now approach the Turks with reassurances. The Greek Cypriots are feeling very confident. Little diplomatic activity is likely until UN mediator Plaza's plan to deal with the situation is published in New York early next week.

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In Cyprus, the situation is quiet. Trouble may arise this weekend, however, because Greek Cypriot inaction has brought wheat and flour stocks for the Turkish community down to one day's quota. The weekly wheat shipment due next Monday cannot be milled before Tuesday, and the US Embassy fears that "some panic" may develop.

2. Jordan

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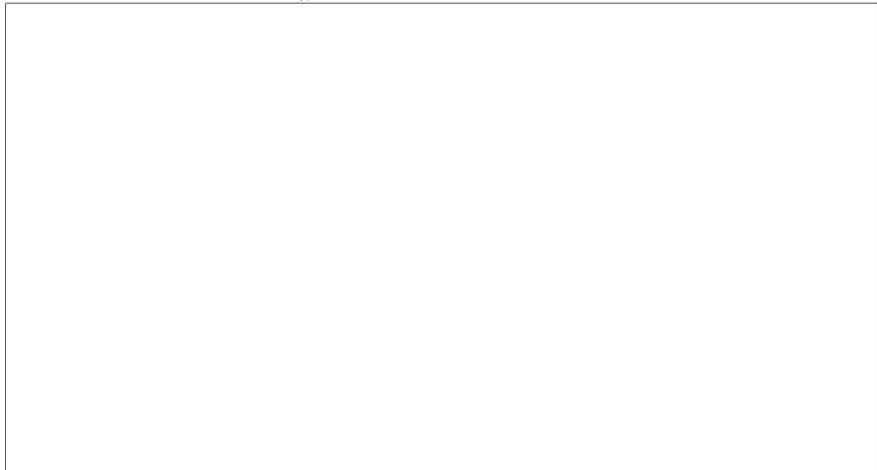
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3. Vietnam

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there has been a noticeable improvement in South Vietnamese morale as a result of the air strikes against the north. Foreign Minister Tran Van Do also says he thinks the strikes are "causing concern" in Hanoi.

A measure of the new sense of optimism in Saigon is Tran Van Do's further remark that consideration should now be given to an acceptable basis for ending the war at a proper time.



Viet Cong activity has picked up slightly in the past day or so, but is still well below the peak reached last month. It is too early to tell whether a new burst of activity is coming.

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Soviet and Chinese propaganda and diplomatic responses to the situation show no change in basic attitudes. Private Soviet probings about US intentions continue, with Soviet officials taking the line that Moscow does not understand US motives in the crisis and that the degree of Soviet assistance to North Vietnam will depend on an "accurate evaluation" of US intentions.

4. USSR

Another Soviet signal intelligence ship has arrived on station in the South China Sea, presumably to continue the close surveillance the USSR has been maintaining over US Seventh Fleet units off Vietnam.

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5. Bolivia

The junta has published a decree cancelling the 26 September elections. Junta President Barrientos proposes to call a constituent assembly to name a new president and vice president, and write a new constitution, [redacted]

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[redacted] He is also said to be planning to outlaw all "Communist-oriented" parties, including that of leftist former vice president Juan Lechin. There is no way of telling what effect these measures will have on the immediate situation, but Barrientos seems to feel that the substitution of indirect elections for the presidency will help matters in the longer run.

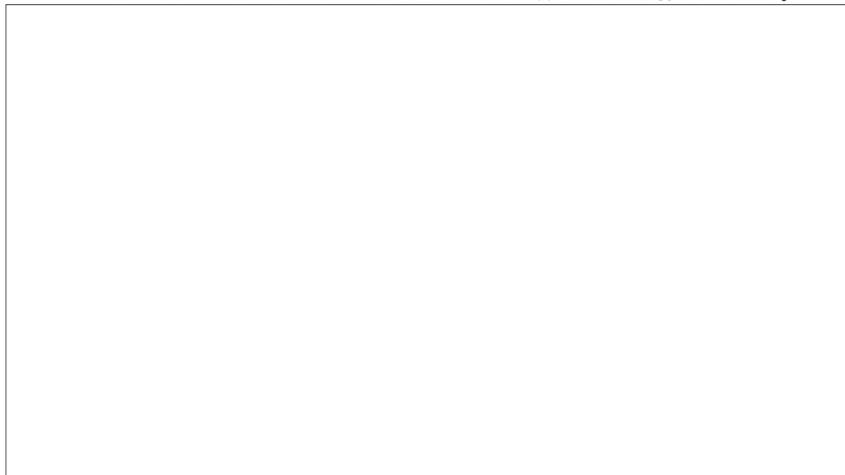
6. Indonesia

Sukarno has banned all demonstrations of any sort until after the celebration next month of the anniversary of the 1955 Bandung Conference. This may mean that anti-US activity will now abate somewhat. The take-over of the US oil companies and rubber estates is continuing. On 25 March, labor union representatives took over the premises of a US-owned industrial concern in Java, even though it was already under Indonesian management.

7. Cuba

There apparently has been a sharp deterioration in Sino-Cuban relations.

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